

April 2010

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
				1 Maundy Thursday 8:00 am Grace Walkers 7:00 pm Passover Communion Service	2 Good Friday Office closed at Noon 8:00 am Grace Walkers 7:30 pm Ecumenical Good Friday Service	3
4 Easter Sunday Communion 6:30 am Worship 7:30 am Easter Breakfast 9:15 am Worship	5 8:00 am Grace Walkers 12:00 pm Bible Study 3:45 pm Just for Kix 5:30 pm Library 7:30 pm Narc. Anon	6 8:00 am Grace Walkers 9:00 am Staff Meeting 12:00 pm BYOB 4:30 pm Worship 7:00 pm Property Mtg.	7 8:00 am Grace Walkers 10:00 am The Gathering 4:30pm Women's Bible Gr 5:15 pm Celebr. Singers 6:00 pm Choir 6:30 pm Confirmation	8 8:00 am Grace Walkers 9:00 am Sowing Grace Quilters 11:40 am Chat & Chow 12:35 pm Chat & Chow	9 Office closed at Noon 8:00 am Grace Walkers	10 9:00 am – 3 pm Women's Retreat "Adorn This House"
11 Baptismal Anniversary 8:00 am Worship 9:00 am Finance 9:15 am Worship 9:15 am Sunday School	12 8:00 am Grace Walkers 12:00 pm Bible Study 3:45 pm Just for Kix 6:00 pm GMCU Mtg. 7:30 pm Narcotics Anon	13 Release Time 1-2 8:00 am Grace Walkers 12:00 pm BYOB 1:15 pm Staff Meeting 6:30 pm Church Council	14 8:00 am Grace Walkers 4:30pm Women's Bible Gr 5:00 pm Social Concerns 5:00 pm Family Fun Nite 5:15 pm Celebr. Singers 6:30 pm Confirmation 6:00 pm Choir	15 Release Time 3-6 8:00 am Grace Walkers 9:00 am Eve Circle 11:40 am Chat & Chow 12:35 pm Chat & Chow	16 Office closed at Noon 8:00 am Grace Walkers	17 Jazz Band Dinner
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April 2010

The deadline for the May 2010 newsletter is Tuesday, April 20th at NOON.

APRIL COFFEE AND COOKIE SERVERS

April 4 Easter Breakfast
April 11 Karin Simonich, Lynn Paulson
April 18 Sharon Holmstrom, Sara Kopka
April 25 Elaine VanDriel, Barb Schroeder

MAY COFFEE AND COOKIE SERVERS

May 2 Kathy Menze, Deb Schultz
May 9 Channa Lennox, Shari Salmonson
May 16 Ralph & Bea Blegen, Paul & Diane Blegen
May 23 Shirley Ulstrom, Sheila Kubat
May 30 Judy Radeke, Kathy Hovland

JUNE COFFEE AND COOKIE SERVERS

June 6 WELCA – Graduation

Attention Servers: Please bring 8 dozen goodies each to share. Thanks for your help- it's much appreciated!

COFFEE SERVING TIME: Coffee will be served between the services **and after the 9:15 service. Please be at the church by 8:15 to get the coffee started and things set up. Please keep this copy, we will list your name in the bulletin the week before you are to serve.**

If you are unable to serve on the Sunday listed please change a Sunday with someone else AND please let Dianne Larson know of the change at 679-2412.

MEALS ON WHEELS DRIVERS

April 22 & 23 Kathy Hamme, Marlys & Don Overson, Lucille Schultz



**Meals on
Wheels**

DATED MATERIAL – PLEASE EXPEDITE

Staff: Senior Pastor Doug Larson
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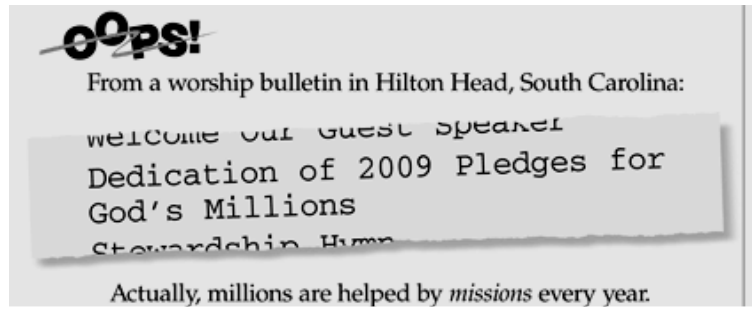
GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE- April 2010

	<u>GREETERS</u>	<u>USHERS</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>COMMUNION ASSISTANTS</u>
			8:00	
4/4	EASTER the Chuck McGovern family.....		Deb Schultz	Bonnie Boyer
4/11	Rob and Mary Ann Nichols	Dennis & Sharon Holmstrom	Mary Brelie	
4/18	Jim & Sandie Oxberry	Glenn & Carol Allman	Jim Oxberry	Greg Myers
4/25	Gary & Mary Kobberdahl	Ron & JoAnn Menk	JoAnn Menk	
			9:15	
4/4	EASTER Clint, Becci, Coleton, & Sophia Steffen	Dolores & Ernie Blaisdell	Mary Schwartz	Jason Thomson, Mary Schwartz, Barbara Larson
4/11	Eric, Sandi, Preston, & Cassidy Carlisle	Don & Marlys Overson	Cassidy Carlisle	
4/18	Matt, Amanda, Zachary & Jacob Felger	Glenn & Evie Lobdell	Gail Lange	Randy & Bonnie Lemke, Sandy Broehl Mark & Verona Gravich
4/25	James, Lisa, Madison, Sage, Sara Wren	Tim & Kris Zilliox	Kris Zilliox	



ACOLYTES

	<u>8:00</u>	<u>9:15</u>
April 4th	Aaron Tetnowski Tanner Baxley	Sara Kottke Jonathan Owens
April 11th	Kailey Berry Jacob Janousek	Noelle Elvehjem Brooke Elvehjem
April 18th	Emma Anderson Austin Peterson	Cassidy Carlisle Grace Marohn
April 25th	Alyssa Erickson Slade Fore	Derek Graves Daniel Peterson



If you are unable to serve on your assigned Sunday, please exchange your Sunday with someone else on this list and then let the church office know of the change as soon as possible (679-1062). Thank you for your willingness to serve.



