



# ***Living Grace*** ***Notes***

## **March 2018 Newsletter**

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*Gathered to Celebrate, Called to Witness, Sent to Serve!*

## **HOLY WEEK 2018**

***Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday***  
***25 March***

***8:30 a.m. – Service with Holy Communion***

***10:30 a.m. – Procession of the Palm Crosses (weather permitting)***  
***Service with Holy Communion***



***Maundy Thursday  
29 March  
7:30 p.m. – Service with Holy Communion***



***Good Friday  
30 March  
7:30 p.m. Service***



***The Resurrection of Our Lord/Easter Sunday  
1 April  
7:30 a.m. – Sunrise Service with Holy Communion  
10:30 a.m. – Festival Service with Holy Communion***



## Communications Ministry

The ministry continues to send out “MailChimps” with Living Grace’s services and events. If you don’t receive these “MailChimps,” please let Beth Roy know via email [bettaray@yahoo.com](mailto:bettaray@yahoo.com) and she will make sure you get on the group list. Also, Leanne has a new email address for all emails that you wish to send to her regarding church business. It is [livinggracelutheranchurch@gmail.com](mailto:livinggracelutheranchurch@gmail.com). Also if you have anything to place on Facebook or the LED Sign, please contact Phyllis Gerke or Leanne Beutler.

One of the new projects that has just been launched is a Bulletin Board in the narthex called, “*What Do You Do.*” This is for members who would like to advertise their businesses and products that they think other members would like or use. As of this date, we have 3 business cards posted.

Continue to be on the watch for new and exciting things happening with this ministry. As always, if you have any ideas, please let the ministry know of your ideas to communicate to our members and our community.



To make our name more known in the community, Living Grace is entering the Tucker Chili Cook-off, scheduled for Saturday, 10 March, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Main Street Tucker. The Living Grace group will be known as the “*Holy Jalapenos.*” Please come out and support our “*Holy Jalapenos.*” and eat some mighty good chili.



## **Health Ministry**

Dear Family and Friends,

I hope you and your loved ones are experiencing Christ's peace, wholeness and joy. In addition to our Lenten vigil, March is also recognized as National Nutrition month, and I would like to focus our attention on Healthy Eating.

Physicians and dietitians still recommend that the healthiest diet is one low in fat and full of grains, fruits, and vegetables (often referred to us as a plant –based diet). Such a diet is rich in the anti-oxidant vitamins (C, E and beta-carotene) which may protect us from some changes associated with aging, cancer and heart disease and often reduces obesity. Disease such as heart disease, colon, prostate, and breast cancer, diabetes, high blood pressure and cholesterol levels have all been linked to diets rich in animal based foods (the usual American diet). So, pass the brown rice and occasionally pass up the prime rib!

### Healthy Eating includes:

- Choosing a diet rich in a variety of plant-based foods.
- Eating ample grains, fruits and vegetables.
- Maintaining a healthy weight and regular physical activity.
- Drinking alcohol in moderation, if at all
- Selecting foods low in fat and salt.

Please see me if I can be of help to you. May the Lord abundantly bless all of our health choices.

Yours in Christ,  
*Jan Levensgood*  
Parish Nurse/Health Minister

I would like to thank all of you who donated to or walked in the Hunger Walk on 25 February. We made our goal, \$560.00 and still counting.

### Upcoming Events for Health Ministry

Saturday, 3 March – Charlette Beutler's Funeral Service at 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, 4 March – Healing and Anointing in both services

Fridays, 2 and 16 March – Walk Away the Pounds at 9:30 a.m.

The Health Ministry is adopting a needy family to take food for Easter. Please bring canned goods, non-perishable food, or money donations, March 4th through March 25th. Your generosity was greatly appreciated last year. There will be a box in the Narthex for food, or you can make a check payable to Living Grace Lutheran Church, (for Adopted Family) or give cash to Jo Ann Durrence.



St. Andrews Presbyterian is excited to share with us an important discussion being held 11 March in our community. St. Andrews on Sunday afternoon, 11 March, is hosting *Life's Fifth Season*, a seminar designed to help attendees acknowledge and plan for the eventualities of aging and death. *Life's Fifth Season* will begin with lunch from noon to 1:00 p.m. followed by presentations

- Dr. Laura Waddle will cover health concerns of aging.
- Ann Grier, Esq. will discuss legal planning during aging.
- Rev. Jerry Dean Weber will discuss the *Five Wishes*, encouraging family discussion and delineation of one's wishes for one's end days.
- Rev. Camille LeBron Powell will address memorial services and questions to answer before plans can be made.

