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grace lutheran church

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Lent February 17 — April 1

6 pm Lenten Services are held in the sanctuary and livestreamed for you to join in from home if you prefer. The Lenten Sermon Series on “Faithful Feelings,” explores texts that speak to the whole human experience and demonstrate that there is room for all of our feelings in the Christian faith and life.

2/24, Week 1 - Hopeless 3/10, Week 3 - Doubt 3/24, Week 5 - Peace
3/03, Week 2 - Anger 3/17, Week 4 - Grief

Holy Week

Sunday, March 28: Palm Sunday—10 am Worship (Church Sanctuary & online)

- Following the Service—Easter Egg Decorating—Sign up online
- Last Day to preorder Easter Cinnamon Rolls

Wednesday, March 31: 5th/6th Grade Holy Communion class—6 pm

Thursday, April 1: Mandy Thursday Worship—6 pm (Church Sanctuary & online)

Friday, April 2: Good Friday Worship—6 pm (Church Sanctuary & online)



March 2021
MARK YOUR
CALENDAR

Sunday Worship at 9:55 am

9:55 am in person and on Facebook

April 4-Easter, 8 am & 10 am

Tuesdays

9:30 am Music with Mr. Ben
1:30 pm Prayer Grp (HR)

Wednesdays

6 pm Lenten Worship
March 31 , 6pm: Holy Communion Class for Gr 5 & 6

Thursdays

8 pm ZOOM Bible Study
April 1-Maundy Thursday: 6 pm

Fridays

April 2-Good Friday: 6 pm

WORSHIP BROADCASTS

Radio

KTOE 1420AM on Sunday 10 am

Television

Consolidated 7(507)/Spectrum 181
Tues 1 p.m. & Wed. 7:15 p.m.

COVID Office Hours

M - Th 10 am - 5 p.m.
Friday 10 am - Noon

Office Phone

507.345.4248

Grace is serving dinner at Connections Shelter the second and fourth Sunday of every month.

If you would like to sign up to help out for any of the next times we're serving you can reach out to Ben through the church office or at

DSG@gracemankato.org



APRIL 4 - EASTER SUNDAY

WORSHIP: 8 AM & 10 AM

All services in person at Grace follow Covid-19 guidelines. Masks will be required as well as social distancing between families in the sanctuary.

AFTER THE SERVICE

PICK UP YOUR PREORDERED EASTER SUNDAY CINNAMON ROLLS: GRACE NARTHEX OR DRIVE-UP AT BACK ENTRANCE.



March is ECHO Food Shelf Month! Every March our community makes a special effort to donate to the ECHO Food Shelf. We are now collecting food and monetary donations for ECHO in the narthex.



From Rev. John Odegard

Friends of Grace,

With the warmer temperatures and the snow melting around us, it is a time full of possibilities. As we see vaccines rolling out and more opportunity to be together, in some ways the hopeful anticipation is a wonderful reflection of the rebirth we find on Easter morning. This is a time to be hopeful, and I believe there are good things ahead.

You have all been so good at making adjustments for us to better care for one another during this time, now that we are able to see clearly the possibility for things to return to a new normal, I hope that we will not allow ourselves to become careless in the last leg of this race. We have been able to begin worshipping together again. More and more we are able to resume what we had put aside for so long, but we are not quite to the end yet. I know we are excited for what is to come, but I hope that you will join me in doing all we can to make it through these next few months with all of the grace we carried in the beginning of this pandemic. Until the vaccines are more widely available we will continue to do everything we can to protect and love our neighbors, to be confident that we have put our best foot forward. Thank you for bearing with us as we round a corner to the wonderful things in store.

I hope you will join us as we celebrate Holy Week and Easter Sunday this year together. That alone is an exciting possibility. We will continue to practice social distancing and limit our contact indoors, but being able to worship together is a foretaste of the feast to come. Thank you to everyone who has come and participated already in worship, and I look forward to seeing you all again soon.

Yours in Christ,



Rev. John Odegard



Music with Mr. Ben

every Tuesday at 9:30am.

During Covid it is a great way to connect with the kids and even more people are able to jump on and enjoy. Initially for

children at Golden Heart ChildCare Center, it is now done on Facebook Live.



