

The Grace Greeter

Grace Lutheran Church 2225 Washington Street Lincoln, NE 68502

March 27, 2018



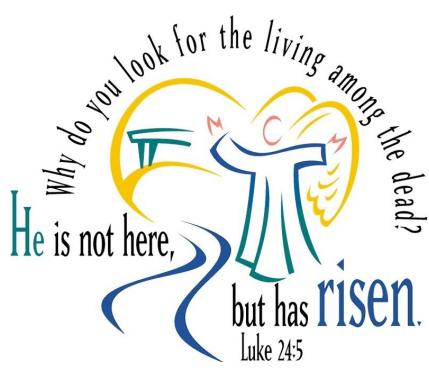
Maundy Thursday, March 29, 12:15 (chapel) or 6:30 PM
(Holy Communion, stripping of the altar)

Good Friday, March 30, 12:15 (chapel) or 6:30 PM
(Adoration of the Cross, Sung St. John Passion)

*****We are offering the 12:15 worship services again this year.
These services will last about 30 minutes.**

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil, March 31, 6:30 PM

(Holy Communion, reception following service, please bring an appetizer or dessert to share)



Resurrection of Our Lord April I

Festival Easter Services with Holy Communion
7:30 and 10:30 AM

Featuring the Choirs of Grace & the Grace Foundation Brass

Breakfast will be served from 8:30—10:00.

Menu: Scrambled eggs, with ham and cheese; coffee cake,
fruit, juice, coffee
Easter egg hunt at 9:30



So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid. - Mark 16:8

Have you ever been frozen in fear? I have and it's not a place you want to be for very long because the very thing you fear may catch up to you and overwhelm you. We all have fear and deal with fear often and sometimes daily. That is why fear is also part of the Easter story. Mark's account of Easter morning is powerful because the sadness, fear, and amazement of the women at the tomb are real. Easter hope is real hope. Hope that knows the reality of death. Without hope we become frozen in fear and this is not a place we want to be either personally or corporately. It is easy for individuals and communities to become frozen in fear.

For two days in August 2017 four employees at El Bolillo Bakery were trapped inside the store while the worst of tropical storm Harvey hit Houston, Texas. They were worried about being separated from their families and wondering when they'd be able to go home; they were worried about whether or not the floodwater would come into the bakery. When the owner of the store was able to reach them, he found they'd turned their worry into about four thousand baked bread items, ready to be donated to local shelters.

This is what happens when our fears are grounded in Easter hope. We act anyway. Even when it makes no sense to us. We act not on our behalf but on behalf of others. When our lives are grounded in hope and focused on others we will never be frozen in fear but always alive in faith.

P. Rev. Eric Teske



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 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.
- Funeral: Delmar Miller, March 23
- ◆ The deadline for the next Greeter will be April 20th. It will be mailed on Tuesday, April 24.
- ◆ 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. These message will normally go out on Wednesday and will also inform the congregation of a members death.



Easter Egg Hunt on Easter morning! Grace's Youth Group are hosting an Easter Egg Hunt for children up to Grade 5 at 9:30 on Easter morning. Please join us in the basement for an Easter story, a special Easter gift for each child, and then an egg hunt in the Sunday School rooms.



Vacation Bible School:
July 9 - 13
6:15—8:15 pm
A meal will be served prior
Watch for more information coming soon!

Items on the Lutheran Food Pantry's "wish list" at this time include:

- Canned meals (stew, ravioli, spaghetti & meatballs, etc.)
- Pork and beans
- Saltine crackers
- Soups, condensed and ready to eat
- Spaghetti sauce
- Personal care items (shampoo, toothpaste, bath soap, etc. - these items cannot be purchased with food stamps and are greatly needed by the families we serve. Hotel/sample size items are great, too!)

Monetary donations to purchase food from the Food Bank



Mark Your Calendars

EVENTS



Wednesday Night at Church

- 5:45—6:15 (Weekly) Dinner
- 6:15—6:55 (Weekly) Adult Bible Study
- 6:15—6:55 (Weekly) Youth & Children's Choirs
- 7:00—8:30 (Weekly) In Stitches
- 7:00—7:30 (Weekly) Evening Prayer
- 7:30—8:30 (Weekly) Confirmation
- 7:30—8:30 (Apr. 4) Book Club

- All women are invited as guests to join us on Wednesday, April 4, at 12 noon, for the Women of the ELCA general meeting . Lunch will be served by Group 6.Reservations to the church office. We will view a presentation of "people who met Jesus"... a video of 8 short dramas of people in the Gospels who encountered Jesus, from fisherman and Pharisees and tax collectors. We will get to know Jesus through the people he ministered to, and see the way He related to so many people from such diverse backgrounds. We hope to see you on April 4.

