

## Welcome to Grace!!

March 17, 2019

We are glad you are with us today! If this is your first time, please sign our guest book. If you'd like to know more about Grace, please fill in a Welcome Card and give it to the usher to place it in the offertory plate. Please join in the Gathering Place up the ramp, for coffee and fellowship following the service.

### Brief Reminders

- If you would like a gluten free wafer, please let an usher know.
- If you need a large print prayer book or hymnal, they are located on the desk in the front of the church.
- Please give a dollar donation when lighting a votive candle.
- If you notice something that needs attention (a light out, a roof leak, a clogged sink or toilet) please put it in the book outside the finance office. **Speak to Jim Kemp or Jerry Mrowczynski if you can help with small property needs.**
- Check out the bulletin board as you are going to the Gathering Place, there are community events, volunteer opportunities, and church news that might be of interest.

### Mark Your Calendars

- March 12 Lenten Program Begins 6pm
- March 13 Bible Study 11am
- March 16 Sainly Saturday Compline 7pm
- May 3 Talent Auction 5pm

### Those serving in today's Service

#### LEM:

5:30pm Saturday:  
Brian Campbell

8am Sunday:  
Jeff Thomson

10am:

Linda Brennan, Mary Gale McPharlin, Cindy Minnie,  
Mary Lou Creamer, Tanna LeClaire & John Hickman

#### Acolytes:

8am: Jim Kemp, Jeff Thomson

10am: Nicholas Larson, Christopher Larson, William  
Gibson & Eden Larson

#### Ushers:

10am: Tim O'Brien, Pat McPharlin, Donna Minock  
& Michael Gruver

#### Altar Guild:

8am: Mary Lou Creamer  
10am: Patty Campbell & Mary Gale McPharlin

### Those in our prayers for healing:

Leslie Buckley	Iris Koch
Carolyn George	Larry Babin
JoAnn Eldredge	Shirley Seeley
Sarah Parks	Roger
Don Gilbert	Larry Turner
Ted	Tom Andrews
Doris Meade	Dave Shook
Leatae Brothers	Nick Lucas
Katherine Atkinson	Eleanor Porada
Nancy Steele	Daniel Rose
Connie	Lori
Judy	Billy LeCaine
Noreen Wright	Tom

### Prayers for those in the military:

Tristan Lotz	Phillip Latham
Peter Latham	Christopher Clarke
Dillon Judd	Shelby Bixler
Nathan Hurst	Ben Chute

## **LENT AT GRACE**

Lent is a season of preparation for Easter. Originally, it was the season when people prepared for baptism at Easter, a ritual of incorporation into the risen life of Christ. Then it was a season when those who had egregious sins prepared to be readmitted to communion. Now, for all of us, it is a season to examine our relationship with God and to resolve to live more faithfully as followers of Jesus. It is a season for us to be quiet and reflective -- things our culture rarely values. It is a time for us to recommit ourselves to Jesus' Way of Love.

Here are some opportunities to gather for reflection and learning with others.

### **Tuesdays, beginning on March 12 at 6 p.m.**

Life Transformed: The Way of Love in Lent

Light supper (or brown bag) followed by study based on Easter Vigil Lessons and the Way of Love Practices for a Jesus-Centered Life.

Closing Prayers at 8. (March 19 the start will be delayed until 6:30 p.m.)

*Please sign up a week in advance for a parallel program for children and youth and/or nursery care by calling the church office or signing up outside the finance office.*

### **Wednesdays starting on March 13:**

Holy Eucharist at 10 a.m.

11:00 a.m. "ENTERING THE PASSION OF JESUS: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week" with Amy-Jill Levine.

### **Thursdays at Noon starting on March 14**

Olde Towne Churches Lenten Lunches at St John's UCC, 710 Pine Street. Theme "For God so Loved the World." Light Lunch and reflection by local pastors.

### **QUIET DAY, Saturday March 23 9-3:15 at Grace**

This meditative day at Grace will be based on Life Transformed: The Way of Love in Lent materials and the Easter Vigil readings. Please sign up (or call the office) if you plan to attend so that we provide enough food and copies of the materials. Unfortunately, we cannot offer a children's program or childcare on this date.