**Thank You Everyone
for the toilet paper
donations for the
Connections Shelter!**



**We will be holding a
Mother's Day Basket Sale
once again this year.**

**Be on the lookout for more information about
this youth fundraiser coming soon.**



From Ben Geer Director of Spiritual Growth

Greetings Everyone,

This Grace Family continues to blow me away. Last month there was a challenge made. I had 80 pounds of green beans, a crate of mushrooms and about 4 gallons of chicken stock. The challenge was to make meals with those ingredients. Meals that we could distribute to families in need in the community. I sent out an email looking for some help and got plenty. After one of our Lenten Worship, we had a group gather downstairs and start chopping beans, blanching beans, making mushroom soup from scratch, and cooking up some rice. We also got some great donations of hamburger and supplies and with all that, we started putting together meals. When all was said and done we had created 50 dinners. We had tater tot hot dish, green bean casserole and a bean and mushroom stir-fry. Each dinner would be able to serve 4-6 people. These meals will be distributed throughout the community. The places that were able to use the meals were MY Place, The Reach, CADA House, Teresa House and Partners for Housing, which distributed the meals to families in St Peter.

I was so impressed how the people of Grace were able to come together with very little notice and pull off making some great meals. Not only were people able to come together with short notice but also we were able to get things put together without much of a plan. The way we were all able to adapt to do things for those in need was amazing.

Looking forward we are hoping to have many more opportunities like this to help feed people. Currently we have something cooking (pun intended) with strawberries. We have been able to get our hands on 96 pounds and a small group of folks took some time to get them washed and cut the tops off. We are going to have them frozen until we can decide what to do with them. We received these strawberries from Wooden Spoon who had 600 pounds of them that would have gone to waste if they were not distributed. The goal with these is to get something in the hands of people that are black, indigenous, people of color (BIPOC) and low-income families. We could simply just try to get the strawberries in their hands, but we will be looking at creative ways to provide these families with something special. I am excited to see what happens with these and I will be updating you all soon.

If you want to get more involved or talk to me more about the feeding ministry, we have going on at Grace I invite you to reach out to me. I would love to discuss what is going on and I am open to hearing more ideas from you on what more we can do.

Peace,
Ben Geer



Thursday's Zoom Bible Study at 7 PM **Zoom Meeting ID for this is #857 5766 8823**

Thursday night bible study has now been going on almost every Thursday night for a whole year. What started as a way to be able to get together while forced to stay apart as grown into a great group of folks that share about the good and bad things going on in their lives and the beauty that we're starting to see grow among us. Starting after Easter on April 8th we will be changing the start time of the bible study to 7:00. We are also looking into a new theme of study to begin around then. If you have been waiting to join now is the perfect time. All are welcome and do not worry about thinking you need to know too much of the bible it is great to just chat and see where the conversation takes us. If you want to know more about Zoom and how to be connected, you can reach out to Ben (dsg@gracemankato.org).



GRACE LUTHERAN'S ALTAR GUILD IS PLEASED TO OFFER

A BEAUTIFUL EASTER GARDEN THIS YEAR.

As has been the tradition at Grace, flowers may be sponsored and given in honor of, in memory of, or in celebration of someone or just to add to the beauty of our Easter Worship Service. Please designate whether you wish to take a plant home or wish to have it gifted to a member on Grace's visitation list after Easter. Please fill out this form or one in the church pew pockets and send it in or drop it off no later than March 29th to Grace Lutheran Church: 110 N. 4th St, Mankato, MN 56001

If you have any questions, please contact Terry Kvitek 507-257-3004 or ptkvitek@charter.net

Please Check One: Take Home Donate \$

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Provided By: _____

Egg Decorating

Palm Sunday March 28th
after worship

For Families or anybody that wants to join us No cost just bring eggs everything else will be provided along with a short devotional

Signup ahead of time @ gracemankato.com/youthandfamily



Palm Sunday March 28th after worship

All families are welcome to join whether you have kids or not. Families will be spread out through fellowship hall to ensure social distancing.

Masks will be required during event.

A short devotion will go along with the fun.