THURSDAY, April. 1, 2010
Maundy Thursday
 7:00 pm – Passover Holy Communion Service

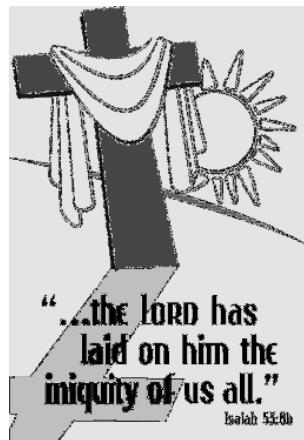
FRIDAY, APRIL 2, 2010
Good Friday
 7:30 pm - Ecumenical Service

SUNDAY, April 4, 2010
Easter Sunday
 6:30 am - Sunrise Communion worship
 9:15 a.m. - Contemporary Communion Worship

SUNDAY, April 11, 2010- Baptismal Anniversary
Second Sunday after Easter
 8:00 a.m. – Traditional Worship
 9:15 a.m. - Contemporary Worship
 9:15 a.m. – Sunday School

SUNDAY, April 18, 2010 - Friendship Sunday
Third Sunday after Easter
 8:00 a.m. – Traditional Communion Worship
 9:15 a.m. - Contemporary Communion Worship
 9:15 a.m. – Sunday School

SUNDAY, April 25, 2010
Fourth Sunday after Easter
 8:00 a.m. – Palm Sunday Service
 9:15 a.m. - Palm Sunday Service
 9:15 a.m. – Sunday School



Fun Page

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| • Family | • Friends | • Worship |
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| • Mark | • Luke | • John |
| • Holy Week | • April | • Showers |
| • Forgiven | • Jesus | |

Email Alert!

The church office is looking to compile email addresses to use for church communication only. Please email us at church@gracechurchmora.org. Thank you!

Relay for Life

This years Relay for Life will be on *June 18-19, at the Trailview Track* (note change of location). There are several people already planning to participate once again this year, Praise the Lord for their continued efforts, and I am sure there is still and a spot for you. Talk with Jeanne McGrew or Dar Wicklund to fill out your Registration Form.

Relay Chair again this year is Brenda Halstead,, 320-679-2207, email kanabecrelay@gmail.com; there is also a Kanabec County website www.relayforlife.org/kanabecmn and a Facebook page Relay for Life Kanabec County.

So remember to mark your calendars for a night out with family and friends, June 18-19, 6pm – 6am, Relay for Life. Once again, Pam will have The Potato wagon ready for everyone to enjoy a nice supper out.

Even if does not work out for you to be a registered team member, everyone is encouraged to come out and make a couple laps around the track. Each of your efforts do make a difference. Yes, just by walking the track, purchasing a Luminary bag, helping plan activities, being a part of the cheering section, giving a contribution you help make a difference. By being a part of Relay, we join a worldwide movement to help defeat cancer for future generations. God Bless!

What Cancer Can Not Do ~

- CANCER CAN NOT . . . Cancer is so limited... It cannot cripple love.
- It cannot shatter hope..... It cannot corrode faith.....It cannot eat away peace.
- It cannot destroy confidence.... It cannot kill friendship....It cannot shut out memories.
- It cannot silence courage.....It cannot invade the soul....It cannot reduce eternal life.
- It cannot quench the spirit.... It cannot lessen the power of the RESURRECTION!
- IT CANNOT STEAL ETERNAL LIFE!

From Pastor Doug

In 1993 I took a week-long seminar called, “Visions For The Long Pastorate.” In it, we were told that every four years a congregation needed to go thru a long-range planning process. Shortly after that, as I observed the speed of change in our world, I came to the conclusion that long-range planning needs to be done every two years. In addition, thru the years I have used at least four different types of Confirmation programs. Some were very good, but the change in how students learned, their life-styles, the other forces in their lives, the way society operated required that a new process be instituted. We are living in a fast-moving world.

Pastor Brenda, Jessica Thomson, our Family Life Ministry Director and I have been talking about how we are doing in a number of areas of learning. I have come to the conclusion that we are at another turning point in how we pass on the faith to our children. We are doing some good things in terms of reinstating Release Time for Grades 1-6. I like what is happening in our Sunday School with the Rotational Lesson plans. I’m not sure if Confirmation is working as well as it should. I think we need to make better use of Luther Point Bible Camp and the Synod weekend retreats for Grades 7-12. We have done a little work getting youth involved in Teens Encounter Christ weekends. We also need to get more of our children connected with adults in the congregation in mentoring programs. Thru all these we need to continue to help our children have “hands-on” experience living out their faith.

I want this congregation to do some work at looking at what is needed now and how we can have a more seamless and overlapping program of “passing on the faith” that utilizes the resources we have in a number of areas. Pastor Brenda, Jessica and I have been discussing this and we plan to get as many people, especially parents, but not limited to them alone, together this spring. So put your thinking caps on and we will let you know when we will meet to talk more on this.

TIRED OF WHAT YOU SEE ON TV? I was trained many years ago in Television Awareness Training, a program to help understand what the purpose of TV is and how to respond to some of the messages we see. The purpose of TV is to sell products! That surprised me. It made sense, but I just had never realized that was the core idea. So, manufacturers of whatever products, pay money for shows that will attract an audience. That’s why some pretty questionable material is on the air. By the way, unless it has changed considerably, cartoon shows were actually the highest in violence.

How can you respond to things you don’t like on TV? Shutting it off is the first and easiest. Secondly, writing to the sponsors of shows and telling them you object to what you see. They do care for the most part. You can Google their addresses. And just the other day I saw an article where a person was upset with TV ads. They wanted to know how to complain about them. This was the site to write: Federal Communications Commission at www.fcc.gov/cgb/complaints.html. So there are thing you can do beyond the scope of your house. And maybe you will be the one to make a difference.

IT’S SPRING-----HOLY WEEK AND EASTER: You should get this before Easter and I want to put in a plug to attend the Maundy Thursday Passover/Holy Communion Service on Thursday the 1st at 7 pm. This will be pretty close to what Jesus and His disciples participated in the night He was betrayed. You will see how Holy Communion came out of this Passover Meal (we won’t be eating very much, tho). Then come to the Ecumenical Good Friday Service at Grace at 7:30 pm. Six churches will be participating in a new theme this year. There will be fourteen characters from Holy Week who will briefly share their stories along with a reflective and meditative worship. I think you will find it helpful as we remember our Lord in this time.

Peace to you,

Pastor Doug

General Information from Grace Lutheran Church

Prayer Chain

If you have a prayer request, contact Barb Sjoberg 679-5373 or the church office, 679-1062. If you would like to be added to the e-mail prayer chain, e-mail Barb Sjoberg at encourager4him@hotmail.com or the church office at church@gracechurchmora.org



YOU ARE NEEDED! IT'S NOT HARD! We need to have some new faces helping with coffee and cookies on Sunday mornings. You would only need to serve once per year. We would like to have three people each Sunday morning as there are more and more people attending Sunday morning services. Please contact Dianne at 679-2412.

