

# Grace Notes



Grace Lutheran Church, 2006 60<sup>th</sup> Street, Kenosha, Wisconsin



March 26, 2023

## Fifth Sunday in Lent Gathering Liturgy

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace

**C** Amen.

**P** Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God's mercy. Holy God,

**C** we confess to you our faults and failings. Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word; we take for ourselves instead of giving to others; we spoil rather than steward your creation; we cause hurt though you call us to heal; we choose fear over compassion. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, as we seek to follow in your way of life. Amen

**P** Hear the good news: God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, so that all may receive life. This promise is for you! God

embraces you with divine mercy, + forgives you in Christ's name, and revives you in the Spirit's power.

**C** Amen.

GATHERING SONG: "Christ, the Life of All the Living" (ELW #339) vv. 1 & 3

1: *Christ, the life of all the living,  
Christ, the death of death, our  
foe,*

*Christ, yourself for me once  
giving  
to the darkest depths of woe:  
through your suffering, death,  
and merit  
life eternal I inherit.*

*Thousand, thousand thanks are  
due,  
dearest Jesus, unto you.*

3: *Then, for all that bought my  
pardon,*

*for the sorrows deep and sore,  
for the anguish in the garden,  
I will thank you evermore;*

*thank you for the groaning,  
sighing,  
for the bleeding and the dying,  
for that last triumphant cry,  
praise you evermore on high.*

### GREETING

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** And also with you.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.  
Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Scripture for Fifth Sunday in Lent

### Ezekiel 37:1-14

**T**he hand of the LORD came upon me, and brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. The LORD led me all around them; there were

very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry.

The LORD said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?"

I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know."

Then the LORD said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear

the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live;

and you shall know that I am the LORD.”

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them.



Then the LORD said to me, “Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.”

I prophesied as the LORD commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then the LORD said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’

“Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall

know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act,” the LORD.

### Psalm 130

<sup>1</sup>Out of the depths

I cry to you, O LORD;

<sup>2</sup>**O LORD, hear my voice!**

**Let your ears be**

**attentive to the voice of my supplication.**

<sup>3</sup>If you were to keep watch over sins,

O LORD, who could stand?

<sup>4</sup>**Yet with you is**

**forgiveness,**

**in order that you may be feared.**

<sup>5</sup>I wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits;

in your word is my hope.

<sup>6</sup>**My soul waits for the LORD more than those who keep watch for the morning, more than those who keep watch for the morning.**

<sup>7</sup>O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love; with the LORD there is plenteous redemption.

<sup>8</sup>**For the LORD shall redeem Israel from all their sins.**

### Romans 8:6–11

**T**o set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God’s law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to Christ. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because

of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through this Spirit dwelling in you.

GOSPEL VERSE (ELW p. 142)

*Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love.*

### GOSPEL: John 11:1–45

**N**ow a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill.

So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, “Lord, he whom you love is ill.”

But when Jesus heard it, he said, “This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God’s glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.” Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.”

The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Judeans were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?”

Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.”

After saying this, he told them, “Our friend Lazarus has

fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.”

The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.”

Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.”

Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to the other disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Judeans had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother.

When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you.”

Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.”

Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.”

Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone

who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?”

She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.”

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” And when Mary heard it, she got up quickly and went to him.

Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Judeans who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep



there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”

When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Judeans who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit

and deeply moved. He said, “Where have you laid him?”

They said to him, “Lord, come and see.”

Jesus began to weep. So the Judeans said, “See how he loved him!” But some of them said, “Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.”

Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.”

Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?”

So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.”

When Jesus had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

Many of the Judeans therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

## Creed, Prayers, and Communion Liturgy

HYMN OF THE DAY: “Awake, O Sleeper” (ELW #452)  
vv. 1 & 2

1: *Awake, O sleeper, rise from death,  
and Christ shall give you light;  
so learn his love, its length and breadth,  
its fullness, depth, and height.*

2: *To us on earth he came to bring  
from sin and fear release,*

*to give the Spirit’s unity,  
the very bond of peace.*

BAPTISM

**P** God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one

body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

*Sponsors Matt and Allie present Amelia:*

We present Amelia LeeEtte for baptism.

**P** Devin and Danny, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Amelia baptized into Christ?

R7 I do.

**P** As you bring Amelia to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with her among God's faithful people, bring her to the word of God and the holy supper, teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in her hands the holy scriptures, and nurture her in faith and prayer, so that she may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace. Do you promise to help Amelia grow in the Christian faith and life?

R7 I do.

