

# Grace Lutheran Church News and Tidbits

## MARCH 15, 2026

# YOU ARE WELCOME! WORSHIP WITH US!

### Grace Lutheran Church Mission Statement

To **ANSWER** the CALL of our Savior.  
To **CONNECT** with people in their everyday lives.  
To **ADVANCE** the Gospel through God's Word and fellowship.  
To **LEND** ourselves in service, so that we may become instruments.  
that **LEAD** others to salvation.

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**3/14** 5:00 pm (Communion)  
**3/15** 8:00 am (Communion)  
10:30 am (No Communion)

#### Hymns

LSB 605 *Father Welcomes*

*Hymn In Christ Alone*

SoG 41 *I Love You, Lord*

LSB918 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer*

**Communion Hymns** (5:00 & 8:00)

LSB 411 *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

LSB 571 *God Loved the World so That He Gave*

LSB 744 *Amazing Grace*

#### Readings:

Isaiah 42:14-21; Ephesians 5:8-14;

John 9:1-7,13-17, 34-39

**3/21** 5:00 pm (Communion)  
**3/22** 8:00 am (No Communion)  
10:30 am (Communion)

**3/28** 5:00 pm (No Communion)

**3/29** 8:00 am (No Communion)

10:30 am (No Communion)

SoG = Songs of Grace | LSB = Lutheran Service Book

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

**3/15/2026, 9:15 am**

**No infants thru 12<sup>th</sup> grade Today!**

Adult Bible Classes

- Pastor Woods (Fireside Rm.)
- The Youngs (Boardroom)

**3/22/2026, 9:15 am**

**No infants thru 12<sup>th</sup> grade Today!**

Adult Bible Classes

- Pastor Woods (Fireside Rm.)
- The Youngs (Boardroom)

**3/29/2026, 9:15 am**

**No infants thru 12<sup>th</sup> grade Today!**

Adult Bible Classes

- Pastor Woods (Fireside Rm.)
- The Youngs (Boardroom)

**Easter Sunday, 4/5/2026**

**No Adult or children's classes.**



### THINGS TO KNOW!

**Pastor's Class 1:00 – 3:00 pm**

3/15 Holy Communion

3/22 The Lord's Prayer.

Join us in the church Boardroom.

**Wednesdays Bible Study  
"Road to Coronation"**

Church Boardroom at 10:00 am

Led by Pastor Speerbrecker

**March 18**

"Royal Coronation

in Matthew, Mark and Luke"

**Worship News**

Lenten worship service 7:00 pm

**March 18**

"Mine"

Text: Ex. 20:1-17

**Saturday Worship Note**

There is NO Saturday worship service on April 4.

Please join us for one of the Easter services on April 5.

**Please Pray For:**

**Members:** Sally McKnight, Louella Aker, Cora Keister, Larry Young, Jacob Young, Sabrina Haug, Marc Deardorff, Erondia Weldon, Joe Franklin, Jim Bell, Jennifer Buss, Lorna Hoepfner, Marilyn Meek, Mikelene Higgins, Jim Furber, Tim Minich, Frank Putirka, Carie Lamb, Andy Razor, Harry Ross.

**Friends & Loved Ones:** Ira Blanken (acquaintance of Becky Fetz), Margot Franz (granddaughter of Darrell & Sue Shewmaker), Becky Johnson (daughter-in-law of Wendy Shevlin), Loretta Faith (great niece of Jeff, Sara, Chris & Ashley Faith), Larry Cichocki (brother-in-law of Kathy Cichocki), Gary Sporleder (dad of Tricia Woods), Tucker Wathen (Brenda Alford's grandson), Bruce Matzke (Robb's dad), Stephen Korner (Knut's brother), David Long (father-in-law of Kyle Brumett), Rebecca Cook (friend of Doug & Joan Longest), Brigadier General Matt Matia (friend of Barbara Sziklay), MacKennon Kelly-Broner (grandson of Sally Kelly), Eugene Henderson (Ron Zwald's brother-in-law), Finley Singleton (niece of Lindsay Swearingen), Jennifer Parr (friend of Debbie Boyle), Elana Bussey (sister of Jean Brafford), for Stacy Tunnel (friend of Pat Curts), Rick Shafer (brother of Colleen Garber), Abo Asmah (friend of Emmanuel Ayiku-Teye), Joe & Carole Chester (cousins of Danielle Delorme).

