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NOW WHAT?.....by Pastor Amanda Bergstrom

“Now the green blade rises from the buried grain, wheat that in dark earth many days has lain; love lives again, that with the dead has been; love is come again like wheat arising green.”

ELW 379, vs. 1

In early March I was surprised to see the green blades of spring flowers emerging on the ground around the cross out front. Then the next day, on the other side of the cross I saw flowers for the first time this year. Of course within days it had snowed again and yet, now the green blade rises.

Love lives. Loves is come again. No matter the depths of sorrow or death or despair—God’s love endures and persists and is revealed.

What is next? After all that we have experienced in the past year of pandemic, as we navigate the hope of vaccines and changes ahead, now what? Who are we as a people of God, who will we be in this next phase of change, and what will Grace Lutheran Church’s witness be?

Perhaps we will start to notice signs of new life and possibility, like the emerging signs of spring. Perhaps we will rejoice in embracing beauty already present in our midst, like the first flowers of the season. Perhaps we will be set back by another wave of disappointment, like another round of snow.

Whatever happens, whatever lens we see things through, what is next is life in Christ. For now, this Easter, and always—the love of God in Christ is good news for us and for the world.

May the final days of our Lenten journey, worship through the Three Days of Holy Week, and the joy of Easter remind you of God’s enduring, persistent, and abundant love. Love lives, God’s love is what is next; may God’s love guide us this spring, and always.



“When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain, your touch can call us back to life again, fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been; love is come again like wheat arising green.”

ELW 379, vs. 4



BUILDING ENTRY & COVENANT OF CARE—Building Entry & Covenant of Care. At Grace we are asking everyone who enters the building to commit to care for one another through posted guidelines and entry procedures. All staff and building guests are to practice health safety precautions, including wash/sanitize hands, wear a mask, and stay a minimum of six feet apart. If you test positive for COVID-19 within the next two weeks of being in the building, you commit to informing the church office ASAP. We ask everyone to review three screening questions about COVID-19 diagnosis, exposure, and symptoms within the last 14 days each time you arrive at the building. Please call the office first at 815-338-0554 if you need to stop by during the week.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS—Our Sunday School students have been having fun meeting once a month via zoom to learn about Jesus, share laughs and sing songs! This year's Vacation Bible School will be held outside July 26,27 and 28th with the theme of ReNew! Please visit gracewoodstock.org to register your child for this camp. Registration opens May 1st, 2021. We also need helpers. There will also be a volunteer form to donate your time and talents to teaching our youth about God!

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 John Cunningham & his family; Pastor Amanda Bergstrom & her family; Grace Staff; Grace Council

Health Concerns: Charlie Bell (friend of Jamielynn Wedoff), Mary Sue Boerner (friend of Paul Lockwood & Diane Baker-Lockwood), Myron Callihan (brother of Susan Payton), Jim Davis, Nancy Davis, Lori Dechant, Patrice Dunn, Stephane Fylpaa-Asher, Robert Giron (brother of Patty Kozlow), Tom Goggin, Hal Goodman (friend of Bob & Janice Laird), Becca Guenther (niece of Gretchen & Claude Hutchens), Tamasa Gutierrez (mother of Patty Kozlow), Denise Hoover, Anne Johnson, Nicholas Karasch (nephew of Jamielynn Wedoff), 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), 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, Carol Raffel, 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), Nick Resek (son of Tammy Resek-Goggin & brother to Heidi Olsen), Jessie & Sue Robertson (friends of Ron, Mary & Kimberly Koehn), Maria Rossini (family friend of Heidi Olsen and Tammy Goggin), Nicholas Ruffino (brother of Nathan Ruffino), Joan Russell (mother of Sheri Conover), John Rust (Aavang family friend), Colton Sciluffo (infant son of a friend of Joy Oberman), Nathaniel Shipp (family friend of Brian Meyers), Ann Sinnett (friend of Shirley Berna), Andrea Strayer (mother of Lisa Wahkowiak), Dave Sundby (brother-in-law of Deborah Evanoff), Samuel Sweeney (nephew of Melissa McMahan), Josh Tillman, Brian Tobin (grandson of Enn Teetsov), Bev Visconti, Addie Jo Wedoff, Nick Wedoff, Esther Wienke, Ruth Zirves

Sorrows: Vernon Stenoien, Rev. Hollis Bishop

If you wish to add a prayer request for the newsletter, please call the church office at 815-338-0554. Your prayer concern will run for one week and may be renewed. Submissions to the *Friends in Prayer* e-mail and phone teams may also be submitted by telephone to the church office or by e-mail to Gracewoodstock.org. Due to confidentiality laws, hospitals no longer notify churches or pastors when a member is hospitalized. If you or a member of your family have a medical procedure planned or is admitted to the hospital, please call the church office.

