



THE FRIENDLY VISITOR

Grace Lutheran Church



Companion Congregation
Msindo Parish in Tanzania

March 15, 2011

A Stephen
Ministry Congregation

Sunday Worship

8:15 a.m.

Holy Communion 1st, 3rd & 5th
Sundays of each month

9:30 a.m.

Adult Forum, Education Hour

10:45 a.m.

Holy Communion 2nd, 4th & 5th
Sundays of each month

† Spanish translation of Pastor
Mike's sermons provided

† Tanzanian Liturgy every
5th Sunday

Holy Week Worship

Maundy Thursday

11:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

First Communion at 6:30 p.m.

Good Friday Worship at 7:00 p.m.

Open Prayer Vigil Saturday

10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

in Upper Room

Easter Sunday Services at
6:30 a.m., 8:15 a.m., 10:45 a.m.

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Thank You!!!

I, too, was taught to use these words, and I have been using them a lot lately! Thank you, for the wonderful welcome I have received thus far at Grace Lutheran Church. There are so many of you who have gone out of your way to make me feel welcome during these first two weeks. From the gathered assembly for worship, the Tuesday Bible study, the staff, the Super Wednesday crowd, circles, committees, choirs...really, from all of you, I have felt embraced and welcomed. Again, thank you!

As I reflected on the start of Lent with the handful of Lutherans gathered at Calvin Community, I came to the realization that Lent is perhaps the perfect time to begin as pastor in a new community of faith. We sat together dwelling in both Word and Sacrament as we discussed this Sunday's Gospel text and shared in Holy Communion. This discussion centered on Lent being a time to highlight what Christ has done. It isn't about what any of us have done. It isn't about the pastor or the people, but it is a time that focuses on Christ. What a perfect time to enter into the journey of a community of faith. It is not a time to look at one another and try to figure out in what ways God's ministry in this place will change, but instead we gather together in the procession toward the cross. I do not hope that the welcome received ceases, but it is my prayer that we stay centered during this Lenten journey.

The Lenten epiphanies did not stop there. While we shared in the sacrament of Holy Communion, my fears were realized. I have presided over Holy Communion in homes and other contexts hundreds of times, but on this day, as I reached with my big hands for one of the little cups, I tipped it over instead. In my horror at the blood of Christ being poured over the table on the second floor lounge, it happened, I knocked over two more cups. Who would have thought that such a small cup could hold so much of Christ's blood, enough that it pooled and began to drift toward the cliff in the form of the table's edge? The blood of Christ was poured, for real.

When we encounter Christ in Communion, we find him broken into bite sized pieces and poured into plastic cups. It is clean. It is contained. It is comfortable. But when Christ is poured for real, it is messy, flows where it wishes, and we are anything but comfortable. I find myself wondering the same about Lent. Have we made the season too clean? Is it too predictable and comfortable? The hope of Lent is a truly free God set loose in the world. The hope of Lent is God choosing to work through Christ's death on a cross, in order to bring us into new life. The work of God is not always clean. The work of God pushes us from our comfort zone into the world around us. Are we really ready to set God loose and see what happens?

In Christ,

Pastor Mike

Sympathy Is Extended to

Mary and Dick Johansen on the death of Mary's sister, Laura Ralf. Laura passed away on February 15 in Marshalltown, IA.

The Petty Family on the death of Teresa. Teresa passed away suddenly on December 28 in Iowa City. Burial will be in Kirksville, MO at a later date.

Thank You

Thank you to friends and members of the Grace congregation for prayers and memorials. Also thank you to Pastor William Kallestad who officiated at mother's (Verona Fenimore) funeral.
James Fenimore Family

Martha Circle

We will meet Thursday, March 24, at 9:30 a.m. Nancy Alice Morton will speak on "Faith, Hope and Whimsy".

Lutheran Lakeside Annual Quilt Auction April 16, 2011

Augustana Lutheran Church
309 S. Greene St., Boone, IA
Quilt Viewing
11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Lunch 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Auction 1:00 p.m.

Sermon in Spanish

Pastor Mike is writing a Spanish translation of his sermon each week. These will be available in the church library on Thursday and also from ushers on Sunday mornings.

