

Grace Notes

Grace Lutheran Church, 2006 60th Street, Kenosha, Wisconsin 53140

April, 2024



Volunteer for Sunday Greeters Ministry

If you love meeting new people and helping others feel like they are seen, heard and belong with our church, then

volunteer for the new Sunday Greeters Ministry. Please meet immediately after worship services on Sunday, April 21 for a

15-minute meeting with Karen Cassiday to volunteer.

Open Arms Reach Out to LGBTQ+ Youth, Young Adults

Have you wanted to do something more to help LGBTQ+ youth and young adults in Kenosha? Grace Lutheran is starting the Open Arms Ministry, a program that provides volunteer parents or grandparents to attend and support significant events in an LGBTQ+ person's life when their family, community or church has abandoned them.



Volunteers agree to attend a young person's special events, such as commencements, weddings, opening nights or a birthday in the role of supporter and cheerleader. They commit to provide an appropriate gift, card and their loving presence at significant events.

If you are interested, please meet after church on Sunday, April 28 to meet with Karen to learn about this new opportunity to be the eyes, ears, mouth and hands of Christ.

L'Arche Meets First Mondays

L'Arche meets Monday, April 1 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

L'Arche was formed in France in 1964 by one person's desire to serve God and the needs of people with severe disabilities. From its humble beginning, it has grown to over 160 communities across the world. The core values of compassion/generosity, competence, community and outward fruitfulness mesh well with the spirit of Grace Lutheran.



Since the Fall of 2023, we have met monthly to carry our initial inspiration forward utilizing the guidance of l'arche International and regular weekly strategy / planning sessions with Pastor Barker. Each monthly meeting includes a time of welcoming, prayer, films about l'Arche and time for casual conversation and fellowship.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHILI FEST

Date: Saturday, April 6

Time: 11:00 am – 2:00 pm

Location: Grace Lutheran Church,
2006 60th Street, Kenosha

Admission: \$10 per person or pay what you can

Tickets can be purchased from the church office. Tickets can also be purchased at the door.

What is included:

- All-you-can-eat meat or vegan chili
- Refreshing lemonade
- Warm cornbread and delicious cookies
- Chili fixings galore
- Optional add-ons: hot dogs available for \$1 each

Family fun activities:

- Bounce house
- Special carnival-style activities for kids
- Complete all activities to enter raffle for exciting prizes!
- Groove to live music
- Enjoy tunes from our church band

Can't stay? No problem! Take your chili with you to-go



Gathering Liturgy: Resurrection of Our Lord Sunday

AFFIRMATION OF WELCOME

STATEMENT

P Let us affirm our welcome statement.

C **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 kingdom of God has come near.

GATHERING SONG: "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" (ELW #365)

- 1: *Jesus Christ is risen today,
Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross,
Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!*
- 2: *Hymns of praise then let us sing,
Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heavenly king,
Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave,
Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save.
Alleluia!*
- 3: *But the pains which he endured,
Alleluia!
our salvation have procured;
Alleluia!
now above the sky he's king,*

*Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!*

4: *Sing we to our God above,
Alleluia!
praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
praise him, all you heavenly host,
Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia!*

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 God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Gospel for Resurrection of Our Lord Sunday

Mark 16:1-8

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint *Jesus' body*. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb.

They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the

stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?"

When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a youth, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed.

But the youth said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was

crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you."

So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Prayers and Communion Liturgy

HYMN OF THE DAY: "The Kingdom Is Coming"

Chorus: *The kingdom is coming
We are praying for it
The kingdom is coming
We are waiting for it
The kingdom is coming
We are working for it*

All creation groans

1: *The fire in the sky we see it burn
The waters that keep rising up the floods that come
Put your hope in the Lord
Put your hope in the Lord
He will lead us on the way*

2: All you nations all you judges all you kings
Come and join the work He's restoring all things
Put your hope in the Lord
Put your hope in the Lord
He will lead us on the way

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“Song of the Nations”

PRAYERS

P Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

Holy God, we pray for the body of Christ, the church. Where the church is persecuted, protect it. Where the church is privileged, grant it humility. Where the church is fractured, heal it. Guide us all to embody Christ's love in the world. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Life-giving God, we pray for the earth, your good creation. Join our prayers with branches lifted in praise and roaring waters of new life, that together we may proclaim Easter hope. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Merciful God, we pray for all peoples and nations. Free oppressed communities from occupation, exploitation, and abuse—especially those in Gaza. Teach leaders your way of justice. Empower peacemakers and all who work to end violence and strife. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Liberating God, we pray for people everywhere who long for good news. Roll away the stones that keep people from living with dignity and wholeness. Empower us to small acts of loving kindness that breathe new life and hope into people struggling to make it through each day. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Loving God, we pray for this community of faith;

