



GLOW

Grace Lutheran Church of Winchester

MARCH

2020

Ruth's Pantry

Needs

Instant potatoes,
canned peas, canned
peas, canned carrots,
canned mixed vegeta-
bles, fresh potatoes,
fresh carrots, onions

From the Desk of Pastor Connie...



Greetings,

Some of us are like Lucy in an old Peanuts cartoon. Lucy announces, "Boy, do I feel crabby." Linus tries to help her feel better. He fixes her a sandwich, and as he gives her the sandwich, he asks, "Now, is there anything else I can get you? Is there anything I haven't thought of?" Lucy replies, "Yes, there's one thing that you haven't thought of . . . I don't wanna feel better!"

Do you know someone like that? They've got a miserable attitude and that is just the way they like it! For many of us, not just Lucy, making any kind of change can be very difficult. Our midweek Lenten series this year will focus on "Making Change." This series, out of the "Sundays and Seasons" worship planner, describes "change" as . . .

. . . a constant in our lives. Some changes mark gradual transitions, as when daytime shifts toward twilight or winter turns to spring. Others happen in the blink of an eye, separating time into "before" and "after." We choose to undergo some changes after carefully considering our options, while others are forced upon us.

In the weeks, days, and hours before Jesus' crucifixion, the disciples also experienced change: a change of venue as the gates of Jerusalem approached; a change of plans as their long-awaited Messiah was arrested and tried; a change of circumstance as the crowds shouted "Crucify!"

Change is hard. We long for the expected and familiar, but all too often find ourselves in the midst of uncertainty and the unknown.

We often fear change. Unhealthy fears can control our lives. So we tend to hold on as long as we can to our bad attitudes, old habits, worn-out traditions, our resentments and our fears. Why? Because we are afraid to let go.

I want to challenge you to look at your life. Is there some area in which you need to make some changes, or learn how to handle change in positive ways? Maybe it is working on having a positive attitude, giving up a long-held resentment, or treating someone with more kindness. Whatever your need might be, this is the time to make changes. You have the power to choose!

Jesus says to us, "Don't be afraid." During the forty days of Lent, open yourself up to change, and take your needs, your attitudes, and your fears and give them over to God.

Peace,

Pastor Connie

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First Communion

A First Communion Class will be offered on Saturday, March 7, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. All children from 1st grade and up who have not received Holy Communion instruction are invited.

If your child is Kindergarten age or younger and you feel they are ready to receive Communion, please talk with Pastor Connie. You may register a child for this class by calling Pastor Connie at 920-205-2649.



“MAKING CHANGE”

Wednesdays 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

March 4 – April 1

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OWLS

OWLS folks will be included in the soup and sandwich luncheons beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 26.



The Lenten worship services are scheduled to begin at 11:00 a.m. The soup and salad luncheon will follow worship—at about noon.

This will continue until Holy Week. On Thursday, April 9, the Maundy Thursday service will be followed with the traditional Maundy Thursday dinner. Traditionally this includes the older members of Grace and the shut-ins.

Please begin to make your plans now to attend the soup and sandwich luncheons as well as the Maundy Thursday dinner.

Praise Band

The Grace Lutheran Praise Band is looking for additional members. Do you play any instrument that would enhance the praise band? Do you love to sing? Musicians do not have to participate every week unless they would like to do so. No auditions are necessary. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m.



Let's Pray!



March Birthdays for 80 and Over

EACH MONTH WE PRAY FOR A
DIFFERENT MINISTRY IN OUR
CONGREGATION . . .

THIS MONTH LET'S PRAY FOR OUR
**ADULT FORUM, CONFIRMATION &
SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS**

**Amy K., Dave B., Arden & Pastor Connie,
Dayna W. and all Adult Forum Leaders**

*WE ARE PRAYING FOR YOU AS YOU
MINISTER AT GRACE AND IN OUR
COMMUNITY!*

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Custodians — Gene Walter, Kendrick Beal		
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Love flows from Grace

May you have the power to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ!