All women of Grace Lutheran Church are invited to attend the Midlands Conference Spring Gathering held at Grace Church on Saturday, April 7th. The day's activities begin at 8:15 a.m. and include worship/communion by Pastor Eric, a tour of the Lincoln Family Services facility, and a Bible study by Bishop Maas. Our guest speaker, Michelle DeRusha, will speak on lessons from Heroines of the Faith – What can we learn from the women who have walked before us in history in order to discern what God's call might be for each of us? Registration is \$18.00 and includes lunch. Registration forms are available on the WELCA information board in the gym, or see Jeannette Allen and Donna Hansen for a form. Come and enjoy the day.

- The Grace Thrivent Financial group will meet in the staff conference room at 10:30 am on April 8. Non-members are also welcome. Come to hear some very good news.

Yesterday's Youth welcomes anyone 55 or older. Please come and join us Wednesday, April 11th at 11:30. We meet the second Wednesday of each month in Lesher Hall. 11:30 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. Drinks are furnished. The program will be a DVD of Rick Steves' Easter in Europe.



It's Time for our Annual Spring Yard Clean-up! Save the date of Saturday, April 14th at 8:30am, to do the annual yard clean-up. If there should be inclement weather for that chosen date we'll do the clean-up on the following Saturday, the 21st at 8:30am. Bring your yard tools for raking up leaves and other debris and a garbage container. Everyone is invited to help out and enjoy the outdoors, including all Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Grace Youth and Church Members who would like to help. We really do appreciate your volunteering for this worthy project. Roger Potts, Property Committee Chairman

Women and Justice: Though a long time in preparation, the Draft of a Social Statement on Women and Justice is ready for comment, and is particularly timely. Many from Grace participated last summer in conversation together using the study resources from the ELCA, and then offered our feedback for use in preparing the Draft which was released on November 15, 2017.

The Grace Faithful Conversations group invites anyone to discuss and offer input on the Draft. We are hosting conversation on Thursdays, April 5 and 12, at 6:45 p.m. in the Lounge at Grace.

The comment period is open until September 30, 2018. The final Statement will go before the Churchwide Assembly in the summer of 2019. The Draft, along with an FAQ, overview, brochure and information about how to participate in the comment period can be found at <http://www.elca.org/Faith/Faith-and-Society/Current-Social-Writing-Projects/Women-and-Justice/Draft>. Or, pick up a copy in the church office. If you have questions, contact Megan Morrow, Carol Olson, Teddi Reckling or Barb Smith.

Creative Faith Practices, hosted by the Faithful Conversations Committee, will be taking a pause to let our committee members reflect and refresh for a time. There will be no classes after Wednesday worship after Easter. The Faithful Conversations Committee has been very busy lately-- leading the breath prayers before Pastor's classes after Lent worship, planning and leading the Suffering retreat in March as well as the Women and Justice discussions in April. We thank you for your participation in past CFP classes. If you have any suggestions for future events, please let a committee member know. Faithful Conversations is: Pastor Megan Morrow, Carol Olson, Teddi Reckling and Barb Smith.

One Day Without Shoes:

Cornhusker Bank and Grace's Social Ministry Committee are excited to announce Cornhusker's 8th annual One Day Without Shoes event from April 2nd to April 13th, 2018. 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, Larry, Sue, Steve, Regina, Pat, Barb, and Pastor Megan



The Augsburg University Choir will be in concert at Grace Lutheran on Monday, April 30th at 7 p.m. The concert is free, with a freewill offering taken to benefit the Augsburg Choir. Please consider attending this concert and supporting this choir from one of our ELCA Universities!