- Darlene Bard
- Kate Barker
- Dawn Bench (Welcome Center volunteer)
- Doug Becker (Marlene's son)
- Eric Berge (Paul's brother)
- Pat Bernacchi
- Jackie Brichacek (Nancy's sister-in-law)
- Andrew Calvert
- Cameron Carr (Karen Cassidy's nephew)
- Holly Cummings
- Eric Dangerfield
- Todd Detert (Dottie's grandson-in-law)
- Jan Dugdale
- Barb Ehlen
- Gregory Foster
- Judy Gregory
- Shirleen Gulick
- Cogan Holly Hall
- Aggie Hartnell (Bert's mother)
- Ginger Helgeson
- Christine Hill

- Sydney & Skyler Houston
- Bob Kauffman (Dick's brother)
- Dick Kauffman
- Norma Larson
- Rubel Pierce (Randy's father)
- Mary Jean Preston
- Rex Reeve
- Carolyn Reynold's children Eddie, Santino, and Lytoshia
- Martha, Joel, and Jeanette Sanchez
- John Schatzman (friend of Karen Cassidy and Don Cornelius)
- Cynthia Schwartz (Norma's daughter)
- Patti Shields
- Jill Swails
- Marcia Swanson
- Joyce Swift
- Andrew Tate
- Ron and Linda Wadham
- Steve & Heather Waldron
- Henry, Florence, and Jacqueline Walker (Carolyn's brother and sisters)
- Charles and Timothy Walker
- Dottie Watts
- Chris Webb (Bert's sister)
- Pam Wisse
- Kristi Weiss,

and for your Spirit in our midst. Feed us at your Easter table and fill us with your wisdom, that we may serve and care for others. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Eternal God, we remember those who have gone before us in death (*especially John Donne and all whose ministry in the arts inspired generations to faith*). Renew our trust in your promises, that we live with joyful courage and compassion. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

C **Amen.**

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEAL

OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray.

Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

C **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P Holy, living, and loving God, we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.

We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood, for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery, and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.

We give you thanks for Jesus who, living among us, healed the sick, fed the hungry, and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for others.

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-giving death and glorious resurrection, we await your promised life for all this dying world. Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup: carry us in your arms from death to life, that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness of Christ. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

☩ Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

☩ Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

*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 debts
As we forgive our debtors
And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil
For thine is the kingdom
The power and the glory forever
And ever. Amen*

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SONG: "Crown Him with Many Crowns" (ELW #855 vv. 1, 3-5, alt.)

1: *Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king
through all eternity.*

3: *Crown him the Lord of love—
behold his hands and side,
Those wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified.
No angel in the sky*

*can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye
at mysteries so bright.*

4: *Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease
absorbed in prayer and praise
His reign shall know no end
And round his pierced feet
Fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever
sweet.*

5: *Crown him the Lord of years,
the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me;
thy praise and glory shall not fail
throughout eternity.*

Song: "New Every Morning"

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

☩ Let us pray.
Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

☩ Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

☩ The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

☩ Amen.

SENDING SONG: "Declaring Glory"

1: *When I was young
You woke me with the sound of song
The wind and rhythm drew me along
I echoed in the hymn of the dawn
Chorus 1: I turned and turned
This dance that all the planets learn
In circles 'round the stars as they burn
I praise you as I orbit and turn
Declaring glory
Declaring glory*

2: *The mountains rise
The forests grow before my eyes
The moments and the seasons unwind
Then turn again embracing the tide
Chorus 2: The waters fall
And carve their way across my soil
Their canyons cutting deep in my soul
I praise you while the rivers still roll
Declaring glory
(I praise my in Maker in every age)*

Declaring glory
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☑ Alleluia! Go in
 peace. Rejoice and be
 glad.

☑ **Thanks be to
 God! Alleluia!**

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Easter Lilies Are Given by:

Cortni Holland, in honor of her aunt, Regina
 Jackson
 David & Janice Riutta, in honor of Ruth & Wes
 Riutta
 Dorothy Watts, in memory of Dave Misurelli

April Bulletins, Flowers

Thank you to Paula and Randy Pierce for
 sponsoring the altar flowers in April.

