



From the Pastor,

In January, I had the opportunity to play hide and seek with my great grandchildren, ages 7, 4, 4 & 1 years old at my son's house. We used only three rooms of the house but always found a place to hide. The four year olds basically hid under the same blanket, or in the same spots every time and yet great papa had trouble finding them, or so they thought. Sometimes they would throw off the blanket and say "here I am" and I would act surprised that they were under the blanket.

The Lenten season is the time of year that we stop hiding under our figurative blanket and say “here I am Lord.” We can stop hiding from our sin and seek forgiveness, confess and turn our focus to God. Lent is the time to focus on our need for Jesus to die and reconcile us to God the Father. Lent is the opportunity to see that God knows we are hiding under the blanket, but is waiting for us to give up hiding and surrender ourselves to God and God’s will for us.

Pastor Jim

Church Seasons: We are in the Church Season of Lent. The color is purple, symbolizing penitence, the need to repent from our sins. It is a season of self-examination and understanding that Jesus died for you on Good Friday because of your sins.

March Birthdays

1st – Terry Panko
Malia Ullrich
2nd – Megan Mabbitt
3rd – Derrie Medina
4th – Kristy Ebeler
Darline Peters
Briley Tams
7th – Brenda Ullrich
8th – Colleen Naber
11th – Karen Cerny
12th – Tim Weber
Everett Bohling
13th – Doug Armknecht
14th – Todd Dorn
15th – Bradie Medina
Shyanne Thompson
16th – Jay Ullrich
22nd – Annika McDonald
Cecelia Thompson
24th – Arlin Brinkman
27th – Mike Wiebke

PIECEMAKERS

The Piecemakers meet every Tuesday during the months of January, February and March - all day. On March 14th they will be sharing a Salad Luncheon. You are all welcome to join tying these blankets. Please come and join in the fellowship of making some beautiful warm blankets for those in need.

World Day of Prayer

March 3, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. Grace Lutheran Church Basement, Cook, NE. Come join us for the afternoon to pray for the women of Taiwan and learn about their country and cultures. We will be having a singing group from JCC Middle School provide entertainment.

Altar Committee

March

Karen Cerny

March Anniversaries

March 2nd
Rodney & Diane
Roesener
March 15th
Robert & Judy
Schmidt

Lenten Offering

The offering for Lent has been designated to be sent to Oaks Indian Mission.

Assisting Minister

March

5 – Carl Purcell

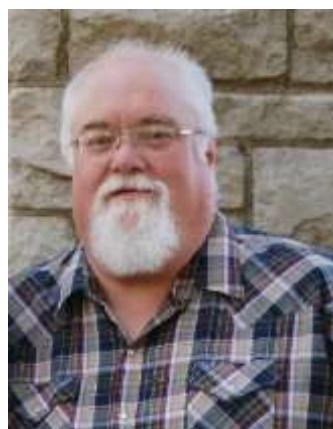
12 – Dean Wellensiek

19 – Eleta Eisenhauer

26 – Jody Bruns

Luther League

Luther League will have an informational meeting after Lenten service at Grace on Wednesday, March 8th. Opportunities for youth fellowship and service will be extended to include confirmation students through seniors in high school. Parents and students are invited to attend and hear what Luther League has to offer. We will also discuss our first fellowship activity: bowling, on March 19. If you would like your child to participate in Luther League but are unable to attend the meeting, please contact Nick or Lisa Weber at 402-310-2136.



Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends of **Larry Naber.**

Larry passed away on February 17, 2023. His funeral was held at Wherry Mortuary. Interment at the Tecumseh Cemetery.

Addison Clara Dietz was welcomed into the Kingdom of God and Grace Lutheran thru her baptism on February 19th. Addison was born on January 25, 2023 and her parents are Russ & Kate Dietz. Addie's sponsors are Anne & Ryan Herman and Ronald & Therese Dietz.

Our prayers go out to the family and friends of **Betty Knapp**
Betty passed away on February 17, 2023. A celebration of life was held on February 23 at the Fusselman-Allen-Harvey Funeral Home. Interment at the Grace Lutheran Cemetery.

Sincere condolences to Robert & Judy Schmidt on the passing of their son, Scott Schmidt, at the age of 55.

75th Anniversary Celebration

Grace Lutheran will celebrate its 75th Anniversary on Sunday, June 23, 2024. This celebration commemorates the merger of Immanuel Lutheran and St. Paul Lutheran churches to establish Grace Lutheran Church. The draft plans for the celebration at this time include:

- Registration, Coffee, Pastries, and Fellowship starting at 8:30 a.m. outside.
- Church Service—10:00 a.m. with Bishop Johnson and Pastor Helgren presiding the worship and John Weber as organist.
- Catered Meal following the service.

The 75th Anniversary Committee includes Andrea Eggleston, Pastor Helgren, Lori Panko, Sarah Purcell, Dean Wellensiek, and Melissa Wellensiek. The committee will meet next on April 26, 2023.

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I will mark a container for the labels and have it in the church kitchen.

Thank you for your help.

Karen Cerny



Midweek Lenten Worship Services

Worship will be at 7:00 p.m. at Grace Lutheran on March 8 & 22 and will be at Hope Lutheran on March 1, 15 & 29. We will be involved in the Rolling Hills Cluster Round Robin. The theme for 2023 is "Amazing Grace" and we will look at God's grace through the year of the Biblical characters of David, Isaiah of Babylon, The Prodigal Son, The Blind Man, The Women at the Well, and Paul.

The theme is "Amazing Grace" at 7:00 for all services.

March 1—Worship @ Hope Lutheran	Isaiah of Babylon	Pastor Kim, Palmyra/Walton
March 8—Worship @ Grace Lutheran	Blind Man	Pastor Eric, Longbranch
March 15—Worship @ Hope Lutheran	Women at the Well	Pastor Kate, Talmage
March 22—Worship @ Grace Lutheran	Paul	Pastor Paul, Hickory Grove
March 29—Worship @ Hope Lutheran	Prodigal Son	Pastor Ken, Auburn

Pastor Jim's Schedule - David

March 1—St Paul, Auburn
March 8—St. Paul, Hickory Grove
March 15—Faith, Talmage
March 22—Longbranch
March 29—Grace, Walton

March 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5 8:30 am Worship w/ Communion 9:30 am Sunday School	6 8:30 am Worship w/ Communion 9:30 am Sunday School	7 Piecemakers Blanket Making Church Council 7:00 p.m.	8 Piecemakers 8th Grade Confirmation 4:00 p.m. Lenten Worship 7:00 p.m. @ Hope Lutheran	9 Kids for Christ 4:00 pm 8th Gr Confirmation 4:00 pm Lenten Worship 7:00 p.m. @ Grace Lutheran Luther League Mtg following Lenten worship	10 11	12
13 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Sunday School	14 Bible Study 1:30 p.m.	15 Piecemakers Blanket Making Salad Luncheon	16 8th Gr Confirmation 4:00 pm Lenten Worship 7:00 p.m. @ Hope Lutheran	17 ELCW Meeting— 7:00 p.m.	18 19	20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31
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