

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 1, 2020**

SUN	8:30 AM	Traditional Worship Service
	9:30 AM	Sunday Book Club
	9:45 AM	Family Book Club/Sunday School
	10:45 AM	Contemporary Worship
	5:15 PM	Youthful Spirit & Laudate
MON	6:15 PM	Graceful Ringers
	9:00 AM	Preschool 3, 4 & 5 year olds
TUES	6:30 PM	Boy Scouts
	9:00 AM	Preschool 2, 4 & 5 year olds
	9:00 AM	Sewing Circle
WED	1:00 PM	Afternoon Bible Study
	6:45 PM	All Committee Meeting Night
	9:00 AM	Preschool 3, 4 & 5 year olds
	12:00 PM	Midweek Lent Service
	12:30 PM	Lenten Soup Lunch
	4:45 PM	Chimes
	5:15 PM	Cherubs/PrimeTime—Meatball Subs
THUR	6:00 PM	Joyful Sound/Revelation Ringers
	6:30 PM	Midweek Lent Service
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir/Confirmation
	9:00 AM	Preschool 2, 4 & 5 year olds
	11:30 AM	DAP
FRI	6:30 PM	Sycamore District BSA Award Dinner
	9:00 AM	Preschool 3, 4 & 5 year olds
SAT	11:15 AM	Adoration
	5:00 PM	Worship

BREAD FOR THE DAY 2020 - Bread for the day is a daily-use devotional resource filled with rich treasures. They are available for purchase, at the cost of \$8.00, in the office. Only two copies left!

SAVE THE DATE—

- Sewing Circle—MAR 3
- Afternoon Bible Study—MAR 3
- All Comm. Meeting Night—MAR 3
- Midweek Lent Services—MAR 4
- Lenten Soup Lunch—MAR 4
- DAP—MAR 5
- Afternoon Bible Study—MAR 10
- Midweek Lenten Services—MAR 11
- Lenten Soup Lunch—MAR 11
- Sycamore BSA Roundtable—MAR 12
- Faith Circle—MAR 16
- Sewing Circle—MAR 17
- Afternoon Bible Study—MAR 17
- Midweek Lent Service—MAR 18
- Lenten Soup Lunch—MAR 18

- DAP/Council—MAR 19
- BSA Patrol Leaders Conf—MAR 19
- No Preschool Classes—MAR 19/20
- Senior Luncheon—MAR 24
- Afternoon Bible Study—MAR 24
- Midweek Lent Service—MAR 25
- Lenten Soup Lunch—MAR 25
- BSA Merit Badge Day—MAR 28
- Afternoon Bible Study—MAR 31
- Midweek Lent Service—APR 1
- Lenten Soup Lunch—APR 1
- First Communion Class—APR 4
- Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast—APR 5
- WACM Meeting—APR 6

DAY ONE SUBMISSIONS: Deadline is this Tuesday for next weekend's Day One. Email requests to lkleinjan@gracewoodstock.org.

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First Sunday in Lent

*Take Day One home and stay connected to Grace all week long!
TODAY IN WORSHIP- Today's gospel tells of Jesus' temptation in the desert. His forty-day fast becomes the basis of our Lenten pilgrimage. In the early church Lent was a time of intense preparation for those to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. This catechetical focus on the meaning of faith is at the heart of our Lenten journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. Hungry for God's mercy, we receive the bread of life to nourish us for the days ahead.*

WELCOME TO GRACE! - If you are a guest with us today, we welcome you and ask you to please sign Grace's red friendship folder during the service and stop by the Information Center for a gift from us. Please join us again and get to know us better.

LENT- On Ash Wednesday, we gathered for worship with the imposition of ashes and Holy Communion. We enter the season of Lent with an invitation to the discipline of Lent—self-examination and repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving and works of love. We hope this season will be a meaningful time for reflection and prayer for you and invite you to the following worship services. Then, for the following five Wednesdays, we gather for Lenten Midweek Worship services at Noon & 6:30 P.M. for Holden Evening Prayer. Blessings on this season ahead, we hope to see you in worship.