March 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 8:15 a.m. Worship Service 9:20 a.m. Education Hour 10:30 a.m. Worship Service</p>	<p>2 9:00-11:00 a.m. Ruth's Pantry 11:00 a.m. Pantry Board 4:00-6:00 p.m. Ruth's Pantry</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 11:00 a.m. Lenten Worship Noon—Soup and Sandwich Luncheon 6:00 p.m. Lenten Worship 6:30 p.m. Confirmation</p>	<p>5 6:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
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Council Highlights



Council meeting February 13, 2020

- January had a monthly net income of -\$15,841.12. There were some changes made as to how some people give through the “Simply Giving” program and some periodic bills that affected January’s income negatively.
- Pastor Connie reported that four youth and two adults will attend the Youth Gathering in Manitowoc this weekend.
- A replacement double oven stove for the kitchen was purchased and installed. The stove will be paid for with \$500 from a memorial, \$500 from Small Wonders, and the remainder from a donation.
- The worship committee has decided to move outside for all of the late services this summer (weather permitting).

—Mark Rieckmann, Secretary



WELCA Spring Event

Women **and girls** of the ELCA-Appleton Conference are invited to a spring event on Saturday, March 21, at Prince of Peace Church in Appleton.

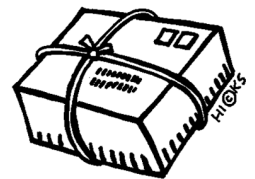
A complete agenda for the day is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway across from the bathrooms. Registration forms are on the counter across from the offices in the upper hallway. Talk to your friends about attending this event.

Registration must be sent by March 7, as explained on the registration form.

Youth

On Saturday, February 15, the youth had a Valentine party and traded cards to celebrate. Then they wrote cards of thanks for servicemen and servicewomen to be sent in the packages mailed by the Blue Star Mothers to members of our military serving overseas.

Four of the youth attended the youth gathering in Manitowoc. Pray that they had a wonderful, Jesus-filled experience at the gathering.



March Worship Assistants—8:15

Altar Assistant — Dave Bork
Lay Reader — Paula Nyback

March 1 — Usher Team 1
Greeters — Germaine Anderson
Communion Assistants — Team 4

March 8 — Usher Team 2
Greeters — Randy & Patti Doverspike
Communion Assistants — Team 5

March 15 — Usher Team 3
Greeter — Richard and Sandra Terio
Communion Assistants — Team 1

March 22 — Usher Team 4
Greeter — Ruth Ann Wisnepske
Communion Assistants — Team 2

March 29 — Usher Team 1
Greeters — Mary Schmidt, Randy & Dayna Williamson
Communion Assistants — Team 3

March Worship Assistants—10:30

Lay Reader — Jean Thyssen

March 1 — Usher Team 1
Greeter — Jane Moderson
Communion Assistants — Team 4

March 8 — Usher Team 2
Greeter — Glenn & Peggy Staples
Communion Assistants — Team 5

March 15 — Usher Team 3
Greeters — Linda Breaker
Communion Assistants — Team 1

March 22 — Usher Team 4
Greeters — Linda Kromm
Communion Assistants — Team 2

March 29 — Usher Team 1
Greeters — David & Gayle Wisnepske
Communion Assistants — Team 3

Personal Care Kits

For the personal care kits, consider bringing the following:

Week 1, March 1 — Nail Clippers

Week 2, March 8 — Toothbrushes

Week 3, March 15 — Wide Tooth Combs

Week 4, March 22 — 4-oz. bars of soap

Week 5, March 29 — Bath Towels, 27" x 54"

Extra bath towels will go with Pastor Connie to the Synod Gathering later in the spring.

If we get too many nail clippers, toothbrushes, wide tooth combs, or bars of soap, the extras will be taken to a local shelter.

The Thank You Column

... continued from February

A BIG thank you to Pastor Connie for her kind, gentle manner in leading us and teaching us how we can be better Christians and servants of God. In the background, she works with the Confirmation kids, and the Worship and Planning team to choose music for our worship services and plans weekly and special services. She spends many hours each week ministering to the elderly of our congregation and the shut-ins—hours most of us never see or hear about but are so important to our older members.

