



## Grace Lutheran Church & Preschool

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### **Worship Services**

Sunday 10:30 am

Bible Class & Sunday School 9am

Contemporary 4:30

### **Pastor's message**

It is here. It is upon us—March Madness. Basketball fans and others wait for it the entire year. People save vacation time for it. The ups and downs, the edge of your seat excitement, the nail biting drama, the buzzer beaters, the Cinderella stories all packed into a short magical ride to the championship. That's right, Lent has been an adventure where we follow the ups and downs of Christ's miracles and teaching and His suffering for us. Imagine the edge of your seat excitement the disciples felt as their Lord walked on water and performed death defying feats. Picture His mother and beloved followers biting their nails during His trial, His whipping and as He is lead to the cross. The Cinderella story from Nazareth garnered higher and higher ratings on His magical ride to the championship as He snatched victory from defeat in winning for us the crown of eternal life. Complete the Lenten journey to be ready for the Easter celebration.

We recently celebrated St. Patrick's Day, so green was all around our house. My wife has some Irish in her and likes to pinch and make corned beef and cabbage and celebrate like a little leprechaun. For me the green makes me think of spring and long for warmer weather and the new life that comes with it. My wife wants another snowfall so she can dress the snowman in Kelly green. It is an ongoing game that we play. Spiritually green is the color of growth. We grow as disciples of Christ when we allow ourselves to be watered with His truth. We bloom with the vivid colors of Spring when we are warmed by God's perfect love. We stand firm in faith when we are rooted in the good soil of Christ's making. Sometimes we need a little pinch to jumpstart us in the right direction so that in the end we can join the feast of heavenly hash and greens and celebrate eternally like little leprechauns.

Spring training has started. The crack of the bat. The smell of the grass. The thrill of the pennant chase is about to begin. What captivates us about sports that we don't see in church? For some it is all newness. They claim church is old: old people, old news, old songs, an old book. What they are missing is the living nature of the Word. God speaks to you today. He uses the old book but some things never go out of date. God was, is and always will be. When He created the world, He knew how things would unfold over the entire course of time. When He wrote the book He knew how it would apply to our lives before we were ever born. He is the author of life; who better to look to for direction. Jump into your training now so you will be ready for a successful season. Step to the plate ready to face the heat which is coming your way. Smell the creation all around you and trust in the One who made it all. The thrill of the pennant chase has begun and your eternal crown is in reach. Let Christ captivate you—your mind, your life, your soul.

Grace and peach to you from Christ our Lord! *Pastor*

Hello, Grace church! Spring is here, hooray!

We spent March learning about our community and lots of different helpers who live here. We celebrated the students' special "Dads, Dudes, and/or Dudettes" with donut treats in the sunshine and a parachute playtime outside. We learned ways that we can be community helpers too, and we put some of these ideas into meaningful practice with our annual Trike-A-Thon, benefiting children receiving treatment at St. Jude's Children's Hospital. It's a fun way to practice bike safety as well!

In March we'll also learn about Passover and Easter together. In April we look forward to coming together after spring break, continuing to celebrate the Easter season together and learn about spring! We will be getting ready for our big events and end of the year activities in May, as well.

In mid-March we officially opened preschool registration for the coming school year. It's hard to believe that this year is nearing its close for these wonderful students! Some will return for their second year this fall, and some will be moving on up to "big school" - kindergarten! We feel so privileged to walk with these little ones and bear witness to their growing minds, their capacity to love others and to love God. It's so neat to get to see when something really "clicks" for them!

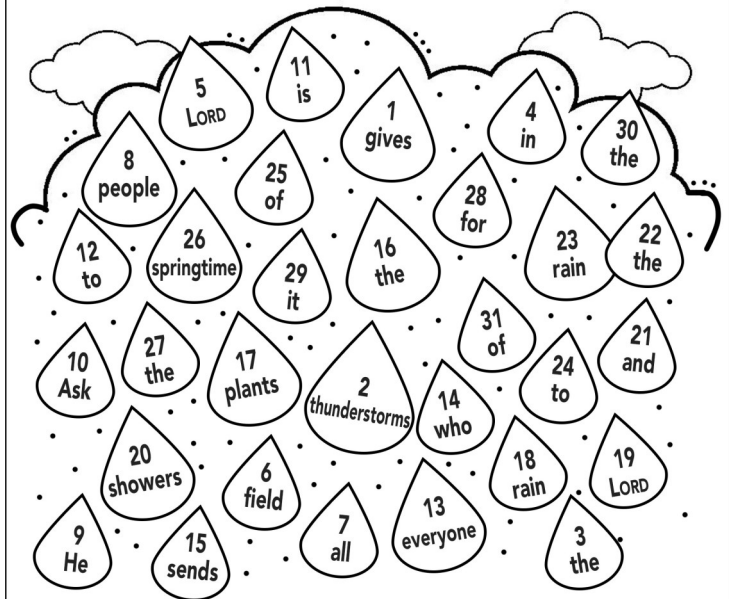
A big thanks to our volunteers who come to prep projects and help with special events, and those who pray over our kiddos. We are so, so grateful for your support!

