



# GLOW

*Grace Lutheran Church of Winchester*

## April 2025

### Ruth's Pantry

#### Needs

Canned Peas and Carrots  
Shampoo  
Body Wash  
Bar Soap  
Hamburger Helper  
Pasta Noodles  
Cooking Oil  
Sugar  
Salt and Pepper  
Cereal  
Paper & Plastic Bags

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## From the Desk of Pastor Mark



***The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest.*** – St. Luke 24:5-9 (NRSV)

Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Young Jonathan, who had been promised a new puppy for his tenth birthday, had a tough time choosing one from the dozen likely candidates at the neighborhood pet shop. Finally, he decided on one nondescript shaggy pup who was wagging his tail furiously. Explained Jonathan, "I want the one with the happy ending."

After six weeks of Lenten darkness, in remembering the resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter morning, God once again reminds us of our "happy ending." We are reminded once again that while the journey may be filled with moments of doubt and despair, that it's what is at the end that carries all the weight – and for us, just like it was for Jesus' disciples at that first Easter – it's hope fulfilled.

The twelve verses that we will read from St. Luke on Easter morning are filled with language of this despair and doubt: The women were perplexed when they came to the tomb and could not find the body; they were terrified when the two men in dazzling clothes began to speak to them; as the women relayed the words of promised resurrection to the other disciples, St. Luke writes that "but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them."

St. Luke tells the story of a bunch of Jesus' closest followers who are struggling to buy what he'd been selling to them all along. They didn't think that there could possibly be a happy ending to what had transpired the previous week; and yet, in the wonder and awesomeness of God, they were given the happy ending that had been promised to them. And from there, St. Luke concludes in his gospel, "they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God." (Luke 24:52-53 NRSV) We are invited to share this joyous news in our lives as well.

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And there is indeed joy in doing so. We've all seen the surprised joy on the faces of those we love and care about when they've received a gift that they were so hopeful for; when they have been told that they are about to be grandparents for the first time; when they are informed that the cancer is in remission, and so many other moments that are captured and cherished in our memories. Being claimed in baptism and surrendering to the eternal promises of God is what gives these meaning. The resurrection of Jesus Christ on that first Easter morning, the complete and utter defeat of death, is what empowers us to hope, to dream, to live and to have purpose.

On this most glorious Resurrection Sunday which we will gather and celebrate this month, may you be filled with the full joy of the happy ending that has been written by our savior. And, just as importantly, may the world in which you live breathe, work, and love experience it as well, in the fullness and the joy of the happy ending that has no end.

For, He is risen....He is risen indeed! Alleluia!!

In Christ,

*Pastor Mark*


## Rummage Sale News

The rummage sale is rapidly approaching. Here are some key points:

- ♦ Mark your items before bringing them to church. Tags can be found in the coat room on the south end of the card rack.
- ♦ The day care office space may be used for dropping off your items. If you wish to bring items to be placed there, please call Alissa (920-277-7619) on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday to arrange for the room to be unlocked. It can also be unlocked on Sunday morning before or after worship if you arrange with Alissa or Kate Christianson (see Kate's number below). You can also bring your items on May 27 or 28 (and stay to help set up??)
- ♦ Are you a crafter? Would you like to have a table in the sale to sell your items? If at least three crafters are interested, we will arrange to have tables available. You MUST call Sherry Olson (920-836-3751) or Kate Christianson (920-379-4937) by the end of April to indicate your interest.
- ♦ Are you bringing quality or vintage items? Please call Sherry or Kate with a description, so we can plan space for those items.
- ♦ PLEASE: All items MUST be at the church no later than Wednesday, May 28.
- ♦ We want your rummage . . . even if it is not vintage or upscale. Please don't donate things that you would probably throw away due to condition.

Reminder: Think about how you can help at the sale . . . by bringing items, by helping set up/take down, and/or by working on the days of the sale. A sign-up sheet will go up at a later date (in the gathering space).

*He is Risen. He is Risen Indeed!*



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*Easter Services*

*7:00 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.*

*Breakfast will be available*

*between services in the Dining Room.*

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## Elevator Repairs

Please continue to pray for our elevator fundraising. The Congregation Council has determined that work will probably begin on the elevator in July, when we are holding some of our services outdoors. Otherwise, worship will be in the dining room while the elevator is being repaired.

Regardless of when the work is done, the bills will still need to be paid. Help us raise the funds for this necessary repair.



## Adult Forum

Every Sunday at 10:45 a.m., Mark Rieckmann is leading a Bible study in the LYF room. He has been taking the old testament one book at a time, making the stories in each book come alive for attendees. He uses a whiteboard program to illustrate the stories. Everyone is welcome to attend.

