
April In Touch with Grace



Dear family and friends of Grace,
Do you have food traditions? Some of our greatest and most cherished memories revolve around meals, holidays, events and the food that was served at those times. Food has a way of connecting us to one another, to our heritage, to our roots, and to our traditions.

My mother made German Potato Salad every Autumn for over 200 people at a Scouting event. As a child, I disliked the intense smell of vinegar in the house when she cooked the sauce to pour over the sliced potatoes that were already cooked to a melt in your mouth consistency. I didn't care for the taste and couldn't quite understand the excitement of the adults and my siblings over this delectable dish. Of course, she made it at other times during the year for our family but she always made something else for me.

Over the years, I have come to cherish this warm comfort food lovingly made by my mother's hands all those times to feed so many. I have discovered that the recipe came from my paternal grandmother who brought it from Milwaukee to St. Paul. The recipe has been handed down for generations through my family. I make this comfort food now several times each year and enjoy every bite. My four sons have developed a love for Grandma's German Potato Salad. Now it is Son #3 who makes it for 200 people at that same Scouting event. Together, my sons are carrying on the tradition of leading and planning the event just like my dad did with mom's help.

Through food, we learn of our own heritage and that of other cultures. We live in a global world

where we can have egg rolls one day and naan with tikka masala the next. Food is truly a language of life, love, and friendship.

This Spring, Grace will be hosting a Spring Rhubarb Festival. We will raise funds to help Ukrainian Refugees as an outreach event. Rhubarb is abundant in the spring. The first time I tasted Rhubarb was in my own backyard as a child. We had a small patch growing next to the garage. I learned to take the rhubarb and dip it in sugar. The sweetness softened the sour taste of the rhubarb. I quickly learned that rhubarb can be made into wonderful things. Looking through our church cookbooks – most church ladies have created many of these – I discovered names and recipes of saints from long ago. In my mother's 1960 church cookbook, I found rhubarb jam by Elsie W. and two kinds of rhubarb pie by Thelma Y. - friends of my grandmother. In our anniversary cookbook here at Grace, there are many recipes for rhubarb. Sonja K's rhubarb crunch, Florence K's rhubarb bars, and so many more recipes from saints no longer with us as well as those we still see here at Grace. Just reading the recipes brings back memories of friendship and laughter and faithful servants.

The Bible tells us: "Taste and see that the Lord is good. For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations." May we continue to be faithful servants as we taste and see the goodness of God from one generation to another.

In Christ, Pastor Karen

Announcements

Holy Week to Easter

Our Lenten journey to the cross continues the first week of April as we commemorate the final events of Jesus as he faced the cross, death, and resurrection. Join us to experience the fullness of this season.

Palm Sunday, April 2nd, 9:30 a.m. - where we remember the entrance and welcome to Jerusalem for Jesus. Following worship, we celebrate with our annual brunch All proceeds go towards our Youth Ministry. Thank you to our Youth Families for hosting and serving!

Wednesday Soup Supper and Worship, April 5th, 5:45 p.m. - our meal begins, 6:30 p.m. worship begins. We will hear from one more 'woman worth knowing' – who experienced the last supper of Jesus.

Maundy Thursday, April 6th, 10:30 a.m. – we follow Jesus to the cross followed by a potluck hosted by the XYZs. All are welcome to attend.

Good Friday – April 7th, 7 p.m. This year at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1390 Larpenteur Ave. Our combined choirs will lead worship followed by a time of fellowship.

Easter Festival Worship at 9:30 a.m. Join us for a celebration of the risen Christ and the empty tomb. An Egg Hunt for children will follow worship.



Holy Week

The worship schedule for Holy Week is:

Sunday, April 2nd Palm Sunday	9:30 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Palm Sunday Brunch
Wednesday April 5th	5:45 pm	Soup Supper in Tower rooms
	6:30 pm	Celtic Lent Midweek Worshiip
Thursday, April 6th	10:30 am	Maundy Thursday Worship
	11:30 am	XYZ Potluck - All are welcome!
Friday, April 7th	7:00 pm	Good Friday Worship at Our Redeemer LC 1390 Larpenteur Ave.
Sunday, April 9th Easter!	9:30 am	Easter Festival Worship!
	10:30 am	Easter Egg Hunt! - All families welcome!