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER—The deadline for the May newsletter is **April 15th**. Please send articles to Lauren Kleinjan at lkleinjan@gracewoodstock.org, or the church office. Questions: Call the office at 815-338-0554.

EASTER NEW LIFE 2021.....by Pastor John Cunningham

As you know, Easter is the most important festival in the Christian year. It's too good to confine to a single day, or even to twelve days (like Christmas!). So we celebrate Easter for a "week of weeks" – seven weeks.

Easter is a time to rejoice in the gift of new life through Jesus. As we remember his resurrection, we consider ways we experience new life now. Of course each day is a new day, and springtime is filled with newness as trees bud, plants grow and flowers bloom, and animals come out of hibernation or return from wintering in the south. But this year we can add the exciting newness of seeing the balance tip against the pandemic. We look forward to new life possibilities such as gathering and travel, as restrictions are lifted.



This is a good time to remind ourselves that new life sometimes is tender and requires care. Springtime can mean temperature fluctuations, a late snow, a flood or even a tornado. In terms of the pandemic, hope for many fewer infections means a transition time. Even as more and more people are vaccinated, mitigations continue. This means changing and sometimes confusing guidelines and rules. There may even be sudden shutdowns like a sports game canceled when one player was exposed to COVID.

The Grace Council has approved protocols put together by the Reopening Committee, so that we continue to keep everyone safe as we reopen. Thank you for your patience during this transition time, and for following the protocols for the sake of everyone!

Meanwhile, in preparation for reenergizing Grace ministries, please take note of the article titled "Grace Priorities and Ministries" in this newsletter. You will find a listing of the essential ways Grace carries out our mission. Consider which of these you care about most. For them to happen effectively, we need people to help! Please give prayerful consideration to your involvement, and then contact the Council liaison for that ministry to volunteer.

Then, plan to join an organizational Zoom meeting at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, April 6th. We will all meet together; then there will be breakout groups for each ministry. A link will be emailed once the liaisons have people who have indicated interest.

Note that this is a good time for all of these ministries to consider what can be done now, and to look ahead and make plans for the future. As in gardening, the time to prepare, plan, and plant seeds is now!

Finally, another transition is that my interim ministry at Grace will soon end. It has been unlike any previous ministry I experienced, due to the pandemic! I have appreciated working with Pastor Amanda, the staff, the Council, the confirmation program leaders, and helping with worship and committees.

My last Sunday at Grace will be April 11. Thank you for the opportunity to serve! I will continue to pray for God's guidance and blessings for you.

Trusting God's grace,
Pastor John

CONFIRMATION NEWS—Our confirmation students started meeting on Wednesday nights via Zoom back in Dec. 2020. As the church moves forward with re-opening plans, we are working on protocols to offer options to all families. We will not be attending Lutherdale Confirmation Camp in Elkhorn, WI. However, we will have a mini day camp in June (dates and times to be announced) to allow for fellowship and bonding with the class before the 8th graders are confirmed in October of 2021.

WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY— Following a plan developed by the reopening committee and approved by the Council, we started in-building worship with limited attendance on March 21. This is dependent upon remaining in unmitigated Phase 4 or better, and on individuals being willing to volunteer for greeting and ushering after having been trained on the new procedures.