Sign up below so we can have your spot ready!

gracemankato.com/youthandfamily

Easter Sunday Cinnamon Roll Sale

- 1 - \$2.00
- 4 - \$7.00
- 12 - \$20.00

PROCEEDS GO TO SUPPORT YOUTH ACTIVITIES AT GRACE



PREORDER AT GRACEMANKATO.ORG/CINNAMONROLLS

Preorder your Easter Cinnamon Rolls today! Preorder will be active through Palm Sunday, March 28th.

There will be some rolls available Easter Sunday in the Grace Narthex and for Drive up if you don't get a chance to preorder.

Pick up your Cinnamon Rolls in the Grace Narthex or you can get them delivered to your car at the back entrance following worship.

Payment can be made day of when picking up your Cinnamon Rolls.

(1) roll- \$2.00 (4) rolls - \$7.00 (12) rolls- \$20.00 . We will gladly accept additional in kind donations as well. :) Proceeds go to support youth activities at Grace such as the 2021 Service Trip to Duluth, future ELCA National Youth Gatherings and Future Youth Canoe Trips. Thank you for your support of the youth programing at Grace!!!

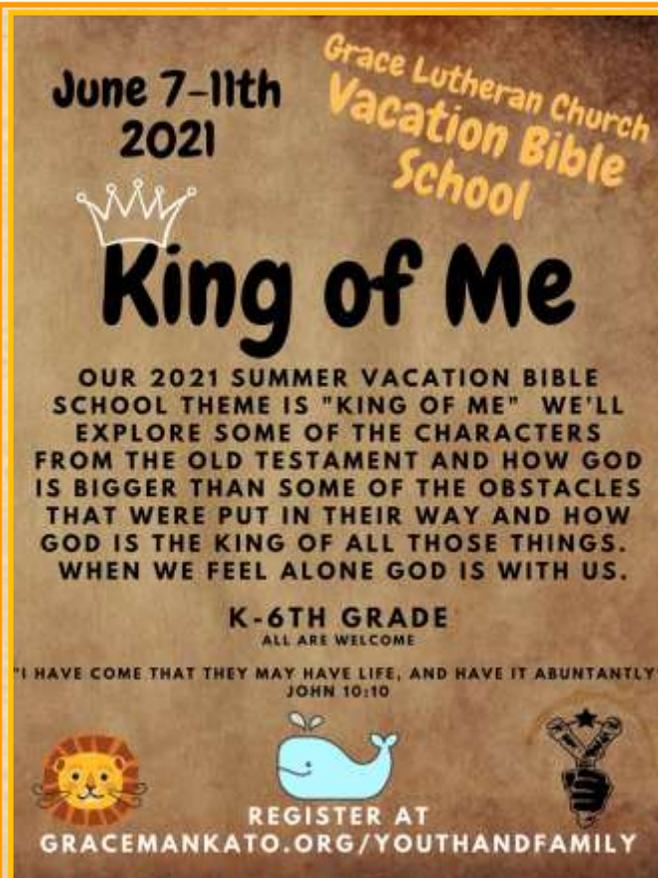
Summer Youth Events



We will be traveling to Duluth, MN for a week of service and fun. We will be staying evenings at First Lutheran Church, which is right across the street from Leif Erikson Park. For service, we will be working with Lincoln Park Children and Families Collaborative. Some of our projects will include mulching, laying down cedar, planting, and weeding. As the year progresses there may be more options, depending on Covid, but right now service opportunities will be out-

side. Along with serving the community, we will have the chance to check out the area. We will go for walks on the lake walk, visit Enger Tower, and maybe even jump in the lake. Cost is \$200 each.

If you have any questions about the trip or would like to possibly go along as an adult leader please reach out to Ben at dsg@gracemankato.org. Sign up for the trip by going to gracemankato.org/youthandfamily



We are planning an in-person Vacation Bible School (VBS) this summer. We will be holding it here at Grace the week after schools get out. The theme for the week is "King of Me." We will explore some of the characters from the Old Testament and how God is bigger than some of the obstacles that are put in their way, and how God is the king of all those things. When we feel alone, God is with us. The week will be full of fun worship, crafts, and activities. This will be fully run by Grace so we will be looking for volunteers to help during the week. If you have time available or an older child at home that you want to get out of the house to help, please let Ben know (DSG@gracemankato.org) and he'd love to have some help. He will take help during the days with programming, food, childcare before and after, or even planning the VBS if you are feeling very adventurous.

All kids are welcomed to attend.