GRACE LUTHERAN ARCHIVES COMMITTEE

Dale and Jean Hawkins	320-679-2025	Laird and Louise Mork	320-679-3491
Eldora Pearson	320-679-2406	Pearl Peterson	320-679-0470
Irene Johnson	320-679-2743		

Our Sympathy and Prayers go out to:

- *Dick and Dianne Larson* on the death of Dianne's brother Jerry Koch.
- *Joel and Jackie Thompson* on the death of Joel's father, Lawrine (Swede) Thompson.
- *Bernice Wahlstrom-Wagner* on the death of her husband Jim Wagner at Mesa, AZ.
- *Bonnie & Tom Boyer, Louise Smith, Peggy & Jerry Voss, Luette & Art Kottke, Matt & TJ Smith* on the death of Dean Smith



The Mora Quilting Friends, a "community" group of quilters, meet at the Kanabec History Center in Mora on the third Monday of each month and is open to anyone with a quilt interest. For more information, call Bonnie Jobe at 679-5245. *Please note the change of location.*

Our thanks to Glen and Evie Lobdell, Hank and Edie Eggert, and Darla Stenstrom for volunteering at Mora's **One More Time Clothing Center** in the months of November to January. Because of your hard work our church received a check for \$140.00 from the Seven County Senior Federation.

Just a Reminder to save your Nelson's Receipts!

There is a box on the shelf by the church office for your Nelson's grocery store receipts. They need to be turned in to Nelson's on a quarterly basis so please put your receipts in the box in a timely fashion. The next time they are added up and returned to Nelson's is for the months of **January, February, March only to be turned in April 2010.**

THE RECEIPT NEEDS TO LIST THE ITEMS PURCHASED AS THE CREDIT/DEBIT CARD RECEIPT DOES NOT QUALIFY.

Thank you!



Do You Know That We Are On The Radio?

The 8:00 a.m. Worship Service is broadcast on KBEK 95.5 FM at 9:15 am every Sunday morning. It is recorded by the station and then played back at this time. If you can't make it to church, or have to work, but have access to a radio, you can tune in and be a part of worship that way.

A RADIO SPONSOR sign up chart is posted by the FLOWER CHART, located by the elevator, if you are interested in helping to sponsor a radio broadcast in honor of a birthday, anniversary, wedding or other special dates, or in memory of a loved one. The cost of each Sunday is \$115. Thanks to those of you who give to this important ministry of Grace!

Banner Ministry "Expressing the Faith"

Contact: Barb Sjoberg

January, February, March –Barbara Larson

July, August, September – Martha Gotfredson, Lee Moody

"We will shout for joy when you are victorious and will lift up our banners in the name of our God." Psalm 20:5

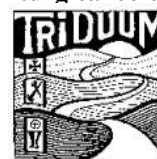
April, May, June –Lucille Schultz

Oct., Nov., Dec. – Sharon Holmstrom, Barb Sjoberg

WHERE ARE WE IN THE CHURCH YEAR AND

WHAT ARE THE LITURGICAL COLORS FOR APRIL?

We are currently at the end of Holy Week and the beginning of The Three Days or Triduum. **The color scarlet/purple is the liturgical color for Holy Week.**



Triduum (The Three Days)

April 1 | Maundy Thursday

April 2 | Good Friday

April 3 | Vigil of Easter

The Resurrection of Our Lord begins the Season of

Easter. On this one day of the church year, gold may be used. White is the alternate, perhaps with gold running through it. The gold color indicates that this day is the "queen of feasts," unique in the entire church year.

HOLY WEEK

Overall Theme: Reenacting the Passion of Our Lord
Dates: Holy Week is the last week of Lent. Holy Week begins on Passion/Palm Sunday, March 28 and ends on April 3rd, 2010.

THEME FOR EACH DAY DURING HOLY WEEK

Monday: Watchfulness & Preparation
Tuesday: Repentance
Wednesday: Healing, Forgiveness, and Prayer
Thursday: The Holy Passion of Christ & His journey to the Cross
Friday AM: The Passion of Jesus & Friday PM: Burial of Christ
Saturday: The Descent of Christ into Hades
Sunday: Resurrection!! ~ He Has Risen! ~ He Has Risen Indeed!!

THE EASTER SEASON

Overall Theme: Celebrating the Resurrection of the Lord
Dates: Easter Season begins on Easter Day and lasts 50 days, ending on Pentecost. Thus it begins on April 4th and ends on May 23rd, 2010.

HOLY WEEK TRIDUUM (trid-yoo-um, meaning 3 days) The Triduum -- the three days between Lent and Easter -- begins. The logic of Lent-Holy Week-Easter is geared to conversion and to God's restoration and reconciliation of human beings with one another and with God through Christ.

WHAT IS MAUNDY THURSDAY? The first part of the *Triduum* begins on the evening of Maundy Thursday, during which Christians recall the events that took place the night Jesus was betrayed. The gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke concentrate on the institution of the Lord's Supper The gospel of John focuses instead on the Lord's final teachings to His disciples, dramatically punctuated by His washing of their feet. The word "maundy" is derived from the Latin phrase *mandatum novum*, meaning "new commandment." It refers to the Lord's words to His apostles as recorded in John 13:34: *A new command I give you: love one another.*

WHAT IS GOOD FRIDAY? It is the second day of the *Triduum*, is the solemn remembrance of Jesus' death on the cross. The English designation of "Good Friday" is apparently a corruption of "God's Friday," although the term is a very fitting one since the Lord's death was for our eternal good. In spite of the solemnity of Good Friday worship, it is not a funeral service for Jesus. It is rather a time of quiet and serious contemplation on His great saving work.

WHAT IS THE VIGIL OF EASTER? The third and final day of the *Triduum* is the Vigil of Easter - also called the Paschal Vigil or the Great Vigil of Easter. It is a service held in many Christian churches as the first official celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus. It is made up of four separate but connected worship services: The Service of Light, Readings, Baptism and Holy Communion. Regardless of how or when it is commemorated, the Easter Vigil is the richest and most powerful liturgy of the Christian year. It and the other Holy Week festivals are wonderful and unique services that gather God's people together to celebrate the great paschal mystery -- Jesus Christ's passage from death to life for our salvation.

LITURGICAL INFORMATION

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Liturgical Color: Scarlet or white is used, for this fourth day of Holy Week
Theme: Eucharist, glory, salvation, service, humility, love

GOOD FRIDAY

Liturgical Color: None
No vestments or paraments are used on this day, after the stripping of the altar on Maundy Thursday night.
Theme: Silence, awe, cross, passion & death, salvation, triumph

VIGIL OF EASTER

Liturgical Color: White the color of joy in the Resurrection used on this night.
Theme: Solemnity, glory, joy, initiation, salvation, resurrection, life, hope

50 DAYS OF EASTER

EASTER DAY IS CERTAINLY THE MOST IMPORTANT DAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR. THE CELEBRATION OF EASTER BEGINS DURING THE EASTER VIGIL AFTER NIGHTFALL ON HOLY SATURDAY, CONTINUES THROUGH EASTER SUNDAY AND INTO THE EASTER SEASON, A FULL 50 DAYS, UNTIL PENTECOST.

