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Providence & Grace Notes

March & April 2022

Grace Lutheran Church & Providence Valley Lutheran Church

Easter Egg Hunt Easter Sunday

*Following both the 8:30am & 10:00am
Easter Festival Worship Services at Grace Lutheran*

The hunt will be from 9:30-9:50am & 11:15am-11:45am for ages 0-12. If the weather cooperates we will plan on having the hunt outdoors. If the weather is cold/wet we will be holding it inside. Each child will be able to collect 10 eggs a piece and we will be handing out a fun Easter goody bag for them as well!

**Meet us in the church basement for brunch
on Easter Sunday to join in on the fun!**



Holy Week Schedule

- ◆ **Palm Sunday Worship**
April 10th, 2022
9:00am at Grace Lutheran
with Sunday School Singing
10:45am at Providence Valley
- ◆ **Maundy Thursday Service:**
April 14th, 2022
7:00pm at Providence Valley
- ◆ **Good Friday Service:**
April 15th, 2022
7:00pm at Grace Lutheran
in person, online, & 92.1FM Radio
- ◆ **Easter Festival Services:**
April 17th, 2022
Grace Lutheran:
8:30am in person & online
9:30am Coffee Fellowship
10:00am in person
Providence Valley Lutheran:
9:00am in person



The Wednesday night Lenten services began on Ash Wednesday, March 2nd and will continue through Wednesday, April 6th.

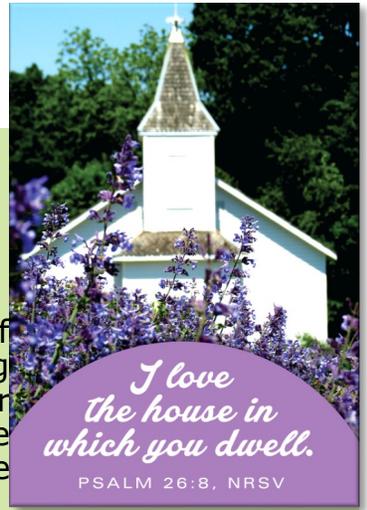
Supper is served at 6:00 pm and Lenten Services will begin at 7:00 pm. Our Lenten supper is organized and served by the youth of Grace & Providence Valley churches and their parents.

There is a free will offering to raise money for their next mission trip. Please join us for a meal and worship with us as we traditionally sing the "Holden Evening Prayer" at each service.

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A Firm Foundation

A note from Pastor Kendall L. Stelter



“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock.”

Matthew 7:24

I want to thank all of you that came out to Grace to support our roof fund with our Shrove Tuesday meal. We are well on our way in taking care of this beautiful church we have been given at Grace. We do our very best remain faithful to care for it. Those of us at Providence Church are planning on doing some work on the building as well. We will be "spring cleaning" on March 13th right after worship.

Bring your work clothes and something comfortable to wear for worship and the work afterwards! Both of our congregations are working on their building maintenance and upkeep. Jesus was a carpenter's son so it isn't surprising to hear him, in Matthew 7:24, using a construction metaphor to talk about the wisdom of living out the truth he has taught us.

The story has to do with flooding -which caught my attention - as that is why we need to replace the roof at Grace. Water was seeping through and causing damage to our interior spaces. The leaking from our narthex roof (repaired 2 years ago) and the current leak from the sides and center of the Sanctuary roof causing damage in the stairway had the Property Board looking closely at all the roofing repairs needed. Providence had its own water issues a few years ago. Water is critical for our worship life, but not in other places in our interior except in our baptismal font!! Not to address these roofing issues and to fail to think about needed building improvements that could make the structure a better instrument for ministry with future generations is to miss a great opportunity.



Many thanks to all you attended and supported our Shrove Tuesday Pancake fundraiser at Grace! We are so grateful to our Fellowship Board for serving over 100 people for our meal. We were able to raise over \$3,000 for our summer 2022 roof repairs!



There will be a Spring Work Day at Providence Valley Lutheran following 10:45am worship on Sunday, March 13th. We hope to see everyone there—many hands do make light work!