New In the Church Library:
*The Boy Who Changed
the World*

This delightful children's book teaches children how their actions can set off a spark that, in turn, influences the lives of others. This is the incredible story of Nobel Laureate Norman Borlaug, a simple boy with a desire to feed the hungry. Borlaug couldn't have accomplished this without the help of Vice President Henry Wallace, who was influenced by inventor George Washington Carver, who in turn was rescued by farmer Moses Carver. Children, too, can change the world.

MARK YOUR CALENDERS

Lutheran Lakeside Camp Work Days

Come join fellow Grace members on a trip to Lutheran Lakeside Camp, Spirit Lake, IA. Leave Grace at 2:00 p.m. May 1st and arrive at camp by 5:30 p.m. In exchange for the meals and lodging provided by the camp, it is our goal to have a good time and do a little work for the camp. Work ranges from cleaning, painting, installing mattresses on bunks to repairs around the camp. Ranger Z has a very long list for us to work on. If you have any specific talents you would like to share let me know. Right now the plan is to stay until Wednesday, May 4th, leaving camp at 2:00 p.m. Length of stay can vary per individual. You could stay all week if you want. We currently have 4 people going. Come join us. If you are interested in going along contact Len Ringgenberg at 255-2395 for more information.

2011 Easter Lilies

This Easter, celebrate the joyous good news of Christ's resurrection by purchasing an Easter lily to decorate the altar. Lilies are \$9.50 each.

The deadline for ordering is Monday, March 21.

Indicate on the order form if you would like the plant delivered to a homebound member. Otherwise, you may pick up your lily after the 10:45 a.m. service on Easter. Ordering forms are in the bulletin, in the office and in the Friendly Visitor.



Stewardship Thought: *How about the earth?*

Genesis 1:26-31 describes the creation of humans as the crowning glory of God's creative activity. After creating all other things God creates humans and gives them "dominion" over the earth. Too often we mistake "dominion" for "domination". But what it really means is that God's kingly rule over the earth is expressed through the responsibility of humans to care for the earth.

The earth is God's, but God entrusts **us** with the job of caring for it.

This means that all of us who live in the Judeo-Christian tradition ought to be environmentalists! It's a matter of stewardship. We understand it to be our responsibility to lovingly care for the earth in ways that ensure the vitality of creation for our neighbors and for future generations.

April is the month when we celebrate spring – a time of rebirth, when the earth literally seems to come back to life. Let's use this month as an opportunity to ask ourselves what we can do to better express our stewardship of the earth. Can we recycle more? Can we waste less? Can we use fewer chemicals on our lawns and gardens? The possibilities are many, but the one truth remains. The earth belongs to God and God has charged us with its care.

The Stewardship Committee



Grace Garden Expansion

We are commissioned by Jesus to feed the hungry. The Des Moines area has experienced an increase in the number of people in need of food with the Food Pantry and the Food Bank of Iowa has received unprecedented numbers of requests for food that they are straining to meet. In order to be in the way of Jesus, members of Grace in conjunction with the Isaac Walton League, have begun an expansion of the vegetable garden that was initiated by the 5th grade Sunday school class in the summer of 2008. The garden site is on the north side of the church and was staked out last fall with Iowa One Call approving the site for tilling. The tilling will be completed sometime this month and the Garden Committee is at work planning the garden. We would like to invite all members of Grace to participate in tending to the garden and sharing the harvest. Whatever vegetables are not used by the people of Grace will be donated to the Food Pantry. The Sunday school children will be planting seeds to be sprouted indoors and will help with the planting when the time comes. We will have more details as we move into spring. If you have suggestions or desires for specific vegetables let us know.

Garden Committee: Michelle Voelker, Shirley Shiffler and Julie Honsey

April Birthdays



April	2	Michael Heid Pastor William Kallestad
	3	Colleen McKinney Dolores Johnson Ellen Batten
	4	Darlene Johnson
	7	Bradley Moon Carolyn Driscoll John Nelson Emily Woodruff Maya Uehling Lint
	8	Jennie Wonderlin
	9	Kelley Bowermaster
	10	Matt Hagerty Mark Stumme Cherie Rissman Brett Brindley Jared Nelson Lanette Kennebeck DeVee Trickle
	11	Mira Voelker
	12	Alex Davik Kyler Medhurst
	13	Alice Nelson Mary McCann Mark Meyer
	14	Prudence Campbell
	15	Michael Flannery Matt Speck Erin Warren
	16	Ernest Weatherington
	17	Cynthia Gronert
	18	Mary Donnenwerth Justin Fenimore
	20	Jennifer Rehder
	22	Robert Jensen Donald Peterson
	24	Eric Nelson Charla Preston
	25	Amy Wonderlin
	26	Howard Kulzer Michael Carney Aden Artzer Nathan Scholl
	27	Gladys Peterson Cathy Barks Bill Jensen
	28	David Gronert Anna Cline Abigale Nelson
	29	Kathy Piltingsrud
	30	Alysse Adams

Music Notes.....