Easter Sunday – April 4th, 2010 – The Resurrection of Our Lord
He is Risen! ~ He is Risen Indeed!

Helping Hands For March



Coordinators:
Diane Runquist,
Marlene Marohn

Group Members:
Adams, Michael & Ashley
Bangma, Jeff & Pauline
Berry, John & Sarah
Berry, Richard & Jennifer
Casavant, Doyle & Penny
Dee, David & Pamela
Dee, Sarah
Eastlund, Morris & Lorna
Ennis, Paul & Barb
Erickson, Wayne & Kelly
Gotfredson, William & Martha
Hallauer, Lee & Kathy
Halpaus, Ed & Sharon
Halsey, Dan & Sue
Hams, Kyle & Andrea
Heggernes, Teri & Robert*
Herwig, Kevin & Barbara
Johnson, Carol
Johnson, Merlin & Beatrice
Klapmeier, David & Debbie
Klepsa, Richard & Shirley
Lange, Gail
Larson, Richard & Dianne
Lennox, Wade & Chana
Marohn, Eric & Marlene
McGovern, Charles & Debee
Mills, Ruth
Moss, Mark* & Shelley
Nelson, Kristin & Richard *
Thimesch II
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Nichols, Ryan & Sandra*
Nielsen, Terry & Laneta
Oehrlein, Sue & Robert *
Olson, Don & Mary
Oxberry, James & Sandra
Piescher, Ronald & Debra
Rowley, Don & Deloris
Runquist, Gary & Diane
Sandy, John & Karen
Schroeder, Phil & Barbara
Schultz, Craig & Jodi
Schultz, Lucille
Steffen, Becci & Clint *

THANKS!

Celebration!

We are frequently reminded of our baptisms, either by participating in our baptismal anniversary or sharing in another's baptism. "Through Baptism, God has made this child a member of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear God's creative and redeeming Word to all the world." Pastor proclaims at a baptism. What kind of image does this conjure up for you? I haven't run across many of us standing at the corner of Forest and Union Street proclaiming the Word or handing our brochures doing so. A lot of us don't see ourselves in that sort of priesthood, but there are a lot of priesthoods out there!

As volunteer coordinator, I want to celebrate the priesthood that I do see so many doing that isn't always so visible. I celebrate that there are those who visit the elderly and shut-in bringing bulletins or communion or simply themselves. I celebrate those who work so hard preparing food for Chat and Chow. I celebrate those who spend time with teaching our children teaching lessons and music. I celebrate those who are willing to spend time here at church at all the meetings so the church can do its business. I celebrate that someone is willing to crunch the numbers, so that we can be in business. I celebrate those who prepare food for funerals and work as a service for the family and friends of the bereaved. How can we not celebrate those who will write for this publication, edit and arrange it, staple, assemble, and mail it! Let's celebrate that there are those who will spend the day in the kitchen cleaning ovens, cupboards, and scraping up dirt they didn't put there! I celebrate those who faithfully take the time to write messages to be mailed to members of our congregation. I celebrate those who take care of our building as if it were their own home. I celebrate those who heeded the pleas for health kits and brought in materials or money for their assembly. I celebrate those who still yearn for learning and spiritual growth and participate in the Bible studies and special Lenten studies. I celebrate those who are willing to be assistants at Sunday morning worship. I celebrate those who faithfully work at home or at church to make quilts that will cover the cold and the needy or give a life-long connection to Grace for the young people graduating. I celebrate those who are willing to deliver Meals on Wheels. I celebrate those willing to bring in cookies so our fellowship Sunday morning might be sweeter. I celebrate those who are willing to spend the time to prepare our altar for worship on Sunday morning. I celebrate those who are willing to invest themselves in building and keeping a great library for us to use. I celebrate those with the commitment to be stewards of God's creating and "green-up" Grace. I celebrate those who share their gift of music! And, dear Lord, I celebrate those involved in a priesthood that I'm not aware of or forgot.

As you can see, with just the staff and the building, our church isn't so much. It's those of you who have committed to the priesthood that make it hum. Are you somewhere in this celebration? If not, contact me, Sue Halsey, 679-1062 and let's find a place for you!

WELCA

Grace Lutheran Prayer Shawl Ministry All around the ELCA, women & men have been knitting or crocheting Prayer Shawls filled with prayers, combining the compassion and love of knitting/crocheting into a prayerful ministry and spiritual practice, reaching out to those in need of comfort and solace, as well as in celebration and joy. Many blessings are prayed into every shawl and now Grace has become a part of this Ministry for our community.

A prayer shawl is a knitted or crocheted shawl that is a spiritual practice for the crafter. A prayer is said as the shawl is begun; then many prayers are added with the stitches. The recipient receives the message that many have been and are praying for them. Each shawl is a blend of prayers, talents, gifts and grace.

I received my first prayer shawl from Zion Lutheran Church of Milaca, February 2003, shortly after my cancer diagnosis and surgery. I cannot count the number of times I have wrapped the shawl about my shoulders, feeling the peace, love and comfort that only comes when you let go and let God take care of the things you cannot control. I still use this shawl feeling all the love and prayers that are stitched into it.

Our mission is to reach out to those in need with a prayer shawl of prayers and love to comfort, console and strengthen them. For it to be a reminder of God's promise that he is always with us. What a wonderful ministry for us to offer our talents, gifts and treasures, and wrap others in Christian love and prayers, encircling them with Christ's healing presence and peace.

If you have the passion for knitting/crocheting and the compassion and desire to be a part of this Ministry, there is a handout available with instructions and prayers. New knitters and crocheters welcome, the patterns are easy patterns. Also, if God has placed someone on your heart to be a recipient of a shawl, please let the church office know.

REMINDER: This ministry will also be a part of the Women's day retreat on, April 10, so remember to sign up. God Bless and Happy Stitching! Bonnie Lemke

You are invited to:

= Adorn Our House =

A retreat for women that will be held here at Grace Lutheran

DATE: Saturday, April 10th

TIME: 9a.m. – 3 p.m.

Women of all ages are invited to attend this day of devotion and learning, and just to be in communion with each other. Please feel free to bring a friend also!

We will have Devotions and Bible time, some singing, Julie Mulford will be sharing with us some decorating ideas for our homes, a catered lunch, a workshop on making Chrismons, and a workshop on making "Prayer Shawls". We will close with a Communion Service.

A sign-up sheet will be posted on the Family Life Ministry bulletin board. You can bring a friend, please sign that person up also so we can prepare adequately.