Changes to the Worship Services

Please understand that services when we reopen will be different than pre-pandemic. We will continue to celebrate God's presence in our lives but the look and feel of Sunday worship will be different. Click here for [additional information](#)

Our Responsibilities to Each Other

Our primary goal is to keep our congregation, staff, volunteers, and visitors as safe as possible from exposure to COVID-19. We cannot do that unless everyone abides by these policies and procedures. Please view following these measures through the lens of love, honor, and respect for one another. For the time being, we ask you to commit to:

- Wearing a mask at all times if you are over two years old;
- Maintaining a six-foot distance from those outside your home or household at all times;
- **Pre-registering** for the service online or by calling the church office Monday through Thursday. Reservations will be taken for the following Sunday only. Once our capacity is reached, no more reservations will be taken. If your plans change, please notify the office to free up your spot. This will help us manage our seating limitations;
- Monitoring your health and **STAYING HOME** If you feel sick or think you might be or, if you believe you were exposed to the corona virus;
- Notifying the church office if you become sick or test positive for COVID-19. Your name will be kept confidential but, we will notify that service's attendees of possible exposure, if necessary; Using your best judgement as to whether you and your family can attend safely or should continue worshipping with us online.

Our church has weathered this pandemic with patience, ingenuity, and grace. We have endured self-quarantining, isolation, and the changes to so much in our day-to-day lives. And even though our facilities have been closed, our church has remained open. Thanks to our livestreaming and those who keep our Sunday services going, we have reached new people who would not normally come on Sunday and old friends who have moved away.

As we prepare for worship, we ask for your prayers, your patience, and your participation. Pray that we would have the people and resources we need in place. Be extra patient with one another as we wait and as we worship in different ways than what we are used to. Be ready to do your part by following these guidelines faithfully and treating one another with love, compassion, and grace. Consider helping out as well because we need people to help with ushering, greeting, and more.

In God's Grace,
Pastors and Council

WEEKLY NOTES— In addition to this *Grace for Today* newsletter, we have additional updates and news shared through our weekly Thursday emails. Please call the office or email Carrie Fiorina cfiorina@gracewoodstock.org to add or update your email address if you do not already receive emails from Grace. The service folder for the upcoming Sunday is included in these emails and is also linked on the front page of Grace's website, www.gracewoodstock.us .

CHRIST IN OUR HOME DEVOTIONAL—The April - June Christ in Our Home devotional is now available in the box outside the front doors for those who would like to pick one up.

Holy Week & Easter Sunday 2021



Palm/Passion Sunday- March 28, 9:00 A.M.

Livestream via [Grace's YouTube channel](#) & video available later that day

Maundy Thursday- April 1, 12:00 P.M.

Livestream via [Grace's YouTube channel](#) & video available later that day

Good Friday- April 2, 12:00 P.M.

Livestream via [Grace's YouTube channel](#) & video available later that day

Vigil of Easter- April 3, 4:00 P.M.

Parking lot worship service (89.3 FM) & Livestream ([Grace's YouTube](#))

Easter Sunday- April 4

9:00 A.M. *Livestream via [Grace's YouTube channel](#) & video available later that day*

11:00 A.M. *Parking lot- full worship service with Holy Communion (89.3 FM)*



FOOD COLLABORATIVE—Woodstock is identified within McHenry County as one of the communities of concern for food insecurity. A collaborative partnership has been formed between the Northern Illinois Food Bank and Faith Leaders of McHenry County Collaborative to support and help alleviate food insecurities in our communities. Opportunities for Grace Lutheran Church to participate in this food collaborative may include volunteer support, financial giving, or space for the support of food distributions in the community. If you are interested in learning more or volunteering, please contact Pastor Amanda.

PRESCHOOL NEWS: WELCOME SPRING!—The Preschool has just finished a big milestone of getting back to opening: reapplying for our license! In the next few weeks/months we will be taking many steps to getting family input about hours and days of operation via Facebook. We will be working closely with DCFS and the CDC to keep up to date on all new safety precautions. If you are interested in working in the preschool part-time, we are currently looking for teachers with Early Childhood experience! Please contact cdezwijger@gracewoodstock.org for an application!



We will be working hard on getting everything in place for reopening in September for the Fall school year. As part of our reopening plan for the preschool, we will need masks. We are looking for donations of children's reusable masks and disposable masks. If you know how to make masks, or can make child masks, these are key pieces to keeping our children safe. If you would like to learn more about donating to the preschool, please contact Casey Dezwijger at cdezwijger@gracewoodstock.org for more information.

Go with Grace,

Casey A. Dezwijger, Preschool Director

2021 NOMINATIONS— The Nominating Committee invites you to prayerfully consider serving as an elected committee member for open positions with terms beginning in fall 2021. You are welcome to return a paper nomination form to the church office, or email nominations to cfiorina@gracewoodstock.org . Please submit nominations by May 2 for consideration.