# April BIRTHDAYS

*The 80+ gang*

- 7 Mildred Mathison  
5300 Ann Street  
Larsen, WI 54947
- 10 Barbara Christian  
5431 Grandview Road  
Larsen, WI 54947
- 14 Jim McLeod  
8570 Hickory Avenue  
Larsen, WI 54947
- 20 Peggy Staples  
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Custodian — Gene Walter		
Power Point Master — Patti Nelson		

*Love flows from Grace*

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

# April 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 9:00 a.m. Women of Grace 5:30 p.m. Lenten Service	3	4	5
6 Pantry Collection Challenge 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m. Adult Forum	7 9:00-11:00 a.m. Ruth's Pantry 4:00-5:00 p.m. Ruth's Pantry	8	9 8:30 a.m. Sewing Circle 5:30 p.m. Lenten Service	10 1:00 p.m. Leah Circle	11	12
13 9:30 a.m. Palm Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m. Adult Forum	14 9:00-11:00 a.m. Ruth's Pantry 4:00-5:00 p.m. Ruth's Pantry	15 8:30 a.m. Property Team	16 9:00 a.m. Women of Grace	17 5:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service	18 5:30 p.m. Good Friday Service	19
<b>20 EASTER SUNDAY</b> 7:00 a.m. Sunrise Worship Easter Breakfast 9:30 Easter Worship	21 9:00-11:00 a.m. Ruth's Pantry 4:00-5:00 p.m. Ruth's Pantry	22	23 8:30 a.m. Sewing Circle	24	25	26
27 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m. Adult Forum	28 9:00-11:00 a.m. Ruth's Pantry 4:00-5:00 p.m. Ruth's Pantry	29	30 5:30 p.m. Service of the Word in the Sanctuary with Full Communion			

## Keeping in Touch

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The email Prayer Chain.

April	
Ushers	Greeters
April 6 — Team 5	Team 5
April 13 — Team 6	Team 6
April 20—1st Service — Team 1	Team 1
April 20—2nd Service — Team 2	Team 2
April 27 — Team 3	Team 3



## Ruth's Pantry "Collection Challenge"

Ruth's Pantry continues to provide food for many in the area. The first Sunday of every month is a Ruth's Pantry Collection Challenge Sunday where congregation members are challenged to bring a particular kind of food item to help stock the shelves. When you come to Church on Sunday, **April 6**, please bring **hamburger helper** or **boxed potatoes**. Other donations as well as cash are also always welcome.

"Early" Notice: The challenge for the first Sunday in **May** will be canned peas.

## Easter

Have you ever wondered why Easter falls on a different date each year?

ANSWER: In the year 325 A.D., church officials decided Easter should be observed on the day Jesus rose from the dead – which was

on the first Sunday  
after the first full moon  
following the first day of spring.

The first day of spring is always March 20 or March 21. But the first full moon after that date varies from year to year – and as a result Easter is celebrated as early as March 22 and as late as April 25.



## 175th Anniversary

As we enter the 175th anniversary year of Grace Lutheran Church in Winchester, let us give thanks for a church that has heat in the winter, comfortable pews for worship, a beautiful sanctuary with lovely stained glass windows, and all the other comforts of "home."

Let us give thanks for our faithful members, descendants of the forefathers who began the congregation and those who have come to us from other faiths and congregations.

Let us be thankful for our pastor and our leaders who make our weekly worship services available and inspiring.

Let us be thankful for the dedicated members of Grace who are reviewing the historical records and creating a history book so that we can enjoy learning about where we came from and share our beginnings with others.

Please pray for Grace Lutheran as we get nearer to our 175th Anniversary celebration!!



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## *Grace Historical Dates*

1995 Building and Grounds Committee started.

6-29-1995 All blacktop areas seal coated and striped.

7-8-1995 Gravel installed in courtyard for Day Care to use.

7-11-1995 New aluminum siding installed on the cemetery shed.

7-30-1995 Fire escape (stairs) constructed at the rear of the parsonage.

9-5-1995 Remodeled Room 213 into a new office for Pastor Gretchen Anderson.

10-21-1995 Thank you to Norris Mathison for making the new walnut processional cross.

12-27-1995 Dusk to dawn switch installed for south porch lights.

12-28-1995 Automatic door openers installed at the south entry.

1-15-1996 New sound system installed in Nave.

4-15-1996 Old well casing (in the ground south of the parsonage) removed and the hole sealed at the cost of \$627.

7-3-1996 Baseball diamonds remodeled, new fencing, grading, set up two diamonds; new fencing on tennis courts.

—Facts are assembled and submitted by David Christianson, with the help of several people who went through historical materials and pulled out data of note.

