



# The Grace Greeter

Grace Lutheran Church 2225 Washington Street Lincoln, NE 68502 February 26, 2019

## Burning of the Palms

Lesher Lounge

Sunday, March 3, 10:15 AM

Join our Sunday School children immediately following worship for the brief liturgy of the Burning of the Palms in preparation for Ash Wednesday.

**Worship with the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion**  
Wednesday, March 6

**NOTE: we have added another time - 12:15 pm (in the Chapel)**  
**6:30 pm**



The optional imposition of ashes for those who desire it will be offered. Ashes in both Jewish and Christian traditions are a sign of mortality, repentance and sorrow for sin. Join us as we gather around the font and remember the power of baptism.

**Lenten dinners**

**Served 5:30—6:15 PM**

free will offering (suggested donation \$5, adults; \$3, children under 10)

**The Ash Wednesday meal is hosted by Thrivent and the menu is:** Roasted pork loin, cheesy carrot casserole, scalloped potatoes, mixed green salad, dinner roll, ice cream, and assorted cakes and cookies. Thrivent members will be submitting Thrivent Action Grants for the meals and proceeds will go towards the repair of our stained glass windows.



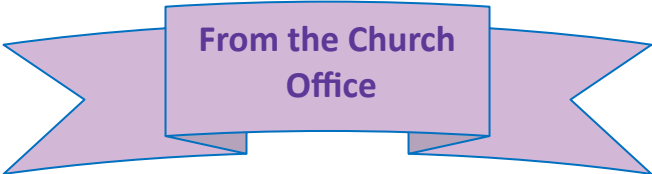
## Let it Shine!

The classic benediction sends us forth from worship: "May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy."

I often wonder about the closing words of this benediction. What does the Lord's face look like? I have seen many faces of Jesus in paintings. None of them accurate. Mostly a white Jesus with blue eyes and blond hair. But maybe that's the point. If you observe paintings of Jesus' face from other cultures that face will often be a reflection of the people behind the painting. An Asian Jesus. An African Jesus. Jesus is many things to many people. The cultures of the oppressed see Jesus as a liberator who offers justice to all. The cultures of the non-oppressed see Jesus as a comforter who takes care of his own.

I guess that Jesus is all of this and more. But more importantly, the Lord's face has a face. Your face. Your hands. Your feet. Your mouth. God is always working through us and so the light of Christ shines through all of us as we do justice, love mercy and be kind to others. So if you are looking for the Lord's face to shine on you then look in the mirror. There you will see the Lord's face shining on you and through you with grace and mercy. Now maybe you were hoping for another face but you are out of luck. You're it! You are the one God shines through today and tomorrow. So let your light so shine before others that they may see God's goodness through you and give God their praise today.

*P. Eric Tesher*



**From the Church  
Office**

- ◆ PLEASE CONTACT US! HIPPA laws do not allow the hospital to notify the church if there is a member in the hospital. The patient or a family member must contact the church office so we can schedule a visit while you are in the hospital here in Lincoln or Omaha. During office hours, call 402-474-1505 or email [office@egrace.org](mailto:office@egrace.org) to let us know. Thank you!
- ◆ To contact Pastor Eric after office hours, you can call or text him at 308-708-1146 or email [pr.eric@egrace.org](mailto:pr.eric@egrace.org).
- ◆ If you would like to be included on the weekly email update list (it comes from Constant Contact), please send an email to the office at: [office@egrace.org](mailto:office@egrace.org). These messages will normally go out on Wednesday and will also inform the congregation of a members death.
- ◆ The deadline for the next Greeter will be March 20. It will be mailed on March 26.



**Perfect Love Casts Out Fear:  
Evening Prayer for Lent**

In 1 John 4:18a we read, "Where God's love is, there is no fear because God's perfect love drives out fear." In a world marked by fear, it is important to remember and celebrate the power of God's love to drive out fear. So during each week of Lent, we will be exploring dimensions of God's love for us and the love of Christ we share.

Join us for food and table fellowship at 5:30 in the gym. Worship at 6:30 in the nave.

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Lincoln Lutheran Choir will again present two concerts this spring: Sunday March 24th, 3 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church, Seward, NE, and Sunday March 31st at Grace Lutheran Church in Lincoln. The choir welcomes Ms Julia Marble as our new Artistic Director and Conductor who has selected "Christ: Light in the Darkness" as our theme for the spring concerts. It is our hope that our concert will create a space to remember the welcoming and gentle presence of our Lord through music. As always the concert will include congregational singing. Come sing with us!  
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**First communion class:**

Pastor Eric will offer a first communion class on Wednesday, April 17, from 7—8 pm in the Lounge, for students in 3rd grade and older. They will then receive their first communion during worship service on Maundy Thursday, April 18, at 6:30 pm. Please contact the office so we know how many will be attending the class.