Please mark this day on your calendar and come!

Evangelism – ‘Sharing the Faith’

Council liaisons: Ernie Blaisdell, Nicole Berry, Matt Felger

Stephen Ministry:

Stephen Ministers: Jim Oxberry, Barb Sjoberg, Dave Ulstrom, Shirley Ulstrom, Sharron Ahonen, Kim Bankers, Richard Larson, Jeanne Granlund, Sandy Broehl

STEPHEN MINISTRY IS CHRIST CARING FOR PEOPLE THROUGH PEOPLE

Listen, Listen, Listen

If you would like a Stephen Minister to help you or know of someone who might enjoy and need a Stephen Minister, call Pastor Doug or Jim Oxberry.

Touch of Grace

This ministry is a way to more fully meet the needs of some of our home-bound and elderly members. There are lay members of the church that have been trained to visit the same person or persons on a monthly basis, providing a listening ear, prayer, support and care. This fills a need between the Coffee with a Friend and Stephen Ministry.

A driver is needed to transport a client with some memory loss to and from “The Gathering” meetings here at Grace on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday; and they are looking for someone to be able to get groceries for clients. If you could help with this please call Val Palmer at 1-877-321-7100.

Fellowship – ‘Celebrating the Faith’

Council liaisons: Pat weiss-Meyers, Laura Daher

Contacts: Kathy Hovland, Mary Rowley, Shirley Klepsa, Marlys Overson, Dianne Larson

Celebrate the faith by gathering people together in fellowship through activities and support.

Lutheran World Relief Health Kits

Our Health Kit collection totaled 290! What a great outpouring of love and concern from so many! Grandparents, parents and children participated in our assembly process here in Mora and people of all ages will smile gratefully when they receive them wherever they go through Lutheran World Relief. **Thank you again** for participating.

An additional note: \$257.00 received from the Lenten Soup Suppers so far this Lent was given to LWR to help with the shipping of the Health Kits. THANK YOU!



Stewardship – ‘Caring from the Faith’

Council liaisons: Laura Daher, Bonnie Boyer, Jenny Berry, Mike Sampson, Beatta Hillman, Matt Felger, Pat Weiss Meyers

Finance Ministry

Members: Doyle Jelsing, Roger Peterson, Bonnie Boyer, Kristin Nelson, Betty Smith, Sara Kopka

Checkbook information:

Beginning balance	(1,782.07)
Donations	37,049.33
Expenses	<u>(36,386.61)</u>
Ending balance	(1,119.35)

Dedicated Account Balance:

Undesignated General - \$10,000
Renovation - \$322.40
Banner - \$5.92
Youth Mission trip - \$2,162.66
Stained glass - \$3,232.42
Nelson’s receipts – \$250.45
Unallocated - \$343.09
Library \$500.00

Stained Glass Window Information:

Available for next windows: 8,653.42
Cost is approx \$3,800 per window

Mortgage Information:

First of month balance	429,736.28
monthly payment	(2,117.87)
additional principal pmt	<u>(6,989.00)</u>
End of month balance	420,569.41

Property Ministry

Dick Larson - chair, Ron Stark, Galen Brelie, Russ Callander, Bill Moody, Vern Nordeen, Don Overson, Don VanDriel, Larry Simonich

Mutual Ministry:

Pam Johnstone (679-3311), Karen Rasmusson (679-5636), Walt Olen (679-1570)

If you have a spiritual concern or comment, let one of these people know.

They are there for you!

Stewardship Ministry

Members: Bill Daher, Rollie Fredrickson, Pastor Doug

Personnel:

Members: Rich Rasmusson, Sharron Ahonen, John Sandy

Nominating Committee:

Members: Dolores Blaisdell, Ruth Mattison, Kathy Hovland, Vonnice Olson, Greg Myers, Jodi Schultz, Bev Deis

Memorial Ministry

Members: Kris Johnson, Mary Nordenstrom

Foundation Ministry

Members: Doyle Jelsing, Deb Schultz, Laura Strand, Jeff Bangma

Social Concerns Ministry,

Deb Schultz, Nicole Berry, Alyssa Wallace, Barb Orstad, Pam Hallauer, Mary Brelie, Kris Pulford, Bonnie Lemke, Jessica Olen

“Accept one another as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.” Romans 15:7

WORLD HUNGER: Several fund raisers are planned by the NE MN Synod Hunger, Justice, and Rural Life Concerns Committee during the Minnesota Synod Assembly, April 23-25 at Cragun’s Resort in Brainerd. A new event that we would like to highlight is a Golf Scramble. Teams of 4 will play golf beginning at 10 a.m. on Friday, April 23. Cost per individual is \$50 (approximately ½ of this amount goes to World Hunger). You do not have to be a delegate to the Assembly to golf – anyone is encouraged to participate. Register with Sulo Kangas, 218-720-3510 or mkskangas@msn.com BEFORE the morning of April 15th (absolute deadline!).

FOOD SHELF: Mary reported that in the month of February, 304 households or 931 individuals were served. 5,246 pounds of food were donated and 16,113 pounds were given out. John and Karen Sandy from our Grace Family have joined the ranks of the volunteers during distribution days, and we are very grateful for their help! MARCH WAS FOOD SHELF MONTH, and a couple of important fund raisers were planned.

1)The Woodbury Choir and Orchestra presented a concert on Sunday, March 14th, 4:00PM at St. Mary’s Church. Our local Second Ending Brass performed as well. 100% of the free-will offering went to the Food Shelf.

2)Empty Bowls, a hearty soup luncheon, was served at Grace on Monday, March 22nd. A big thank you to WELCA for covering the cost of the soup, to Deb Schultz, Barb Orstad, and Mary Brelie who helped with the serving, and to Don and Elaine Vandriel who helped with the clean-up. Thanks to Dianne and Leah who had helped with the advertising, and – as always – to Ray and Bev who work so hard to make these events at Grace possible!

MISSIONS: Barb reported that the Synod has received word that we can resume work in Honduras. Containers are being packed on Saturday, March 13th and a small theological group will be going there soon.

SOUP FOR THE SOUL: Kris reported that they continue to average about 100 people weekly, and donations keep coming in. Members are encouraged to keep checking the Social Concerns display case for updates on needs, sign-up to work, or sign-up to sponsor. With the increased numbers, the weekly cost has increased. Consider going together as a group to sponsor a meal. To serve 100 people, the estimated cost is \$115.00.

RELAY FOR LIFE: Mary has been communicating with a couple of individuals as we search for a new chairperson. We hope to have a plan in place by our April meeting.