Ms. Sandy

**Pre K Kids will sing at the 4:30pm service on 4/21. Come and join us. Family dinner to follow the service.**

# Puzzle!

Complete a Bible verse about spring by writing the word from each raindrop on the correct numbered line below.



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\_\_\_\_\_ 4      \_\_\_\_\_ 22      \_\_\_\_\_ 26 \_\_\_\_\_ ;

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\_\_\_\_\_ 9      \_\_\_\_\_ 1      \_\_\_\_\_ 20      \_\_\_\_\_ 31      \_\_\_\_\_ 23

\_\_\_\_\_ 12      \_\_\_\_\_ 7      \_\_\_\_\_ 8      \_\_\_\_\_ 21      \_\_\_\_\_ 17      \_\_\_\_\_ 25

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Zechariah 10:1, NIV

Grace Budget Draft	2024 Actual Jan—Feb	2024 Budget
<b>Summary</b>		
Income	61,404.59	40,475.50
Expenses	44,869.45	43,167.30
Excess Revenue / (Shortfall)	16,535.14	(2,691.80)

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Presents  
**Debbie Dimitre, Storyteller/Actress**



in  
BROKEN STAR:  
The Heroic tales of  
HARRIET BEECHER STOWE,  
author of Uncle Tom's Cabin,  
and  
HARRIET TUBMAN,  
the woman who led hundreds  
of slaves on the Underground Railroad

**SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2024  
at 1:30 p.m.**

RECEPTION FOLLOWING THE  
PERFORMANCE

Servants	April 7	April 14	April 21	April 28
ACOLYTES	Caeden	Caeden	Caeden	Caeden
ALTAR COMM.	Rona & Ann	Rona & Ann	Rona & Ann	Rona & Ann
SCRIPTURE READERS	April Mouw	Caeden	Sandie Miller	Kristi Galbraith
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Steve Roe		Dick Johnson	
PIANIST	Janet Mehus	Janet Mehus	Janet Mehus	Janet Mehus
ORGANIST	Brent Johnson	Brent Johnson	Brent Johnson	Brent Johnson
USHERS	Dan Persse Dick Johnson	Jim Higby	Jon Huffman Dan Persse	Jay Pukaluk



# A.P.R.I.L

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Music Meeting 2pm	4	5	6 MEN'S Bible Study 8 am
Preschool Spring Break						
7 9:00 Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30 Worship w. Com. 4:30 Contemporary	8 Ladies' Bible Study 7pm	9 Preschool Prep 2pm Circuit Meeting	10	11	12	13
14 9:00 Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30 Worship 4:30 Contemporary	15	16	17	18	19	20 MEN'S Bible Study 8 am <b>Debbi D. 1:30pm</b>
21 9:00 Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30 Worship w. Com. 4:30 Contemporary <b>Family Dinner</b>	22 Ladies' Bible Study 7pm	23	24	25	26	27
28 9:00 Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30 Worship 4:30 Contemporary	29	30				

### BIRTHDAYS

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|---|---|
| 7 Shannon Hrutfiord                           | 20 Dwight Luce<br>Chloe Archer<br>Rowena Dehnke |
| 9 Theresa (Holleman) Goninan<br>Sandie Miller | 22 Erika (Gervol) Creydt                        |
| 10 Jan Mouw<br>Bella Elizabeth Hrutfiord      | 23 Shauna Johnson<br>Beth (Thompson) Stoll      |
| 13 Thomas Berndtson                           | 24 Kirk Mouw                                    |
| 16 Loran Goninan<br>Anthony Persse            | 27 Dale VanderYacht<br>Nichole Thompson         |
| 17 Rick Faulkner                              | 29 Darwyn Dehnke                                |
| 18 Mitchell Liebert                           | 30 Margaret Prior<br>Nadine Bowler              |

### ANNIVERSARIES

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| 11 Leonard & Marsha Wahl<br>Jane & Howard Woods                                   |
| 13 Kirk & April Mouw  |
| 20 Dan & Cheryl Persse<br>Steven & Rachel Hrutfiord<br>Jean Cartwright & Al Mason |
| 26 Bruce & Margaret Prior   |