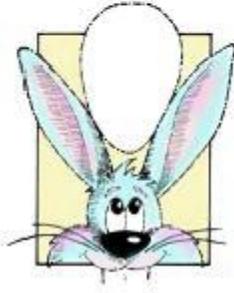


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Wanted: EASTER BUNNIES

We're looking for many generous Easter Bunnies who would donate filled plastic Easter eggs for the children's Easter Egg Hunt. We need about 1000 eggs for this event. Please place your donations in the Christian Education Office in the CE Wing. Thank you!!!!

\*There are lots of empty eggs to use at the church; please call or ask and we'll make sure to get you some. Then all you have to do is fill them!

SATURDAY APRIL 15
10-10:30am Open to Ages 9 & under



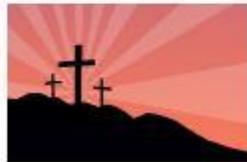
Easter Week Schedule



Maundy Thursday
Soup & Bread Meal, 6:15p
7:00p Worship

Good Friday
7:00p Ecumenical Worship

Easter Sunday
8:00 & 9:30a
Children & Youth Breakfast between Services



Each month I try to reflect upon the many ways I've witnessed God's presence within the Grace community. On February 25 at Carroll University, I witnessed the movement of the Spirit through the meeting of the Presbytery of Milwaukee.

What stands out from that experience, is the keynote speaker Jessica Tate - Director of Next Church. Her words were compelling and somewhat close to the bone. She challenged the Presbytery with amazing statistics suggesting the greater church is being confronted with a decline in membership. The old theory was that when a couple had children they would return to the church if they left after confirmation. Tate - backed by statistics - suggested that just isn't true anymore. When someone leaves it is essentially for good! Throughout Tate's address, the Spirit was nagging at me. The church that many of us knew is no longer! We as a congregation must be open to new ideas and new ways of being. What worked in the past doesn't work now! That is a tall order yet we are faithful people guided by a loving God! I have great hope!

Another way I was witness to God's presence was in the process of ordaining and installing Deacons and Elders. Even though the process of finding folks was challenging, we now have an amazing group of leaders and caregivers. In both Deacons as well as the Session, we have new folks. I am excited for their energy. I am encouraged by their new way of thinking. I find hope that we will not always do "it" the same way as before - praise be to God!!

And finally, I witnessed God's presence throughout the confirmation process. This year a small group of eighth graders met each Sunday for eight weeks. We talked about various topics of faith and church. After each conversation, I intentionally asked each student if what they said during the class is what they believed. I believe a highlight of the class is making a trip to Madison to attend worship at the Pres House - a campus ministry of the PCUSA within the UW Madison campus. As a congregation we must now step up to the plate and live into our vows of continuing to grow Disciples of Christ.

In this season of Lent, we are encouraged to be contemplative. With Easter fast approaching, we see hope and promise - darkness will be overcome!

God is so present and so very tangible! Be still and seek God's presence!

May God's peace be with you all!
Pr Chris Davis

# CONFIRMED

*In Faith*

Please pray for our Confirmation students **Autum Adams, Madelyn Connaughty, Ethan Haucke, Lindsay Propst, Mackenzie Schraufnagel, and Jeremy Slayton**, who confirmed their faith on Sunday February 26.



## DIME CHALLENGE: *Can you fill it up?*

We've collected enough gas \$ to get 22 volunteers to Porcupine, SD! **Can you help us get back home???** Collection bottle is at the SCRIP table on Sunday mornings or in the Church Office during office hours.

## Time to fill the eggs!



We need your help preparing for the annual **Easter Egg Hunt!** Please bring treat/treasure-filled plastic eggs to the Resource Room by April 9<sup>th</sup>. Bags of 24 empty plastic eggs are available.

## Dear Grace Church Family,

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve as Christian Education & Youth Ministry Director these past 2 years. You embraced my family, entrusted me with your beautiful children and youth, showed up, worked hard, made incredible memories, and stayed true to our mission to Share God's Grace. Continued blessings upon you all!



May the road rise up to meet you.  
May the wind be always at your back.  
May the sun shine warm upon your face;  
the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again,  
may God hold you in the palm of His hand.



**ALL are welcome!**

**April 15 10:00am**  
**Grace Presbyterian Church 215 Gould Street**  
**Beaver Dam**

# Easter Breakfast at Grace

Volunteers will be serving breakfast between services (9:00-9:30a) on Easter Sunday

Donations Welcome: Proceeds will go toward Youth Missions.