Spring Rhubarb Festival – May 20th, 2023



We are having a festival!!! Do you craft, bake, cook, have a body that can help? We are looking for many helpers to create a wonderful outreach experience to our neighbors, friends east side community, and more. All proceeds will go to help Ukrainian Refugees. Join in the fun! Sign up at church and get involved. We need each and every person to make this a success!

From the Intern's Desk -

Happy Spring! With the season comes the joy of more daylight in the evening, plans for gardens and warmer outdoor activities. Our family delights even more with this spring! After five years of seminary, we look forward to graduation this May! Feel free to join us as we celebrate:

*Intern Becky's Commencement Ceremony May 21, 2023 3 PM
Central Lutheran Church, 333 12th St S, MPLS, MN*

Or

*Intern Becky's Baccalaureate Service May 20th, 2023 2 PM
Luther Seminary 481 Como Avenue St. Paul, MN*

**Internship continues through the summer. We will celebrate one last time of worship together with me August 20th at Phalen Lake.*



May your spring welcome delight as well!

Upcoming Events:

Eastside Collaborative Presents... the first of four 'getting to know our neighbor' experiences!

“Taking Heart Iftar” Enjoy a meal & presentation with local Muslim brothers and sisters. Engage and learn more about the Islamic faith! We have reserved spaces for our East Side Collaborative. RSVP today. Monday, April 3, 2023 6:15 PM-8 PM at Dar Ul Uloom Islamic Center 1 mile Southwest of Lake Phalen 977 East 5th Street St. Paul
Reservations are LIMITED. **RSVP : office@orlcmn.org or call Sally at 651-772-2445**

Getting to Know Our Neighbor #2 “A night with our Ukrainian brothers & sisters. “

Over a meal we'll engage with our Ukrainian siblings in learning about faith & life as a Ukrainian Orthodox Christian. *Monday, May 1st Ukrainian Orthodox Church NE MPLS 505 5th St. MPLS*

Reservations are LIMITED. **RSVP : office@orlcmn.org or call Sally at 651-772-2445**

- **Worship in the park** at Battle Creek on July 16th and Phalen Lake Park on Aug. 20th!
- We will celebrate **National Night Out/Unite the Night** as Eastside Collaborative on the first Wednesday in August at Our Redeemer Lutheran.

Blessings, Becky Sliva

MISSION OF THE MONTH

The Mission of the Month for April at Grace is Doctors Without Borders. DWB provide independent, impartial medical humanitarian assistance to the people who need it most. DWB cares for people affected by conflict, disease, outbreaks, natural and human-made disasters, and exclusion from healthcare in more than 70 countries. Some of Doctors without Borders principles include being independent, impartial and neutral, to be guided by universal medical ethics, to be committed to bearing witness and to be transparent and accountable. Doctors Without Borders is committed to diversity, equality and inclusion.

DWB is at work in 72 countries and territories, have provided 12,592,800 medical consultations conducted by DWB humanitarian teams, and admitted 1,044,000 patients to MFS hospitals or clinics around the world.

Please prayerfully consider making a donation to this wonderful organization who reach out to those in need of medical care around the world to God's people who are in desperate need. Please use your blue multi-purpose envelope, mark mission of the month and place in the offering plate on Sunday morning or mail to the church office. Checks should be made payable to Grace. Thank you.

Music Notes -

A few weeks ago someone asked about the history of the organ. Here is a capsulized version .

Back in the 200's A.D. a Greek inventor by the name of Ctesibius discovered that air moving through a pipe would create a sound; one pipe=one sound. He used water to pump the air through the pipe. By the 500's the Romans had made bellows with a pump to force the air through. Within 100 years after that. this invention came to all of Europe to be used not in church yet but for public events. The instrument had a raucous sound, not very pretty, but very loud.

Experimenting was also being done with small more portable organs. An organ appropriately named the *portable* could be held on your lap, one hand playing the notes and the other pumping the bellows. Emperor Constantine sent one to King Pepin the Short (really?) in 757 and as off-spring sometimes do, his son Charlemagne wanted one too. He received his *portable* in 812. A larger organ called the *positive* could be carted around by a few men and used in homes or social events. It had a few more sounds and is still used today in performing Baroque music such as for Bach's cantatas.