So, I found myself thinking of that story Jesus tells in Matthew 7. You know the story Jesus tells. Jesus says a wise person builds their house on a rock. When the rains come the foundation doesn't give way, it holds, because it is built on rock. People who receive truth and don't live it out, Jesus says, are like someone building their house on sand. When the rain comes, the house built on sand falls.

We also remain faithful to care for our own "spiritual house" during this season of Lent. So, of course, Jesus words aren't just about roofs, asphalt shingles, and buildings. It is about living out the truth God is giving us in Jesus. God is calling us to be wise builders in our lives. The wise builder says: "The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my shield and my salvation, my stronghold." (Psalms 18:2) Jesus is our Rock! He is the firm foundation that we can build our lives upon. That is what the season of Lent is all about for us this year. Our Lenten Study and midweek services are all about learning to anchor our lives in this very solid foundation! To anchor our lives in the structure that Christ builds for us through faith. Join us as we learn together the three anchor points to build our lives. 1. My life is not futile. 2. My failures are not fatal. 3. My death is not final. Come join us!!

Building our lives on this strong foundation means living out the grace and truth of God...not just talking about it.

So, let's get to work!

Pastor Kendall

2022 LENTEN BOOK STUDY

Six Hours One Friday

Living the Power of the Cross

“Six Hours One Friday ~ Living the Power of the Cross”
By Max Lucado

What is the meaning of the cross? This year’s Lenten study book will focus on this very question. This year we will be studying “Six Hours One Friday~Living the Power of the Cross” by Max Lucado. The Lenten season is a time to prepare our hearts and minds for the celebration of the death and resurrection of Jesus at Easter. The 40 days of Lent are an opportunity to spend more time studying, praying, and reflecting on the gift of the cross.

This book examines three anchor points. Three boulders which can stand any storm. Three rocks that repel the tallest of waves. Three petrified ledges to which you can hook your anchors. Each anchor point was planted firmly in bedrock two thousand years ago by a carpenter who claimed to be the Christ.

And it was all done in the course of a single day.

A single Friday.

All done during six hours, one Friday. ~ Six Hours One Friday pg. 5

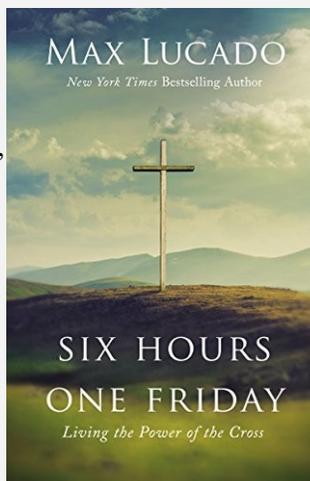
Lucado will probe into the meaning of Jesus’ last hours on the cross. It is our prayer that you will take the opportunity to join one of the group studies or read and study the book on your own. Study groups will be meeting; **Sunday 10:00 AM and 6:00PM, Tuesday 1:00 PM and Wednesday 6:00 AM and 6:00 PM.**

If you have any questions about the book or group studies, contact Emily in the church office.

God’s Peace to you this Lenten season!

Emily Stetter

Director of Membership Care



Lenten Book Study Schedule

Books are available to pick up at Grace & Providence Valley

*\$10 suggested donation.

Start Dates:

March 1st, Tuesdays at 1pm (w/Emily)

March 2nd, Wednesdays at 6pm
(w/Emily & Intern Pastor Austin)

March 6th, Sundays at 10:00am
(w/Emily & Intern Pastor Austin)

March 6th, Sundays at 6:00pm
(w/Kelly Tufto)

March 9th, Wednesdays at 6:00am
(w/Pastor Kendall)

Weekly Topics:

Feel free to attend any session at any time!

Week 1: Chapters 1-4

Week 2: Chapters 5-7

Week 3: Chapters 8-10

Week 4: Chapters 11-13

Week 5: Chapters 14-16

Week 6: Chapters 17-19

Asanna

hello
SPRING

**The Grace Lutheran
Spring
Congregational
Meeting**

will be held

Sunday April 24th

At 10:00

Following worship
Parish Planning Council will
meet on
Wednesday, April 20th at
7:00pm.