Mark Your Calendars

# EVENTS



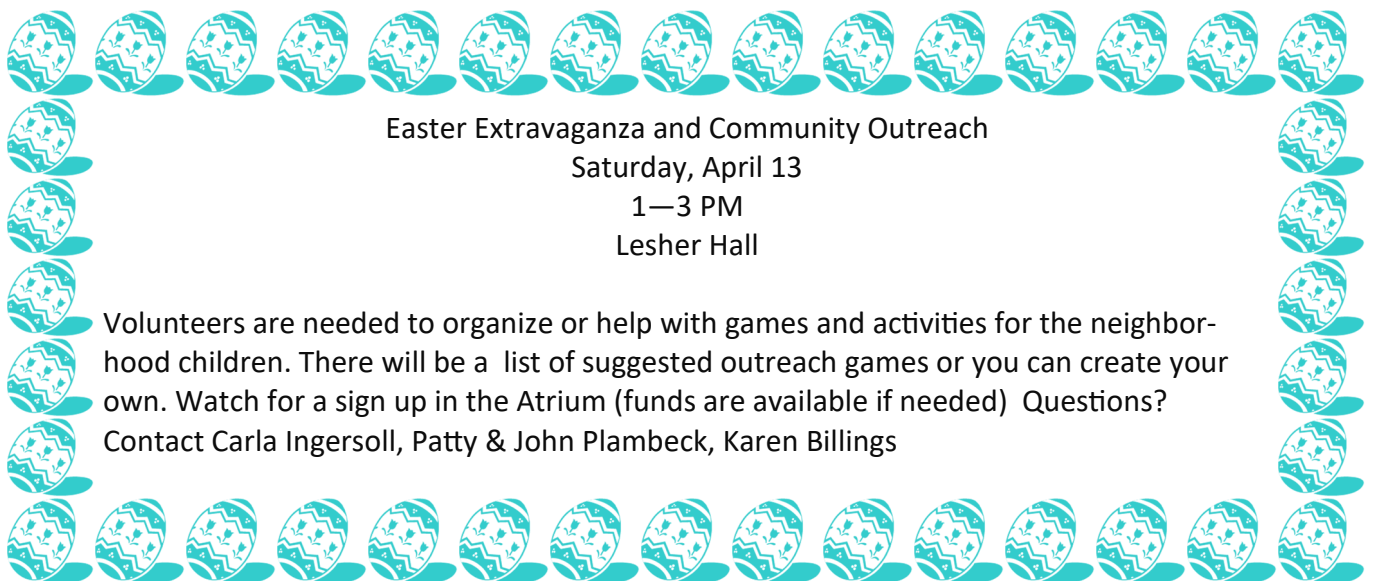
- ◆ Grace's Thrivent Financial group will meet in the staff conference room at 10:30 am on March 3rd. The meeting is open to anyone who wishes to attend.
- ◆ Calling All Grace Women: Join us for our Women of the ELCA Unit meeting on Wednesday, March 6th at 1 p.m. The program will be a speaker from My Silver Attic. This service assists clients and their families by providing services that ease the burden of the stressful transitions in their lives. Come hear how they might be helpful to you or yours!
- ◆ Yesterday's Youth welcomes any one 55 or older. Please come and join us Wednesday, March 13th. We meet the second Wednesday of each month in Leshner Hall. From 11:00 to 12:00, we meet for some social time. We eat at 12:00 after which we have devotions and a program. The meal is pot luck. So bring a dish to share and your table service and enjoy the fellowship.



Jazz Evening Prayer  
March 17  
7 PM  
Chapel

### **"Their Words and Why They Matter"**

Join us on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays, 6 p.m., Grace Library (Right before the Jazz Evening Prayer service at 7!) Who are the women who speak in the Bible? What are their stories? Using selected chapters from Lindsay Hardin Freeman's book, Bible Women: All Their Words and Why They Matter, we'll hear from the women of the Bible and hear God speaking through them into our lives. (Purchasing the book is optional.) Sponsored by Faithful Conversations (Megan Morrow, Carol Olson, Teddi Reckling)



### Easter Extravaganza and Community Outreach

Saturday, April 13

1—3 PM

Leshner Hall

Volunteers are needed to organize or help with games and activities for the neighborhood children. There will be a list of suggested outreach games or you can create your own. Watch for a sign up in the Atrium (funds are available if needed) Questions? Contact Carla Ingersoll, Patty & John Plambeck, Karen Billings

## Parish Education News

Vacation Bible School is July 29 - August 2. We will serve and evening dinner at 5:30. Our theme is Who Is My Neighbor? You may register on line.