COMPASSION INTERNATIONAL is a Christian child development organization founded in 1952. They assist more than a million children in 26 developing countries. The goal is to develop children in poverty so they will become responsible, fulfilled Christian adults. They accomplish this goal with the help of individuals and families all over the world who will sponsor one of these children. By going online, you can choose a child by region, country, age, or gender. The cost of \$38 a month provides educational opportunities, basic health care and education, social skills and opportunities to learn of Christ and grow in the faith. More information will be available to members on the Social Concerns display case. We will communicate with Vicky Semelhack (who brought this organization to our attention) as to the best way to advertise this opportunity.

THE REFUGE: The Refuge (supporting victims of domestic and family violence) is looking for assistance, both monetary as well as items they identify for donation. The profit from the Spring Salad Luncheon has been designated for The Refuge. Pastor Brenda was wondering about the possibility of giving the church family the opportunity to provide some of the needed items. We will make such a place available by the Social Concerns display case, and advertise through the newsletter and future bulletins.

Education – ‘Passing on the Faith’

Council liaisons: Beatta Hillman, Mike Sampson, Jenny Berry, Ernie Blaisdell, Nicole Berry, Pat Weiss-Meyers

Living Grace Library Ministry



Members: Sarah Berry, Penny Casavant, Lynnae Christianson, Jeanne Granlund, Sue Halsey, Mary Lykins, Char Mayer, Ruth Mills, Jane Myers, Karin Simonich, Laura Strand, Jackie Thompson, Brianna Winters

“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.” John 1:14

Mission Statement

The Grace Lutheran Library Mission will support all the members of Grace using the library resources to help them interpret what they read, hear, see and experience within the context of the Christian Gospel.

Some of the most popular books in the fiction section of the library are books with an Amish theme. Many of these books are “series” books. Some of the authors of Amish themed books include the following: Beverly Lewis, Wanda Brunstetter, Cindy Woodsmall, Kim Vogel Sawyer, and Shelly Shepard Gray.

If you enjoy reading about the Amish, you may also enjoy reading Ann H. Gabhart’s books about the Shakers.

The library team has been adding new books of every kind to the shelves. The newest books are often displayed on top of the books shelves. Please come in and browse.

Just a Note: The library can accept gently used donations of current literature. Because of space limitations and the attempt to keep the library as current as possible, the library team would request that any book donations have a copyright date of 2000 or newer. We would also ask that books be library quality paperback or hard cover. (Regular paperback books do not stand up well under constant use). Thank you.

Living Grace Library is open whenever the church is open. Come in any time.

Please remember to return your finished library books. The book you may have forgotten to return may be just the book someone else is patiently waiting to read. Thank you.



Invite a friend to worship on Sunday or any event at church!



Vacation Bible School - June 14-18, 2010

Coordinators for 2010: Lisa Wren 679- 8178 & Kelly Kehr

Confirmation

Coordinator: Krista Elvehjem

Recorder: Kelly Erickson

Milestone Ministry

*The Milestones Ministry seeks to **RECOGNIZE, RESPOND, and REACH OUT** in celebration of the milestones of our Faith Journeys*

God comes into our world and graciously claims us for the Kingdom of God. This great event is often under-used in our life. On April 11th those baptized into new life by God’s Word and water will be invited to gather around the Baptismal font to celebrate this great gift of God. Following is a list of members that were baptized in April:

Baptismal Anniversaries

Allman, Carol	Goude, Larry	McBroom, John	Rowley, Mary	Strickland, Charlie Jr.
Anderson, Brian G	Greski, Andy	McDermeit, Larry	Salmonson, Gary	Stromback, Dan
Austin, Dan	Haasken, Jennifer	Meyer, Pat	Schneider, Kathy	Stromberg, Brian
Blowers, Patricia	Hass, Stacy	Mork, Louise	Schroeder, Archer	Turnacliiff, Diane
Broekemeier, Sadie	Joy, Erin	Mork, Scot	Schroeder, Emma	Turner, Delaine
Callander, Donna	Joy, Shaun	Nikodym, Greg	Schultz, Jessica	VanWey, Alicia
Dee, David	Kehr, Kelly	Nikodym, Kevin	Seline, Jeanne	VanWey, Ashley
Eastlund, Lorna	Klapmeier, David	Oelkers, Candy	Skillicorn, Jill	Warner, Jacob
Eggert, Hank	Kobberdahl, Jonathon	Olson, Mariah	Smith, Betty	Wollum, Nicole
Felland, Benjamin	Larson, Richard	Olson, Yvonne	Smith, Michael	
Folkema, Allie	Limanen, Jesse	Piescher, Ryan	Stark, Ervin	
Fore, Jillian	Lobdell, Grant	Rasmusson, Joel		
Fredrickson, Doroth	Lobdell, Rita	Rinerson, Sharon		

Happy Birthday!
Happy Anniversary!

Birthdays and Anniversaries...

Akkerman, Deanna	1	Nordenstrom, Ben	9	Wallace, Alyssa	17	Hallstrom, Torry	28
Felger, Amanda	1	Ahlness, John	10	Marohn, Grace	18	Schultz, Heather	28
Olson, Don	1	Lykins, Mary	10	Pierson, Anson	18	Menk, Ron	29
Peterson, Stacey	1	McGovern, Clint	10	Brown, Jerry	19	Mulford, Benjamin	29
Salmonson, Shari	1	Goude-Ringler, Tucker	11	Nielsen, Terry	19	Overson, Marlys	29
Dalbey, Bonnie	2	Larson, Katherine	11	Williams, Noah	19	Pearson, Eldora	29
Kapinos, Cindy	2	Blegen, Ralph	12	Youngquist, Robert	19	Pearson, Shelby	29
Rinerson, Sharon	2	Peterson, Alan	12	Klein, Reid	20	Isom, Pam	30
Berry, Layla	3	Smith, Alan	12	Lippo, Kari	20	Peterson, Jacki	30
Danielson, Cindy	3	DeJong, Amber	13	Kullmann, Casey	21	Ulstrom, Shirley	30
Maki, Clarence	3	Goude, Larry	13	Mork, Scot	21		
O'Donovan, Barb	3	Kapinos, Heather	13	Williams, Victoria	21		
Oxberry, Sandra	3	Schroeder, Nick	13	Boebel, Alexander	22		
Gorham, Muriel	4	Thelen, Cayce	13	Christianson, Ryan	22		
Johnstone, Abby	4	Wren, Madison	13	Seline, Jeanne	22		
Linder, Jodi	4	Wren, Sage	13	Radeke, Curt	23		
Nichols, Ryan	4	Lobdell, Gordon	14	Anderson, Marie	25		
Ives, Jennie	5	Lobdell, Rita	14	Ennis, Greg	25		
Tipp, Marlis	5	Fore, Jillian	15	Johnson, Marion	26		
Broehl, Stefanie	6	Pierson, Blane	15	Smith, Dean	26		
Hanson, Dorothy	6	Ahlness, Steven	16	Forster, Sharon	27		
Gravich, Verona	7	Beckman, Joyce	16	Halvorson, Kim	27		
Paulson, Jenna	7	Eaton, Hannah	16	Mattison, Ricke	27		
Adams, Ashley	8	Felger, Deanna	17	McDermeit, Wendi	27		
Kehr, Atalea	8	Fore, Rebecca	17	Unger, Robert	27		
Sarault, Robert	8	Mensing, Mahayla	17	Blegen, Bea	28		
Nordenstrom, Adam	9	Semelhack, Dan	17	Dresser, Sam	28		

