

**Morning and Welcome to Grace!
Announcements for April 6, 2025**

Ongoing Prayer Needs

Amy Batten, Ellen Batten, Sandy Briggs, Ken Carlson, Lonnie Jessen, Dee Johnson, Brad Lint, Shyrall Nelsen-Deanna Weber's Mother, Livia Ocken, Barb Powers, Ed Ridnour, Dana Roby, Tony - son of Linda Rundle, Karen Taylor, Deb Ubom

Happy Birthday: Roy Hansen, Carolyn Anderson, Ben Nelson, Maya Uehling Lint, Emily Woodruff, Jennie Wonderlin, Kelley Brown, Jared Nelson, Cherie Rissman, Mark Stumme, DeVee Trickel, Mira Voelker, Kyler Medhurst

Happy Anniversary: Kathy Piltingsrud and Paul Nelson

Communion – All communion wafers are gluten free. Find directions for communion in the bulletin margins.



Enjoy Coffee, juice, donut holes, and fellowship in the Gathering Hall immediately following worship.



Education Hour for all ages: 10:15 a.m.

Today, April 6

- **Adults and Middle/High School students** meet in Grace Hall, and are currently studying the Book of Acts.
- **Elementary Sunday School.** Meet in the Sunday School room across from the elevator on the office level.

Palm Sunday, April 13

- **LSI** will be with us during worship, and will be presenting in Grace Hall after worship. Bring your questions, and hear about recent updates and changes at LSI.
- **Elementary Sunday School.** Meet in the Sunday School room across from the elevator on the office level.



Preparation for Worship weekly

Are you interested in exploring Centering Prayer after experiencing it in worship?

A small group meets each Sunday morning in the Upper Room at 8:30 a.m. Starting with a prayer, they follow with a short Centering-Prayer sit, and a reflective reading of the lyrics for one of the day's hymns. The practice ends with the chanting of a Psalm before heading down to the Sanctuary for worship at 9 a.m.



We need your help Saturday, April 12, 8 a.m. – noon

Help us spruce up before Holy Week and Easter Sunday. We have tasks for everyone, both inside and out. Brian Gerling has placed two task boards in the Gathering Hall with all of the tasks written on post-it notes. On April 12 you can go straight to the task board, no matter what time you arrive. When you choose a task, take the post-it with you, so we'll know what has been done, and what remains. Some of the tasks:

- Cleaning up around the grounds after winter: raking, edging along sidewalks, trimming bushes, cleaning out window wells, cleaning up around the AC condensers and along the fence.
- Cleaning out the kitchen Fridge and Freezer and checking that all appliances are in good working condition, cleaning counters and drawers.
- Cleaning windows inside and out.
- Cleaning entryway and Gathering Hall doors
- Wiping and polishing wood doors
- Dust and cleanup library



Lutheran World Relief: This past Sunday we made personal care kits, baby care kits and tied quilts to send around the world to people in need. We will be accepting donations to support kit and quilt making through April 13. There will be a LWR kit and quilt blessing on April 13th in worship. Join us as we continue to minister to our neighbors in the US and around the world who are experiencing disasters, deep poverty, hunger, conflict, and displacement. See the display in the Gathering Hall.



Worship Volunteers

Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday needs: Communion Assistants and Greeters.
Signup here at the link [Online Worship Volunteer Signup](#).



Lenten Wednesday Schedule for April 9

- **Soup Supper in the Gathering Hall: 5:00 - 6:15 p.m.** Free-will offerings will be accepted to help offset the cost for those providing the soups.
- **First Communion Class: 5:30 p.m.**, meet in room 102
- **Choir Rehearsal in the Music Room (below Grace Hall): 5:30 - 6:15 p.m.**
- **Hymn Sing in the Sanctuary: 6:20 - 6:30 p.m.**
- **Holden Evening Prayer Worship** in the Sanctuary: 6:30 p.m.



Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday Worship 9 a.m. April 13

Maundy Thursday Worship, 6:30 p.m. April 17

Good Friday, April 18

- Seven Sacred Pauses 20-minute meditation pauses during the hours of **8:00 am, 10:00 am, noon, 1:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 7:00 pm**. Enter through the door marked 'Grace Hall' at the north end of the parking lot.
- Worship, 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Easter, April 20

- Sunrise Worship, 6:30 a.m. Gathering Hall and Sanctuary
- Easter Breakfast, 7 a.m. – 10 a.m. in Grace Hall (see below for information)
- Worship 8:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary
- Worship 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary



April Little Free Pantry Request of the Month:

We are collecting beans and rice products this month for the Little Free Pantry. You can also provide donations online through the [GIVE](#) page or provide a check payable to Grace Lutheran Church with "Little Free Pantry" in the memo. There is also a [Grace LFP Amazon Wish List](#) available where items will be shipped directly to the church. Thank you for your donations.



Sponsor an Easter Lily – order deadline is tomorrow, Monday, April 7

We invite you to purchase an Easter lily to decorate the sanctuary for Easter. The cost is **\$16.00**, and you will be able to pick up your lily after Easter. You can include a message to honor or remember loved ones if you choose (optional). Find forms at the end of each pew or in the entryway. If reading online, follow this [link to the online order form](#). Fill out all information and follow payment instructions on the form.



Easter Sunday Prayer Breakfast, Sunday, April 20 and Help Requested

Pancakes, sausage/bacon, hashbrowns, fruit, coffee, juice! We will be serving from 7 to 10 a.m. A basket for free-will offering will be available – all proceeds support our Member Care Committee. Help is needed for the breakfast to be successful - opportunities include Saturday morning food prep and set-up, Sunday morning cooking, serving, and cleanup. Ross Peeler will be coordinating. As you solidify your Easter Day plans, let the office know how you are able to help: 515-276-6873.



Final Four: Women's Basketball NCAA Fundraiser

With the Final Four set, we have clarity on potential winners of the tournament pool for charity. So far, \$155 has been raised in this fundraiser. The potential winners include:

- Todd Haugen (Arthritis Foundation) if the final is between U Conn and South Carolina.
- Jill Boesch (Dorothy's House) if Texas wins
- Madeline Boorman, a friend of Allison Olson's (Animal Rescue League) if UCLA wins,
- Greg Boesch (Lutheran Services in Iowa) if South Carolina beats UCLA
- Dave Gronert (Dorothy's House) if U Conn beats Texas.

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