Now people started experimenting with the types of material the pipes were made of along with their height and width, creating different types of sounds. By 400 years later in the 900's a large organ was installed in Windsor Cathedral in England. It had 400 pipes, 26 bellows, 2 keyboards having 40 keys each and 70 men to pump those bellows. Having a group of pipes creating the same type sound became common by the mid-1400's. Now the sounds could be loud or soft, much more pleasant.

The first sounds being created were attempts to imitate existing instruments i.e. flute, cromorne (similar to the oboe), trompete. The sounds chosen depended upon the organ's use. The Northern European organ sounds needed to support a choir, whereas the French/Italian/Spanish needed pieces to support parts of the Catholic Mass.

In the 1500's pedals were added to the organ, but not as sophisticated as today's version. The pedalboard was flat, played with only the toes. Another brilliant invention was the swell box, first scene in 1712. It could control how loud the organ was by opening and closing the area where the pipes were. Very soon after that, an additional control was added—the Crescendo Pedal which could add sounds without needing to pull the knobs out by hand, thus creating a layering affect.

After all these inventions, something had to give. In 1536 in England, the counter-culture, namely the Protestants, felt nothing but scripture should be used in a service, that "singing and saying of the

mass, matins, or evensong, is but roaring, howling, whistling, mummying, conjuring, and jogeling and the playing at the organ a foolish vanity". By 1562 a paper was given saying "that the psalms may be sung distinctly by the whole congregation; and that organs may be laid aside". The organs found in cathedrals throughout England were beautifully built, many of them can still be heard today. Unfortunately, many also were destroyed under the edict issued in 1644 that said, "all organs and the frames or cases wherein they stand, in all churches and chapels shall be taken away and utterly defaced, and none other hereafter set up in their places".

What happened next? How did we get to having such great English music by Ralph Vaughan Williams and his cohorts? Read what happened next in Part B, the rest of the story.

XYZ's The April meeting of this group will be on April 6th after the 10:30 am Maundy Thursday worship service. We are bringing back our traditional Potluck meal for this day. Please plan to join us and bring a dish to share if you can. (Everyone is welcome whether you bring a dish or not). It's always fun to see what everyone enjoys making. We may not have a well balanced meal, but it will be delicious for sure! See you there!

FROM THE LIBRARY:

Readers, Something for everyone this month: children, youth, fiction and more.

EVERY BOOK GIVEN TO THE LIBRARY IS APPRECIATED, Thank you

FICTION - The rest of the C's from last month

<u>Hornet's Nest</u>	Patricia Cornwell
<u>Blowfly</u>	Patricia Cornwell
<u>Cause of Death</u>	Patricia Cornwell
<u>All That Remains</u>	Patricia Cornwell
<u>Dust</u>	Patricia Cornwell
<u>The Storm</u>	Patricia Cornwell

CHILDREN'S BOOKS - Easter

<u>The Time of Easter</u>	Random House
<u>Peter Cottontail</u>	
<u>Antibias</u>	

The Diary of Clotee, a Slave Girl Dear America Scholastic

Seven Candles for Kwanzaa Andrea & Brian Pinkney

Grandad's Prayers of the Earth Douglas Wood

All the Colors of the Earth

Something to Prove: The Great Satchel Paige vs Rookie Joe DiMaggio

General

Ludvig Van Beethoven

Leo the Late Bloomer

Thank you, Mr. Falker

Aunt Chip & The Great Triple Creek Dam Affair

Robert Kraus

Joy in the Morning

Patricia Polacco

I'm Thankful Each Day

Wind Songs

Michael Card

The Magic School Blows Its Top

P.K. Hallinen

The Berenstain Bears Go To Camp
Mr. Lincoln's Way
Coretta Scott
Girls Think of Everything
An Orange for Frankie
Old Turtle
Mama Upstairs & Hana Downstairs

New Books For Children
The Child's Story Bible

Stan & Jan Berenstain
Patricia Polacco
Ntozake Shange/Kadir Nelson
Catherine Thimmesh
Patricia Polacco
Doug Wood
Tomie dePaolo

Catherine F. Voss

Grace Book Club -

For April 6th: The Girl Who Wrote in Silk

May 4th: Beneath a Scarlet Sky

June 1st Finding Me

Kelli Estes
Mark Sullivan
Viola Davis

Sunday School Update!

As we journey through Lent, our sunday school kids are continuing their faith journey of what it means to follow Jesus, to be fishers of men, and learn of the many miracles Jesus performed such as healing the sick and feeding the 5000.