Thank you to Alissa for managing the church finances, the church office, helping with the LYF team, and dealing with all of the miscellaneous problems brought to her by members of the church as well as non-members.

Thank you to Rob Nelson, Jim Groff, Randy Doverspike, and Mark Rieckmann for the miscellaneous small (and large) tasks undertaken by them to keep our church inviting and operational.

Thank you to our worship musicians—Todd Repp, Jessica McGinnis, and Carol Reichert, and the Praise Band, who add the beauty of music to our worship and lead us in singing God's Praise.

Church History

DID YOU KNOW:

- ◇ that the last church history book was published in 1950? **70 years ago**
- ◇ that a few people have been working on gathering information for a **NEW** history book?
- ◇ that more people are needed to make this happen?
- ◇ that you could be instrumental in helping gather information for this book?
- ◇ that you don't need any special talents to help (other than an interest in church history)?
- ◇ that it is past time to make this project a reality?

PLEASE **come to a meeting** in the church lounge on **Thursday, March 5, at 1:30 p.m.** to find out how YOU can help. The more willing helpers, the less any one person will need to do.

If you are unable to make this meeting, but would like to be involved, please call Kate Christianson at 920-379-4937.



Thank You

To the Yarn Ministry: Thank you for the love that came to me with the beautiful shawl. To hold it close and know that friends are remembering me with good wishes and healing prayers is truly awesome. Thanks be to God!

—Betty Uvaas

Thank you to those who sent me cards, to those who came to celebrate the day with me, and to the choir members who took time after rehearsal to stop and sing "Happy Birthday." Also, thank you very much to those who helped with my party in any way. God bless!

—All my love, Clara Ingles

Ruth's Pantry

Appleton Conference of the East Central Synod of Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Annual Meeting
 First English Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI
 Saturday, February 8, 2020
 Reported by Sandra Terio

I attended the meeting because Ruth's Pantry was hoping for a grant from them. We were awarded a grant of \$1000. This was so much more than a synod meeting, although they did do business things like electing officers and appointing committees. Most of the morning was spent on "building community."

I was amazed at the number of organizations already set up and the number growing that foster inclusion.

- ESTHER – all faiths, justice, equitable communities, positive social change.
- STFV – Stronger Together – Fox Valley, children & families, strengthening neighborhoods.
- God's Work, Our Hands
- Importance of Social Connections = True Health Benefits

This year is the 50th anniversary of the ordination of women as pastors in the Lutheran Church. Christus in Greenville is working on the celebration. Females who were ordained in the area 50 years ago as well as females currently working here are both categories on the agenda. Check it out at ECSW on Facebook

The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer and the motto: **WE ARE CHURCH for the sake of the WORLD** inside a globe.



**THE CONFIRMATION YOUTH WILL BE HOSTING AN
 EASTER EGG HUNT FOR OUR CHILDREN HERE AT GRACE
 ON SATURDAY, APRIL 11, FROM 11:00 A.M. – NOON.
 REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED.
 CHILDREN ARE ENCOURAGED TO INVITE A FRIEND AND/OR
 NEIGHBOR TO JOIN THEM FOR THE EVENT.**

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The Calendar Ahead

In March

Sunday, March 8, Daylight Saving begins.

Sunday, March 8 and 22, 9:30 a.m. Confirmation Class

Wednesday, March 4 and 18, 6:30 p.m., Confirmation Class

Saturday, March 14, 10:00 a.m., Confirmation

Lenten Services at 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday throughout Lent until Holy week, the second week in April.

April and Beyond

Palm Sunday on Sunday, April 5.

Maundy Thursday — Following all of the 11:00 a.m. Wednesday Lenten services, you are invited to the dining room for a soup and sandwich luncheon. On Thursday, April 9, the Maundy Thursday lunch will follow the worship service.

Easter Sunday on Sunday, April 12.



Three of our favorite members celebrated birthdays in February. Clara was 90 on February 8. Iona was 98 on February 12.

Both are pictured above. In addition, Evelyn Schierland celebrated her 98th birthday on February 19. Congratulations to all three of these wonderful women.