As I look out my window today, I still see snow on the ground and rooftops. Granted it isn't much, but I am definitely ready to see green grass, blooming flowers, and warmer days. I keep seeing hints that this scenario is coming, but just not soon enough to suit me. Daily I look at my gardens and hope to see the beginnings of flowers as they poke their "noses" out to check the temperature. There are a few brave ones that are visible, but for the most part they are still tucked tight underground. There have been a number of robins that have decided that our yard is their own personal space and constantly chase off any intruders. All signs point that spring will be here soon and we can once again enjoy the renewal of life.

I was very pleased with the installation service on March 6th. It is a festive and joyous time, as Grace moves forward with Pastor Mike. The Ash Wednesday service was well attended. It is good to get back into a "routine" as we can now begin final planning for the services during Lent, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter. The Chancel Choir, Grace Bells, Grace Brass and Youth Bells are all preparing music to help celebrate the various worship services.

There are two events I wish to highlight in this article. First, beginning on Wednesday, March 16th, from 12:00 (noon) to 12:30, and continuing on each Wednesday during Lent, I will present a variety of organ music in the sanctuary for people to come, sit, meditate, enjoy the beauty of the sanctuary and organ, and/or ask questions about the music, composers, and the organ. It is planned to use the entire range of the organs capabilities. I have wanted to do this for a couple of years, and finally this seemed to be the correct time to begin. I hope that people will take this opportunity to come and listen during the season of Lent.

On Sunday, March 27th at 7:00 p.m. a service of Healing and Mediation will be offered in the sanctuary of Grace. The Grace Bells, Grace Brass and Chancel Choir will be presenting music during this service. The service will also include readings, scripture, and congregational hymns, as Pastor Mike leads the congregation in a service of Healing as he anoints people with oil. Our last Healing Service was in the fall of 2009. My original idea was to be a service of mediation during Lent. In my visits with Pastor Mike, it was decided to move to a service of Healing. It is my belief that this will be an inspirational and moving service for our congregation and hope that people will embrace this opportunity. The service will last approximately an hour.

During Lent, the Youth Choir and Chapel Chimers will be taking a break. These groups will resume at the regular times on Wednesday, April 27th. It is planned that they will present music one more time before the end of May.

The *Holden Evening Prayer* will be used during Lent at the 6:30 Wednesday evening service with a hymn sing beginning at 6:20. Pastor Mike has outlined his sermon topics in this Visitor and the weekly bulletins.

We have much for which to be thankful here at Grace. I am appreciative of the continued support of the worship and music that is planned for each service. It is a pleasure to serve such a caring congregation.

See you in church.
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Men In Mission

Men In Mission will be meeting April 7 at 6:30 p.m. Jim Merkwon will be presenting on Smouse Opportunity School. We will meet at Grace for our meal and then having a "field trip" to Smouse. The school is located at 28th and Center Street.



GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Council Minutes

February 22, 2011

- Present Jon Rissman, John Roehrick, Mary Freimuth Helt, Julie Honsey, Gary Nehmer, Carla Peterman, Rich Snyder, Joyce Lewis, Kathy Bowermaster, Janet Habick, MeLissa Lawson
- Devotions Mary, Ecclesiastes-For everything there is a season.
- Election of officers President-Mary Freimuth Helt; Vice President-Rich Snyder; Secretary-Julie Honsey
Executive Committee-Gary Nehmer

The Council appointed liaisons to the committees according to the committee structure outlined in the By-Laws. Some committees have been functioning, others are being reestablished.

