



THE GRACE NEWS FOR WEEK OF MARCH 1, 2026

LENTEN SERVICE

Our Lenten series, *Honest Repentance*, continues this



Wednesday, March 4, with services at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. This week's message is "Faith" (Abraham & Isaac) based on Genesis 22:1-18. Lunch will be served immediately following the 11:00 a.m. service. Join us as we reflect on God's faithfulness even in the midst of chaos.

COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE

Mark your calendar and spread the word. **Sunday, March 29**, Grace will come together in worship. Bible Study/Sunday School will begin at 9:00 a.m. and the Church service will start at 10:00 a.m., communion will be served. There will be **NO** 8:00 a.m. service.



Begins March 8, so plan to set your clock ahead one hour before going to bed on **Saturday, March 7th**.

BUNCO Come join a fun night of Bunco. We will meet **Friday, March 6**, in the gym starting at **6:00 p.m.** Everyone is invited to attend.

CLASSICS The group will be meeting on **Tues., March 10, at 11:30 a.m.** for a potluck lunch. Meat will be provided, so just bring a dish to share.

There will also be a guest speaker from the Monroe County Sheriff Dept. talking on the "Monroe County Safe Program".

Please sign up in the narthex. We'd love to have you join us!

LENTEN LUNCHES

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to help with the Lent Lunches. We truly appreciate your willingness to serve and support our church in this way. Grace is blessed to have so many members ready to step in and help.

We still have one date available: **Wednesday, March 11**. If you're interested in serving that day, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.



VOLUNTEERS One Sheep will prepare a meal for God's Works on **Wednesday, March 11, at 12:00 pm** in the Gym kitchen. Many hands make light work. Come and join this excellent opportunity to help those in need.

MEN'S MINISTRY The Men's Ministry Group invites you to join them the 2nd and 4th **Wednesdays** of the month, at **7:00 p.m.**, in Grace's classroom.

GRACE PRAYER CHAIN



Please contact Kristin Zarecki with any prayer concerns or if you would like to be added to the **Grace Prayer Chain**. You can contact her at 734-770-6743 or czarecki@comcast.net.

We are here to support you in faith and community, fostering a spirit of love and prayer among our congregation.

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Is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL. Each week there are several different topics. You can listen at your convenience at thewordendures.org or your favorite podcast provider. Please tune in and check out all that is available.

PAPER RECYCLING If you would like to recycle your newspapers or any paper documents, Grace has a paper recycling bin behind the Parish House. Please do not put in pizza boxes or catalogs. The funds from this fundraiser will go to support Grace Youth.

HOLY WEEK

— SCHEDULE —



PALM SUNDAY - MARCH 29

9:00 a.m. - Bible Studies & Sunday School

10:00 a.m. - Combined Worship Service with Holy Communion



MAUNDY THURSDAY - APRIL 2

7:00 p.m. - Worship Service



GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 3

1:00 p.m. - Worship Service

7:30 p.m. - Tenebrae Service



EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 5

7:00 a.m. - Easter Sunrise Service

9:15 a.m. - Bible Study & Sunday School

10:30 a.m. - Worship Service



MONDAY - APRIL 6

No Monday Worship Service

*Join us as we remember Christ's sacrifice
and celebrate His resurrection.*

ULTREYA The group will meet on **Friday, March 13 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall.

LADIES SOCIETY POTLUCK (GYM)

The Grace Ladies Society will meet on **Thursday, March 5, at 12:00 p.m. in the Gym.**

This is a potluck. All the women of the congregation are invited to attend.

MARCH BOOK OF THE

Another great resource has been added to our Book of the Month shelf near the classroom door - each month, find a fresh issue of *The Lutheran Witness* to take home and enjoy. This magazine (the official periodical of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod) offers help interpreting the contemporary world from a Lutheran Christian perspective with news from around the Synod and articles on a variety of topics. We invite you to borrow a magazine, read it, and either return it (for another Grace member to enjoy) or pass it along to a friend.

HOLY GHOST CHURCH & SCHOOL

will have a fish fry on the following Fridays; there will be dine in or takeout.

The meals will be available starting **Friday, Feb. 20, 27, & March 6, 13, 20, & 27 from 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm.**

Dinner Choices the following:

Adult Meals: All you can eat (Dine-In-Only) Hand breaded Fried Pike Perch or Seasoned Baked Cod, Scaloped Potato or Baked Potato, Green Beans, Coleslaw, Bread, one slice of Home-made Pie. **Cost per meal is \$20.00 ~ \$18.00 Senior 65+ and Veterans.**

Kid's Meal: Hot Dog or Mac'n Cheese with chips, and Green Beans, Dessert* **Cost per meal is \$5.00.**

*Pie is not included in Hot Dog Dinner.





HOLY GHOST LUTHERAN
CHURCH & SCHOOL'S
1ST ANNUAL

Spring

CRAFT & VENDOR SHOW

– SATURDAY –

MARCH 21ST, 2026

10 am - 4 pm

3563 HEISS ROAD - MONROE, MI 48162

CONCESSIONS AVAILABLE!