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Klepsa, Richard and Shirley	APR 2, 1966
Brown, Kim and Bryan *	APR 5, 2003
Fore, Kevin and Vikki	APR 5, 1979
Schwartz, Mary and Charles*	APR 14, 1984
Stark, Ron and Marian *	APR 15, 1950
Adams, Michael and Ashley	APR 17, 2003
Klein, Brian and Tamara	APR 20, 1996
Hallauer, Lee and Kathy	APR 24, 1979
Johnson, Merlin and Beatrice	APR 26, 1952
Myers, Greg and Jane	APR 29, 1978

Via de Cristo 2010 Weekend Dates

April 15-18 & April 22-25 Calvary Lutheran Church 2508 Washington Ave SE, Bemidji, MN 56601
April 22-25 & April 29-May 2 Rejoice Lutheran Church 1155 County Road 75, Clearwater, MN 55320
June 17-20 & June 24-27 Lord of Life Lutheran Church 18500 County Road 101, Maple Grove, MN 55311
October 7-10 & October 14-17 St. Stephen’s Lutheran 1575 Charlton St.W. St. Paul, MN
October 21-24 & October 28-31 Faith Lutheran Church 127 2nd Ave. E, West Fargo, ND 58078
November 11-14 & November 18-21 To be determined

Sunday School Ministry: Members – Coordinator: Barb Sjoberg, Co – Coordinator: Marlene Marohn, Gathering and Music Leader: Jacki Peterson, Kindergarten & Preschool Teachers: Kristin Nelson, Marlene Marohn, Becci Steffen, Julie Mulford and Kelly Kehr, Preschool Assistant: Kailey Berry

“Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.”

SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS ARE GREATLY NEEDED FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

Two presenters are still needed for May. We will also need many wonderful volunteers for our year-end celebration. Please sign up on the sheet posted in the narthex (*by the Family Life table*) Thank You! If you have any questions, please call Barb Sjoberg 679-5373 or Marlene Marohn 679-1076

MARCH NEWS – We just finished our Workshop Rotation on, Jesus Of Nazareth On Trial, for claiming kingship. We’ve all been very deeply moved this month, throughout the various workshops. It was good to learn about the many false stages of Jesus’ trials and God’s truth, which tells us that Jesus – truly is the Son of God.

Special Thanks To The Workshop Rotational Team For March:

Workshop Shepherds: Amber Donaghue, Jenny Berry and Kelsey Pearson

Workshop Presenters:

- ❖ **Storytelling:** Beatta Hillman
- ❖ **Food Related:** Kelly & Ally Erickson
- ❖ **Video:** Leah Hughes



APRIL NEWS: This month we will look at Jesus’ Resurrection, according to the Gospel of John.



We’re going to learn about one of the most important things in the Bible – the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Jesus promised that He would rise from the dead, and three days after His crucifixion He did just that. What an amazing thing that Jesus rose from the dead! He not only took care of our sins by dying on the cross, but He also conquered death when He rose three days later. Every one of us who believe in Jesus Christ can have eternal life.

BIBLE STORY FOR APRIL – JESUS’ RESURRECTION, Eyes of Faith – That you may believe – Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God

Main Point: God raised Jesus from the dead to give us new life.

Memory Verse: “But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.” John 20:31 NRSV

Key Verses: ” “Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” John 20:29 NRSV

” “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” John 14:6 NRSV

SUMMARY OF APRIL WORKSHOPS: (1st – 6th GRADE STUDENTS)

VIDEO: John 20

The students will view, *He Is Risen* - the second DVD from The Animated Passion Trilogy, by Nest Family Entertainment. We’ll learn the story of the greatest miracle of all, the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Sorrow and despair at the Lord’s crucifixion become complete joy and love in the disciples behold their resurrected Master three days later. The events of the real story of Easter teach of the atonement and resurrection, providing hope to Christians around the world.

CREATE & DESIGN: John 20: 1-18

The students will create & design personalized name plaques that emphasize the uniqueness of each participant and the fact that Jesus knows each of them by name. The students will understand that when Jesus called Mary by her name that was when she understood who he was. Our names are important to us and when Jesus calls us by name, it lets us know that he loves us and thinks we are important.



STORYTELLING & GAME: John 20:19-31

The students will hear the story of Doubting Thomas and will focus on the fact that Jesus is alive and is our Lord. They will then play a game called Draw Your Own Conclusion that shows ways we can know and believe things without seeing them. The class will discuss the game and how it relates to believing in Jesus when we have not seen him. “Seeing by Faith”



“Believe + Receive = Peace + Life ”

Family Life Ministry

Director: Jessica Thomson contact 320-679-9099 (home)

Chat and Chow: Thank you all for your treat and pop donations. It really helps us keep Chat and Chow under budget! We know have a deal worked out with Coborn’s that they will be giving us pop for \$2.50 a 12 pack, which if you have shopped for pop lately you know that is a great price even if you get pop on sale! If you would still like to purchase pop to donate that is great, however cash donations to help cover the cost will also be appreciated!

Family Fun Night: Next Family Fun Night Wednesday April 14th. We will be doing some “Go Green” projects. There will be a sign up sheet on the Family Life table in the narthex. If you are interested in building a rain collection barrel for your house there will be a sign up sheet for that, there will be a nominal fee for the materials for the rain barrel. Meal 5:00, project 5:30.

30 Hour Famine: We will be having a 30 Hour Famine again on April 9th and 10th. All money collected will help support World Vision’s mission to prevent childhood hunger. Please contact one of our confirmation youth if you want to donate to this cause.

Crash Baskets: We will be collecting items for Crash baskets March 28th-April 7th. We will be sending out the baskets by April 15th. If you have a college age youth you can drop off their name and address at the church office. We will also be calling to verify addresses.

SERRV - Fair Trade - The Gift That Gives Twice

We have our glass cabinet by the office filled with items for sale. Just ask for assistance during the week from Dianne or on Sundays from Barbara or Mary.

Check out the SALES on-line@ <http://www.serrv.org/Sale.aspx>

Attention: All Fair Trade Coffee is now being sold at cost.
Please support this mission that supports The Coffee Farmers and their families.
Thank you.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please call Barb 679-3523.