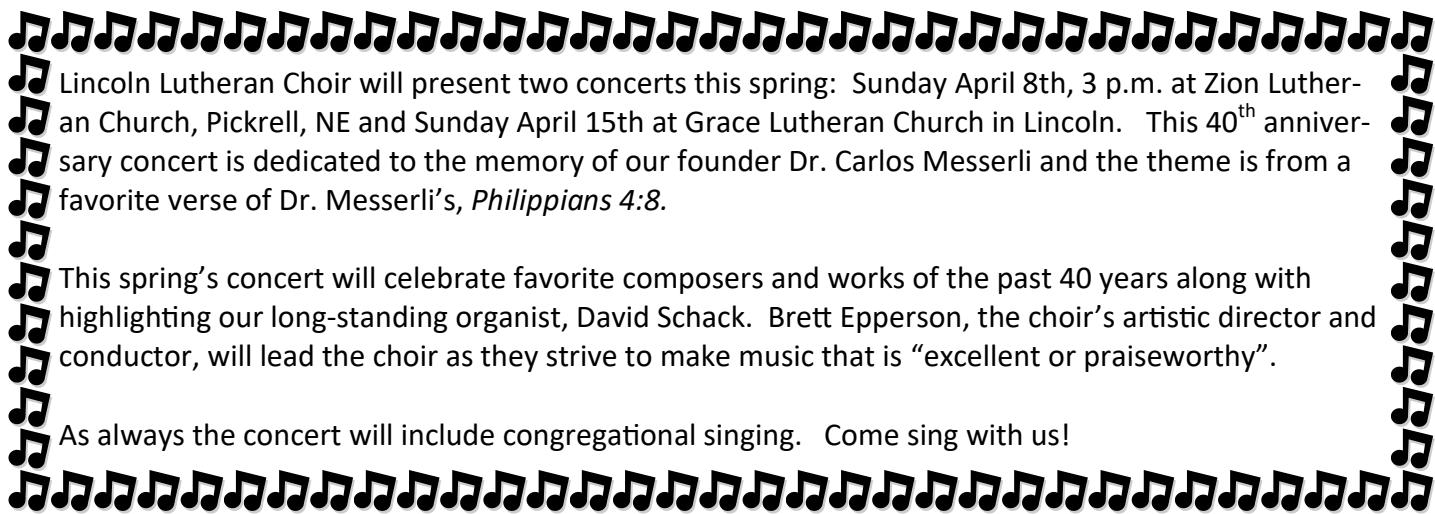
The 50-voice Augsburg Choir, this year under the direction of Mark Sedio '76, celebrates a long tradition of excellence in choral music. Praised for its high level of musicianship, the ensemble performs a diverse repertoire including compositions by well-known Scandinavian and American composers as well as a

wide variety of music from throughout the world. The Augsburg Choir has premiered works by Knut Nystedt, Stephen Paulus, Steve Heitzeg, Carol Barnett, Egil Hovland, Kari Tikka, and Sigvald Tveit.

The Augsburg Choir's annual Advent Vespers services are regularly broadcast on public radio. In 2004, the 25th anniversary year, Twin Cities Public Television recorded and broadcast Advent Vespers, which was subsequently awarded a Regional Emmy Award. The Choir regularly tours locally, nationally, and internationally. In addition to national tours throughout the United States, the Choir has toured in Ireland, Sweden, Norway, Finland, Russia, Estonia, Hungary, the Czech Republic, Germany and China.

The Choir, in it's 84th year, upholds the University's history of choral excellence dating back to the early part of this century. While honoring its roots in the Scandinavian Lutheran choral tradition, the Augsburg Choir has developed a generous and free choral sound, performing music from China to Colombia and South Africa to Russia. This choral tradition encompasses not only the mission of Augsburg but also the legacy of noted conductors such as Larry L. Fleming and Leland B. Sateren.

We are looking for hosts for the choir for the night of April 30th. The group stays in pairs or quads, and is comfortable sleeping two to a double bed. Hosts pick the students up from the church after the concert, offer a snack, give them breakfast in the morning, and deliver them back to church. Past hosting experiences have been a lot of fun for host and student alike, so please think about whether you could help in this way! Contact the church office if you would like to be a host.

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Lincoln Lutheran Choir will present two concerts this spring: Sunday April 8th, 3 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church, Pickrell, NE and Sunday April 15th at Grace Lutheran Church in Lincoln. This 40th anniversary concert is dedicated to the memory of our founder Dr. Carlos Messerli and the theme is from a favorite verse of Dr. Messerli's, *Philippians 4:8*.

This spring's concert will celebrate favorite composers and works of the past 40 years along with highlighting our long-standing organist, David Schack. Brett Epperson, the choir's artistic director and conductor, will lead the choir as they strive to make music that is "excellent or praiseworthy".

As always the concert will include congregational singing. Come sing with us!