### **GRACE-FULL Sunday April 14th (Palm Sunday.)**

11:45-2 p.m. Simple Lunch will be provided. We will explore Easter themes and symbols and will make decorated eggs. There will be a technique for every age and ability level. Bring a smock or old clothes to change into. We are inviting each household to bring ½ dozen cooked white eggs and ½ dozen raw white eggs, if possible. Stay after church for this fun intergenerational afternoon.

## MARCH

17 8am Holy Eucharist 9am Jr. Choir 10am Holy Eucharist 11:30am Coffee Hour 12pm C4 Church 7pm AA	18	19 10am CE 12pm Finance Mtg. 1pm CE 4pm Yoga 6pm Lent Program 7pm AA	20 10am CE 10am Holy Eucharist 11am Bible Study 1pm CE 6pm NA 6:30pm Adult Choir	20 10am CE 10am Krafters & Knitters 1pm CE	21 10am CE 1pm CE 6pm NA	22 9am Lent Quiet Day 10am AA 5:30pm Holy Eucharist 7pm AA 7pm Saintly Saturday Compline
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**FOOD PANTRY:** Thank you for the continued donations to the food pantry. We are providing food bags weekly to Woodrow Wilson, Cleveland, Holland Woods, and Roosevelt schools. We continue to quickly use peanut butter, jelly, cereal, pudding cups, canned spaghetti o's, fruit cups (peaches & pears) and juice. It is with a humble heart I share with you how much these food items are appreciated. The first time a 4<sup>th</sup> grader was given a bag of food he became so very elated. He claimed "Oh my gosh Rice Krispies are my favorite cereal! Thank you, Thank you, we never get to have this good stuff!" So I say...Thank you..Thank you...fellow parishioners.

**HELP WANTED:** Kitchen Towel Ministry is looking for volunteers to launder towels for one month. It involves picking up the dirty towels, returning and putting away of clean towels. Months available are Jan and Dec. Barb Price recently retired after many years of service. Thank you Barb. If interested please contact Donna at 810-364-3927.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** One way to enhance our worship at Grace is by making donations for the altar flowers, in honor or remembrance of a friend or family member. The recommended donation is \$40.00 per vase. Please contact the office to discuss dates and arrange payments. **Please see back of announcements to fill out your Easter Lily Remembrances donation form.**

**COFFEE HOUR:** We are looking for volunteers to host the coffee hour for April 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>. Reminder there's no food to be served during Lent.

**CHRISTIAN FORMATION FOR ALL AGES:** As mentioned at the annual meeting, the Rector is gathering a Christian Formation for all Ages Commission. The group will support the work of Tracey Larson, our Youth and Family Ministry coordinator and of our volunteer youth leaders Sara O'Brien and Christy Allen. It will also seek to develop and redevelop classes and small groups to support adults in their faith journeys. They will also explore inter-generational learning opportunities. Watch for a survey about your hopes and needs for resources to help us all grow in the love and service of God.

**BOOK CLUB:** Will be meeting March 25<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Grace Kitchen. We will be reading "A Healing Justice" by Kristin Von Kreisler. We hope to see you there, bring a friend and if you choose a plate to pass.

**GOOD GRIEF:** April 16<sup>th</sup> from 6pm – 7:30pm, Lake Huron Medical Center will be hosting a workshop that will address issues facing grief. The loss of job, family, friends, physical or mental health, home, resources, learning healthy ways to assist with loss. Guests presenters include Jackie Cole LPN, Rev. Amiesha Lee Williams & Adrienne Lunchenbacher, MA, LLPC. Please feel free to join us in the Lighthouse Café.



ROGER WHITE MEMORIAL TALENT AUCTION  
2019

FRIDAY MAY 3rd

5:00 pm dinner

6:00 pm auction

*Easter Remembrances*

April 21, 2019

To the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of.... (or) Thanksgiving for...  
(or) in Tribute of.....

Name \_\_\_\_\_

The gift of: \_\_\_\_\_

Please clip this form and leave with donation in the church office by April 14, 2019.