- Committee Liaisons Finance-Gary Nehmer; Personnel-Mary Freimuth Helt; Worship and Music-Janet Habick; Education-Kristin Medhurst; Staff Support-Rich Snyder; Property-Jon Rissman; Social Ministry-Julie Honsey; Youth Ministry-MeLissa Lawson; Stewardship-Joyce Lewis; Evangelism-John Roehrick

The agenda was adopted as printed.

The minutes from the January 25, 2011 meeting were approved as printed.

Staff Reports were accepted as printed with discussion around scholarships for confirmation camp. We will appeal to the congregation for monies to build this fund and help our families with the cost (\$395.00/camp, \$70.00/bus).

Old Business

- The staff has not received their income increases for 2011. It was approved that we make the increases retroactive to January 2011. Gary will communicate to the Finance Committee the Council directive for increases in salaries.
- The By-Law/Constitution/Revisioning alignment has been completed with congregational approval.

New Business

- We will rely on the clergy members of Grace to officiate at funerals, preach and be on call during the interim between Pastor Johnson leaving and Pastor Schmidt arriving.
- There have been requests from families with small children that we reestablish the nursery during worship hours. We will pay Heather Nelson to staff the nursery for a yet-to-be determined time and review its need and usage at a later time.
- The Evangelism Committee will look into planning for a new membership book.
- March 13th was the date approved for Council installation during worship.

Adjourned with Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted, Julie Honsey, Council Secretary

(These minutes have not yet been approved by the Council.)

Finance Report – February Results

Financial results for February YTD are as follows:

- Pledged Offerings – Actual \$75,783, Budget \$77,151
- Other Income – Actual \$3,397, Budget \$2,843
- Expenses – Actual \$78,065, Budget \$84,641
- Net activity – Actual \$1,115, Budget (\$4,646)

Actual activity was favorable to budget due to certain expenses whose activity was budgeted but the actual expense has yet to occur. Additionally, certain savings was achieved due to lack of Lead Pastor expense for a portion of the month.

Endowment Fund Report

The Endowment Committee approved the following distributions of 2010 income:

Awards to Grace Lutheran Church:

- \$4,224.92 for new tables, chairs and painting of the meeting room near the Chapel
- \$400.00 for support of the Youth vegetable garden
- \$600.00 for a fireproof filing cabinet for the office
- \$1,662.45 for new energy efficient lighting in the gymnasium
- \$2,146.28 for sanctuary lighting near the alter
- \$1,550.00 for mural painting in the Sunday school rooms and hallway leading to Esperanza Cafe

Other Awards:

- \$1,756.95 to Lutheran Lakeside Camp for mattress replacement
- \$2,000.00 to Lutheran Lakeside Camp for window/door replacement in the Nurse's cabin
- \$1,200.00 to Mosaic for a washer and dryer for a group home
- \$1,500.00 to Bread of Life Church of God in Christ for a stove to support their Crumb Snatchers program

A total of \$17,040.60 was awarded. Requests for grants totaled \$45,700.64.

Since inception, the Endowment fund has awarded a total of \$231,836.24 to 108 projects.

Child Abuse Prevention: An Imperative Priority

One child will have been abused or neglected by the time you finish reading this. In fact, one child is abused every forty seconds and nearly five children a day die as a result of abuse. In order to help eliminate these tragedies, April has been named National Child Abuse Prevention Month. This month is a time to raise awareness about child abuse and neglect while encouraging individuals and communities to support children and families.

Lutheran Services in Iowa's (LSI) programs work to prevent abuse and neglect. Early Childhood services use family-centered education to help stop abuse before it starts in the home, and our Bremwood and Beloit Residential Treatment Centers empower children of abuse so that they may resolve their past and look forward to a bright future. The support of our partner congregations allows LSI to maintain these important programs for the children of Iowa. Thank you for being an important partner in our mission of service to all. For more information on ways LSI provides hope to Iowa's most vulnerable populations, visit www.lsiowa.org.

Sunday, April 10 will be a special day at Grace!

Sunday, March 27th through April 10th we will be having our Spring Drive for Lutheran World Relief.

Displays will be in the Gathering Hall and south entrance. With the \$827.00 the congregation gave in the fall, the committee has purchased items for 100 health kits, 50 school kits, 25 layettes, and sewing kits and fabric. The Quilters have been busy Thursday mornings throughout the winter making many quilts. Sunday school children and youth will also be contributing to Lutheran World Relief Drive by donating money or health kit supplies.