Questions? See Becky Glewen & Family



## INCOME & EXPENSES:

February - Income		February - Expenses	
Offering Envelopes	\$ 22,975.89	Missions	\$ 698.45
Loose Offerings	\$ 243.22	Session	\$ 4,499.66
Per Capita	\$ 1,260.00	Worship	\$ 1,661.62
Interest	\$ 0.00	Christian Education	\$ 2,957.37
Housing Allowance	\$ 500.00	Administration	\$ 6,641.62
Building Rental	\$ 300.00	Property	\$ 3,013.84
Fellowship	\$ 82.50	Deacon	\$ 10.00
"Souper Bowl" of Caring	\$ 100.12	Pastoral	\$ 7,100.11
BD Church Mural	\$ 230.00		
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 25,691.73</b>	<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$26,582.67</b>

**NO THIRD WEDNESDAY WORSHIP THIS MONTH!**



Earth Day is April 22<sup>nd</sup>

Join us for a special Earth Day worship service on April 23 at 9:30.

## New Members Class

If you are interested in joining Grace Presbyterian Church, or know of someone that may be interested, mark your calendar for **Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup> from 6-7p** for a new members class. Come and learn more about what it means to be a member of the Grace Presbyterian Church Family. Contact Jennifer Smith at 920-210-9986 or Therese



at 920-356-9806 if you're interested or have questions. We look forward to seeing you there.

## ONGOING ADULT ED



**SECOND TUESDAY BOOK CLUB** will meet Tuesday, April 11 at 9 AM. All are welcome to attend. For more information, contact Ann Peck.

**CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER** (Meditation) meets Wednesday mornings from 8:45-9:45 in the chapel. Join this group that meets to nurture and sustain spiritual vitality in contemporary life. New faces are always welcome.



Jesus invites us to be disciples. You are invited to answer Jesus' call to follow his example of Christian living.



Everyone needs gas and groceries, why not order a Scrip card to use for these purchases? There are many local and non-local businesses that offer Scrip, so check out our Scrip order form at church or on-line on our web page [www.bdgracechurch.org](http://www.bdgracechurch.org).

## MONTHLY SCRIP PROFIT REPORT

January \$402.68 February \$205.86 March \$318.48

Thank you to all who support Grace Presbyterian Church by purchasing Scrip!

## PER CAPITA

44% of our total members have paid



The 2017 Per Capita Apportionment that is owed to our Presbytery is \$13,080. We have received \$5,735 through February, so we have a long way to go to meet our obligation.

The Per Capita amount is \$30.00 per *confirmed member*. Remember, this includes both spouses and your confirmed children in your family. Once your child is confirmed into the church, they are full members and would need to fulfill the per capita apportionment. *Example: 2 spouses + 1 confirmed child = \$90.*

As members of Grace Church, please be responsible and pay your per capita. If you have misplaced your envelope, please call the office for a new one or just memo your payment **per capita**.



### Memorials Received

Gifts to the church are a wonderful way of honoring the memory of those we love and cherish. The family may direct these gifts to a specific or unrestricted fund.

Grace Presbyterian Church recently received cash memorial gifts in memory of **Elda (Dickie) Lehman, Charles Ganske and Ron Callies**. We are very grateful for these gifts in memory of loved ones.

On February 19, we celebrated the baptism of **Violet Buchda**. Violet is the daughter of member **Maddie & Mark Buchda**. Welcome to the church family Violet!



Our condolences to member Barb and all family and friends of member **Ron Callies**, who passed away on March 8. His funeral services were held at Cornerstone Funeral Home on March 14.

**“The Callies family would like to thank everyone who prayed and expressed their concern for Ron throughout his illness and recent death”.**

**PW Spring Gathering  
Saturday May 6  
Apostle Presbyterian Church in West Allis**



### MISSION NEWS

**PAVE Wish List:** For the month of **April**, PAVE wishes for **laundry detergent, stain removers, disinfecting wipes, dish soap, dish towels**.

**Beaver Dam Food Pantry** - Non-perishable and unexpired food items including canned goods, boxed meals, e.g., macaroni and cheese, Hamburger Helper, canned and boxed juices, baking items and pancake mixes.

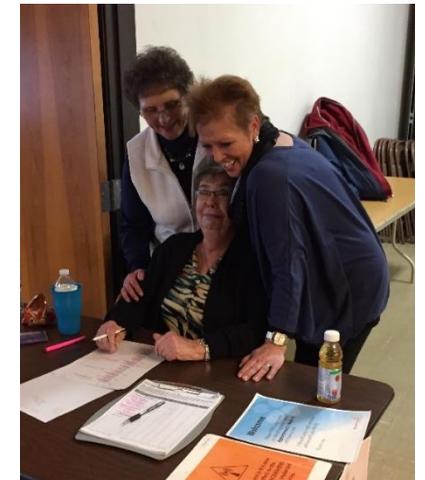
*PAVE & Food Pantry bins are located next to the main parking lot entrance at the Church.*

**Dear Congregation:** Please join us on Sunday, April 2, following a shortened worship service to learn about Grace exploring the call for an Associate Pastor and to provide your thoughts on an Associate Pastor’s responsibilities. In order to have greater participation and input regarding the role of an Associate Pastor, there will be no Sunday School and coffee and donuts will be offered following the collaborative session. Nursery will be provided for fourth graders and younger during the discussion session. We hope you will come and discuss what you feel the role of an Associate Pastor could be at Grace Presbyterian Church. If you have any questions, please contact Penny Pohle at [pohlefam@charter.net](mailto:pohlefam@charter.net) or (608) 963-7527.

