

April 2020

THE CARILLON

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Grace Lutheran Church
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.



We are Grace people.
This is Christ's church.
There is a place for you here.
We are a church that shares a living, daring confidence in God's grace. Liberated by our faith, we embrace the whole person--questions, complexities and all.

Dear Friends,

These are indeed difficult times, filled with distress and uncertainty. So I want to share with you something from a book of devotions I have been reading. The book is called: **DEVOTIONS FROM THE LAKE** by Betsy Painter and the selection that follows is called "Spring Breakthrough." I think it is appropriate for this time of the year, for Easter, and for the days we are enduring.

"Spring means blossoms on every branch, green grounds all around, rainstorm meets rainbow. It's unpredictable, untamable, and groundbreaking. Shoots break out of the earth in all varieties, fresh grass blades, budding flowers and new oak tree saplings. The weather is chancy. One day it might be sunny, not a cloud in the sky and then the next, lightning bolts shoot between billowing dark clouds and release a downpour of rain upon the earth. Because of this climate spontaneity, vegetation comes forth in startling fashion, bursting in brilliant wildflower colors across overgrown forest wildernesses.

"When life is particularly fickle, when circumstances are not going the way we imagine, or we are experiencing a personal storm, these are prime conditions in which God can bring forth new and miraculous beginnings. The shaking, breaking ground allow for novel, wonderful gifts to come through and establish themselves in our lives. These rainbows after the rainstorms remind us to hold onto God's promises through uncertainty. We will see his spring faithfulness in the flora and greenery that are on their way through the cracked terrain. (Prayer: Father, point me to the rainbow in the sky when I'm in the midst of an uncertain, beautifying season. Amen.)"

These words gave me a little "lift" the other day. I hope they do the same for you.

As I write this on March 21, we have only canceled services for tomorrow and next Sunday, March 29th. But I am quite sure that cancellation of activities will continue for a longer period of time. I trust you will be able to keep abreast by visiting the Grace Church Facebook page. We will try to keep it current as decisions are made. For those without Facebook capability, please call a friend, one of the church officers, or I can be reached at 608-938-4367.

I pray for you God's peace and good health.

Pastor Larry, Stated Pulpit Supply



Be sure to like and follow Grace on Facebook for updates.

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Invite others that may not be a part of our page yet and share information with members who may not have facebook or those who may not receive our email updates. Have email and not getting emails from Grace? Send a request to be added!
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Newsletter Deadline

Items may be submitted for May 2020 Carillon by April 26th.

SW Cap Food Pantry Needs

- Soup: tomato, chicken noodle, cream of mushroom
- Vegetables: Corn, Green Beans, Mixed Vegetables
- Fruit: pears, peaches, apple sauce
- Cereal: Corn Flakes, Cheerios, Chex (bag varieties are good)
- Spaghetti sauce, Spaghetti noodles, Macaroni and Cheese, elbow macaroni, noodles, Peanut butter and Jelly in plastic jars, shampoo, laundry detergent, tooth paste, toothbrushes and toilet paper.

Give to the next 75 years of **Grace**

Help us guarantee that Grace remains a blessing to our community for generations to come. Make a bequest to Grace Lutheran in your will. For info on how to include Grace Lutheran in your estate planning, contact Marv Reis at 776-4612, Phil Bryson at 482-0103, or Joe Riechers at 732-2998.

Happy Moments
PRAISE GOD
Difficult Moments
SEEK GOD
Quiet Moments
WORSHIP GOD
Painful Moments
TRUST GOD
Every Moment
THANK GOD

Forward in 2020...Laura Barnard and Barb Schilling, Finance Committee 2020
Grace Lutheran Annual Report

We are praying and asking all giving families to consider a "10-more giving" slogan. By adding an addition \$10.00 in your weekly giving allows us to move forward with receiving new leadership, and maintaining new leadership for many years to come.

2020 Council:

- Steve Fleming President
- Don Barnard Vice-President
- Bridget Schilling Secretary
- Hannah Bardertscher, Val Thompson & Jody White Call Committee Chairwomen
- Tina Riechers, Treasurer

All the People of Grace are Ministers!

In fact, we are all consecrated priests through baptism, as St. Peter in 1 Peter 2[:9] says, "You are a royal priesthood and a priestly kingdom..." Martin Luther

How is Grace being a light at this time?

Grace is providing a space for the children of the employees working at Memorial Hospital of Lafayette county. MHLC is using the basement at this time to provide daycare for their staff. They are so thankful for the kindness of Grace. The space is working out for them very well. In appreciation they are providing cleaning services from the hospital staff every day to ensure the space is well taken care of.



With everything going on and

continuing our safer at home directive, it's easy to forget our commitment to giving. We encourage you to continue giving, so Grace can continue to be a light for our members and community.

Memorial Gifts Fund

To give a gift in honor or memory of your loved one, contact Judy Boll at 214-4265
Linda Considine at 776-2410



MATTHEW 5:14

We at Grace can continue to be the light for everyone during this trying time. Lift one another up, this is one of the best ways we can help each other get through difficult times. Take time to find ways to be the light at a safe distance.

Some ideas how YOU can be a light.

- Call members who you know may need help.
- Deliver groceries or complete errands for members who may not be able to do it for themselves.
- Send cards, letters or pictures to one another to remind everyone we are not alone in this and provide a pick me up.

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Mission Statement

We are Grace people. Jesus Christ sends us out to:

- + Feed the hungry
- + Welcome every child
- + Seek out the stranger
- + Give thanks to God in all things
- + Follow the way of the cross

April Schedule

Worship and other activities are suspended until the safer at home order is lifted.

Please continue to check facebook and your emails for additional updates.

Don't forget to check on one another and help if you can with out putting each other at risk and stay healthy.

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