Palm Sunday the Grace Youth will sing songs of Hosanna!

Easter Sunday we will have an Easter egg hunt following the service. All families are welcome!



Committee Highlight for April - Worship and Music

You see the intent of the Committee as soon as you enter the building. Items like the Christmas tree, banners, bulletin boards and displays of the season greet you.

As you move into the Narthex you are greeted and handed a bulletin by an usher. Depending when you enter the Sanctuary, you will hear organ music. When you sit in the pew you glance at the bulletin cover that will tell you what Sunday or special service will be celebrated. As you look at the Chancel area you notice the color of the paraments which will indicate the liturgical season of the year. Communion is on the altar ready for your participation

Every service there is organ/piano music, choirs, soloist or instrumentalists. All the music is especially chosen to coordinate with the scriptures. The service is being recorded and live-streamed for those unable to attend.

All of this happens because of the dedicated members of the Worship and Music Committee. You can participate by joining the Committee or volunteering for a special event or task. Speak to any of the members to indicate your interest.

Co-Chairs - Dave Hunter, Barbara Kinney

Director of Music Ministries, Sanctuary Choir, Bell Choir - Russ Carlson

Organist - Kathleen Hollar

Triple G's - Jan Steingas

Joyous Juniors - Connie Smeby

Chancel Care - Barb Kinney, Anne Oberlander

Ushers - Norm Walby, Brian Jackson

Pastor Karen Williams

Video - Chris Williams

Hear more about this Committee on Sunday, April 2 at Worship

President's Thoughts -

This month finds us in the midst of several projects (what else is new) and many conversations of upcoming possibilities and challenges. The Council is in the midst of negotiating a contract with the Met Council regarding the Gold Line project. This is ongoing and may take months to complete. The congregation will need to vote on it when we have a settlement plan tentatively agreed upon. We are in brainstorming conversations about what may happen if the LSS preschool goes forward. How do we do church primarily on one level and what could that look like to include all of our programs? We are also brainstorming ideas to deal with our income shortfall and how to best use the gifted funds we have been blessed with. Please feel free to talk with myself or any of the council members with ideas or questions.

We are also looking forward to opportunities to serve our community and world. Be sure to look at the information about the Spring Rhubarb Festival and get involved as you can. There are many ways to become involved with the activities here at Grace. We look forward to seeing you share your gifts!

Blessings to you, Linda Sackreiter - Congregational President

Community Connections - ongoing projects!!

Internal, Local and Global

During the month of April we would like to ask the congregation to consider donating items for the 'Jack packs' we talked about in March. We are working toward doing some packing events in May so that the filled packs will then be available for us to have with us during the summer as we travel during the 'nicer' months to be out and about. There is a list of suggested items to bring in on the table in the Good Shepherd Lounge and any donations can be left under the table as you bring them in. Thanks for your help with this project started by the youth and resurrected by by Norm Baer to help out our Vets as well.

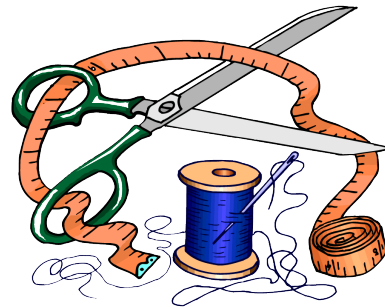
2023 Collections:

Quilts, baby care kits (Note: soap size accepted for baby care kits is 3.5 and 4 oz gentle soap; soap in each kit has to total 8 or 9 oz) In January we delivered 36 quilts to the Lutheran World Relief warehouse in South St. Paul and are already working toward the next delivery.

Other on-going collections at Grace - used eye glasses and cancelled stamps. Please find the small collection baskets on the library shelf. Also, Sandy Abernathy will take any American Flags that need to be disposed of properly. These can be left in the collection area in the library. Thank you for all donations!