FAITH WORKS MEDICAL

is a free charitable family medicine clinic, located inside Elevate Church, 15269 S. Dixie Hwy., Monroe, now serving Monroe County's poorest and underserved community by promoting overall health for those uninsured or underinsured with compassion dignity and excellence. Hours of operation are monthly on Tuesdays from 1:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Next date is March 17. Also, serving at Oaks Village, 924 E 2nd Street, Monroe, every other Fri. from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For dates: follow us on Facebook-Faith Works Medical. Also, a flyer for dates at Elevate Church is on the bulletin board in the narthex.

GRIEF SUPPORT

Gabby's Ladder, a family grief center of Monroe County, provides guiding steps and loving support for grieving children, teens, and their families. For more information, contact them at 242-8773.

COLLECTION

One Sheep will be distributing hygiene products to the homeless and financially oppressed. We are asking the congregation to collect small samples. Some of the items we are collecting are bar soap, body wash, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrush (small adult), floss, deodorant, hand or body lotion, body powder, and hand sanitizer. You can put them in the container on the bench in the hallway. Thank you in advance for your help with this ministry.

CARD REMINDER

Save used greeting cards for the Ladies Society. **Do not** cut off the verse inside; personal names can be removed. Needed are *Get Well*, *Thinking of You* and *Birthday* cards. Bring to the Church Office.

ONLINE CALENDAR

To avoid scheduling conflicts, please view this calendar occasionally. It's available on our web site at gracelutheranmonroe.org. Contact the Church Office with changes or corrections needed.

GRACE SHUT-INS

Remember Grace homebound by sending a card, make a phone call, or even a visit to one of our shut ins and help to brighten someone's day!

FACILITY REPAIRS

Notice something that needs fixing? Complete a green "Repair Request" in the mailbox marked "Repairs" and turn into the Trustee mailbox or the Office.

MONDAY NIGHT WORSHIP

For those who may be gone or work on Sunday mornings—worship is on Mondays at 7:00 p.m.

NURSERY AVAILABLE

Grace's nursery does not have supervised care, but the room is open and available for parents to use. **Parents must remain** with their child(ren). You can also listen to the service from in the nursery. Please make sure the room is picked up before leaving.

ORGAN, TISSUE & EYE DONATION

Jesus says, "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." (John 15:13)

One way we can show Christ-like love is through the gift of organ, tissue, and eye donation. Signing up is simple. You may enroll through the *Michigan Organ Donor Registry online* or *when renewing or replacing your driver's license or state ID*.

Michigan law honors your decision once you register. It is still important to share your wishes with your family so they understand your choice.

In death, the gift of donation can bring life and healing to others.

BOOK CLUB NIGHT Pastor Witte will host a book club on **Tuesday, March 24th at 7:00 p.m. in the classroom** for those who would like to come and discuss the book "*Finally Free*" by Pastor Bryan Wolfmueller.

Everyone is welcome to join the conversation, If you'd like to attend, simply be part of the discussion.

ONLINE GIVING

Please help us grow through electronic giving. Giving online is fast, easy, and secure. Never worry about bringing your checkbook or cash again—you can set up recurring payments, so your donations continue even when you forget or are on vacation.

1. Visit our website at:
www.gracelutheranmonroe.org

2. Locate the Give Online button.

3. Donate!

To learn more about giving online or through our GivePlus mobile app, contact our church office.

BIBLE STUDIES

Sunday Morning: Class begins @ 9:15 am in the classroom. They are studying "Genesis 12 & Abraham".

Sunday School:

Sunday School meets at 9:15 am. Preschool– 3rd grade meet in the Fellowship Hall, 4th thru 12th grade meet in the Youth Room.

Thursday Morning:

The Thursday class meets in the classroom at 9:30 am. Topic: Letters of John

Last Weekly Offerings:

Last Week Offerings: \$9,394.47

Last week attendance

Sunday, February 22– 115

No Monday Worship

Prayers

Missions: Heartbeat of Monroe, Voice of Martyrs, Selah's Center of Hope, One Sheep Ministries, POBLO, Lutheran Schools, LifeWise Academy.



Nursing Homes: Arnette Gahlau.

Healing & Comfort: Karen Bajus, Connor Vermett (Patterson), Joyce Neifert (Seitz), Patricia Liedel (Seitz), George Siterlet (Seitz), Melissa Jones, Carol (Rzepa), Steve Noodwang, Virginia (Smith), Sue Wigman, Opal Gross (Stromberger), Tammy Castiglione, Dave Younglove, Susie (Lusher), Pat Castiglione, Jimmy Keck, Dale Haman, Mark Stevelinc, Sophie, Ken, John, and Nadine (Stromberger), Sally Patterson (Sorter), Simon (Sorter), Erik C. (Castiglione).

Military: Jay Otero, David Witte, Avery Drake, Lester Younglove, Richie Ashby, Isaac Sheehan, Luke Bunge.