**Prayers for Our Military:** Shane McNamara (stepson of Ruth McNamara), Lukas Faith (Air Force, son of Jeff & Sara), Jeremy Hougland (Army), Thomas Kendall & Michael Kendall (Army, sons of Patrick & Ruthie), Alona Warren (Marines, California, daughter of Diana & Mark), Megan Harbol (Army, niece of Kathy Hayes & granddaughter of Barbara Fitzpatrick), Orrin Harbol (Army, husband of Megan), Will Mersmann (Navy, acquaintance of Becky Fetz), Lauren Mitchell (Navy, niece of Kathy Hayes & granddaughter of Barbara Fitzpatrick), Jonah Windell (Navy, grandson of Larry & Donna Oexman), Samuel Franks (Army, grandson of Luella Franks).

**PRAYER LIST UPDATES NEEDED**

If you have a friend or loved one listed on our Sunday prayer list or in the weekly Prayer Letter, we'd love to hear how they are doing. Whether there is an encouraging update to share, a new request for prayer, or it's time to remove a name, your updates help us pray more meaningfully. Please reach out to Karen in the church office by phone or email her at [secretary@glcna.org](mailto:secretary@glcna.org).

**ALTAR FLOWER CHANGES and COST for 2026**

You may sponsor altar flowers for any worship weekend in honor of someone's birthday, anniversary, memory, or simply to the Glory of God. Please **call or e-mail** Karen in the church office to sign up. The **cost is \$40 per vase**. Checks payable to "**Grace Lutheran Church**." Please place payment in envelope marked "Altar Flowers" or mark on memo of check "Altar Flowers." When taking flowers home, please leave the green metal insert—those are returned to the flower shoppe.



Thank you to everyone that came out to help work Sugarbush this year! Whether you cleaned tables, washed dishes, served on the line, cooked the food, drove the van, or joined us in prayer, you made this year a success. It was such a joy to serve our community in this way.

**Euchre Sunday, March 15**  
**Noonish in the Fellowship Hall**

Stick around after late service on the 15th and play some Euchre with us. All ages are welcome. If you prefer, other games are welcome as well.

Bring snacks to share (optional).

Contact Nik Kahl at 502-693-2318 with questions.



## Wednesday Lenten Worship Schedule - 7:00 pm

Deliver Us: Why the Exodus is Still Our Message

- **3/18** "Mine" Exodus 20:1-17
- **3/25** "Digging Ourselves into a Hole" Exodus 32:1-14



## Holy Week Schedule

- Palm Sunday, 3/29 - 8:00 & 10:30 am "A New Beginning" Exodus 34:1-8
- Maundy Thursday, 4/2 - 7:00 pm w/Communion "Access" Exodus 24:1-11
- Good Friday, 4/3 - 7:00 pm "Agnus Dei" Exodus 12:1-13

## EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES

"Against All Odds" Exodus 15:1-18

Easter Sunrise, 4/5 - 6:30 am

Easter Service, 4/5 - 8:00 am Communion

Easter Service, 4/5 - 10:30 am Communion



## Grace on Wednesdays

Classes for age 4 thru adult

**Classes are not meeting**

3/18 and 3/25 (spring break!)

4/1 (Holy Week)

**The schedule for April**

4/8 Supper 5:30 Classes 6:00-7:30

4/15 Supper 5:30 Classes 6:00-7:30

4/22 Supper 5:30 Classes 6:00-7:30

4/29 Supper 5:30 Classes 6:00-7:30



## Parents of Young Kids

**Monday, March 16, 2026  
5:30-8:00 at Mitzi Lyon's home**

Join with other parents of children up to 4th grade at Mitzi's for a fun evening of Bible study that begins with a meal at 5:30. Need a babysitter? Childcare is available upon request. Please let Mitzi know if you plan to come, so she knows how much food to prepare. Any questions contact Mitzi, 812-207-4796.

## **“Road to Coronation”**

### **Bible Study**

Wednesdays, 10 am  
(Boardroom)

Led by Pastor Paul Speerbrecker

**March 18**

“Royal Coronation in Matthew, Mark, and Luke

**March 25**

“The Royal Coronation in John”

Jesus’ “coronation” on a cross took place five days after entering Jerusalem. Vindicated in the resurrection and enthroned in the ascension, Jesus calls us to listen, believe and follow.

# **Quilt Tacking**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 17**

**Church Fireside Room**

**10:00 - Noon**

No experience needed. Please bring scissors. Everyone is welcome!

**JOIN US FOR DEVOTIONS,  
COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP**

## **GRIEF SHARE<sup>®</sup> SUNDAYS**

*at church, 1:00-3:00 pm*

Sunday, APRIL 12 in the Boardroom

**ALL MATERIALS FOR THE CLASS ARE PROVIDED!**

*Session 1: Is this Normal?*

WISHING YOU COMFORT AND PEACE AS  
YOU NAVIGATE THROUGH YOUR GRIEF.

CONTACT PASTOR WOODS, 502-523-9327  
OR PW@GLCNA.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION.