Sloppy joes are seldom served at The Gathering Place, according to the kitchen manager, James Riley. So they are very well received when offered by Grace's crew, as was the case on March 19. Thanks go to Kevin, Kaitlyn and Cynthe Dumler for donating the ground beef. The sloppy joe mix was prepared by Regina and Steve Paschold. Carla Ingersoll contributed tossed lettuce salad. The menu also included applesauce and potato chips, along with home baked cake and brownies from Joy Kokes, Ginny and Roger Potts, Kathren and Dave Miller, and Regina. All of those mentioned above helped to serve and to clean up after 115 portions had been distributed.

RELAY FOR LIFE – TEAM ANGELS IN OUR HEARTS:

On April 15th; Carol Olson, Teresa Serafin, and Lori Drake will be selling tickets to Wine and Swine. Wine and Swine is a fundraiser that takes place out at James Arthur Vineyard (2001 W Raymond Road). This year's event is June 7th, from 6 to 9pm. Tickets are \$30, which gets you a meal of BBQ pork dinner from Phat Jack's, a cupcake for dessert from The Rabbit Hole Bakery, live music, and 6 JAV wine tastings. We will also be selling luminaries that will be placed at Haymarket Park (403 Line Drive) during this year's Relay for Life – Lancaster County on July 14th between 5-11pm. Give Lori a call/text (402-310-8386) if you have any questions. Carol, Teresa, and Lori

Adult Faith Formation at Camp Carol Joy Holling: Between the demands of family, work and much more, it's difficult to find intentional time to deepen your faith. Adult Faith Formation is a series of courses intended to broaden your theological understanding and enrich your faith. The cost is \$25 for each class. This cost includes programming, lunch and a copy of Luther's Small Catechism. For more information, contact Pr. Paula Lawhead at PLawhead@NLOM.org or 402-944-2544

The Apostle's Creed - May 19, 9 am—4 pm

During this Adult Faith Formation course, we will dive into these questions in the context of the Apostles' Creed from Luther's Small Catechism.

Salvation and the Kingdom of God - August 25, 9 am—4 pm

Where does our good work fit in our lives of faith? Where do issues of justice and love for our neighbor come in to play? Is God's kingdom here now or is it a place we strive for? During this Adult Faith Formation course, we will explore what it means to be "saved" and the Kingdom of God.

The Lord's Prayer - October 20, 9 am—4 pm

What's behind the words we pray? What are we actually asking for? Is this prayer just recited for tradition or is it still applicable in our lives of faith? During this Adult Faith Formation course, we will dive into these questions in the context of The Lord's Prayer from Luther's Small Catechism.

Easter Extravaganza 2018





Palm Sunday 2018

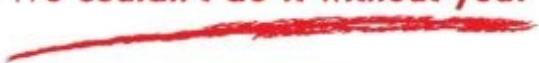


April 1 – 7:30	
Assisting Minister	Roger Potts
Lector	Cindy Eberspacher
Communion Assistants	Cindy Eberspacher, Ginny Potts, Dean & Beth Dumler
Altar Guild	Kurt & Cindy Eberspacher
Communion bread	Cindy Eberspacher
Greeters	Roger & Ginny Potts
Acolyte	Cameron Krueger
April 1 – 10:30	
Assisting Minister	Jacob Krueger
Lector	Jacob Schott
Communion Assistants	Lois Schuerman, Bruce & Cheryl Petersen, Arlene Reighard
Altar Guild	Dustin & Rachel Haider
Communion bread	Cheryl Petersen
Greeters	Bruce & Cheryl Petersen
Acolytes	Chloe Fitzgibbon, Luke Filbert, Sophie & Jacob Schott, Conrad Schroeder
April 8	
Assisting Minister	Charlyne Berens
Lector	Denny Berens
Communion Assistants	Kevin Dumler, Denny Berens, Dave Ripa, Darlene Stutheit
Altar Guild	Doug & Sarah Krueger
Communion bread	Dave Ripa
Greeters	Kevin & Kaitlyn Dumler
Acolyte	Kaitlyn Dumler
April 15	
Assisting Minister	Jacob Krueger
Lector	Curt Mann
Communion Assistants	Teresa Serafin, Dave Ripa, Curt Mann, Robert Stimbert
Altar Guild	Ginny Potts, Carla Ingersoll
Communion bread	Barb Smith
Greeters	Don & Helen Carnes
Acolyte	Erin Krueger