Thank you also to Karen Corrigan for
 sponsoring the worship bulletins on April 14, 21,
 and 28.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 APRIL FOOLS' DAY	1 <i>St. Wegotfun</i> 8:00 am Food pantry volunteers 9:00 am Prayer group 6:30 pm L'Arche	2 <i>Spring Election</i> 9:00 am Food pantry volunteers 4:00 pm GWC Food pantry	3	4 8:00-9:00 am Welcome Center breakfast 2:00-5:00 pm Infant Moses diaper ministry	5 8:00-9:00 am Welcome Center breakfast	6 11:00 am-2:00 pm Chili fest
7 9:30 am Worship service with Holy Baptism 7:00 pm NA	8 8:00 am Food pantry volunteers 9:00 am Prayer group	9 9:00 am Food pantry volunteers 4:00 pm GWC Food pantry	10 <i>Eid-al-Fitr</i>	11 8:00-9:00 am Welcome Center breakfast 10:00 am VBS planning meeting 2:00-5:00 pm Infant Moses diaper ministry	12 8:00-9:00 am Welcome Center breakfast	13
14 9:30 am Worship service 7:00 pm NA	15 8:00 am Food pantry volunteers 9:00 am Prayer group	16 9:00 am Food pantry volunteers 4:00 pm GWC Food pantry	17	18 8:00-9:00 am Welcome Center breakfast 2:00-5:00 pm Infant Moses diaper ministry	19 8:00-9:00 am Welcome Center breakfast	20 12:00n-4:00 pm Dorothy Watts birthday party
21 <i>Good Shepherd Sunday</i> 9:30 am Worship service 10:30 am Greeters ministry 11:00 am Church council meeting 7:00 pm NA	22 <i>Earth Day</i> 8:00 am Food pantry volunteers 9:00 am Prayer group	23 <i>Passover</i> 9:00 am Food pantry volunteers 4:00 pm GWC Food pantry	24  ST. MARK	25 <i>St. Mark</i> 8:00-9:00 am Welcome Center breakfast 2:00-5:00 pm Infant Moses diaper ministry	26 <i>Arbor Day</i> 8:00-9:00 am Welcome Center breakfast	27
28 <i>Holocaust Remembrance Day</i> 9:30 am Worship service 10:40 am New members meeting 10:40 am Open Arms ministry 7:00 pm NA	29 8:00 am Food pantry volunteers 9:00 am Prayer group	30 9:00 am Food pantry volunteers 4:00 pm GWC Food pantry	May 1 <i>Sts. Philip & James</i>	2 8:00-9:00 am Welcome Center breakfast 2:00-5:00 pm Infant Moses diaper ministry	3 <i>Star Wars Eve</i> 8:00-9:00 am Welcome Center breakfast	MAY 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

April Lauds

Lauds: Laud to Brother Dan Cornelli
for removing the pulpit so we can have more room for our worship band.

Lauds: Laud to Brother Randy Pierce for coming in after hours to clean our church while having COVID.

Lauds: Laud to Sister Dawn Houston



for organizing the Palm Sunday Brunch—all who attended had a wonderful meal and time fellowshiping.

Lauds: laud to Brother Dan and Brother Greg for making fish chowder for the Palm Sunday Brunch.

April Birthdays

April 2: Marjorie Larson
April 4: Garriet Dreger
April 4: Karen Kempinen
April 10: Jaylin Colister

April 13: Randy Pierce
April 14: Norma Larson
April 15: Patsy Callahan
April 15: Bonnie Hackett-Vargas

April 15: Scott Houston
April 18: Dorothy Watts

Grace News Briefs

Prayer Group

Our Monday morning prayer group is looking for a new time to meet that would be convenient for more people than the present 9:00 a.m. hour. If you're interested in joining our Monday morning prayer group but can't make it because of scheduling, please talk to us and let us know a better time.

Sensory Toy Baskets

Sensory toy baskets have been placed in our sanctuary and lobby for those who are neurodiverse. Please help us make our space welcoming for everyone by returning the toys to the baskets for future use.

Grace Receipts March 24, 2024

General offering	\$ 596.76
Lent (Palm Sunday)	\$ 40.00
Maundy Thursday	\$ 10.00
Good Friday.....	\$ 10.00
Easter.....	\$ 50.00
Easter lily.....	\$ 20.00
Building & Grounds	\$ 500.00
From non-members:	
for General offering.....	\$ 403.31
for pastor's benefits package	\$ 50.00
for Welcome Center	\$ 350.00
In honor of K. Cassiday, for Infant Moses.....	\$ 40.00
Chili fund raiser	\$ 50.00
Minus banking fees	\$ (37.02)
Total	\$ 2,083.05

join us for a 90th Birthday Party in honor of
Dorothy Watts
Saturday | April 20th, 2024 | 12pm

12-1pm Buffet, 1-4pm Music
Grace Lutheran Church
2006 60th st. Kenosha, WI 53140

RSVP by April 1st to Jessica
at: 531.375.0604
or email Michelle at: misurelli@yahoo.com

New Members Meet April 28

The next meeting for new members will be after the worship service on Sunday, April 28.