## **Easter Lilies**

Sixty Lilies have been ordered to adorn the church on Easter Sunday

Easter lilies are \$13 each, and you can sponsor one by signing up on the sheet outside the church office.

Dedicate your lily in memory, honor, or to the Glory of God. Donors will be listed in the Grace News bulletin on Easter.

### **Payment**

- Checks: Payable to Grace Lutheran, in an envelope labeled "Lilies."
- Cash: In an envelope with your name.

Please take your lilies home after the Easter service. For questions, contact Karen at (812) 944-1267.

## **Grace Lutheran Preschool**

### **FLOWER SALE**

ORDER FORMS ARE AVAILABE IN MAIL SLOTS AND AROUND THE CHURCH.

Contact the preschool at 812-941-1912 or see  
Karen Satori if you have questions about the sale.



**Saturday, March 28**

**from 11:00 - 1:00**

**Ages 0 – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**(Must be accompanied by an adult)**

**Come join the fun**

**EGG HUNT**

**CRAFTS**

**FACE PAINTING**

**INFLATABLES**

**FREE LUNCH**

**No baskets are necessary;  
bags will be provided**

Please sign-up by either  
texting Mitzi (812) 207-4796  
or on the sheet by the  
Church Office.

## **Volunteers Needed For the Easter Egg Hunt**

Help make the Easter Egg Hunt  
a success for our little ones!

**PLEASE SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER!**

On **Saturday, March 28**, we need help from  
**10:00 am – 2:00 pm**. Please reach out to  
Mitzi at [Mitzi.lyon@glcna.org](mailto:Mitzi.lyon@glcna.org), text 812-207-  
4796 or sign-up outside the church office  
door. Thank you so very much for your  
support!



## **FILLING EASTER EGGS**

Help is needed to fill the Easter eggs.  
Everything will be ready to go—just  
need some helping hands.

*We'll be filling Easter eggs:*

**Thursday March 19 - 1:00-4:00**

**Friday, March 20 - 1:00-4:00**

We meet in the youth wing at  
church. Thank you for your support!





# Woman of Grace 2026 Retreat Registration Form

***Overwhelmed By Love & Joy***  
Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup> 10:00 – 3:00 pm  
Silver Heights Retreat Center,  
501 Camp Avenue, New Albany

**THE WOMEN OF GRACE RETREAT**  
***Saturday April 25, 2026 10:00 – 3:00 pm***  
**Silver Heights Retreat Center, 501 Camp  
Ave, New Albany, IN**  
**Overwhelmed By Love and Joy**

**Our speaker is Michelle Medlock:**

Since graduating with a journalism degree from Indiana University, Michelle has written more than 1,700 articles for newspapers, magazines, and websites; written for a worldwide ministry; hosted “Joy In Our Town” for the Trinity Broadcasting Network; blogged on for Guideposts, Bear Books—a division of End Game Press. She is a much sought-after speaker at professional writing conferences and women’s retreats all over the United States. (michellemedlockadams.com)

Silver Heights Retreat Center is in a beautiful setting close to church. ([www.silverheights.org](http://www.silverheights.org)). Please note on registration if you need a ride.

**Goals of the Retreat:** *to deepen relationships with our Sisters in Christ, provide a respite from the busyness of life, and give an opportunity to learn and grow in our Savior’s love.*

There are **registration forms by the church office**. The Cost is \$25.00 per person and includes lunch. Checks should be made payable to Women of Grace and placed in Carlee Hosp’s church mailbox with the registration form. Scholarships are also available and requests should also be **placed in Carlee’s mailbox**. Call Carlee Hosp 502-445-1901 for questions.

**At the retreat, we will be making a Welcome Basket for the Knudtson Family. Everyone is welcome to bring something to include in the basket.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

Registration is **\$25.00 per person**  
Please make checks payable to  
“Women of Grace”

For special dietary needs, contact Dolly  
Jenkins, 812-989-3093

Contact Carlee Hosp 502-445-1901  
with any questions

Scholarships are available. Check here for a  
scholarship \_\_\_\_\_

I need Transportation from church \_\_\_\_\_  
(check if needed) Contact Vanessa Moeller  
812-913-0883 to arrange a ride.