**First Holy
Communion**

**On Sunday, May 1st
during our 9:00 a.m.**

Worship Service at Grace

*Our fourth grade
students will receive their
First Holy Communion.*

Grace Lutheran will help prepare our fourth graders for their first Holy Communion with a series of educational sessions led by Pastor Kendall on April 20th & 27th from 3:15 until 6:00pm with a parent meeting at 6:00pm on Wednesday, April 27th. Upon completing these they will receive their **first communion** on May 1st. Fourth grade parents please watch your mail for more info. Anyone over the age of 10 is welcome to attend classes. Please contact Pastor Kendall if you are interested.



Welcome

Welcome New Staff Members!

With the retirement of Tammy Wager, we have welcomed two new interim staff members in the office and directing the Youth and Christian Education of the congregation.

Courtney Bergeson will be in the office on T/W/TH as office staff and Interim Director of Christian Education Ministry.

Lindsay Ourada will be in the office Mondays & Fridays as office staff and Interim Director of Youth and Family Ministry.

Welcome Courtney & Lindsay!



Hey! My name is Lindsay Ourada. I grew up in Balaton, MN and attended TMB high school. I graduated from Minnesota State University, Mankato with a degree in Dietetics. I am a registered dietitian and consult area at JMHS, AAHS and surrounding group homes. My husband, Alex, sells insurance at Minnwest Bank. We have three children Elijah – 11, Emersyn – 8, and Eden – 5. I am so excited about this opportunity at Grace, as it has been on my heart to help make church a welcoming place where people feel accepted as they are. A couple of my favorite Christian songs right now are "To the table" by Zach Williams and "Rest for your soul" by Austin French. "Come to the table and you will have rest for your soul."

Hi Everyone! I'm Courtney Bergeson. I am thankful to be joining the staff here at Grace Lutheran Church. I'm a Dawson-Boyd Graduate and life long member at Grace. My husband Colin and I live just outside of Dawson with our two daughters Brooklyn (6) and Briella (4). Colin farms and co-owns Hilltop Bar, Grill and Event Center in Dawson and our girls keep us busy with school activities! I am excited to continue to encourage our youth to be involved with the church and grow in their faith.



Esther's Kitchen Loaves & fishes

Our youth volunteered at Esther's Kitchen in Marshall, Mn and will visit again on March 14th. Esther's Kitchen is a free community meal open to everyone. We are able to bring 6 kids each evening. The kids prepared 25 meals! They felt the community impact and had so much fun they can't wait to volunteer again!



"Accept one another, then, for the glory of God, as Christ has accepted you." Romans 15:7



All 7-12th graders and friends are invited for a movie night at Grace Lutheran on

Sunday, March 20th beginning at 7:00pm.

We will enjoy pizza, popcorn, and the movie **Overcomer!**



Our 5th & 6th graders are invited to join us at Grace Lutheran after school until 4:30pm on **Wednesday, April 6th** for an Easter Egg decorating party!



Lac qui Parle Women of the ELCA

SPRING GATHERING

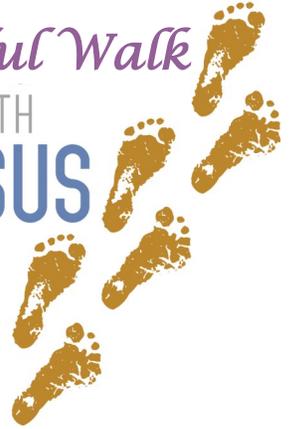
Tuesday, April 19th

Our Savior's Lutheran Church, *Montevideo*
Registration 1:00pm



Speaker: Jeri Popma
Dialogue & Song

A Faithful Walk
WITH
JESUS



Send \$5 registration fee by April 4th to:
Bernice Oellien
2570 280th Street Madison MN 56256
320-752-4757