### Blood Drive Thank You



Thank you for hosting another blood drive at Grace Presbyterian Church! You had 45 people register to donate and we ended up completing 39 successful procedures, potentially helping to extend or save the lives of up to 117 patients in local hospitals. Wow! This is terrific! Think of all those families you just helped. 😊





The next Courier deadline is April 17 for the May newsletter.

Thanks!

## April Birthdays

- 1 - Renaté Campbell
- 2 - Crystal Ellcey
- 5 - James Schulz, Karen Verhulst
- 6 - Myah Malueg, Kera Schraufnagel
- 7 - Chris Davis, Madelynn Johnson, Barret Shier
- 8 - Roger Slayton
- 11 - Sarah Connaughty, Amy Rochester
- 13 - Keith Kneser
- 14 - Sue Hyde, Andy Propst
- 15 - Bryan Beaudry, Elora White
- 16 - Gene Thorn, Charles Welch
- 17 - Pam Kuehl
- 19 - Easton Meier
- 20 - Wendy Meier, Sarah Willihnganz
- 21 - Rachel Muenchow, Katie Sanders
- 22 - Alice Davies, Olivia Hilliard
- 24 - Gregg Jameson, Ruth Poehlman, Wayne Propst, Mike Zimmerman
- 25 - Evyn Adams, Taytum Roberts
- 26 - Jan Sutter, Carrie Tietz
- 27 - Annabell Eilbes, Sarah Mohammed, Sean Wilson
- 28 - Betty Hummelmeier
- 30 - Betty Stafford

## Easter Lily Order Information

Easter Lilies, a symbol of our Lord's resurrection, will again be displayed in our sanctuary for Easter Sunday in memory or in honor of our loved ones.

You are invited to provide a lily plant for our sanctuary on Easter. Cost is \$15.00 which includes a premium plant, uniform, foil wrapped pot and matching bow.

If you would like to purchase a lily on your own and bring it to church instead of ordering one, you are welcome to do so.

Check appropriate box

- I am ordering a lily from church (money enclosed)
- I will bring in my own lily to church
- I will take my lily plant home after Easter
- Give my plant to a shut-in after Easter



If ordering, please return money and this order form to the church office. Please write below how you wish your donation to be listed in the Easter bulletins.

GIVER'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

IN MEMORY OF \_\_\_\_\_

or IN HONOR OF \_\_\_\_\_

Orders for Easter lilies are needed as soon as possible, but the last day to place an order will be Sunday, April 9.

***Grace frequently uses images from church activities and events on our website, Facebook page, in the newsletter, and for promotional purposes. If you do not wish for us to use your image please contact the office.***



**APRIL 2017**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1  APRIL FOOLS' DAY
2 8:45a Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Worship – Communion 10:30a Christian Education	3 6:00p Worship Committee	4 9:00a Mom's Group 9:30a Senior Coffee	5 8:45a Meditation	6 7:00p Choir Rehearsal	7 Office Closed	8
9 8:45a Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Worship 10:30a Christian Education 	10 5:00p Stewardship Meeting 	11 9:00a 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday Book Club 9:00a Mom's Group 9:30a Senior Coffee 6:00p Personnel Committee	12 8:45a Meditation 1:30p Charleston House Communion 6:00p Session Meeting	13 6:15p Soup & Bread Meal 7:00p Worship 	14 7:00p Ecumenical Good Friday Worship Office Closed 	15 10:00-10:30a Easter Egg Hunt! 
16 Easter Sunday! 8:00a Worship Easter Breakfast 9:30a Worship 	17 <u>May Newsletter Deadline</u> 1:30p Hillside Manor Communion Office Closed	18 9:00a Mom's Group 9:30a Senior Coffee	19 8:45a Meditation <b>No 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday Worship</b>	20 7:00p Choir Rehearsal	21 Office Closed	22  Earth Day
23 8:45a Choir Rehearsal 9:30a Worship – Earth Day Worship 10:30a Christian Education 	24	Courier 25 9:00a Mom's Group 9:30a Senior Coffee	26 8:45a Meditation	27 6-7 New Member Class 7:00p Choir Rehearsal	28 Office Closed	29
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