Sunday, April 10

Brenda Meier Kimaro will speak at both of our services. She will bring the mission of Lutheran World Relief to life through personal stories of her travels around the world as a staff member of Lutheran World Relief. During the service we will also dedicate the kits and quilts. Brenda will help us honor the work of our own Lutheran World Relief Committee and Quilters.

During the Education Hour Brenda and her husband, Kakasii, who is Tanzanian, will share pictures and more stories about where our kits and quilts go, mosquito net malaria project in the Para Diocese, and fair trade. Everyone can help assemble 150 health and school kits and learn how the quilts are made. There will be special activities for children and time to visit informally with Brenda and Kakasii

Brenda Meier Kimaro is Lutheran World Relief's Director for Congregational & Community Engagement. She works to bring the overseas stories of LWR home to U.S. Lutheran congregations, especially relating to women's organizations, LWR quilting and kit making groups. Brenda's overseas experiences provide her with a deep understanding of the need for the relief and development efforts of LWR in developing countries, as well as the hope that is alive in areas where LWR projects are in progress. Brenda has traveled in Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, Mali, Niger, Burkina, Faso, Ghana, El Salvador, Mexico and Guatemala. Most recently she traveled to Tanzania to visit with LWR's work helping communities protect themselves from malaria. She and her husband are members of Salem Lutheran Church in Catonsville, Maryland and she serves on the Tanzania Task Force of the Delaware-Maryland Synod.



LWR Ministry Opportunity at Grace

Do you have an interest in missions? Would you like to have the opportunity to impact people's lives around the globe? Then maybe serving on the LWR Committee is for you! For more information about what this entails, please see Pat Bordt, the current LWR Chair. After the spring drive, Pat will be stepping down as chair but will be happy to train a new person before then, and new members of the committee are welcome as well. Might God be calling you to serve in this way?

Lutheran Lakeside Camp Scholarship Fund at Grace



Did you know that Grace has a camp scholarship fund to make it possible for those with financial need to attend camp? It's time to start building it up again to continue this ministry. Confirmation camp is one of the many ministries of Lutheran Lakeside Camp, and each year we have several students who attend as part of our confirmation program. This year the cost of confirmation camp is \$395, and a variety of other camp programs are available as well. Not

wanting financial hardship to be a barrier, we'd like to replenish Grace's scholarship fund for future needs. If you would like to contribute to this, please make your check out to *Grace Lutheran Church*, write "Lakeside Camp scholarship fund" in the memo portion, and place it in the offering plate or send it to the church office. For more information about the camp, feel free to explore their website at www.lutheranlakeside.com. Thanks for your help!

Children and Families

Family Fun Game Night

Saturday, March 26 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Come join us for an evening of fun and games with elementary kids and their families. Several games will be available to play, but feel free to bring your family's favorite games as well – or try our version of *Minute to Win It!* Snacks and drinks will be provided. All are welcome! Please sign up on the bulletin board across from the library. Please also let us know if you have a Wii game system that we can share that night. Thanks!

Grace Family Fun Team – MeLissa Lawson, Michelle Voelker, Stacy Speck, Stephanie

First Communion News: Classes and Camp!

This is an exciting time! First Communion classes will be taking place in April for all children who wish to begin receiving Holy Communion. We ask that at least one parent attends the sessions with your child. We will also make our own chalices (\$17/person) at *Whatta Dish* ceramic studio in Valley Junction (509 Elm St., WDM).

Session 1: Wednesday, April 6: 5:30-6:30 p.m. in Esperanza Chapel

Whatta Dish trip: Sunday, April 10, 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Session 2: Wednesday, April 13: 5:30-6:30 p.m. in Esperanza Chapel

First Communion celebration: Maundy Thursday, April 21, 6:30 p.m. worship service

Please call the church office **by Wednesday, March 23**, if possible, so that we can give a count to the pottery studio.

Optional Holy Communion Camp at Grace:

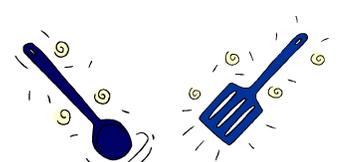
Saturday, April 2 from 9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

"Hey Jesus! What's for Supper?" is the name of an exciting hands-on experience designed for children who have gone through First Communion classes in recent years or who will be doing that this year. The cost is \$35/child, and the **registration deadline is March 28**. It is designed to supplement, not replace, the First Communion classes described above. Please bring a sack lunch. It will be a fun day!