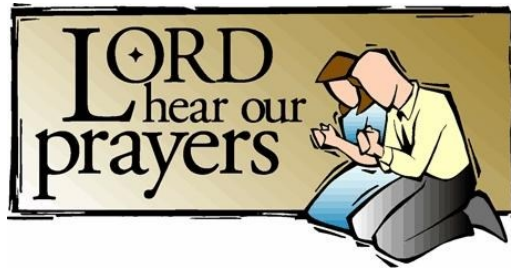


Quilt Day- April 22, 10 am, Tower rooms. Come and join our faithful energetic quilters who work every month on the 2nd & 4th Saturdays assembling and tying approximately five quilts each meeting. Because Easter falls on the 2nd weekend of the month, we will only meet once in April. Crochet thread is now used for tying, but we have a good supply. Come to work, to chat, to laugh, to enjoy being God's hands for the day! Bring a friend. A good time, well spent. New workers are always needed and welcomed! No experience required. We will train!



Miles of Pennies The large collection jar in the library is always accepting donations toward helping the LSS fund for helping homeless Youth in St. Paul. Our goal is \$250.00 for 2023. Our "noisy offering" totaled \$133! Thank you to everyone who participates in this important mission. Your generous donations of pennies and coins are appreciated. *Let's exceed our goal this year!*





We lift our prayers to God in times of thanksgiving and times of need, in times of joy and times of sorrow. Today, we especially pray for Dorothy Mohwinkel, Butch Nelson, the family and friends of Janet Haldeman (Judy Nelson's sister-in-law), and those we name in our hearts.

How to donate without an offering plate:

There is always snail mail. The office is open to receive the mail and our bookkeeper will count what comes in each week and deposit it in the bank. Our address: 1730 Old Hudson Road, St. Paul, 55106.

To donate electronically: You can schedule a transfer of funds with your own bank if they have bill pay available and it will come automatically on the date you choose. Otherwise, you can go to our website (www.gracelutheranstpaul.org) and click on the GIVE page. This site is secure for financial transactions through Vanco which is the Simply Giving program. At the GIVE page you can go through the steps as directed and give whatever amount you wish to several different categories (general, mortgage, etc.) This works best on the Firefox or Edge browsers. This does get to us electronically in a very timely manner. If you are comfortable using the QR, it will take you directly to the GIVE page on the website. **Please call the office if you have any questions.** Thank you.

Give QR



Financial Snapshot for GLC-2023

	<u>February Actual</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>
General Fund	\$17,791.15	\$39,500.92	\$43,717.46
Expenses	\$29,206.41	\$56,931.55	\$44,203.02
Deficit/Overage	- \$11,415.26	-\$17,430.63	-\$485.56



To Those Born in April!

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|----------------------|------------------------|
| 1 Kenneth Goebel | 24 Karen Boehne-Warner |
| 2 Wayne Erickson | 25 Knute Nelson |
| 3 Larry Adam | 26 Char House |
| 4 Johanna Oberlander | Gen Wrobel |
| 7 Ron House | 27 Amanda Christie |
| 9 Owen Heintz | Donna Walseth |
| 12 William Kinney | |
| 14 Victoria Humphrey | |
| 15 Greg Mohwinkel | |
| 17 Richard Gunderson | |
| Tootie Henningsen | |
| William Wood | |
| 20 Kelley Reed | |
| 22 Tony Childs | |
| 23 Rich Raschke | |



Worship Leaders for April 2023 -

Midweek Soup Suppers and Worship at 5:45 & 6:30 pm on
April 5th in Holy Week

<u>Date</u>	<u>Liturgist</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>	<u>Lay Reader</u>
2	Patty Young	Alleman Family	Sig Johnson
9	Monique McClure-Hegge	Childs Family	Carolyn Hesterberg
16	Jan Steingas	Alleman Family	Carol Golder
23	Connie Smeby	Alexis Petersen	Keith Smeby
30	Russ Carlson	Reed Family	Roger Allmendinger

<u>Date</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
2	Team F - Peter Hultgren, Linda Denson, Larry Denson
9	Team G - Brian Jackson, Patty Young, Chris Wintheiser, Kris Wintheiser
16	Team H - Youth, Karin Nikula, Bob Golder
23	Team A - Norm Walby, Ron House, Roger McClure
30	

<u>Date</u>	<u>Money Counters</u> - (we could use some additional volunteers on our counting teams)
2	Kate Pray team
9	Amanda Christie team
16	Monique McClure-Hegge team
23	Kate Pray team
30	Amanda Christie team



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Happy Easter!
He is Risen. He is Risen Indeed!!



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Jan Steingas—Triple G's

Russ Carlson—Bells of Grace

Connie Smeby—Joyous Juniors