PRIMETIME & LENT SERVICES- We invite the entire congregation to make a new commitment for this Lent season. Come experience a convenient dinner with the family at our Wednesday PrimeTime meal (5:15-6:15 p.m.) and stay for our 30 minute Lent worship service at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Be twice fed! Begins March 4th.

LENTEN SOUP LUNCHESES- Lenten Soup Lunches began February 26th with Ash Wednesday and will continue through April 9th, Maundy Thursday. Each week, after the noon Lenten Service, we will serve a homemade soup, fresh bread, coffee, tea and water plus various desserts in Grace Center. A freewill donation will be taken to cover expenses. Volunteers are needed to cook soup and make desserts. Please see the Activity Binder for more information or to sign up. 

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR LENTEN SOUP LUNCHESES- We are in desperate need of more cooks to create soups that we serve each week. Volunteers are also needed to make desserts for the midweek Lenten Soup Lunches that will continue through April 9th. Please see the Activity Binder for more information or to sign up.

EASTER DECORATIONS—Order forms for plants to help decorate our worship area for Easter Sunday can be found at the Welcome Desk or in your service folders. The deadline for the \$15.00 donation is April 5, 2020.



Day One

Grace for the first
day of your week.

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PHOTO DIRECTORIES ARE IN- If you had your photo taken with Lifetouch, your photo directory is labeled with your name and is available at the Welcome Desk. If you did not have a picture taken, but would like a copy, they are on sale for \$10.00 in the church office.

CONGREGATIONAL RESOURCING EVENT- You are invited to a day of worship and learning at the Congregational Resourcing Event (CRE) March 14, 2020 at Kishwaukee Community College, Malta, Illinois. The keynote speaker will be our ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton. This event is an opportunity for members of congregations across the Northern Illinois Synod to learn and share resources. Registration and more information can be found at <http://nisynod.org/cre/>, then please add your name to sheet on the Activity Board if you are interested in carpooling from Grace. Please contact one of the pastors if you have any questions.

SUNDAY BOOK CLUB- Sunday Book Club meets between services in room 102 and is continuing with the book “7 Great Women”. On March 1 and 8, we will read and discuss Corrie Ten Boom. March 15 and 22 will be on Rosa Parks, and March 29 we will begin Mother Teresa. Come and learn about what makes these women great! Homemade treats provided along with a lively discussion. If you have any questions, please call Shirley Busse at 815-338-9063.

PRAYER VIGIL- The Spirituality Team would like to invite you to come pray with us during the Prayer Vigil, which will be held on Good Friday, April 10th, from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. in the parlor at church. Look for the sign-up sheet to make sure all our time slots are covered, but there can be more than one person praying at one time. If you have a prayer request, please use the purple prayer cards at the Welcome Center and place them in the basket or put the card in the offering plates during services. The Prayer Vigil is open to all ages. This would be a wonderful way to end our Lenten season. Please consider spending some time in prayer at Grace during the Prayer Vigil.



FIRST COMMUNION CLASS SIGN UP- We will be holding First Communion on Palm Sunday, April 5th at the 8:30 a.m. service. In order to participate, parent and child must attend the preparation class-luncheon that will be held on Saturday, April 4th from 11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Please sign up in the black activity folder by Sunday, March 15th if you and your child will be participating in First Communion. For more information, please contact Jen Freeman at jfreeman@gracewoodstock.org or call the church office at (815) 338-0554.

WOMEN’S RETREAT—LAKE GENEVA- Get excited for a women’s retreat for all ages! Join us on Saturday, April 25th at 10:00 a.m. for a team building event led by an experienced guide at Lake Geneva Canopy tours. Sign-Up on the events board by March 15th. The cost will be \$35 and will be collected when you sign up for this fun event.

PRAYERS- Please lift up these petitions in your prayers—To become a praying member of the Friends in Prayer, please submit name and e-mail address to dklabunde@gracewoodstock.org.

