

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF February 10th THROUGH February 17th

### WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES

DAY	STUDY	TOPIC/TITLE	WHEN & WHERE
Today	Adult Study	<b>The Vision of Christ in Isaiah and Revelation</b>	10:30 AM – Fellowship Hall
Today	Youth Study	<b>Jesus: The Early Years</b>	10:30 AM – Martin Room

**STEWARDSHIP NOTE: Luke 5:5** – *“And Simon answered, ‘Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets.’”* Peter’s words show both exasperation and trust. He’s tired. He tried his best and failed. But he is still ready to trust the Lord’s word – and act on it. Our stewardship is also a matter of trusting the Lord’s word...and acting on it.

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**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God by Walter and Diana Bohn in celebration of their 37<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

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**2019 FLOWER CHART** is available for sign-up in the narthex. The cost is **\$27.00** for two bouquets. Please make your checks payable to “Grace Lutheran Church” and place in the secretary’s mailbox in the Communication Center.

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**ALTAR GUILD:** A meeting of the Altar Guild will be held on **Mon., February 18<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 PM.** We will be reviewing our duties and procedures for Holy Communion and the care of the altar.

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**NEW PASCHAL CANDLE:** Our new paschal candle is given to the glory of God by Carol and Jim Day in loving memory of Carol’s parents, James and Nancy Pfothenauer, and Carol’s grandparents, Russell and Margaret Pfothenauer. The paschal candle is lit on Easter and during its season to indicate that Christ “the Light of the world” is risen from the dead. It is also lit for baptisms and funerals as a reminder that the life of the Christian only has meaning in view of the resurrection of Christ from the dead. Paschal comes from the Greek word for Passover, *Pascha*, and refers specifically to the celebration of Christ’s resurrection. We thank Carol and Jim Day for their beautiful and generous gift.

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**ELEVATOR FUND:** So far, we have raised **\$29,331** for the Elevator Fund. Thanks be to God for His blessings here at Grace!

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**GRACE COOKBOOKS:** 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cookbooks by Morris Press are available for sale before and after the worship service. All proceeds go to the Elevator Fund. Thank you!

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**PENS FOR SALE:** The Grace Youth Group is selling stylus pens with Grace’s name and address on them. The pens are \$1.50 each and are on sale in the Office Equipment Room.

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**COFFEE HOUR:** Many thanks to Dallas Gardner and his family for providing coffee hour snacks from Starbucks for us recently. Please consider signing up to provide snacks in the future. The sign-up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall on the bulletin board.

**GUEST PASTOR:** Thank you to Rev. Ben Schimm for serving as our guest pastor today. He will also lead Bible class. Rev. Schimm is a theology teacher at Racine Lutheran High School. (Pastor Crane is taking vacation today; however, he is available in case of emergencies or for other pastoral needs.)

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**ANNUAL REPORT:** Copies of the 2018 Grace Lutheran Church Annual Report are available in the narthex. Please take one home. Thank you to everyone who contributed information for the report.

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**MAIL SLOTS:** The **2018 offering statements** and the **February–March newsletters** are in your mail slots.

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**100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY BOOK:** There is a book for all who wish to have memories or photos preserved for our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Scrapbook paper is available in a basket in the narthex. Please feel free to take a page to write out memories you have of Grace and add pictures. Digital pictures and memories can be emailed to Jeana Eaton at [jeana.eaton@yahoo.com](mailto:jeana.eaton@yahoo.com).

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**COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION:** If you would like to receive Holy Communion in your pew, please notify the pastor or an usher. If possible, please sit near the center aisle, and it will be brought to you at the conclusion of the distribution.

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**UPCOMING PHYSICAL CHANGES:** To help make our church more accessible for those with mobility challenges, the Board of Trustees and Board of Elders have considered making some physical changes in the nave. These include removing some pews and repositioning some of the chancel furnishings to create more space for wheelchairs, walkers, and scooters. We anticipate making some of these changes in the coming weeks. If you have any suggestions or questions, please speak with a Trustee, Elder, or Pastor Crane. Thank you!

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**THE GROWING STRONG WITH GRACE** group will meet **next Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>**. Our presenter will be Katie Matteson, publisher of “Belle City, Racine’s Hometown Magazine.” Please bring a dish to pass. Pastor Crane will have the meal prayer at **11:00 AM**.

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**ST. PATRICK’S DAY FUNDRAISER LUNCHEON:** On **Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, at 12:00 PM**, the youth group is hosting a St. Patrick’s Day fundraiser luncheon. The menu will be Corned Beef and Cabbage, Hot Beef, Sides, Desserts & Beverages. Tickets will be for sale in the Office Equipment Room. The cost of tickets is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for kids ages 3-10.

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**GRACE TOWN HALL:** Please join us on **Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>**, for a Grace Town Hall meeting at **10:30 AM**. This meeting is an opportunity for the entire congregation to give their insight and input about the future of Grace and how we can grow as we move ahead to the start of our next century as a church. We hope to see you there!

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**QUILTING:** Our material supply is very, very low. We could use cotton donations. We have made 72 clothing protectors (bibs). Thanks. – Ruth Anger