We will leave church at 9:30 and return after  
the retreat

**The Registration Deadline is April 19<sup>th</sup>**





**Sunday, 3/15**

Cora Keister

**Monday, 3/16**

Nena Spalding  
Grace Jaquemai

**Tuesday, 3/17**

Mia Chmielewski  
Brooklyn Essig

**Wednesday, 3/18**

Janet Weimer

**Thursday, 3/19**

Nicolas Thompson  
Reagan Larson

**Friday, 3/20**

Rick Ripley

**Saturday, 3/21**

Luke Clifford  
Chandler Morris

**Tuesday, 3/17**

Marc & Tammye Dearthoff

**Friday, 3/20**

Steve & Nan Burton  
Chris & Jena Schuppert

**Saturday, 3/21**

Ed & Carolyn Mayfield

## SUNDAY, MARCH 15 – SUNDAY, MARCH 22

### MARCH 15, SUNDAY

Worship, 8:00 (Communion)

- **SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9:15**
  - No classes infants – 12th grade (spring break)
  - Pastor Woods' Bible Class (Fireside Room)
  - The Youngs' Bible Class (Boardroom)
- **Worship, 10:30 (No Communion)**
- Pastor's Class, 1:00 pm (Boardroom)
- Euchre, 12:00 (Fellowship Hall)

### MARCH 16, MONDAY

- Scouts, 6:00 pm
- Parents of Young Kids, 5:30-8:00pm (Mitzi's house)

### MARCH 17, TUESDAY

- Quilting, 10:00- 12:00 (Fireside Room)

### MARCH 18, WEDNESDAY

- Bible class: "Road to Coronation", 10 am (Boardroom)
- **NO Grace on Wednesdays** (spring break)
- **LENTEN WORSHIP, 7:00 PM**

### MARCH 19, THURSDAY

- Thursday's Saints Bible Class, 10:30 am (Fireside)
- Filling Easter Eggs, 1:00-4:00 pm (Fellowship Hall)
- Scouts, 6:30 pm

### MARCH 20, FRIDAY

- Fill Easter Eggs, 1:00-4:00 pm (Fellowship Hall)
- Fireside Room reserved, 5:30-8:00 pm

### MARCH 21, SATURDAY

- Fireside Room, reserved, 12:00-6:00 pm
- **Worship, 5:00 pm (Communion)**

### MARCH 22, SUNDAY

- **Worship, 8:00 (No Communion)**
- **SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9:15**
  - No classes infants – 12th grade (spring break)
  - Pastor Woods' Bible Class (Fireside Room)
  - The Youngs' Bible Class (Boardroom)
- **Worship, 10:30 (Communion)**
- **New Member Reception**, Fireside Room after late service
- Euchre after late service (Fellowship Hall)
- Pastor's Class, 1:00 pm (Boardroom)

## NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

**COMING MARCH 22 DURING LATE SERVICE**

A reception will follow the service for meeting the newest congregation members, with light refreshments served in the Fireside Room.

# Grace Lutheran Church is Connected

[www.glcna.org](http://www.glcna.org)

Services, Events, Ministries, Grace News and More!

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On Google, type *Grace Lutheran Church New Albany, Indiana*.

Click the map to the right of screen and take the 360° tour of our church.



The **Grace News & Tidbits** and **Pastor Woods' Weekly Devotion** available via e-mail. If you would like to receive either or both by e-mail, please call Karen at the church office, 812-944-1267 or e-mail her at [secretary@glcna.org](mailto:secretary@glcna.org) and let her know. (Please check spam/junk folders and make church a safe sender in your e-mail settings, so we are not blocked by your e-mail.)

## PASTORAL CARE

If you are hospitalized or have a change of address or just something that needs pastoral care, please call the office, or let Pastor Woods know directly. Since hospital and nursing facilities are not allowed to disclose patient information of any kind, they do not call the church. If you cannot call the church or Pastor Woods yourself, please ask someone to do so for you. Pastor Woods would be grateful to hear from you or family when care is needed. We want to be there with you at such important times.

## BEWARE OF SCAM MESSAGES



If you receive a message that looks like it is from a church member or staff—especially Pastor Woods—please confirm with that person before opening or responding. There are a lot of scams going around, and we want everyone to stay safe.

## WAYS TO GIVE to GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Mail or place in offering plate at church or give online at [www.glcna.org](http://www.glcna.org).

| Weekly Attendance Report |          |     | Budget Needed weekly: \$17,003.00 |                    |
|--------------------------|----------|-----|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Wednesday,               | 7:00 pm  | 101 | <b>Sunday, March 8 Total: \$</b>  |                    |
| Saturday,                | 5:00 pm  | 41  | \$12,288.00                       | Envelopes          |
| Sunday,                  | 8:00 am  | 58  | \$ 322.00                         | Loose Plate        |
| Sunday,                  | 10:30 am | 136 | \$ 7790.00                        | Vanco              |
|                          |          |     | \$ 4700.00                        | Other General Fund |

## Grace Lutheran Church

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## Worship with Us

Saturdays, 5:00 pm  
Sundays  
8:00 & 10:30 am

## Contact Us

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## Grace Lutheran Preschool

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