2021 Nominations should include the following information:

Your Name (submitting the nomination)

Name of Person you are nominating (if you are nominating someone other than yourself, please verify that it is OK to submit their name)

Position you are nominating them for

Reasons why they would serve well in this position at Grace Lutheran Church

Elected committee/board member openings include the following:

4 openings for Church Council (3-year term), 3 openings for Nominating Committee (1-year term), 1 opening for Endowment Board (5-year Term), 2 openings for Preschool Board (3-year term), and 2 male, 2 female, 1 male alternate and 1 female alternate as voting members to represent Grace at the 2022 Northern Illinois Synod Assembly.

STIMULUS SHARING—Grace Lutheran Church is joining with the Northeast Conference (ELCA congregations in McHenry & DeKalb counties) in a living out the gospel generously appeal. We recognize a variety of experiences and needs in this time, for social services organizations in need to support increased demands, and for individuals who may receive a third economic stimulus payment. If you receive a payment and will only need a portion or none of those dollars, we invite you to consider giving a percentage of your unneeded amount to this appeal.

Grace, and our neighboring congregations, will be supporting Lutheran Social Services of Illinois, Turning Point, and PADS. Congregations in DeKalb County will support LSSI and their local domestic violence and homeless shelter organizations.

If you would like to give to this appeal, you may send your gift to the church office marked “stimulus sharing.” Grace will share our collective total three ways with these partners in ministry. When neighboring congregations have contributed, we will report on our total impact from NE Conference congregations. Thank you for your generosity, blessings on this difficult time.

BULLETIN & PRESENCE LIGHT SPONSORS– We continue to have openings available for Bulletin Sponsors and Presence Light Sponsors. Even though we are not in the church building, this ministry continues, and it still allows for us to celebrate, grieve and honor people and occasions with our church family. Please contact Carrie or Denise if you are interested in sponsoring.



NEW LIFE IN CHRIST PASCHAL CANDLE

2 Corinthians 5:15

As we slowly start our return to the church, we hope that everyone will notice our new Paschal Candle that been chosen by the staff and Pastors. The candle is lit each Sunday during Eastertide celebrating the resurrection and eternal life, we light it for every baptism, every wedding and every funeral (All Saints), all of which are examples of new life.

The blue represents both the water of Baptism as well as Eternal Life in Heaven. The fish is an ancient symbol of Christianity. In Greek, the word for fish is “ichthys”, and each letter of this word signifies the phrase: “Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior”.

GRACE PRIORITIES AND MINISTRIES—Although the pandemic has brought changes and shut down many activities of Grace, our ministries remain important. At this time the Council is looking at what's essential and how we can plan ahead for our mission of "Sharing God's Grace", as we come out of the mitigations and restrictions.

At the same time, the "Future Church" focus of our Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is asking all congregations to consider the basics of why the church exists: "to invite more people into the way of Jesus so they might experience community, justice, and love" (ELCA Bishop Eaton). There is also a personal aspect for each of us: which of Grace's ministries are exciting to you? Please consider how you might be involved in what matters most to you. Where is God calling you to participate?

Grace's purposes and priorities are indicated in the constitution. "The Church is a people created by God in Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit, called and sent to bear witness to God's creative, redeeming, and sanctifying activity in the world." Therefore:

- We worship God.
- We proclaim God's saving love and grace to all, including future generations.
- We carry out Christ's Great Commission by reaching out to all people to bring them to faith . . . doing all ministry with a global awareness . . . understanding God as Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier of all. (Matthew 28:19-20; Jesus tells his disciples: "Go . . . make disciples of all nations . . . baptize . . . teach")
- We serve in response to God's love, to meet human needs, caring for the sick and the aged, advocating dignity and justice for all people.
- We nurture our members in the Word of God so as to grow in faith and hope and love.
- We manifest the unity given to the people of God by joining with other Christians in prayer and action.

The following are Grace's priority ministries, summarized from these purposes and further description in the constitution, our past committee structure, and looking ahead. Which of these is an area where you would like to get involved, to lead or to assist, so that this will be a vital ministry of Grace into the future?