Or Drop Off at Grace Church Office



Easter Flower Sales



The youth will be selling Easter flowers as a fundraiser for the National Youth Gathering in 2024. They will be taking orders before and after Sunday and Wednesday worship services beginning March 13th at Grace. If you would like to remember or honor a loved one, you may order Lilies, Begonias, or Hydrangeas this year for \$30 each. *Please note if ordering at church that we have separate order forms for each type of flower.* Thank-you for your ongoing support! Please find one of our youth to order before or after worship, call or mail order to the office, or order online at www.gracedawson.org

FROM: (How you want it printed in the Easter bulletins)

IN MEMORY/HONOR OF:

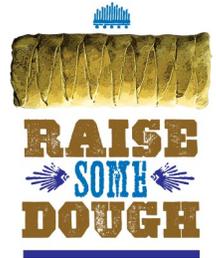
FLOWER:

Easter Lily Begonia Hydrangea

Please drop off or mail to the office.



**LYO Spring
Sub
Sandwich
Fundraiser**



Sub Sandwiches will be for sale by the youth this month and they will be delivering them April 20th.

This is a fundraiser for the youth going to the
2024 Youth Gathering.

Ham, Turkey or Sausage Subs are offered for \$3.00 each or \$30.00/dozen. If you would like to order call the church office or mail the attached order form! Thanks for all the support your give our kids in their faith forming activities!

Your Name _____

Select One:

___ Pick up at Grace after 4:30pm on April 20th.

___ Deliver to this Dawson address:

Ham: ___ Single ___ Dozen

Turkey: ___ Single ___ Dozen

Sausage ___ Single ___ Dozen

Total: ___ Single ___ Dozen

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Puzzle!

Search for these words that are all associated with the Lenten journey.

crown donkey hosanna penance Pilate sins
 colt crucifixion forsaken kiss prayer suffer
 confess death Gethsemane lots repent thorns
 cross denial Golgotha palms silver vigil

E N A M E S H T E G R L W Y
 C L E U X B M T H B U C W B
 N R I K Y P A T E T I Y X Y
 A V J G A L B R E Y A R P B
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 C R U C I F I X I O N S R V

Hello from Green Lake Lutheran Ministries!

We want to invite you to spend a week with us at camp—learning about God’s love, spending time outdoors in creation, swimming, learning new skills, worshipping and soaking in the sunshine! Bring your friends and family! Our 2022 theme **Boundless: God Beyond Measure** will reflect on Ephesians 3:18-19 - *“I pray that you and all of God’s people will understand what is called wide or long or high or deep. I want you to know all about Christ’s love, although it is too wonderful to be measured. Then your lives will be filled with all that God is.”*

TO REGISTER: Our registration is available online at www.gllm.org - click on the black “Register for Summer Camp” button to get started! Our registration program has been upgraded, so you may need to create a new username and password. You can also register by filling out a paper registration form found on our website or in the brochure and mailing it to our main office - Green Lake Lutheran Ministries, 9916 Lake Avenue South, Spicer, MN 56288.

Reminder: The Youth board offers scholarships to all students attending Summer bible camp! Contact the church office for more information or to donate to our bible camp scholarship fund!



The nominating committee is looking for new board members to serve for our 2022-2024 terms! If you feel called to volunteer on any of our boards please contact the church office!

“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms.” **1 Peter 4:10**



Don’t miss out on worship this Sunday!
 Turn your clocks forward
 Sunday, March 13th!

Scholarships

High School Seniors
 The Grace Lutheran Community Scholarship and Valerie Stratmoen Memorial Scholarship applications are now available for all seniors and current college students. Pick up your application from Mrs. Mortenson. All applications are due by May 1st!

**Grace Lutheran
January 2022 Report**

January Income: \$20,444
January Expense: \$27,989

Year To Date Income: \$20,444
Year To Date Expenses: \$27,989

2021 Comparison (same period):

Year To Date Income \$51,392
YTD Expenses \$29,142

Funerals

May our Heavenly Lord keep in tender love the lives which we hold in blessed memory and comfort their family and friends in their grief.