April 22	
Assisting Minister	Barb Smith
Lector	Kathren Miller
Communion Assistants	Dave & Kathren Miller, Donna Hansen,
Altar Guild	Jon & Connie Thorson
Communion bread	Darlene Stutheit
Greeters	Steve & Teddi Reckling
Acolyte	Elli Petersen
April 29	
Assisting Minister	Tina Loseke
Lector	Steve Paschold
Communion Assistants	Lori Drake, Steve Paschold, Brady Garvin, Carol Olson
Altar Guild	Sharon Gottsche, Jacob Schott
Communion bread	Sharon Gottsche
Greeters	Carla Ingersoll, Lori Drake
Acolyte	Kyle Givens

We couldn't do it without you.



March 29 - Maundy Thurs.	
Assisting Minister	Jacob Krueger
Lectors	Connie Whyrick
Communion Assistants	Connie Whyrick, Neil Larson, Jeannette Allen, Brady Garvin
Altar Guild	Sharon Gottsche, Jacob Schott
Communion bread	Sharon Gottsche
Acolyte	Kyle Givens
March 30 - Good Friday	
Lector	Lisa Holmstrom
Crucifer\Acolyte	Steve Schott
March 31—Easter Eve	
Assisting Minister	Megan Morrow
Lector	Bob Anderson, Roger Potts, Sara Schott, Sophie Schott
Communion Assistants	Dennis Madison
Altar Guild	Robert Stimbert
Communion bread	Bev Madison
Acolyte	Jacob Schott



Celebrate the Triduum at Grace!

All services begin at 6:30 p.m.

The Three Days is the church's annual experience of the heart of the Christian faith. At Grace, we refer to this three-day service by its ancient Latin name of Triduum. The service begins on the evening of Maundy Thursday, continues on Good Friday, and ends finally with the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday. Please join us -- each day's installation is a vital part of understanding the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection!

Maundy Thursday: The gospel for this day narrates two events on the Thursday before Jesus' death: his last meal with his disciples, and his symbolic gesture of washing their feet. We begin our service by acknowledging our sin and receiving forgiveness. Being forgiven by God turns us toward reconciliation with and service to our neighbor, as commanded by Christ when he said, "Love one another as I have loved you." The service ends with the Stripping of the Altar. In medieval times, the stripping of the altar was likened to the stripping of Jesus' body before his crucifixion. Perhaps you think instead of the church's sorrow over Christ's death, or the paring down of the self in order to receive the life of Christ, or the final stripping away of your own life before death. Psalm 22, chanted during this ritual, provides metaphors to accompany the somber emptying of our beloved worship space. The psalm ends, and there is silence. The service pauses, to be resumed on Good Friday.

Good Friday: We return to an empty room, an unfolding story, the mystery of faith. English-speaking Christians call this day Good. It is a day, not of unmitigated mourning as if Jesus were dead, but of profound contemplation of the mystery, that from the cross of death, God grants the world new life. Held together in the passion of Christ, we hold out our hands in prayer for all the world. Having heard the Passion of Christ according to St. Mark on Palm Sunday, now we turn to the Passion according to St. John. John offers a triumphal view of Christ's death; Christ, God among us, reigns from the cross. From his divine death comes human life. The great intercessions of the Bidding Prayer open to ever-widening circles of concern. We pray in front of the cross, and ask God to have mercy on every living person and thing in the cosmos. We sing a final triumphant hymn (*Sing, My Tongue*) before leaving. Our service will continue on Holy Saturday.

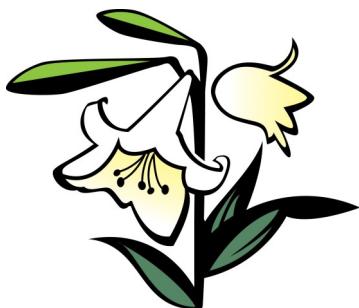
Easter Vigil: The Easter Vigil is the central event of the Lenten and Easter seasons. It is truly the most significant liturgy of the year. We gather outside around a new fire; we follow the paschal candle (the Light of Christ) into a darkened nave. We gather to hear the ancient stories of God's saving acts for God's people. We remember baptism on this day that emphasizes renewal, rebirth and resurrection. And finally, we celebrate the first Eucharist of Easter, with bells, lights, lilies and joy! This service is rich and wonderful and full of symbolism, and is followed by a reception so that we can break our Lenten fasts and celebrate Christ's resurrection together!