- **Adult Education** (Lisa Banker jwb@stans.net) – includes Bible studies, book studies, social issues studies.
- **Christian Education** (Andy Bellavia bellavia.a@gmail.com) – includes Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, confirmation, High School youth group, college age/young adults.
- **Communication** (Lauren Kleinjan lkleinjan@gracewoodstock.org)– includes printed materials and electronic (email, web, social media), and also technology support such as for worship services.
- **Congregation Care** (was Spirituality) (Mike Liedtke abraxuswheel@yahoo.com) – care for the congregation including home communions, ministry to seniors, gift baskets, phone calls, grief care, and fellowship events.
- **Evangelism** (Mary Koehn 7Onovakane@gmail.com) – announcements and invitations to nonmembers, welcome and hospitality, assimilating new members, encouraging those who aren't attending.
- **Outreach** (was Social Ministry) (Gretchen Hutchens hutchens1314@sbcglobal.net) – serving human needs, locally and globally, advocating for the poor and powerless, seeking dignity, justice, and peace; food pantry; PADS; WACM/DAP; Christmas family sharing; Good Gifts.
- **Property** (Bob Teuber rteuber7@gmail.com) – maintenance and cleaning of Grace's facilities and grounds; work days.
- **Stewardship** (Jessica Potoczky jessica.potoczky@gmail.com) – motivating financial support so that Grace's ministries are possible.
- **Worship and Music** (Matt Meiners matthewmeiners@bureauveritas.com) – planning and implementing weekly and special services; supportive aspects of worship such as choirs, readers, and altar guild.

Please contact the Council liaison (the name and email in parentheses), to help in that ministry. You can mention the ministry, like Christian Education, or a more specific interest, like Vacation Bible School. Maybe you want to talk with friends and volunteer together! If you don't have access to email, please call the church office to volunteer. Then, plan to attend a committee meeting night at 7:00 pm Tuesday, April 6, on zoom. The link will be emailed to you. All will meet together, then break out into the individual committees.

It's easy to see how much all these ministries depend on volunteers as well as Grace's staff and pastors. The more people willing to help, the more we will be able to do! Thank you for taking the time to prayerfully consider how you would like to get involved! The Council liaisons are eager to hear from people who will help.

**Please note that another important ministry, the Preschool, is not included in the list because it has an elected board. Likewise the Audit and Endowment Committees are appointed/elected. They do not need additional volunteers.*

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH - EASTER DECORATIONS 2021

WE GIVE THANKS TO THOSE LISTED BELOW WHO HAVE HELPED MAKE OUR
EASTER SEASON MORE FESTIVE:

IN MEMORY OF:

- WILLIAM (BILL) LUALLEN; GIVEN BY MILDRED LUALLEN
- MY PARENTS, MARGE AND CARL; GIVEN BY CARYL DIERKSEN
- LOVED ONES PASSED; GIVEN BY KARL & DENISE KLABUNDE
- REED G. LARSON; GIVEN BY THE LARSON FAMILY – DALLAS, ELLEN, KIRK & EVAN
- THOMAS E. MCGUINE; GIVEN BY HIS WIFE, CAROL MCGUINE
- MY HUSBAND FERD RAFFEL; GIVEN BY CAROL RAFFEL
- MR. & MRS. HARLEY BAKER AND REV. & MRS. GEORGE LOCKWOOD; GIVEN BY DIANE BAKER-LOCKWOOD & PAUL LOCKWOOD
- MY HUSBAND: VIRGIL BOAL, PARENTS: LEO & ELAINE HAULOTTE, SISTER: LINDA WILSON; GIVEN BY LAURA BOAL & FAMILY
- MARY FIGARD AND FRANK HOLY; GIVEN BY TERRY FIGARD & FAMILY
- BOB UNGLAUBE; GIVEN BY HIS LOVING FAMILY
- LOVED ONES; GIVEN BY JOY AAVANG
- MY HUSBAND, IRVIN E. AAVANG; GIVEN BY JOY AAVANG
- BOB & BEA HANSING, SCOTTIE HEMMINGSEN, RUTH HEMMINGSEN-CASE AND J. DAVID CASE; GIVEN BY KEN & TAMMY HANSING
- ALL OUR LOVED ONES; GIVEN BY JOE & JUNE PIENSCHKE
- HERB NEUBAUM; GIVEN BY DONNA NEUBAUM
- MY HUSBAND, RUSS FREEMAN AND OUR CHILDREN RUSTY, SHERRY & SCOTT; GIVEN BY DONNA FREEMAN
- JUNE PETERSON; GIVEN BY RON, BYRON, LINDA & DUANE
- RICHARD BOEHMKE; GIVEN BY BETTY & PHILIP BOEHMKE
- ARMOND, AGNES & RONALD HANSMAN AND WILLIAM, MARY & MAXINE BOEHMKE; GIVEN BY BETTY & PHILIP BOEHMKE