Reception of new members is now scheduled for the following Sunday, May 5.

Chairlift Is Working Again

The chairlift at the courtyard entrance is back in working order. Persons who have difficulty with stairs can finally access the basement level of our building again. The company that originally

installed the chairlift has gone out of business, but we were able to contract with Access Elevator in Milwaukee to come down and replace the chairlift's battery and charger.

Message Board

Thanks from St. Matthew's Confirmands

Hello Pastor Jonathan and Brother Randy,

This is a very belated but heartfelt thank you for taking the time to meet with our 9th grade confirmation class last fall to share your stories and your passion for walking with others.

Your empathy and humility are inspiring, and your set a powerful example of what it

means to live your faith. Thank you for mentoring our young people!

Please use the enclosed check for whatever is most helpful to the Grace Welcome Center.

Blessings on your work!

With gratitude,

—Gretchen Hauge & 9th Grade confirmands

St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church, Wauwatosa

Thanks from Sister Karen

Thank you to Grace for the plant from Aiello's!

—Karen Kempinen



80 Lutherdale
Return to the Log
80 years of Praying it Forward

Join the Celebration
April 20th

Please help us give thanks for
80 years of ministry at Lutherdale!

1:00 Worship
2:00- 4:00 Activity Stations

Crafts, Refreshments, Scavenger Hunt, BINGO
Sing-a-long, Memory Sharing, Photo Slide Show
Fun for all ages!

Please RSVP 262-742-2352 or email- info@lutherdale.org

Bring any photos or memories you have to share!



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AN INVITATION

From the Women of St. Mary's Lutheran Church
To the Women of Grace Lutheran Church
To Attend

High Tea

In honor of mothers, daughters, granddaughters, and friends.
Come, enjoy, and celebration our 150th Anniversary with us on
Saturday, April 20, from 1-3 pm.
DOORS WILL OPEN AT 12:30pm.

Time to find those white gloves and hats from the past, should you so wish.
Remember also to bring your special teacup and saucer.

Reservations are \$10.00 and can be made by calling SMLC office.
Or drop by to make your reservations by April 14th.

CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE OUT TO "WELCA, ST. MARY'S LUTHERAN."
Tables can be reserved for 6 to 8 people.

Office phone number: 262-658-3555
Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday: 9am to 3pm
Wednesday: 12pm to 6pm
Friday: 9am to 12pm

Scrip order form

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Name	Customer #
Check #	Order Date