Christian Symbols



Palms

When Jesus entered Jerusalem days before his death, crowds welcomed him by waving palm branches, which were common symbols of victory and rejoicing. Thus churches continue to use them in remembrance of that occasion, knowing that Jesus' crucifixion was ultimately his triumph over sin and death. As early as Leviticus 23:40, God commanded Israel to use palms in a festival of rejoicing. In Revelation 7:9-10, Christian martyrs carry palm branches as they praise the Lamb before the throne of God.



Lily

The lily that blooms around Easter is a symbol of Christ's resurrection because it rises from a seemingly lifeless

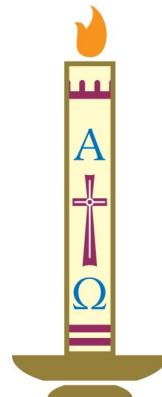
bulb decaying in the ground. It is also used as a symbol of Christ himself. The lily, a symbol of purity, is often used to represent the Virgin Mary.



Nails

Nails symbolize Jesus' passion and suffering because they were used at his Crucifixion. They are often depicted in groups of three because two nails were used to secure Jesus' hands, and a third was used to secure his feet. Three nails are also used to identify Jesus as a member of the Holy Trinity.

Paschal Candle



This large, white candle is an ancient symbol for Christ, the light of the world. The candle contains a cross and/or an Alpha and Omega to symbolize that Jesus is eternal and always present with his people. Also called the Easter candle, it plays a prominent role during Easter vigils and celebrations. Some church-



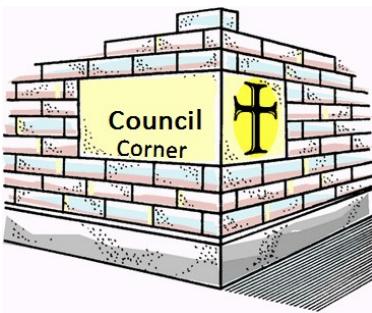
Agnus Dei

This image is known as the Agnus Dei, Latin for "Lamb of God." When pictured standing and with a banner, it represents the risen Christ, victorious over death. John the Baptist, seeing Jesus approach, famously declared, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29, NIV). In Revelation, too, Jesus is portrayed as a lamb who was slain but now reigns triumphant.



Ewer and basin

The ewer (a vase-shaped pitcher) and basin, which symbolize cleansing, are related to two biblical events from Holy Week: when Jesus washed his disciples' feet (John 13:1-17), and when Pilate "washed his hands of" Jesus' blood before the crucifixion (Matthew 27:24). Because of the foot-washing, the ewer and basin have become a symbol of service ministry.



From the Church Council: The Church Council has reviewed bids on the replacement of the roof over Lesher Hall. The Property Committee is also receiving bids on the restroom renovation project. As soon as all of this information has been received, we will communicate the specific details with the congregation before any action is taken.

From the Worship and Music Committee: The Worship and Music Committee is busy preparing for our busiest and most important time of the Church year, Holy Week! We are so appreciative of all the hard work the choirs, staff, and worship participants will be putting in during this meaningful time.

From the Parish Education Committee: Here are some important future dates for your calendar: Confirmation will be on May 20, 2018. Sunday School for the youth will have the last meeting on May 13, 2018. While the congregation is having their coffee that morning our young Sunday School children will sing some of the songs they have learned this school year. Vacation Bible School will be held July 9 - 13.

From the Congregational Life Committee: The plans for the Easter Extravaganza on March 24th are well on their way. This is a perfect opportunity for our church to reach out to the community youth. The Congregational Life Committee is hoping for a large crowd. Come and participate with the children in activities and games..

From the Property Committee: The committee discussed the need for the flat roof over the gym and surrounding rooms to be replaced and the three proposals that have been received. Also they discussed the updating of the two bathrooms across from the office and are waiting for all contractor proposals. The Annual Spring Yard Clean-up dates are planned for in April (April 14th or 21st) hopefully with good weather.

From the Social Ministry Committee: Cornhusker Bank is working with The People's City Mission to collect new and used shoes to be given out by The People City Mission. Grace is partner by assisting in filling one of their barrels.

From the Finance & Stewardship Committee: The committee reviewed plans for the distribution of *Time and Talent* sheets in June. God's Work-Our Hand's Sunday will be September 9th. Stewardship Sunday is September 16th.