Carol Joy Holling Camp has many wonderful camps for our youth to attend. Please see the bulletin board in the gym for detailed information. Camp scholarships are available.



Because Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is observed on the third Monday of January each year, Grace Lutheran serves annually on that holiday at The Gathering Place. On January 21, Regina and Steve Paschold prepared chili. The menu also included crackers, tossed salad, and gelatin with peaches. Cakes and brownies were donated by Joy Kokes, Helen and Don Carnes, Jan and Terry Branting, and Regina and Steve. All of those mentioned above, along with Ashley Branting, who was able to “pinch hit” on short notice, helped to serve and to clean up after 93 portions had been distributed.

On Presidents Day, February 18, an “all-American” meal was served by folks from Grace at The Gathering Place. Regina and Steve Paschold coordinated the effort, with hot dogs, potato chips, bananas and baked beans on the menu, along with tossed lettuce salad donated by Carla Ingersoll, and cakes and brownies contributed by Joy Kokes, Sharon and Larry Genthe, Dennis Madison, Regina and Steve, and Dean Dumler and Beth Kimmerling Dumler. Those mentioned above helped to serve and to clean up after 119 portions had been distributed.



One Day Without Shoes: Cornhusker Bank and Grace’s Social Ministry Committee are excited to announce Cornhusker’s 9th annual One Day Without Shoes event from March 27<sup>th</sup> to April 15th, 2019. We want you to be a part of the amazing experience again this year! Drop off new or used footwear in the blue barrel located in the entryway from the east parking lot. Monetary donations are welcome also. Clearly identify your donation with the following: ODWS donation. Put in the offering plate or drop off in the office during regular office hours.

Social Ministry Committee: Lori, Steve, Regina, Pat, Jan, and Pastor Megan



Thank you for your support and prayers and all your help during the funeral services for Carol Schroeder. You brought a lot of comfort as we experience the loss of our mother.

Sincerely, Amy, Abby and Luke Filbert; Pam (Schroeder) Kunzman; Alan Schroeder



A group of our ushers took a CPR\AED\First Aid class.



# National QUILTING Day

March 16 is National Quilting Day and we have a lot to celebrate! For nearly 70 years, compassionate people have put their faith into action and made quilts for people in need around the world. And not just a few quilts -- hundreds of thousands of quilts every year. These gifts of love make life brighter, softer and a bit more comfortable for our neighbors around the world struggling with displacement, poverty, illness, natural disaster or conflict. Thank you to all the people who have helped quilt or supported the quilters in anyway. Your faithfulness in sharing your gifts and time weave the Holy Spirit

into each and every quilt sent around the world.

Join the Grace Quilting ladies on Sunday, March 17 during fellowship and learn all about what the Grace quilters do! Two quilting frames with hand made quilt tops will be set up in Lesher Hall during the fellowship hour. Volunteers are asked to help with tying these two quilts. Perhaps this will encourage your interest in coming Thursday mornings (only 3 hours) to help with these quilts. We are in need of more people to help with this worth while project. We are always in need of used bed sheets and cotton fabrics. Thank you to those who have contributed in the past.



### **Flower Garden Quilt**

Lee: Found the 24 appliqued and embroidered quilt blocks at an Estate sale, made in the 1940's with 6 being unfinished. She paid a very small amount at the end of the sale day. After several months, took the stash to the church sewing room for the ladies to do something.