Product	%	QTY	Total	Product	%	QTY	Total	Product	%	QTY	Total
Ace Hardware \$25.00	4%		\$	Domino's \$25.00	8%		\$	Papa Murphy's Pizza \$10.00	8%		\$
Aeropostale \$25.00	10%		\$	Dunkin' \$25.00	3.5%		\$	PetSmart \$25.00	5%		\$
Amazon \$25.00	1.7%		\$	Exxon \$50.00	1%		\$	Pick 'n Save (WI) \$25.00	4%		\$
American Eagle® \$25.00	10%		\$	Fandango \$25.00	4%		\$	Pick 'n Save (WI) \$50.00	4%		\$
Applebee's® \$25.00	8%		\$	Festival Foods (WI) - Skogens \$25.00	3%		\$	Piggly Wiggly (WI, IL only) \$25.00	3%		\$
Applebee's® \$50.00	8%		\$	Festival Foods (WI) - Skogens \$50.00	3%		\$	Pizza Hut \$10.00	8%		\$
Arby's \$10.00	8%		\$	Fresh Thyme Market \$25.00	5%		\$	Pizza Ranch \$25.00	8%		\$
Arby's \$25.00	8%		\$	Gordon Food Service Store \$25.00	4%		\$	Pottery Barn \$25.00	6%		\$
AutoZone \$25.00	7%		\$	Home Depot® \$25.00	4%		\$	Red Robin \$25.00	6%		\$
Barnes & Noble \$10.00	8%		\$	HoneyBaked Ham \$25.00	12%		\$	Sam's Club \$25.00	2.5%		\$
Barnes & Noble \$25.00	8%		\$	IHOP \$25.00	8%		\$	Sendik's Food Market \$25.00	4%		\$
Bass Pro Shops \$25.00	10%		\$	JCPanney \$25.00	5%		\$	Sephora \$25.00	5%		\$
Bath & Body Works \$10.00	12%		\$	Jiffy Lube \$30.00	8%		\$	Shell \$25.00	1.5%		\$
Best Buy \$25.00	4%		\$	Kohl's \$25.00	7%		\$	Speedway \$25.00	4%		\$
BP \$50.00	1.5%		\$	Kwik Trip \$25.00	4%		\$	Staples \$25.00	5%		\$
Buffalo Wild Wings® \$25.00	8%		\$	L.L. Bean \$25.00	16%		\$	Starbucks \$10.00	4.5%		\$
Buffalo Wild Wings® \$50.00	8%		\$	Lane Bryant® \$25.00	8%		\$	Subway Restaurants \$10.00	4.5%		\$
Burger King \$25.00	6%		\$	Little Caesars Pizza \$20.00	8%		\$	Taco Bell \$10.00	5%		\$
Cabela's \$25.00	10%		\$	Lowe's \$25.00	4%		\$	Target \$25.00	2.5%		\$
Casey's \$25.00	3%		\$	Macy's \$25.00	10%		\$	Texas Roadhouse \$25.00	8%		\$
Cheddars \$25.00	8%		\$	Marcus Theatres \$25.00	8%		\$	TGI Fridays \$25.00	9%		\$
Cheesecake Factory \$25.00	5%		\$	McDonald's \$10.00	2%		\$	The Home Depot® \$25.00	4%		\$
Chewy \$25.00	5%		\$	Meijer \$25.00	3%		\$	Visa Gift Card - No Activation Fee \$25.00	1.25%		\$
Chili's Grill & Bar \$25.00	11%		\$	Menards \$25.00	3%		\$	Walgreens \$25.00	5%		\$
Chipotle Mexican Grill \$10.00	9%		\$	Mobil \$50.00	1%		\$	Walmart \$25.00	2.5%		\$
Cold Stone Creamery \$10.00	11%		\$	Nike \$25.00	11%		\$	Wendy's \$25.00	6%		\$
Columbia Sportswear \$50.00	12%		\$	Nordstrom \$25.00	4%		\$	Williams Sonoma \$25.00	6%		\$
Cousins Sube \$10.00	0%		\$	Office Depot / Office Max \$25.00	5%		\$				
Crate & Barrel \$25.00	8%		\$	Old Navy \$25.00	14%		\$				
CVS Pharmacy \$25.00	6%		\$	Olive Garden \$25.00	8%		\$				
Dairy Queen \$25.00	6.5%		\$	Panda Express \$25.00	8%		\$				
Dave & Buster's \$25.00	13%		\$	Panera Bread \$10.00	8%		\$				
Dick's Sporting Goods \$25.00	8%		\$	Papa John's Pizza \$10.00	8%		\$				

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Total Due All Columns: \$

Easter Message from Bishop Elizabeth Eaton

“So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone for they were afraid.”

That's where the Gospel of Mark originally ended. And it just seems so odd to me. It's so abrupt. I mean, the women had seen the angel. He'd announced that Jesus was raised from the dead, and then he tells them all this good news and wants them to go on their way. And they just are not going to say a single word.

There are three words in that passage that really stand out for me, especially in the Greek. One is fear — *phobos*. We get phobia from that. The other one is amazement — *ekstasis*. We get ecstasy from that. And the other one has to do with being seized. It actually means “being possessed.”

So we take a look at these women, and they've had this miraculous appearance by an angel. They've heard the good news that Jesus has raised from the dead, and they're too afraid to do anything about it, and they just are going to be silent. It seems that nothing changed.

They came to take care of Jesus' dead body because on the Sabbath they could not work. But on the first day of the week, they were there. They have this announcement, and then it's all the same.

Sometimes I think we feel like nothing's changed. Sometimes I think that the events in our country, in our church, around the world are just so terrifying and so overwhelming that it seems like the resurrection really didn't make a difference. But these three words really say something



about the women, and I think about us and, most especially, about Easter. When they said that they were filled with

amazement — this is this ecstasy, *ekstasis* — they were really standing. It means literally standing in a different place. So though they were still in the tomb and they hadn't reacted yet, nevertheless, everything had changed. And because of the resurrection, we, all of us, are standing in a different place. The whole of creation is standing in a different place. And the word for fear, *phobos*, phobia we get from that. But it's really a sense of trembling in the presence of God, of awe that they were actually filled with awe — not paralyzed by fear but filled with awe. And I hope this Eastertide and all year round, we have a sense of the presence of God that fills us with awe.