Please note the registration deadline is 7 March. Please contact Mary Evans at [tmevans@bellsouth.net](mailto:tmevans@bellsouth.net).

### **Hospitality Ministry**

The Hospitality Ministry in 2017 was very busy with 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays, Reformation Celebration and unfortunately, several funeral receptions. In 2018, you will see information coming out for the whole congregation to get involved in hospitality by either contributing food or their time for the events at Living Grace. We ask that you prayerfully consider getting involved in the fellowship life of Living Grace.

### **Outreach Ministry**

#### **Sew 'N' Sews**

The Sew 'N' Sews will meet on Monday, 12 March, at 9:30 a.m.



#### **Piece-Makers**

The quilting group meets on Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. If you like to quilt, please come join them. The dates for March will be 1, 15, 22 and 29. Come for the fun and fellowship.

## ***Heifer Sunday***

Heifer Sunday for the month is 18 March. Although this is a designated day for Heifer, you can contribute to Heifer at any time. Living Grace has given 6 arks. Hopefully, we can make it 7 arks.



## ***Outreach to the Community on Ash Wednesday***

For the first time, we offered to the community and our members who could not make it to the 7:30 p.m. worship service, the Imposition of Ashes as a “drive-thru” from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. We believe it was successful. We had:

- 20 vehicles
- 26 passengers
- Majority of ages 31 – 70

## ***New Outreach in the Community***

Northlake Gardens, the assisted living community on Montreal Road off of Lawrenceville Highway wanted to start a Bible Study for their residents. They came to us to see if we could accommodate them. Pastor Hardy agreed so every other Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. to 12 noon, Pastor Hardy goes to Northlake Gardens and conducts a Bible Study. As of this date, he has approximately 8 people attending the class.



## Parish Education

### Adult Bible Class

Please come join the Adult Bible Class on Sundays, at 9:45 a.m. The class does not meet on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month.



## Women of the ELCA

The Women of the ELCA of Living Grace has 3 circles, Anna, Miriam, and Naomi. The women of these circles select projects during the year to help worldwide and community projects. They also meet periodical for Bible Study and fellowship. All women of the church are members of WELCA, but if you wish to join a particular circle, here are the leaders of each circle in which you can contact:

- Anna Circle – Cindy Nelson
- Miriam Circle – Agnes Nelson
- Naomi Circle – Emily Jorkey

March schedule for the circles:

- Anna Circle – Saturday, 10 March – Attend the Tucker Chili Cook-off at 1:30 p.m. to support the “*Holy Jalapenos of Living Grace*”
- Miriam Circle – Meeting at Living Grace on Saturday, 31 March, at 10:00 a.m.
- Naomi Circle - **Free Trip to the Center for Civil and Human Rights:** The Women of the ELCA - Naomi Circle cordially invites the women of the church to join them in a trip to the Center for Civil and Human Rights, Saturday, March 24, at 2:00 p.m. To carpool, meet at the church at 1:00 p.m. **Arrangements have been made to visit the Center free of charge.** If you would like to participate, please make a reservation with Carolyn Davis, [fostine2019@gmail.com](mailto:fostine2019@gmail.com), by March 16.

## **Worship and Music Living Out Our Baptism**

### **Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday 25 March 2018**

The first and second readings and psalm are the same this Sunday every year. Christ emptying himself of divine power and protection, willingly becoming vulnerable to those who struck him and put him to death. With Christ we lament his suffering and all human suffering, but expect God's final vindication. Mark's passion story begins with an unnamed woman anointing his head, perhaps to proclaim him Messiah, and Jesus saying she has anointed him beforehand for burial. Mark's Easter story will begin with women, going to anoint Jesus for burial, only to find that he has been raised, God's living Anointed One.

(from *Sundays and Seasons, Year B 2018*)

### **Palm Crosses instead of Palm Branches**

This year we are trying something a little different. Instead of receiving Palm Branches on this Sunday, you will receive "*Palm Crosses*." They are Palm Branches made into crosses. We hope that you take them home as a reminder of Holy Week and what it all means to us as Christians.



### **Maundy Thursday 29 March 2018**

With nightfall our Lenten observance comes to an end, and we gather with Christians around the world to celebrate the Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection. At the heart of the Maundy Thursday liturgy is Jesus' commandment to love one another. As Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, we are called to follow his example as we humbly care for one another, especially the poor and the unloved. At the Lord's table we remember Jesus' sacrifice of his life, even as we are called to offer ourselves in love for the life of the world.