There were no funerals in February



Grace Lutheran Church

In Memory of Raymond Gordon
Radio Fund \$20.00

Grace Lutheran Circle Meetings

Lydia Circle

Monday, March 28, 9:30 am
Hostess: Volunteer
Bible Study: Volunteer

Ruth Circle

Monday, April 25, 7:00pm
Hostess: Volunteer
Bible Study: Volunteer

Monday, March 28, 9:30 am
Hostess: Volunteer
Bible Study: Volunteer

Monday, April 25, 7:00pm
Hostess: Volunteer
Bible Study: Volunteer

The monthly circle meetings are held on the 4th Monday of the month. The group uses the Gather magazine as a bible study guide. All women are welcome to attend at any time.

Grace Lutheran Altar Guild:



March:
(Ash Wednesday 3/2)

Karen Strom, Chair
Janet Johnson
Elaine Ohlenkamp
Diane Schoephoerster

April:
(Maundy Thursday at PVL; Easter 4/17)

DeLaine Engebretson, Chair
Kathy DeLong
Deb Boe
Darlene Schacherer



Baptisms

Through the sacrament of Holy Baptism, we welcome into the Lord's family these children of God and receive them as fellow members of the body of Christ and heirs with us to all the benefits of God's Kingdom.

Callum Jordan Wager
February 6th, 2022

Son of Jordan & Bethany Wager

Holy Communion



2:00pm in Grace Hall
Tuesday, March 8th
Tuesday, April 5th

10:00am at JMCC
Friday, March 6th
Friday, April 1st

9:30am at Riverside Manor
Thursday, March 10th
Thursday, April 7th

Grace Lutheran Church
1st and 2nd Sundays of the month
Providence Valley Lutheran Church
2nd Sunday of the month

ATTENDANCE

**Grace Lutheran February
Average Worship Attendance**

9:00am - 117

Providence Valley Worship Participants:

March:

Readers: Kris Bach, Harvey Swenson

Ushers: Mark & Micah Peterson

April:

Readers: Readers needed. Please sign up on the board or contact Melanie.

Ushers: James Borstad, Josh Beninga

Prayer Concerns

Grace Lutheran Church:

Gregg Tucholke, Clarice Olson, Jack Flayton, Jim Anderson, Mike Thompson, Tom Beals, Ken Club, Monica Kennedy, Brad Madsen, Lauren Thoen, Julie Miron, Joey Anderson-Urness, Asher Fjerkenstad, Kristi Peterson-Tomas, Aurora Bukowski, Wylie Wiebe, Rick Odden, Jeff Moe, Randy Tensen, Remi Schueller, Marilyn Schoephoerster, Gail Nelson, David Grow, Tammy Wager, Jack Lewis, Deb Redepening, & Maxine Larson



Providence Valley Lutheran Church:

Arls Buer, Doug Breberg, Evelyn Lundgren, Linda Tollakson, Madeline & Wilton Gustafson, Lucille Williams, Deb Trapp, Joy Windingstad, & Bob Pehrson

The family of Peggy Hill

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March & April
2022

Grace Lutheran & Providence Valley Lutheran

Our Church Staff

Pastors: Kendall L. Stelter

Austin Krohnke, Intern

Membership Care Director:

Emily Stelter

Youth Directors:

Lindsay Ourada & Courtney Bergeson

Organist/Pianist:

Chris Lehne (Grace); Beth Borstad (Providence Valley)

Financial Secretary:

Karen Collins (Grace)

Office Secretaries:

Heidi Prestholdt, Lindsay Ourada, Courtney Bergeson (Grace)

Karen Bengtson (Providence Valley)

Church Custodian:

Keith Nelson (Grace); Phyllis Lund (Providence Valley)

Grace Lutheran Leadership

Tim Borstad, *President*

Stacy Stratmoen, *Vice President*

Sandy Smaagaard, *Secretary*

Sharon Johnsrud, *Treasurer*

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Evangelism Serena Brown

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Parish Fellowship Deb Boe,

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Bruce Lund

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Kris Bach

Doug Breberg



Grace Lutheran and Providence Valley Lutheran
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LET ALL THE EARTH
REJOICE!