World: Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, churchwide staff & their families, Bishop Jeff Clements, synod staff & their families, those serving in military conflicts, Arusha Town Lutheran Parish in Tanzania (our companion parish), Scott Bunch serving in the military.

Woodstock: Pastor Ken Gibson & his family; Pastor Amanda Bergstrom & her family; Grace Staff; Grace Council

Health Concerns: Charlie Bell (friend of Jamielynn Wedoff), Rev. Jim Berg (friend of Marlene Botts), Shirley Berna, Mary Sue Boerner (friend of Paul Lockwood & Diane Baker-Lockwood), Dee Bohn, Brian Bradford (friend of Diane Baker-Lockwood), Myron Callihan (brother of Susan Payton), Jim Davis, Nancy Davis, Lori Dechant, Patrice Dunn, Robert Giron (brother of Patty Kozlow), Tom Goggin, Becca Guenther (niece of Gretchen & Claude Hutchens), Tamasa Gutierrez (mother of Patty Kozlow), Sue Hanson-Smith (friend of Barb Aavang), Liz Henniges (wife of Al Henniges), Steve Kosmen (loved one of the Koehn family), Elayna Kuipers (friend of the Wedoff Family), Anna Larsen (sister of Al Henniges), Elizabeth Lynd Loser, Amanda McNally (grandniece of Diane Baker-Lockwood), Dick McNally, Sarah McAllister (friend of Lauren Kleinjan), Karen Millman, Tammy Millman (daughter of Karen Millman), Kem Moran (friend of Barb Aavang), Collene Nelsen (cousin of Debbi Lynd), Gloria Ogle, Andrea Paetsch (aunt of Debbi Lynd), Linda Page (friend of Joe Evanoff), Georgia Petersdorf (sister-in-law of Gladys Renner), Pat Peterson, June Peterson, Carol Raffel, Bruce Randolph (husband of Ila Randolph), Carol Rank, Shawn Rank (son of Carol Rank), Barbara Readel, Sheila Readel, Jayne Reicher (great niece of Barb & Wayne Japp), Herb & Bev Renner (brother & sister in law of Ken & Gladys Renner), Jessie & Sue Robertson (friends of Ron, Mary & Kimberly Koehn), Carl Rossini (Godfather to Heidi Olsen), Nicholas Ruffino (brother of Nathan Ruffino), Joan Russell (mother of Sheri Conover), John Rust (Aavang family friend), Michael Schnepf (nephew of Sue & Terry Aavang), Colton Sciluffo (infant son of a friend of Joy Oberman), Nathaniel Shipp (family friend of Brian Meyers), Elsie Stoddard, Andrea Strayer (mother of Lisa Wakhowiak), Ginny Stroh (mother of Fay Wilson), Dave Sundby (brother-in-law of Deborah Evanoff), Samuel Sweeney (nephew of Melissa McMahan), Josh Tillman, Brian Tobin (grandson of Enn Teetsov), Bev Visconti, Gino Visconti, Addie Jo Wedoff, Esther Wienke, Bud Winter, Ruth Zirves

Sorrow: Russ Freeman, Gary Zirves (son of Ruth Zirves)

THIS WEEK’S SCRIPTURE	
Monday:	Genesis 4:1-16
Tuesday:	Exodus 34:1-9, 27-28
Ash Wed.:	Matthew 18:6-14
Thursday:	1 Kings 19:1-8
Friday:	Hebrews 4:14—5:14
Saturday:	Psalms 38
Sunday:	Genesis 12:1-4a, Psalm 121, Romans 4:1-5, 13-17, John 3:1-17

OUR WORSHIP LAST WEEK	
SATURDAY 5:00 P.M.	32
SUNDAY 8:30 A.M.	225
10:45 A.M.	122
WEEK TOTAL	379
Received for Budget	
Offering	\$ 4,937.00
E- Giving	\$ 6,480.00
Week Total	\$ 11,417.00