

Grace Lutheran Church News and Tidbits

MARCH 22, 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

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

Hymns

LSB 755 *In the Very Midst of Life*
LSB 430 v 1,2,6,7 *My Song is Love Unknown*
LSB 552 v 1,9,10,4 *O Christ, Who Shared our Mortal Life*

Communion Hymns (5:00 & 10:30)

LSB 486 *If Christ Had Not Been Raised From Death*
LSB 724 v 1-10 *If God Himself Before Me*
LSB 523 *O Word of God Incarnate*

Readings:

Ezekiel 37:1-14
Romans 8:1-11
John 11:38-53

PALM SUNDAY

3/28 5:00 pm (No Communion)
3/29 8:00 am (No Communion)
10:30 am (No Communion)

EASTER SUNDAY

4/5 6:30 am (Communion)
8:00 am (Communion)
10:30 am (Communion)

SoG = Songs of Grace | LSB = Lutheran Service Book

SUNDAY SCHOOL

3/22/2026, 9:15 am

No infants thru 12th grade Today!

Adult Bible Classes

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

3/29/2026, 9:15 am

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4/5/2026, Easter Sunday

No adult or children's classes.

4/12/2026, 9:15 am

Ages 0-3 & parents (Sunshine Room)
Age 4- 4th grade (Fellowship Hall)
Jr. High (Jr. High Youth Room)
Sr. High (Sr. High Youth Room)
Adult Bible Classes

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

THINGS TO KNOW!

Pastor's Class 1:00 – 3:00 pm

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 25

"The Royal Coronation in John"

Worship News

Lenten worship service 7:00 pm
March 25

"Digging Ourselves into a Hole"
Text: Ex. 32:1-14

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: for Colleen Garber and family upon the passing of her nephew, Larry Dennis Erdman, for Suellen Dehnke upon the passing of her friend, Wanda Neff; for Shirley Nale, Greg Gastos, Sally McKnight, Louella Aker, Cora Keister, Larry Young, Jacob Young, Sabrina Haug, Marc Deardorff, 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: Susan Bauer (mother of Karen Meredith), Becky Johnson (daughter-in-law of Wendy Shevlin), Steven Bordenburg (nephew of Mark Warren), Carlotta McKnight (friend of Luella Franks), Jesseka Carlisle (Erondia Weldon's daughter), Ira Blanken (acquaintance of Becky Fetz), Margot Franz (granddaughter of Darrell & Sue Shewmaker), 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-Brooner (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.

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.



Wednesday Lenten Worship Schedule - 7:00 pm

Deliver Us: Why the Exodus is Still Our Message

- **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" Ex. 34:1-8
- MAUNDY THURSDAY, 4/2 - 7:00 pm w/Communion "Access" Ex. 24:1-11
- GOOD FRIDAY, 4/3 - 7:00 pm "Agnus Dei" Ex. 12:1-13

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES

"Against All Odds" Exodus 15:1-18

Easter Sunrise, 4/5 - 6:30 am Communion

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

3/25 (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



Easter Lilies

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

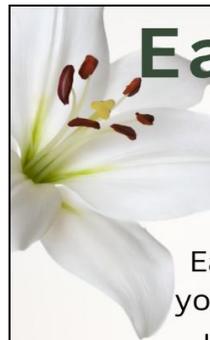
Easter lilies are \$13 each, and you can sponsor one by signing up on the sheet outside the church office.

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.



WELCOME New Members

**SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2026
DURING 10:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE**

Welcome to Our New Members

During the late service, we will welcome all individuals and families who have joined our congregation since October 2025, as well as those becoming members through the recent Pastor's Class.

Following the late service, a **small reception** will be held in the **Fireside Room**. We invite you to stop by, say hello, and help us extend a warm welcome.