**They do not have to be a member of Grace
Ages Kindergarten - 6th Grade are invited.**

Monday - Thursday: 8:30 - 3:00

Friday: 8:30 - Noon

- * Early drop off and late pick up will be available to families that need it.
- * Meals will be provided Monday - Thursday
- * Suggested Donation of \$35 to cover cost of food and craft supplies
- * You can sign up for VBS by going to gracemankato.org/youthandfamily

2021 Adult Boundary Waters Trip

JULY 9TH - 14TH 2021

\$200

Limited Space available
Contact Ben at DSG@gracemankato.org
if interested

The kids got their chance last year and this year it is the chance for adults to have some fun. We will spend four days and three nights in the BWCA. We will be entering in through entry point 64, which is on East Bearskin Lake. During the trip, there will be time for fellowship, hiking, exploring, fishing, checking out waterfalls, and much, much more fun and excitement. If you have been looking for an excuse to go to the boundary waters this is it. You can get more information by contacting Ben at DSG@gracemankato.org.

ONE Spot remaining but we can add you to our waiting list. Sign up for the trip by visiting gracemankato.org/

Grace Lutheran Church Women are sponsoring a Pillow Cleaning



Carlson's Pillow Cleaning Service

will be at Grace Lutheran Church:

Mon. May 10
Drop-off from 6-8 p.m.

Tues. May 11
7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

*Cleaned * Deodorized* Sanitized * Fluffed
Custom Made New Pillows & Down . Comforters for sale.

New Ticking of your choice added. On the spot cleaning — returned same day.

♥Crushed foam pillows can be cleaned. ♥Polyester pillows can be recovered.

Adopt a Highway

SATURDAY APRIL 17TH 1:00PM
PIE, ROOTBEER FLOATS AND ICE CREAM AFTERWARDS
CONTACT SAM ANDERSON BY PHONE 507.382.9107
OR BY EMAIL SAM74WG@GMAIL.COM
IF YOU WANT TO HELP OUT

Meet @
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BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO OUR MARCH BIRTHDAY PEOPLE!



FROM THE FAIR TRADE CART...

(located downstairs just outside of the narthex)

Coffee - Tea - Chocolate - Olive Oil - Spices

Fair Trade Chairperson: Audrey von Holt

All fair trade/organic coffee: \$7 a bag

Individual Coffee packets

(makes 10-12 cups) : 60¢ each

All tea: \$3

Large Chocolate Bars : \$2.50 each



Grace Lutheran Church Women GLCW Board Meeting

Is normally held on first Monday each month at 10 am.

However, our next meeting will take place in April.

GLCW Unit Meetings:

All Grace Church women are invited to join a unit.

It is a time for: Bible study, a short business meeting,
and warm fellowship.

Unit meetings are on a "Covid-19 Hold"

Communion Available

You can now bring communion home with you.

Pre-consecrated elements are available at the church. You can stop in to pick it up and bring home to have during service on Sunday morning.

If you can't make it in let us know and we can bring it to you and drop off during the week. If you'd like, you can make your own communion bread at home. Check out the link below for a great recipe.



<https://www.livinglutheran.org/2017/09/reader-recipe-communion-bread/>

Staying Connected

- ◆ **Facebook.** See www.facebook.com/gracemankatoelca at 9:55 a.m. Sundays for the worship service.
- ◆ **YouTube.** Watch the worship service. Find a link on our website homepage.
- ◆ **Television.** On KTV, Public Access Television for the Mankato Area.
Consolidated 7 or 507 (HD)/Spectrum 181 on Tues 1 p.m. & Wed. 7:15 p.m.
- ◆ **Radio.** Listen to the worship service at 10 am on KTOE-AM 1420 or ktoe.com.
- ◆ **By Phone.** Sometimes the most simple thing we can do is just pick up the phone and call people to say hello and find out how they are doing. (The Grace Office phone number is 507-345-4248.)
- ◆ **In the Sanctuary.** The sanctuary space is open for worship. All Covid rules will still apply if you are joining us in-person. Masks will need to be worn and physical distancing will need to be observed.



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We are a community of faith...

- Gathering in God's Love
- Celebrating God's Presence through Life Events
- Caring for God's People
- Deeply Rooted
- Valuing Life-long Learning

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