From the Memorials Committee: The meeting was used to review the existing memorials, items purchased with memorial funds, items needing future action and updating of the Memorials Suggested List.

Chapter and verse

In its original format, the Bible contained no chapter and verse divisions or numbers. Those are entirely a human convention, intended to make reading easier.

The first modern system of dividing Scripture occurred in the 13th century. Interestingly, the New Testament was first separated into verses in 1551 — by the son of a French printer, as he rode on horseback!

Church Council Meeting
Monday February 19, 2018

Present: Wendy Apple, Karen Billings, Dustin Haider, Carla Ingersoll, Doug Krueger, Pastor Eric Lesher, Curt Mann, Teddi Reckling, Barb Smith
Absent: Dave Ripa

Meeting called to order 7:02 pm by President Curt Mann.

Devotions were given by Karen Billings.

January Council Meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

President's Report:

The Council and staff will host a baked potato bar for the Lenten dinner on March 14. Sara Schott will submit a request for Thrivent funds, and Council members will provide desserts.

Day Hefner will be graduating from seminary May 20, 2018. She will be preaching at Grace the weekend of May 5/6. The Council will host a reception for her during Fellowship hour on May 6.

Misc. expenses were discussed; we will ask Sandi to keep track of the expenses she has been applying to the "Office Supplies" budget line that do not fit there or under any other line items so a separate category can be added to next year's budget

A sign-up will be posted by Sunday February 25 to ask for volunteers to provide food items for the Easter Sunday breakfast between the services.

Staff Reports:

Senior Pastor: Written Report

Pastor will look at contacting LPD about possible completing a safety inventory of the building and provide suggestions.

Report should be corrected to note that the Food and Financial Assistance is available once a week, not once a month.

Director of Music: Written Report

Staff reports approved as written.

Financial Reports:

Treasurer: Written Report

Financial Secretary: Written Report

The funds from the Silent Auction will be reflected in the February report.

Financial reports approved as written and filed for audit.

Committee Reports:

Congregational Life: Written Report

Correction to report-new committee members are Patty and John Plambeck

Finance: Written Report

Memorials: No Report

Parish Education: Written Report

Property: Written Report

Correction to report-the spring yard clean-up is scheduled for April 14, 2018 with a make-up date of April 21, 2018.

Social Ministry: Written Report

Stewardship: Written Report

Worship and Music: Written Report

Committee reports approved as written.

Old Business:

New Website

Chris and Wendy Apple have volunteered to pay for the yearly fee for the Wix web development platform for the new site.

Goal is for the staff to be able to easily update content themselves.

Council will view before the new site goes live.

Content Ideas/Wish List

Updated design, logo approved by the Council for new correspondence, and color choices

Up to date photos of staff, congregational members, and events

Virtual tour of interior and exterior; possibly by drone

Frequent updates for upcoming and ongoing worship services, volunteer opportunities, and events

Weekly sermons, short faith stories from members/community, recordings of the choir/bell choir

Access to policies and contact information for staff, Council, and committees.

Possible members-only area for access to the directory, prayers chain/requests, and death notifications.

Tied to Facebook feed or Twitter postings

Emergency alerts such as weather cancellations

Mobile-friendly

New Business:

Correspondence

Written thank-you was received NE Synod Evangelist Pastor Rebecca Sheridan for the use of Grace's facilities for the Transformational Ministry training. 8 Teams from across the NE Synod were trained.

Barb Smith received a verbal thank-you at the Prescott Elementary science fair for all the assistance we provide to their staff and students.

Lenten Dinners

Dinners will be Wednesdays at 5:30 pm during Lent

Doug Krueger made a motion to designate the Lenten dinner free-will offerings to the Lutheran Center Intern program; Dustin Haider seconded; motion carried.

Lutheran Center

The Intern Fundraiser Banquet will be May 1, 2018 on in the Regency Room in the UNL campus Union) from 6:00-9:00 pm.

They have asked if Grace would be willing to host a table for the event.

Pastor Eric will follow-up to determine the price and number of seats per table.

NE Synod Following the Lead Conference

Will be held at St. Paul Lutheran in Grand Island March 10, 2018 from 9:00 am-3:15 pm. Cost is \$10/person or \$25 for up to 5 from same congregation.

The Seeking the Spirit Within retreat will be running concurrently; attendees would have ability to attend sessions from both events.

Curt Mann will need to know by Monday February 26, 2018 if Council members wish to attend.