We joyfully receive the following into membership:

- **Willard & Shirley Schlesener**
- **Shelia Elliott**
- **Samuel & Samantha Bottom**, and their children: **Lilly, Henry, and Jeffrey**
- **Ryan & Amy Griffith**
- **Jacob & Katelyn McAllister**, and their daughter **Ellie**
- **Brandin Leffler**, and his daughter **Haisley Kessinger**
- **Jacob Loppnow**
- **Mark & Mya Goodman**, and their granddaughter, **Eva**



To all our new members:

We are truly glad you are here. May this community be a place of connection, growth, and shared faith for you and your families.



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, text 812-207-
4796 or sign-up outside the church office
door. Thank you so very much for your
support!

Saturday, March 28

11:00 - 1:00

Ages 0 – 4th Grade

(Must be accompanied by an adult)

EGG HUNT | CRAFTS

FACE PAINTING | INFLATABLES

FREE LUNCH

NO BASKETS NEEDED—BAGS BEING PROVIDED

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



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.



THE WOMEN OF GRACE RETREAT

Saturday April 25, 2026 10:00 am – 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. 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 payable to Women of Grace and placed in Carlee Hosp’s church mailbox with the registration form. Scholarships are available and requests should be **placed in Carlee’s mailbox**. Call Carlee Hosp 502-445-1901 for questions. The registration **deadline is April 19, 2026**

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



GRIEF SHARE[®]
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.

100th ANNIVERSARY COOKBOOK



Keep an eye out in the coming months—Grace will be creating a church cookbook in celebration of our 100th anniversary in 2027! Start thinking about the recipes you would like to share, and we will have more details for you soon.



Monday, 3/23

Carol Fischer
Larry Young
Tim Just
Tim Minich

Tuesday, 3/24

Matt Bishop
Dalton Messmer

Wednesday, 3/25

Barbara Johnson
Carol Hinz
Heather Holcomb

Thursday, 3/26

Debbie Gleason
Carl Jurgens
Craig Rice
Allen Moeller

Friday, 3/27

Sandra Schiavi

Saturday, 3/28

Billie June Henley
Paul Dean
Holly Martin
Rachel Warren
Reese Edelen

Sunday, 3/29

Faith Reynolds

Tuesday, 3/24

Allen & Nancy Dippold

Wednesday, 3/25

James & Claudia Atwood

Saturday, 3/28

Jim & Nona Bell

Robert & Brandi Wilson

Sunday, 3/29

Marty & Lorna Hoepfner

SUNDAY, MARCH 22 – SUNDAY, MARCH 29

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 Welcome Reception after late service, Fireside Room
- Pastor's Class, 1:00 pm (Boardroom)

MARCH 23, MONDAY

- Scouts, 6:00 pm

MARCH 24, TUESDAY

MARCH 25, WEDNESDAY

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

MARCH 26, THURSDAY

- Thursday's Saints Bible Class, 10:30 am (Fireside)

MARCH 27, FRIDAY

- Fireside Room reserved, 5:30-8:00

MARCH 28, SATURDAY

- EASTER EGG HUNT, 11:00 – 1:00**
- Fellowship Hall & kitchen reserved after egg hunt
- Worship, 5:00 pm (No Communion)**
(note: No Saturday worship on 4/4)

MARCH 29, SUNDAY – PALM 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 (No Communion)**

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP MOW
THE BACK PROPERTY OF THE CHURCH.

IF YOU'RE ABLE TO ASSIST, PLEASE

CONTACT KARL KUEHNER.



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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 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.

Weekly Attendance Report

Wednesday, 3/11	7:00 pm	97
Saturday, 3/14	5:00 pm	70
Sunday, 3/15	8:00 am	86
Sunday, 3/15	10:30 am	147

Budget Needed weekly: \$17,003.00

Sunday, March 15 Total: \$86,288.25

\$14,126.00	Envelopes
\$ 1,319.00	Loose Plate
\$ 3,608.32	Vanco
\$67,234.93	Other General Fund

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Worship with Us

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

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