**P** Allie and Matt, do you promise to nurture Amelia in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

R7 I do.

**P** People of God, do you promise to support Amelia and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

**C** We do.

#### PROFESSION OF FAITH

**P** I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

R7 I renounce them.

**P** Do you believe in God the Father?

**C** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he**

**ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**P** Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C** I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

#### THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, holy God. You are the creator of the waters of the earth. You are the fire of rebirth. You poured out your Spirit on your people Israel. You breathe life into our dry bones. Your Son Jesus promised to send the Spirit to us that the world may know your peace and truth.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, and breathe new life into she who is here baptized. By your Spirit adopt us all as your children, through our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

#### BAPTISM

**P** Amelia LeeEtte, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen. You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

**P** Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain Amelia with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**P** Amelia, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**C** Amen.



VERSE: "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"  
(ELW #752)

*Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
send us love, send us power, send us grace.*

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#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

**P** Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

You have breathed into us the breath of life.

Enliven your church. Deepen our partnerships with our companion churches around the globe (*specific synods, dioceses, or congregations may be named*), and bless the work of missionaries who accompany them. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

**P** Your spirit brings life to creation. Enliven the natural world and restore ecosystems in need of healing (*local natural places may be named...*). Uplift prophetic voices that turn us to the needs of the soil beneath our feet and the air all around. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

**P** You redeem the world and its peoples. Free us from systems of oppression. Unbind nations and societies from the sins of racism, sexism, and homophobia. Raise up leaders at all levels of government who work to promote the dignity of every human life. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

**P** You weep when we weep. Be present with those who grieve or who are troubled by illness, especially:

- Mary Andrews (Welcome Center volunteer)
- Dawn Bench (Welcome Center volunteer)
- Doug Becker (Marlene's son)
- Pat Bernacchi
- Jackie Brichacek (Nancy's sister-in-law)
- Jean Boothe
- Hank Buehrens
- Andrew Calvert
- Barb Caputo
- Neil Clyne
- Holly Cummings
- Eric Dangerfield (Carolyn's boyfriend)
- Pastor Rafael Escobedo
- Gregory Foster
- Judy Gregory
- Shirleen Gulick
- Cogan Holly Hall
- Aggie Hartnell (Bert's mother)

- Christine Hill
- Sydney & Skyler Houston
- Karen Kempinen
- Dick Kauffman
- Becky McCarthy (Jarlene's sister)
- Gail Miller
- Rubel Pierce (Randy's father)
- Carolyn Reynold's children Eddie, Santino, and Lytoshia
- Martha, Joel, and Jeanette Sanchez
- Cynthia Schwartz (Norma's daughter)
- Marcia Swanson
- Joyce Swift
- Andrew Tate
- Ron and Linda Wadham
- Steve & Heather Waldron
- Florence and Jacqueline Walker (Carolyn's sisters)
- Timothy Walker
- Dottie Watts
- Chris Webb (Bert's sister)
- Kristi Weiss.

You hear us when we call to you. Deliver us from the depths of our despair, and free us from the worries that bind us. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

**P** Your Spirit of life dwells in our assembly. Bless the music ministries of this congregation (*specific ensembles may be named...*) and all who lead us in hymns of praise and thanksgiving and in songs of lament and prayer. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

**P** You are the resurrection and the life. Even though we die, we will live. With thanksgiving, we remember all your saints who now live in your eternal love. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

**P** We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**C Amen.**

#### MEAL

OFFERING: "We Give Thee But Thine Own" (ELW #686)  
*We give thee but thine own,  
whate'er the gift may be;  
all that we have is thine alone,  
a trust, O Lord, from thee.*

#### OFFERING PRAYER

**P** Let us pray.

God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for

the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life.

**C Amen.**

#### GREAT THANKSGIVING

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**P** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 144)

*Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

*Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
hosanna in the highest.*

#### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

**P** Holy God, our living Water and our merciful Guide, together with rivers and seas, wells and springs we bless and magnify you. You led your people Israel through the desert, and provided them water from the rock.

We praise you for Christ, our Rock and our Water, who joined us in our desert, pouring out his life for the world.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his life, death, and resurrection, we await your salvation for all this

thirsty world. Pour out your Spirit on this holy food and on all the baptized gathered for this feast: wash away our sin, that we may be revived for our journey by the love of Christ. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

**C Amen.**

#### LORD'S PRAYER

**P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven:**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.  
Amen.**

#### COMMUNION SONG (ELW p. 146)

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace.*

#### SONG: "I Am the Bread of Life" (ELW #485)

1: "I am the Bread of life.

