

# GIFT of GRACE

## LUTHERAN CHURCH

### GRACE NOTES

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

MARCH 11, 2020

#### A WORD FROM PT

Our Lenten Midweek Services are under way, and we are off to a good start with using the Holden Evening Prayer Service for the first time at Gift of Grace. And now as Daylight Savings Time kicks in, you will be able to arrive and depart from our 6:30-7:30pm service in daylight.

It is always special to share a meal together. And the soup dinner at 6:30 goes over well. It affords a chance for many of you to simmer something in the crockpot during the day while going about business. Please take a look at the signup sheet and contribute to at least one of the five meals. In addition to two soups, we need bread, des-

serts, and beverages.

We try to start the prayer service sharp at 7pm, and the length being only 30 minutes allows families with children to arrive back home at a decent time. As I mentioned, our first run with the Holden Evening Prayer Service went well. Many thanks to the choir for rehearsing and leading it! People comment that the music is catchy and memorable, while the texts remain the traditional words of the Church's Vespers Service.

The Theme for the selected Scripture Lesson and the brief 5 minute Meditation is "Baptized By Water And God's Word: Our Baptismal Journey." I am enjoying

looking at incidents in the Bible surrounding water and sea that are illuminating on the meaning and significance of Baptism. And so we are looking at the Spirit hovering over the waters at Creation. We are considering death and salvation happening in the Great Flood in which Noah and his family were rescued. We are contemplating the crossing of the Red Sea for the congregation of God's people. We are recalling Naaman's cleansing in the Jordan River. And we are recalling Jesus and Peter walking on the Sea of Galilee.

Take advantage of Lent, and don't miss out on this opportunity!

#### SINCE YOU ASKED...

**What is meant by the term "catholic" as when we confess, "I believe in the holy catholic Church?"**

The term "catholic" means whole and refers to a church which receives the Christian faith intact without altera-

tion or selection of matters of the faith. The opposite of catholic is heretic, one who picks and chooses which parts of the faith to accept. Thus "catholic" is more specific than "Christian" and is not a synonym for "ecumenical" or "worldwide". (from "Manual on the

*Liturgy" companion to the LBW, from Augsburg Pub.)*

- often when the "C" is capitalized "Catholic" is referring to the Roman Catholic Church, and when the "c" is lower case "catholic" is referring to the Church receiving the whole of the faith.

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Tuesday, 3/10**

6:00pm Church Council

**Wednesday, 3/11**

6:30pm Lenten Midweek Service

**Friday, 3/13**

6:30am Men's Breakfast at church

**Sunday, 3/15 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday In Lent**

8:00am Choir Practice

9:00am Divine Service

10:45am Adult Class

10:45am Assemble Seed Packets

**Wednesday, 3/18**

6:30pm Lenten Midweek Service

#### KEY ATTRIBUTES OF LCMC & NALC

- *Christ-Centered*
- *Mission-Driven*
- *Traditionally-Grounded*
- *Congregationally-Focused*

**LCMC** (Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ)

**NALC** (North American Lutheran Church) ([www.thenalc.org](http://www.thenalc.org))

## THIS AND THAT...

The **Church Council** meets this Tuesday, March 10, at 6pm.

Our Wednesday, **Lenten Midweek Services** are under way. We gather for soup at 6:30pm and then at 7 we pray the Holden Evening Prayer Service. The theme for the meditations is "Baptized By Water And God's Word: Our Baptismal Journey."

The Biblical narratives for our Lenten Midweek Services will be as follows: **3/4** The Spirit

hovering over the waters at Creation; **3/11** The Flood, Noah and the Ark; **3/18** The Crossing of the Red Sea; **3/25** Naaman's leprosy cleansed at the Jordan; **4/1** Jesus walks on Sea of Galilee while after a few steps, Peter almost drowns.

Our **Designated Benevolence** for the month of March will be directed to the **North American Lutheran Seminary (NALS)**.

Don't forget to bring non-

perishable food items for the **Holmen/Onalaska Food Pantry**.

The Duesenbergs are signed up to clean the church the week of March 15. Heidi Traver is listed for week of April 19.

When is the last time you had a "faith conversation" with family, neighbors, friends, and coworkers? Have you considered how you might start such a conversation?

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*For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God. - Eph 2:8*

## HUMOR DEPARTMENT

### Celebrations

#### Birthdays

Mar 16..... Jon Uy  
Mar 17..... Mike Meunier  
Mar 18..... Nikki Hanson  
Mar 18..... Aimee Stutzman

#### Anniversaries

May 3 ..... J & J Schoonover  
May 6 ..... T & L Duesenberg  
May 7 ..... T & N Rislow

### Random Humor

- A little girl became restless as the preacher's sermon dragged on and on. Finally, she leaned over to her mother and whispered, "Mommy, if we give him the money now, will he let us go?"

- Three boys are in the schoolyard bragging about their fathers. The first boy says, "My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he

calls it a poem, they give him \$50." The second boy says, "That's nothing, My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a song, and they give him \$100." The third boy says, "I got you both beat. My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a sermon. And it takes eight people to collect all the money!"

- A police recruit was asked

during the exam, "What would you do if you had to arrest your own mother?" He said, "Call for backup."

- A Sunday School teacher asked the children just before she dismissed them to go to church, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?" Annie replied: "Because people are sleeping."

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

**3/15** Third Sunday in Lent  
**Asst Minister:** Jeremy Schoonover  
**Reader:** Jessica Schoonover  
**Crucifer:** Sam Schoonover  
**Acolyte:** Elyse Schoonover  
**Ushers:** Merlin Wangen  
**Counters:** Connie M/Jeremy S  
**Comm Asst:** Jessica Schoonover  
**Accompanist:** Tom Rislow  
**Fellowship:** Jessica S/tba

**3/22** Fourth Sunday in Lent  
**Asst Minister:** Cole Warner  
**Reader:** Heather Roll  
**Crucifer:** Benjamin Roll

**Acolyte:** Stella Roll  
**Ushers:** David Bjornstad  
**Counters:** Heather R/David B  
**Comm Asst:** Heather Roll  
**Accompanist:** Leslie Duesenberg  
**Fellowship:** Hannah S/tba

**3/29** Fifth Sunday in Lent  
**Asst Minister:** Leslie Duesenberg  
**Reader:** Mike Meunier  
**Crucifer:** Alex Uy  
**Acolyte:** tba  
**Ushers:** Jon Uy  
**Counters:** Cheryl R/Mary B  
**Comm Asst:** Connie Meunier

**Accompanist:** Tom Rislow  
**Fellowship:** Connie M/tba

**4/5** Sunday of the Passion/Palm Su  
**Asst Minister:** tba  
**Reader:** tba  
**Crucifer:** tba  
**Acolyte:** tba  
**Ushers:** tba  
**Counters:** tba  
**Comm Asst:** tba  
**Accompanist:** tba  
**Fellowship:** tba

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