(from *Sundays and Seasons, Year B 2018*)

### **Good Friday 30 March 2018**

At the heart of the Good Friday liturgy is the passion according to John, which proclaims Jesus as a triumphant king who reigns from the cross. The ancient title for this day---the triumph of the cross-----reminds us that the church gathers not to mourn this day but to celebrate Christ's life-giving passion and to find strength and hope in the tree of life. In the ancient bidding prayer we offer petitions for all the world for whom Christ died.

(from *Sundays and Seasons, Year B 2018*)



## **Church Choir for Holy Week**

If you like to sing, but cannot commit to every week rehearsal and every Sunday to sing in the worship service, you can come and sing for Holy Week, which includes,

- Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday
- Maundy Thursday
- Good Friday
- The Resurrection of Our Lord/Easter Sunday

Please talk to Steve Honeychurch, our Church Musician if you wish to sing with us for Holy Week. You will have to come to Wednesday rehearsals starting 7 March through 28 March, at 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. We would love to have you come join us.



***Come worship with us!***

***Holy Week***

***Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday – 25 March  
8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.***

***Maundy Thursday – 29 March – 7:30 p.m.***

***Good Friday – 30 March – 7:30 p.m.***

***The Resurrection of Our Lord/Easter Sunday – 1 April  
7:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.***

## **Special Days in March**

19 March

*Joseph, Guardian of Jesus*

25 March

*Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday*

29 March

*Maundy Thursday*

30 March

*Good Friday*

31 March

*Easter Vigil*

## **Electronic Prayer Requests**

If you would like to receive Living Grace's electronic prayer list, please send your email address to: [livinggraceprayers@gmail.com](mailto:livinggraceprayers@gmail.com).

## **Guidelines for Newsletter Prayer Requests**

Please notify Leanne Beutler, Parish Administrator, via email at [livinggracelutheranchurch@gmail.com](mailto:livinggracelutheranchurch@gmail.com) or written note and place in her mailbox to add or remove a name from the prayer list.

## **Praying for Members, Family, and Friends**

Betty Bartling; Gene Durrence; Betty Hitz; Julien Lange; Jean Lemonds; Mary Ann Long; Norma Mackenzie; Ruth Scott; and Tim Shirah.

### **Helen Cunningham**

Mother of Margery Kellar

### **Nellie Bass**

Family of Phyllis Prunty

### **Bill Veronda**

Friend of Margery Kellar

### **Jill Stewart**

Friend of Steph Cunefare

### **Sarah Endsley**

Friend of Margery Kellar

### **Karen Shaw**

Friend of Jim and Phyllis Gerke

### **Anne Mola**

Mother of Jim Gerke

### **Gregg Cole**

Son of Maurice and Betty Cole

### **Vickie Smith**

Friend of Margery Kellar

### **Walter Smith**

Friend of Ed and Pat Stowers

### **Bronwyn Blanco**

Sister of Carrie Orr

### **John and Mary Yale**

Parents of Carrie Orr

### **Tymika Ferguson**

Daughter of Linda Ferguson

### **Ella Nelson**

Friend of the Orrs

**The Rev. Charles Beckler**  
Brother-in-law of Leanne Beutler  
**Allen Beaver**  
Son of Dot Beaver  
**Gene and Renae Toney**  
Friends of Leanne Beutler

**Bill and Mary Cressman**  
Brother and Sister-in-law of Marlene and  
Pastor Hardy  
**Matthew Beckler**  
Nephew of Leanne Beutler

We pray for those whom we bear in our hearts.



## **General News and Notes**

### **March Birthdays**

1	Beth Roy	
2	Shirley Arroyo	Taylor Cunefare
3	Beth Canada	
6	Ed Stowers, Jr.	
8	Betty Bartling	
9	Rosalie Solheim	
10	Logan Shirah	
14	Henry Parker	Owen Parker
21	Millie Axel	Marissa Wall
23	Norma Mackenzie	Kim Wall
	Christopher Fest/Souder	
29	Lynn Kuhn	

If you don't see your birthday listed or it is listed but incorrect, please inform the church office of the correction either by email at [livinggracelutheranchurch@gmail.com](mailto:livinggracelutheranchurch@gmail.com) or place in the Parish Administrator's mailbox in the narthex. Thank you.

## Deaths

*Nita Helmey* was called to her eternal home on Monday, 12 February 2018. Her funeral service was held here at Living Grace on Saturday, 17 February 2018.