To register, contact Lutheran Lakeside Camp at 712-336-2109. Flyers are available on the bulletin board across from the library. Parents are welcome to attend at no additional cost. See Stephanie Johnson for questions or more information.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL NEWS



Get ready to shake things up at the *Shake It Up Café: Where Kids Carry Out God's Recipe!* The bible gives us the recipe for living in response to God's love, and Jesus calls us to "shake up" our lives and become his followers. Join us for this week of fun and multi-sensory learning as we mix the fun and excitement of the kitchen with the relevance of God's Word in our lives.

Registration packets and flyers are coming out this month. We'll look forward to seeing your children at the Shake It Up Café! Interested in volunteering? Talk to any member of the VBS Planning Team and look for the soon to be coming display in the Gathering Hall.

Dates: Monday, June 27 – Friday, July 1

Time: 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (Morning program with an afternoon option)

(Please note: This is an earlier starting time than published in the last newsletter.)

After care is available from 4:00-5:30 p.m.

Ages: 3 year-olds through those currently in 5th grade

(Please note: The 3-5 year-old program will only be available from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.)

Cost: Free

Your VBS Planning Team includes Beth Flannery, MeLissa Lawson, Kristin Medhurst, Julie Honsey, Jim Merkwan, and Stephanie Johnson. See any of them with questions. Invite your friends and let's *shake things up* this summer!

Great Things Are Happening At Grace Kids Care

We are three months into the New Year and boy have we been busy! We thought we would give everyone an update on what we have been up to.

We are full with 47 children and have a waiting list out till Spring 2012! Wow, talk about job security! We are so excited to be a part of the growth process of so many children. It is a wonderful opportunity to work with children.

We have had a few special visitors recently in the Preschool class. Jill Featherstone from the Des Moines Art Center came and demonstrated with the children Interlogos sculptures. During Dr. Seuss week Mayor Cownie came to read to the 3's and 4's.

They had a great time and loved the new experiences! The children always enjoy Bible story time with Miss Stephanie, and going to the Library to hear a story or two with Miss Bev.

We have gotten out of the center a few times taking fun field trips to The Des Moines Playhouse, Story time with Clifford at the Franklin Library, and a trip to Lawson Family Dentistry. We enjoy providing the children with a variety of opportunities to learn about the world around them.

Miss Bobbie, the Preschool teacher was featured in the *Windsor Heights Living* magazine in the education section. We are very proud to have our center represented, Miss Bobbie featured and hear from a few of our children "what they like about their teacher". We have extra copies to share.

As always we have been keeping the children active in the classrooms with fun crafts, musical instruments and the other scheduled learning activities the teachers provide to promote self-esteem, social skills, motor development, and independence. Look for our artwork in the display cabinet in April. We love to show off our talents.

We have a very supportive staff and wonderful group of parents that work together as a great team to encourage all of the children here to grow in grace! How blessed are we to be a part of the future!

Heather Nelson
Director, Grace Kids Care

Companion Congregation Committee Fundraiser for Msindo Scholarship Fund



Picture of Tanzanian school children in their classroom copied from the internet.

The Companion Church Committee will be going to Msindo in May for a business meeting. We were advised the scholarship fund (for primary school students to purchase the required uniforms, shoes, and books) is low and we want to take a contribution. Our fundraiser will allow you to contribute what you can. A school chart will be on the bulletin board; please choose a card and put that amount in an envelope. It can be placed in the offering or office. If a check is written, please make it out to Grace and write Msindo in the memo line. Thank you for your support. More information will follow about our mission.



Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday, April 17

Holy Communion Services at 8:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

Maundy Thursday, April 21

Holy Communion Service at 11:00 a.m.

Holy Communion Service at 6:30 p.m. with First Communion

Good Friday, April 22

Worship Service at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 23

Open Prayer Vigil in Upper Room 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 24

Holy Communion Services at 6:30 a.m., 8:15 a.m., and 10:45 a.m.

Children's Easter Activities in Grace Hall, 9:30-10:30 a.m. featuring Crafts, Table Games and Stories