You who come to me shall not hunger,  
and who believe in me shall not thirst.

No one can come to me unless the Father beckons."

Refrain: "And I will raise you up,  
and I will raise you up,  
and I will raise you up on the last day."

2: "The bread that I will give  
is my flesh for the life of the world,  
and if you eat of this bread,  
you shall live forever, you shall live forever."

Refrain

3: "Unless you eat  
of the flesh of the Son of Man  
and drink of his blood,  
and drink of his blood,  
you shall not have life within you." Refrain

4: "I am the resurrection,  
I am the life.  
If you believe in me,  
even though you die, you shall live forever." Refrain

5: Yes, Lord, I believe

that you are the Christ,  
 the Son of God,  
 who have come into the world. Refrain  
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**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**P** Let us pray.  
 Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted  
 the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts  
 open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs  
 of our neighbors and touch the world with your love.

**C Amen.**

**SENDING**

**BLESSING**

**P** God, the giver of love, + Christ, the  
 resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of  
 rebirth bless you in this Lenten journey.

**C Amen.**

**SENDING SONG:** "Lord Jesus, Think on Me" (ELW  
 #599) vv. 1 & 3

1. *Lord Jesus, think on me,  
 and purge away my sin;  
 from selfish passions set me free  
 and make me pure within.*

3: *Lord Jesus, think on me,  
 nor let me go astray;  
 through darkness and perplexity  
 point out your chosen way.*

**DISMISSAL**

**P** Go in peace. Serve in love.

**C Thanks be to God!**

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**Join Us for Midweek Lenten Worship Service at Outreach Center**

During Wednesdays in  
 March, Grace and Spirit Alive!  
 are participating in joint  
 midweek Lenten worship  
 services at the ELCA Outreach  
 Center, 6218 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue, at 6:00

p.m. The Spirit Alive! band will  
 lead us in song. Pastor Barker is  
 one of five Kenosha pastors  
 taking turns presiding over the  
 worship service at this and other  
 locations in town.

A soup meal is included as  
 part of the worship service. Grace  
 has been asked to provide soup  
 for the meals this Wednesday,  
 March 29.

**EASTER LILIES ORDER FORM:**

We will have a display of  
 Easter lilies around the cross  
 and the altar on Easter  
 Sunday, April 9. This is the  
 order form for your lilies.

After the worship service  
 on Easter Sunday, you may  
 take your lily home with you.  
 A sheet will be posted in the  
 narthex listing your name and  
 the lilies you ordered.  
 Someone will be available in  
 the sanctuary to help you get  
 your flowers.

The deadline to order  
 your Easter lilies is Friday, March 31. You may place  
 this order form in the offering plate, mail it to  
 church or place it in the secretary's mail box in the  
 office.



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# When Would You Prefer Holy Week Services?

We are asking members and friends to sign up to indicate which Holy Week worship options would most interest you. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

Options are for daytime or evening worship services on Maundy Thursday, April 6, and on Good Friday, April 7.

## *Last Call for Chili Orders*

The Men's Ministry of Grace Lutheran Church will make "Elite Chili" for you to enjoy while you watch the Elite Eight NCAA basketball series. Chili is served at the church between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. this Saturday, March 25.

Tickets are \$10 for "all you can eat" plus a slice of cornbread, a brownie, and lemonade. Choose between a special recipe ground beef chili or vegan chili. You can either eat in or carry out. Tickets can be purchased at the door.

There will be a 50/50 raffle, and music from our very own DJ Dave.

All proceeds will go to help pay for a new parking lot for the church and the many guests who come to the Grace Welcome Center every week.



## Welcome to the Family, Amelia!

We welcome Amelia into the Grace family through the sacrament of Holy Baptism this Sunday. Her sponsors are Allie Booth and Matt Carlson.

Everyone is invited to gather in the narthex after the worship service for refreshments.

## *Grace Reconciled in Christ Statement*

Grace Lutheran Church commits to live as a community of people seeking reconciliation and wholeness in our life together and in our ongoing outreach to the world. We commit to the work of anti-racism, anti-ableism, liberation, and environmental justice for all of God's beloveds.

We affirm the sacredness of people of all sexual orientations,

gender identities, and gender expressions. We affirm the sacredness of all those who have experienced exclusion because of race, culture, disability, age, or physical demeanor. We affirm the sacredness of those who wrestle with addiction, physical or mental health, imprisonment, socio-economic circumstances, or anything that too often divides us.