And it also says that they were seized with fear. Well, the word means “possessed.” And yes, we believe that in baptism because of the resurrection, Jesus sent the Holy Spirit and we now are all Spirit-possessed.

When things seem to be staying the same, when things seem to be happening and

coming at us so quickly, I think it's very important to take time to be a little amazed, to be standing in a different place, to have a sense of this awe and trembling before the Lord, and to allow ourselves to be possessed by the Spirit, who will give us power and courage in these times.

My favorite hymn is “Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song.” It's ELW #808. And the last verse goes like this:

“I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey; but courage will come with the sound of his steps by my side. And with all of the family Jesus saved by his love, we'll sing to his dawn at the end of our journey.”

Be well, dear church.
Happy Easter.

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From the Gospel of Matthew, Chapter 14: 15-18 (Miracle of the Feeding of the 5000+)

As evening approached, the disciples came to Jesus and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away (5000 men plus women and children), so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food." Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. **You give them something to eat.**" "We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," the disciples answered. "Bring them here to me," he said.



Every gift is the seed for a miracle!



Dear People of Grace Lutheran Church (Kenosha),

Since 2020, our community's cost of living has surged by 17.8%.

(Based on the recent Soc Security Cost of living Index: 2021 (5.9%), 2022 (8.7%), 2023 (3.2%), totaling a 17.8% increase since 2020).

Many families in our Ministry Partners' communities are struggling to afford basic necessities like food, clothing, healthcare, and housing.

The gospel passage quoted above reminds us of how God can multiply our simple gifts into powerful acts of compassion, just as Jesus did feeding the 5000+. Every day our Ministry Partners transform our simple gifts into impactful assistance for those in need. Your generosity helps feed, clothe, heal, and welcome people as part of God's family. These acts are not just simple gestures but miraculous signs of God's grace in our world.

Your gift matters – God multiplies it in order to nourish the multitudes!

Look at the miracles God performed with our Ministry Partners through your generosity ...

- **Grace Welcome Center, Kenosha served 14,758 people** last year through their food pantry.
- **Hephatha, Milwaukee** strengthened our community this year by enjoying, sharing, and eating **1,000 meals on-site** with people during one fabulous week of December - and by sharing the body of Christ in the sacrament of Holy Communion throughout the year with all who came to the table of the Lord. Thanks be to God!
- **ELCA Outreach Center, Kenosha** grew from serving 60 **to over 100 people per day.**
- **Reformation, Milwaukee** built **meaningful connections with 75 youth** from the community through their Summer Work Program and weekly Wednesday evening faith education.





- **All Peoples Gathering Church, Milwaukee** served thousands of guests in 2023 through its food pantry and garden.
- **Racine Hospitality Center** helped over 150 marginalized people each weekday with food, shelter, support, and radical hospitality.
- **Racine & Kenosha Vocational Ministry** served as a bridge for those trying to reintegrate into society by helping over 200 people acquire new jobs.
- **Emaus Racine's SALT Youth** (Serving and Learning Together) collaborated with the city of Racine in the "Rock the Block" initiative to clean up underserved neighborhoods and foster neighborhood pride.
- **Hope Center, Waukesha** served scores of people experiencing homelessness by providing hot meals, a warm place to rest, warm clothing, and a spirit of dignity and welcome.
- **Redeemer, Milwaukee's Noon Run Meal program** weekly welcomed and fed people as valued members of the Kingdom of God.

This Easter, let's unite to make a difference in the lives of those facing rising living costs.

Please consider donating a one-time or recurring gift in multiples of \$2.80, the average cost of one meal in Southeastern WI (Source: Feeding America) to address the 17.8% increase in the Cost of Living.

Suggested amounts:

- **\$19.60** feeds one person a meal a day for one week
- **\$78.40** feeds a family of four a meal a day for one week
- **\$112** feeds one person a meal a day for the entire 40 days of Lent
- **\$448** feeds a family of four a meal a day for the entire 40 days of Lent

Thank you for your ongoing love, generosity, and dedication to spreading hope alongside our Ministry Partners. This Easter, let's be reminded that with God, all things are possible!

Easter Blessings,

Chris Manke

Rev. Chris Manke, Executive Director

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