WANTED FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Old blankets to be used as fillers for quilts. Also old, washed jeans to be used for quilt backs. We will use the good pieces to make sturdy backs. If you can donate these items please bring them to the church office. Thank you!



Greetings from Luther Point! April 2010

You Can Still Register For Camp: Even if you missed the early bird deadline, we still have several openings for most camp weeks this summer. Register Online our website is lutherpoint.org. Incentives such as: Invite a Friend who has never been to Luther Point before and receive a nice discount, so take advantage! **Camperships are also available.** Look for a Campership request form on the webpage: lutherpoint.org.

Pancake Breakfast and "Break in the Lake!" ALL ARE WELCOME: We are sponsoring a Pancake Breakfast on Saturday morning, May 15, 2010 from 8am-noon. This will be a free will offering event. Come join us for a time of good food and fellowship at the camp Dining Hall. This is also a time for parents to bring your children to camp to take a tour, especially for campers who will be coming to camp for the first time.

Bring your swimming suit as well because we will also be doing our "Break in the Lake" for those brave folks who want to take an early plunge before summer. Each person who participates in the "Break in the Lake" will receive a free T-shirt recognizing your plunge.

We are looking for folks who would be willing to help volunteer for this event. We need folks in the kitchen to flip pancakes, be coffee and beverage servers, dish washers, table attendants, greeters, folks who can give camp tours and much more. If you can help us with this event, we would really appreciate you letting us know. Either call 715-689-2347 or Becky@lutherpoint.org to put your name on the list and the times you are able to help. We will need some folks here pretty early to get the first batch of pancakes, sausage and bacon ready to go. CALLING ALL HELPERS.

RETREAT OFFERINGS: Check our website for more details: **Prayer Shawl Retreat:** April 22, 2010, 9 am-3pm Register online or call and talk with Lisa. 715-689-2347

Rent a Cabin at Luther Point: Did you know that Luther Point Bible Camp has six fully equipped cabins for all seasons of the year. All the amenities you need, kitchen, stove, refrigerator, full bathrooms and access to the Luther Point property and Big Wood Lake. Keep us in mind the next time you have the desire to get away for a day or two for some relaxation and quiet. Inquire with Becky at Becky@lutherpoint.org or give her a call at 715-689-2347.

Thank you for your partnership! Craig M. Corbin, Director

Calling all owners of lost dishes, plates, pans and crock pots! If you are missing your's, please look on the table in the hallway outside back door to the church kitchen. Perhaps you brought food to share for a funeral or luncheon and forgot to pick up your dish. Well, the cupboard was cleaned this week and these items need to go home so you will be ready to bring something again some day.

Let the Games Begin!

That might be a good slogan for the Olympics, but not for a marriage! A Lutheran Encounter Weekend shows couples how to be straightforward and honest in their communication, thus building a foundation for the kind of trust and love every marriage deserves. A Lutheran Marriage Encounter weekend includes two nights in a comfortable hotel and five meals from Friday at 7:00 pm to Sunday at 5:00 pm. Four presenting couples, including a Lutheran clergy couple, give a series of presentations followed by questions the couples discuss in the privacy of their hotel room. The next Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends in Minnesota are April 16-18 in Duluth or April 30 – May 2 in Alexandria. Please register a month in advance. For more information, contact Dick & Judy Dehnel at 952-432-3105, Pete & Phyllis McMahan at 763-561-1575 or visit www.godlovesmarriage.org.



Approved Council Minutes – February 9, 2010

Members Present: Mike Sampson, Matt Felger, Pastor Doug, Bea Hillman, Nicole Berry, Pastor Brenda, Bonnie Boyer, Pat Weiss-Meyer, Laura Daher, and Jenny Berry.

The meeting was called to order by Laura at 6:32 p.m. Nicole did devotions.

Review/additions to agenda: There were no additions. Motion to approve January 2010 minutes was made by Bonnie, seconded by Matt. Motion carried.

President's Report: None

Pastors' Reports:

Pastor Brenda: We're in the process of planning Lent and Easter. A 40-Day Lenten Journey has been offered to members. We are looking into the possibility of offering a Women's Retreat in March. We will have a healing service the first Sunday in March. We are hoping to have 300 health kits donated for Haitians, and at this point, there have been 127 donated. She attended a First Call meeting in Brainerd and was asked to be the Chaplain at WELCA's Convention/Retreat in June in Duluth. She will be on vacation 2/24-3/2.

Pastor Doug: Election of Council Officers will take place at the February Council meeting. The annual meeting went well. We need to get a new member class started soon. We need to try to get members to attend the Lay Leaders Extravaganza that will be in March. We need to look at Inactive Members because it's been close to three years since we've done that. We need to look at our goals some more. Release times continue to go well.

Ministry Reports:

FLM Report: No Report. Jessica continues to recover from her surgery.

Volunteer Coordinator: – No Report.

Financial Report – Church property insurance has been paid for the entire year, so there is a deficit in the balance. Motion to approve was made by Matt, seconded by Bea. Motion carried.

Worship – Considering a mass baptism for those who have not yet been baptized. Since the Tenebrae service's attendance had significantly decreased, we may hold an ecumenical Good Friday service at Grace.

Old Business

- All GLC members are encouraged to attend the Lay Leader Extravaganza on 3/27/2010 in Duluth.
- Referring to our Green Church Proposal, we would like to get away from the use of Styrofoam, but paper cups are not sufficient when drinking hot liquids. It's difficult enough to get people to volunteer to serve on Sunday mornings, and making them wash the coffee cups will not ease this problem. Perhaps we should give people the option of using Styrofoam or the ceramic cups. We need to get paper cups for lemonade and water. If the ceramic cups are used, the coffee servers will need to do a bleach rinse.
- There was a brief discussion on the history of the Green Church Proposal.
- We discussed the church goals and realized that we touched on most of them at the retreat. We'll look at these more closely at next month's meeting. Pastor Doug handed out a summary of our comments from the retreat.
- Coffee/beverages will be served in the west narthex due to too much noise for the 9:15 service. This will be on a trial basis from now until May when it will be revisited.

New Business

Election of new Council Officers: President – Laura Daher, Vice President – Mike Sampson, Secretary – Jenny Berry. Motion to approve was made by Bonnie and seconded by Bea. Motion carried.

Liaisons for ministries were assigned. A sheet will be handed out at next month's meeting. The monthly devotions and bank deposit schedule was made:

March 2010– Laura	April 2010– Matt
May 2010– Pat	June 2010– Jenny
July 2010– Bea	August 2010– Laura
September 2010– Mike	October 2010– Mike
November 2010– Ernie	December 2010– Bea
January 2011– Bonnie	February 2011– Student Replacement

Motion to adjourn made by Nicole, seconded by Jenny. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:23.