You are absolutely invited to share your gifts as you join us in this lifelong journey. We welcome and embrace all who are seeking God's love and grace. We need each other and our sincere hope is by being in community together we will know the kin-dom of God has come near. — language adapted from *A Community Called Grace* in Bemidji, MN

# Palm Sunday Potluck Breakfast Planned

We're planning a pot luck breakfast here at church on Palm Sunday, April 2. Please sign up in the narthex if you plan to attend and, if possible,

what dish you would like to bring. Contact the church office or Dawn Houston for further information.

## Women's Group Organizing at Grace

All ladies of Grace Church: please sign up in the narthex if you would like to join our Women of the ELCA group. Please contact Dawn Houston

(houstondawn24@yahoo.com or 262-960-6363) if you would like more information.



## Pastor's Family Leave Begins April 17

Pastor Barker will be on family leave from April 17 to July 16. During that time, Rev. Stephen Gifford will be Grace's Interim Pastor.

Pastor Barker would still like to be aware of end of life situations, and may be available to preside over funerals. In case of emergency, please

contact Pastor Barker through Pastor Stephen (262-308-8269). For everything else, Pastor Stephen and church council have the resources to make appropriate decisions.

The following people can field questions and make decisions concerning their chair responsibilities:

- Vivienne Clyne for Grace Welcome Center and Infant Moses
- Dennis Eirich for stewardship concerns
- Greg Foster for outreach and evangelism concerns
- Sydney Houston for any worship, music, and altar guild questions
- Randy Pierce for building and grounds
- Leah Schaut for peace and justice concerns
- David Underwood for youth, family, and faith formation

If you're not sure whom to contact, call the church office. Paul is in the office from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday.

# Country Crafts 'n Cook'n Salad Luncheon

NORTH CAPE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
2644 124th Street, Franksville, WI 53126  
*Highway 45 & 5 Mile Rd (2 miles north of Hwy 20 in Racine County)*

**SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2023**

**All-You-Can-Eat Salad Buffet Luncheon**  
Served from 11:00am-1:00pm

**Bake Sale - Crafters - Vendors**  
Open from 10:00am - 1:30pm

*Men are welcome too!*

**Luncheon Tickets \$15 / \$6 ages 4-12**

Call Barb Welch at 262-498-0393 for ticket information or reservations for groups of 8 or more

## Grace Receipts: March 19, 2023

Current .....	\$ 2,225.25
Benevolence .....	\$ 180.00
Ash Wednesday.....	\$ 25.00
Easter flowers .....	\$ 60.00
From non-members:	
for Current .....	\$ 30.00
Holy Assembly building use .....	\$ 500.00
Chili fund raiser .....	\$ 340.00
<u>Minus banking fees.....</u>	<u>\$ (0.00)</u>
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 3,360.25</b>
Grace weekly budget in 2023: \$ 2,671.70	

You can contribute by mail, or electronically through the "Donations" button on our website.

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www.GraceKenosha.com + www.facebook.com/GraceElcaKenosha/  
Worship services in sanctuary and on Facebook Sundays at 9:30 a.m.  
Wednesday service at ELCA Outreach Center at 6:00 p.m.  
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Church office: graceoffice@wi.rr.com ☎ 262-654-9143  
Office hours: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday

## Grace News Briefs

Thank you to Danny and Devin Carlson for sponsoring worship bulletins in March.

Prayer Group meets at the church every Monday morning at 8:00 a.m.

A potluck reception is planned after Isaiah Barker's baptismal service on Sunday, April 16. Look for a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

## *Welcome Center Partners with Gateway*

Gateway Technical College has partnered with Grace Welcome Center for a food pantry open to all Kenosha County residents 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 19 at GTC's Kenosha campus, 3520 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The pantry will offer boxes of food to students and the public in an outdoor area just west of the Academic Building and south of the student commons.

Food includes non-perishable foods as well as refrigerated and frozen food —

such as fruits, vegetables, dairy and meat — as available.

Sarah Marbes, Gateway Impact Program coordinator, says there is a rising need among students who are food insecure.

"They are in a situation where they want to come to class and help themselves and their families by earning a degree, but they don't have enough money for groceries for their kids," Marbes said.

"They will be limited in their ability to be successful in their classes if they are hungry or

worry about how they will feed their families. Efforts such as the food pantry will empower them to earn their degree and be successful."

Denise Russell, Grace Welcome Center Food Pantry director, said her group chose to work with Gateway because the average age of students is somewhat older than other area colleges, and they felt that many Gateway students are likely living on their own or are parents with families who they have to support.