Congregational Survey

Results have been received and tallied.

The Council will meet in Lesher Lounge on March 3, 2018 from 9:30-11:00 am to discuss in detail and determine how best to act upon and share the results with the congregation.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm.

Closing prayer led by Pastor Eric.

Respectfully Submitted,
Wendy Apple, Council Secretary

Next Meeting: Tuesday March 13, 2018



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Ron & Judy Holtgrewe
Shawn & Joanie Rathjen

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Jackson & Patience Bukasa
Delmar & Darlene Motycka

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Everett & Velma Giles
Jon & Connie Thorson

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Tim & Christina Riemann
Rick & Becky Williams

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Jeanne Weisbrook
Becky Williams



**Sunday, April 1—Easter**

7:30 & 10:30 AM Worship
8:30—10:00 AM Breakfast
9:30 AM Easter egg hunt
5:00 pm Latino worship -Chapel

Monday, April 2

Office closed

Tuesday, April 3

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

Wednesday, April 4

12:00 pm WELCA meeting and lunch
5:45 pm Wed. night at church supper
6:15 pm Choir, Bible study
7:00 pm Evening prayer
7:30 pm Confirmation, Book Club

Thursday, April 5

6:30 am Men's Bible Study
9:00 am Quilting, Lincoln Literacy
6:45 pm Faithful conversations
7:00 pm N. A. Mtg. ; Conf. Rm. reserved
7:30 pm Bell Choir

Friday, April 6

5:30 pm YWCA respite care
6:00 pm Nave reserved

Saturday, April 7

8:00 - 5:00 WELCA convention
5:30 pm Worship

Sunday, April 8

9:00 am Worship *
10:30 am Sunday School, ASF, choir,
Thrivent
11:30 am Bells
3:00 pm LLC rehearsal
5:00 pm Latino worship -Chapel

Monday, April 9

9:00 Lincoln Literacy
1:00 pm WELCA #2 Mtg.
7:00 pm Scouts

Tuesday, April 10

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

Wednesday, April 11

11:30 am Yesterday's Youth
5:45 pm Wed. night at church supper
6:15 pm Choir, Bible study
7:00 pm Evening prayer
7:30 pm Confirmation

Thursday, April 12

6:30 am Men's Bible Study
9:00 am Quilting, Lincoln Literacy
6:45 pm Faithful Conversation class
7:00 pm N. A. Mtg.
7:30 pm Bells

Friday, April 13

5:00 pm Lesher Hall reserved
6:00 pm Lincoln Lutheran Choir rehearsals

Saturday, April 14

8:00 am Church yard clean up
12:00 pm Lounge reserved
5:30 pm worship

Sunday, April 15

9:00 am Worship *
10:30 am Sunday School , Choir, A.S.F.
11:30 am Bells
3:00 pm Lincoln Lutheran Choir Concert
5:00 pm Latino worship -Chapel

Monday, April 16

9:00 am Lincoln Literacy
5:00 pm Gathering Place
6:00 pm Lounge reserved
7:00 pm Scouts

Tuesday, April 17

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

Wednesday, April 18

1:00 pm WELCA #1 Mtg.
5:45 pm Wed. night at church supper
6:15 pm Choir, Bible study
7:00 pm Evening prayer
7:30 pm Confirmation

Thursday, April 19

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

Friday, April 20

4:00 pm Lesher Hall reserved

Saturday, April 24

5:30 pm Worship

Sunday, April 25

9:00 am Worship *
10:30 am Sunday School , Choir, ASF
11:30 am Bells
5:00 pm Latino worship -Chapel

Monday, April 23

9:00 am Lincoln Literacy
6:00 pm Lounge reserved
7:00 pm Scouts

Tuesday, April 24

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

Wednesday, April 25

5:45 pm Wed. night at church supper
6:15 pm Choir, Bible study
7:00 pm Evening prayer
7:30 pm Confirmation

Thursday, April 26

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

Friday, April 27

4:00 pm Suzuki music lessons

Saturday, April 28

5:30 pm Worship

Sunday, April 29

9:00 am Worship *
10:30 am Sunday School , Choir, ASF
11:30 am Bells
1:00 pm Lesher Hall reserved
3:00 pm Choir room reserved
5:00 pm Latino worship -Chapel

Monday, April 30

9:00 am Lincoln Literacy
7:00 pm Augsburg Choir concert
7:00 pm Scouts

*child care provided

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