IN HONOR OF:

- OUR GRANDCHILDREN: ARAN, ABBY, CAYLEIGH, LUKE, NATALIE; GIVEN BY WIL & ELAINE BURCHAM
- ANDY AND BETTY BELLAVIA; GIVEN BY ANDY, MB, RACHEL, ZACH & SARAH
- OUR PARENTS, CAROLE & ROGER LONG; GIVEN BY BETH & MARK MILLER, CAROLE & BRIAN GERLOFF, BOB AND JOE
- OUR GRANDCHILDREN, EMMA & HARRISON; GIVEN BY KEN & TAMMY HANSING

TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

- GIVEN BY BOB & JOYCE SHOOK
- GIVEN BY DON & MARYLEE STEINWEHE
- WITH THANKS FOR THE CREATIVITY DISPLAYED BY THE STAFF IN BEING IN TOUCH, DURING THE PANDEMIC, WITH THOSE WHO ARE PART OF THEIR MINISTRIES, AND FOR THOSE WHO ASSISTED: SHIRLEY'S TEAM, KAREN'S TEAM, JEN'S TEAM, DENISE AND CARRIE IN THE OFFICE AND THE GUIDANCE OF THE PASTORS; GIVEN BY RON FREDRIKSEN
- FOR ENABLING OF GOD'S WORSHIP: THANKS TO THE READERS, GREETERS, THE SINGERS, RINGERS, INSTRUMENTALISTS AND THEIR PRACTICE AND RECORDING TIME, AND TO BILL NATTRESS WHO EACH WEEK HAS GIVEN HOURS OF TIME PREPARING WORSHIP LIVESTREAMS AND RECORDINGS ALONG WITH ANDY BELLAVIA'S VIDEO WORK AND TO JAN FREDRIKSEN FOR CHECKING COPYRIGHTS, RECORDING AND TRANSMITTING MUSIC BETWEEN OUR MUSICIANS THESE FIFTY-FIVE WEEKS-AND UNTIL WE ARE ALL ABLE TO WORSHIP TOGETHER SINGING GOD'S PRAISE IN GOD'S HOUSE; GIVEN BY RON FREDRIKSEN



Presence Light Sponsors:

April 25

In honor of our grandson, Jakob's birthday, given by Ken & Kathy Zank

Bulletin Sponsors:

April 4th

To The glory of God, given by Don & Marylee Steinwehe
In memory of Vernon Stenoien who died March 4, 2021, given by Borgie Stenoien

April 11

To the glory of God, given by Bob & Joyce Shook

April 18

To the glory of God, given by Donna Bungard

April 25

In honor of our grandson, Jakob's birthday, given by ken & Kathy Zank
In honor of family, given by Diane Schulz

We currently have many openings available in 2021, for bulletin & presence light sponsors

This ministry continues whether we are in person, watching from our home or from our parking lot. It continues to be a great way to celebrate occasion's, and honor or grieve loved ones with your church family.

Please contact Carrie or Denise in the church office if you are interested in sponsoring. 815-338-0554

eGIVING OPTIONS- In addition to weekly offering envelopes, Grace has additional electronic giving options available. Please give in the way that is most convenient for you and let us know if you have any questions.

Give through automatic withdrawal program. To participate, please complete an enrollment form and return to the church office to schedule pre-authorized electronic funds transfer (EFT) from your bank account. You can change, stop, or temporarily hold your giving by contacting Grace's church office 4 business days in advance of a scheduled contribution.

Give Online at our website: www.gracewoodstock.org

Give by Text by texting **877-698-3604**

1. **Get Started:** Enter the 10-digit GivePlus Text number (877-698-3604) and the amount you wish donate, then press send.
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3. **Give:** After registration is complete, you will receive a verification text as well as a receipt via email.
4. **Repeat:** For future giving, simply send a text with the amount you wish to give, and it will process automatically.

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- Log in or donate as a guest

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