Arlene and Kathren: Saw the potential in a finished project, perhaps taken to Camp Carol Joy Holling for their auction in July

Kathren: Took the blocks and finished the 6 blocks using thread from her mothers stash of colors

Arlene: The fabric was soiled and gray, washed, pressed and cut all to a 16 inch size

Arlene's daughters, Jan and Cindy: Chose and purchased the sashing, a green and white, cut into the lattice style, with sewing the sashing together. Purchased the backing as a gift to the group project

Kathren: Purchased and sewed the white border, now ready for quilting. Also purchased the batting

Thoughts of having another 1 or 2 church groups to help with the quilting. Ladies from the Presbyterian quilters from Southern Heights church came to help. The ladies were Arlene V, Mary, Sheryl, Susan

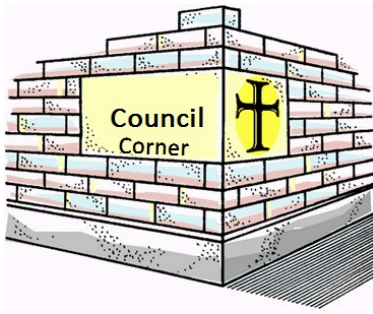
Quilt put into the quilting frame around May 24, 2018 using a Sunday School room. Some days there were 6 quilting at a time on Thursdays and extra hours for some Grace ladies, Arlene, Kathren, Darlene, Jeannette

Approximately 167 hours of quilting time was spent and the quilt was taken off the frame on October 11, 2018

Kathren: Machine sewing the binding on the top side

Arlene: Hand sewing the binding on the back

Kathren: Making a tag for the back of the quilt



Several **Thank You's** from the Church Council...

To everyone who is attending church amidst the cold and snowy weather!  
We appreciate you!

**From the President of the Congregation:** The council met to discuss our vision as a church. We want your input too! Look for colored paper in the gym. They will each have words on them that came up in the councils retreat.

Add to those pages! Let us know what words are meaningful to you when thinking about where Grace is headed and what you think our vision should be. Some of the words that were meaningful to us were (in no particular order): sanctuary, passionate, peace, collaboration, belonging, hope, invitation, renewal, community, faith, outreach, welcoming, love. Think about these words and let us know what words resonate with you! We are still forming our statement and your input is needed and appreciated!

**From the Worship and Music Committee:** Thank you to everyone who helped purchase lights and other items for our pianos! It has been a great help. The worship and music committee is working on Choral Scholars for next year and hopes to find 4 individuals willing to share their talents with Grace!

**From the Parish Education Committee:** Vacation Bible School dates are July 29 -August 2. Camp Joy Holding has a number of wonderful camps and we encourage our young people to attend this year. Scholarships money is available.

**From the Congregational Life Committee:** Plans were finalized for hosting the Sunday, February 10 fellowship time. We will be serving Valentine cookies and providing Valentine cards for members to sign and send to our shut-in members. We hope to be able to put our Lenten, Holy Week and Spring Eggstravaganza schedule on Facebook. Our next event will be the Spring Eggstravaganza which is scheduled for Saturday, April 13 from 1-3 pm. We will need volunteers to supervise games and serve refreshments. We would also like to have someone volunteer to be the Easter Bunny (we have the costume).

**From the Property Committee:** The committee has removed the risers in the old choir room and are working on getting it tiled within the next couple of months. The stained glass renovation is still underway; the committee is reviewing ways to pay for the additional work that needs to be completed for the remaining three windows.

**From the Social Ministry Committee:** One day without shoes is organized by cornhusker bank to collect shoes and monetary donations for the people's city mission. This year is their 9th year. In the first 8 years, they have collected over \$67,000 and over 131,000 pairs of shoes

**From the Finance & Stewardship Committee:** The committee is finalizing all documents for the 2018 fiscal year audit, it is a lot of work! If you have any suggestions on how to enhance stewardship strategies in 2019, please let us know!





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Ron & Carolyn Ossian

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Wayne & Kathie Remington

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John & Patty Plambeck

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Steve & Teddi Reckling



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Richard Higbea  
Eileen Rudd

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Vivian Fischer

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Joyce Lunde

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Glen Drohman

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Jan Branting  
Lisa Holmstrom

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Arlene Reighard  
Pat Kendle

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Brittany Johnson  
Nora Knobbe

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Janice Walker  
Kassidy Williams

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Richard Block  
Victoria Garza

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Carol Jensen  
Jordan Murphy  
Alex Thorson

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Kevin Fritchie

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Elli Petersen

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Carol Disney  
Vern Hunzeker

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Carol Bernasek  
Kevin Dumler  
Jazmyn Zimmerman

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Sadie Klein  
Michael Plambeck

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Denny Berens  
Betsy Johnson

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Sandie Anderson



**Friday, March 1**

4:00 pm Suzuki music lessons  
5:30 pm YWCA respite care

**Saturday, March 2**

5:00 pm Worship

**Sunday, March 3**

9:00 am Worship \*  
10:30 am Sunday School, Bible study,  
choir, fellowship, Thrivent Meeting  
3:00 pm L.L.C. rehearsal

**Monday, March 4**

9:00 am Lincoln Literacy  
7:00 pm Scouts

**Tuesday, March 5**

9:30 am Al-Anon  
6:30 pm Scouts  
7:00 pm Committee Meetings  
8:00 pm AA Mtg.