## Announcements for Bulletins

Announcements for weekly Sunday bulletins need to be electronically sent to Leanne Beutler or a hard copy placed in the Parish Administrator's mailbox **no later than Wednesday** prior to the Sunday insertion. The email address is [livinggracelutheranchurch@gmail.com](mailto:livinggracelutheranchurch@gmail.com)

## New Email for the Church

If you want to send an email to the church, please send to [livinggracelutheranchurch@gmail.com](mailto:livinggracelutheranchurch@gmail.com).



## Walk Away the Pounds

Come join the fun and fellowship. Walk away the pounds in a nice cool atmosphere on Fridays, 2 and 16 March.



## Living Grace's Church Council for 2018

Here is your Church Council for 2018:

- President – Steph Cunefare
- Vice President – Jim Gerke
- Secretary – Renee Watson
- Treasurer – Mike Collver
- Financial Secretary – Liz Jackson

Dot Beaver  
Meredith Collver  
Carolyn Davis  
Diane England

Linda Ferguson  
Priscilla Fritsch  
Emily Jorkey  
Mark Schuette

Jen Stenjem

There will be a meeting the council on Sunday, 11 March, at 12:15 p.m.

<b>Lay Assistants</b>
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**Sunday, 4 March**

*Healing and Anointing in both services*

Ushers	8:30 – Phyllis Gerke 10:30 – Dennis Fritsch/Dot Beaver
Lectors	8:30 – Merritt Shealy 10:30 – Marlene Hardy
Communion Assistants	8:30 – Mike Collver 10:30 – Margery Kellar/Lesley Campbell
Greeter	10:30 – John Reitz
Counter	Leanne Beutler
Altar Guild	Set Up – Phyllis Gerke Clean Up – Allison Combee

**Sunday, 11 March**

Ushers	8:30 – Liz Jackson 10:30 – Steve and Cindy Nelson
Lectors	8:30 – Liz Jackson 10:30 – Agnes Nelson
Communion Assistants	8:30 – Jan Levensgood 10:30 – Gary and Mark Levensgood
Greeter	10:30 – John Nelson
Counters	Steve and Cindy Nelson
Altar Guild	Set Up – Missy Streubel Clean Up – Priscilla Fritsch

**Sunday, 18 March**

*Heifer Sunday*

Ushers	8:30 – Michael Hardy 10:30 – Alvin Jorkey/Mike Ely
Lectors	8:30 – Michael Hardy 10:30 – Cynthia Outman
Communion Assistants	8:30 – Leanne Beutler 10:30 – Jim and Cynthia Outman
Greeter	10:30 – Beth Roy
Counters	Will and Shirley Arroyo
Altar Guild	Set-Up - Meredith Collver Clean-Up – Anna Schuette

**Sunday, 25 March**

Ushers

Lectors

Communion Assistants

Greeter

Counters

Altar Guild

*Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday*

8:30 – Keith Siekierski

10:30 – James and Jamie Combee

8:30 – Meredith Collver

10:30 – Alvin Jorkey

8:30 – Mike Collver

10:30 – Dennis Fritsch/Diane England

10:30 – Dot Beaver

Dot Beaver/Pat Stowers

Set Up – Carrie Orr

Clean Up – Allison Combee

**Maundy Thursday, 29 March – 7:30 p.m. – Service with Holy Communion**

Usher

Mark Schuette

Lector

Jan Levensgood

Communion Assistant

Margery Kellar

**Good Friday, 30 March – 7:30 p.m. Service**

Usher

Michael Hardy

Coordinators responsible for worship service assistants:

Altar Guild – Missy Streubel at [streubel55@gmail.com](mailto:streubel55@gmail.com)

Lector/Communion Assistants – Margery Kellar at [margery.kellar@gmail.com](mailto:margery.kellar@gmail.com)

Greeters – Phyllis Prunty at 770/237-9807

Sunday Counters – Leanne Beutler at [Lbeutler@aol.com](mailto:Lbeutler@aol.com)

Ushers – 8:30, Leanne Beutler at [Lbeutler@aol.com](mailto:Lbeutler@aol.com) – 10:30, Harold Bowers

**Need of Acolytes:** We are in need of acolytes for the 10:30 a.m. worship services. Our children are very few. This responsibility is not just for children. Adults can be acolytes. All you have to do is light the altar candles and the beginning of the service and extinguish them at the end of the service. If you are interested, please see Steph Cunefare or email your interest to [sacunefare@hotmail.com](mailto:sacunefare@hotmail.com).



## **MARCH CALENDAR**



*The Lord's Supper*

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