**Wednesday, March 6****Ash Wednesday**

1:00 pm WELCA meeting with dessert  
5:30 pm Supper  
5:45 pm Youth Choir  
6:30 pm Worship

**Thursday, March 7**

6:30 am Men's Bible Study  
9:00 am Quilting, Lincoln Literacy  
7:00 pm N. A. Mtg., Bells

**Friday, March 8**

5:30 pm YWCA respite care

**Saturday, March 9**

1:00 pm Lounge reserved  
5:00 pm Worship

**Sunday, March 10**

9:00 am Worship \*  
10:30 am Adult Bible Study, Fellowship,  
Choir, Sunday School  
2:00 pm L.L.C. meeting  
3:00 pm L.L.C. rehearsal

**Monday, March 11**

9:00 am Lincoln Literacy  
1:00 pm WELCA Mtg.  
7:00 pm Scouts

**Tuesday, March 12**

9:30 am Al-Anon  
6:30 pm Scouts  
7:00 pm Council Mtg., W.R.T. Mtg.  
8:00 pm AA Mtg.

**Wednesday, March 13**

11:30 am Yesterday's Youth  
5:30 pm Supper  
5:45 pm Youth Choir  
6:30 pm Worship

**Thursday, March 14**

6:30 am Men's Bible Study  
9:00 am Quilting, Lincoln Literacy  
7:00 pm N. A. Mtg., Bells

**Friday, March 15**

5:00 pm Gym reserved

**Saturday, March 16**

5:00 pm Worship

**Sunday, March 17**

9:00 am Worship \*  
10:30 am Adult Bible Study, Fellowship,  
choir, Sunday School  
3:00 pm L.L.C. rehearsal  
6:00 pm Faithful conversations group  
7:00 pm Jazz Evening Prayer

**Monday, March 18**

9:00 am Lincoln Literacy  
5:00 pm Gathering Place  
7:00 pm Scouts

**Tuesday, March 19**

9:30 am Al-Anon  
1:00 pm Lounge reserved  
6:00 pm Scout Pack Mtg.  
7:00 pm WELCA #6 Mtg.  
8:00 pm AA Mtg.

**Wednesday, March 20**

1:00 pm WELCA mtg.  
5:30 pm Supper  
5:45 pm Youth Choir  
6:30 pm Worship

**Thursday, March 21**

6:30 am Men's Bible Study  
9:00 am Quilting, Lincoln Literacy  
7:00 pm N. A. Mtg., Bells

**Friday, March 22**

12:00 pm Leshar Hall reserved  
4:00 pm Suzuki lessons

**Saturday, March 23**

8:00 am Leshar Hall reserved  
5:00 pm worship

**Sunday, March 24**

9:00 am Worship \*  
10:30 am Adult Bible Study, Fellowship,  
choir, Sunday School  
4:00 pm LMTA -Nave

**Monday, March 25**

9:00 am Lincoln Literacy  
7:00 pm Scouts

**Tuesday, March 26**

9:30 am Al-Anon  
6:30 pm Scout Committee Mtg.  
8:00 pm AA Mtg.

**Wednesday, March 27**

5:30 pm Supper  
5:45 pm Youth Choir  
6:30 pm Worship

**Thursday, March 28**

6:30 am Men's Bible Study  
9:00 am Quilting, Lincoln Literacy  
7:00 pm N. A. Mtg., Bells

**Saturday, March 30**

2:00 pm Chapel reserved  
5:00 pm worship

**Sunday, March 31**

9:00 am Worship \*  
10:30 am Adult Bible Study, Fellowship,  
choir, Sunday School  
3:00 pm Lincoln Lutheran Choir Concert

## Grace Staff and Council Members

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*Custodian*

**Judi Schroeder,**

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**Elizabeth Krueger,**

*Nursery attendant*

### **Council Assignment to Committees:**

Dustin Haider:	Council President
Dave Ripa:	Worship & Music; Memorials
Carla Ingersoll:	Congregational Life
Curt Mann:	Stewardship\Finance
Karen Billings:	Congregational Life
Jan Branting:	Social Ministry
Teddi Reckling:	Worship and Music
Doug Krueger:	Property
Fran Gade:	Parish Education



**Sunday, March 10**

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