



THE MESSENGER

A Monthly Newsletter of Grace Lutheran Church
Monroe, Michigan 48162

MARCH 2015

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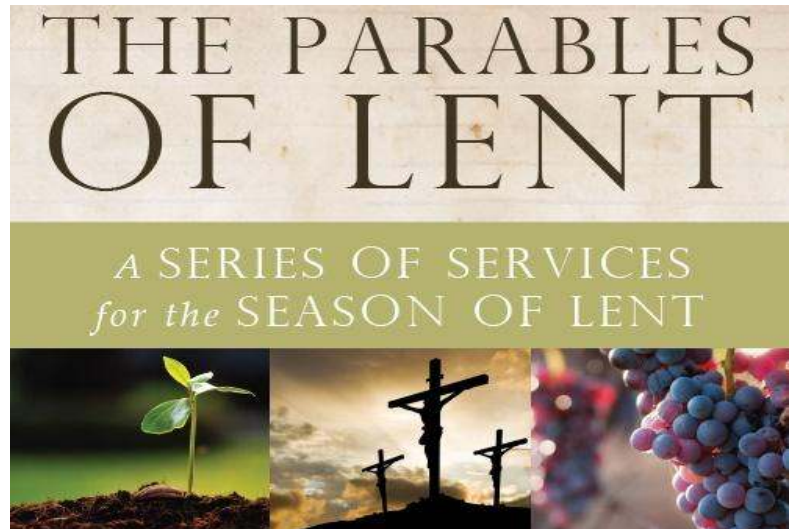
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This Lenten season we will be using a series of sermons and lessons each Wednesday with the title “The Parables of Lent. Each of our services will focus on a biblical parable that will help us connect with a Lenten theme. Through the lessons and message we will see how God reveals to us within each parable’s plot a unique message about what we receive through the crucified Christ. Upon hearing these words of God we will be enlightened by the Spirit to put these messages into our own stories of faith as we journey through this Lenten season.

Our worship will be at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. each Wednesday, as usual, and we will invite you to join us for lunch after the 11:00 a.m. services if you are able. In case you’re not hooked just yet, I want you to see for yourself just what wonderful themes and Parables of God we will be studying and hearing about in the weeks to come. Here is a brief look at the upcoming schedule:

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Ladies Society



All ladies of Grace are invited to join the Grace Ladies Society for their 84th Anniversary potluck luncheon on **Thursday, March 5**, starting at 12:00 p.m. (NOON) in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a dish to pass. Our speaker will be Dorothy Downton, who served as President Ford's secretary.

Also, the Ladies Society will be sponsoring a door offering on **Sunday, March 8**, after both services for the Food Banks at Ft. Wayne and St. Louis Seminaries. Thank you for your support.

Garage Sale

Start saving your good stuff for the annual Garage Sale which will be **Sat., April 11**. The high school youth will collect items April 7 through April 10. Profits from this event will go to help youth attend trips this summer. This event has always been a great fundraiser for the youth. Watch the weekly for more information.

March Birthdays

Friends of Grace celebrating birthdays this month.

If yours isn't listed, we may not have it in our records. Contact the Church Office and we will gladly include it.

God's blessings and happy birthday!

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| 1 | Larry Simmons
Anne Gensler-Schwab | 15 | Dean Castiglione |
| 2 | Sue Sisk
Stephanie Krupinski
Julie Waldecker
Matt Libstorff | 16 | Susan Miller
Andrew Wigman |
| 3 | Lloyd Sorter
Benjamin Miller
Doris Karle | 17 | Nina Collum |
| 4 | Marvin McKibben
Rhonda Libstorff | 18 | Millie Daniels
Debra Ellison |
| 5 | Kim Sachs Sr. | 19 | Bill Sisk
Kevin Beilman
Rachael Dylenski
Kirk Wehner |
| 7 | Gaylord Bayer
Robin Schmidt | 20 | Richard Corns
Kate Wigman
Kelly Castiglione |
| 8 | Robert Roorcroft | 21 | Marlyn Smith |
| 11 | Kellie Moore
Margaret Bates
Shawn Rose
Florence Ridner | 22 | Andrew Rafko |
| 13 | Pat Schooley
Larry Smith | 25 | Ashley Sieb
Elizabeth Siterlet |
| | | 27 | Mark Libstorff |
| | | 30 | Lance Schmidt |
| | | 31 | Josh Wehner |

Fun Event for Kids!

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be on **Saturday, April 4**. Watch your weekly for more information.



2015 Theological Conference

Grace is hosting a simulcast of the Theological Conference for Laity and Church Workers on **Saturday, March 21**, from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. If you wish to attend or for more information, please contact the church office at 242-1401. You must register before the March 21. There will be a fee of \$5.00 (cash or check), which includes morning snack, drinks and lunch. Our congregation will subsidize the rest of the registration fee for Michigan District. Rev. Dr. David Maier, President of the Michigan District will be the moderator and Rev. Dr. Leo Sanchez and Rev. Dr. Bruce Hartung, both from Concordia Seminary, St. Louse, MO. will be speakers.



Urgent Need

Due to extreme cold, Our Family of God Mission Church in Detroit is in need of men's gently used winter boots. If you have a pair or two of men's boots that you are no longer using and they are in reasonably good condition, your donation at this time would be greatly appreciated. Thank you so much for your caring and generous hearts.



One Sheep Ministry

Memorials

A gift has been given in memory of:

ANNA OSBORNE to the **Ladies Society** from M/M John Rafko.

EDNA WILSON to the **Ladies Society** from M/M Jack Schwab.

GAIL FAIRBAIRN to the **Audio/Visual Fund** from Lavern Fairbairn.

LWML

Thank you to everyone who donated mite boxes or contributed to Lutheran Women's Missionary League Missions. Your generosity is appreciated.








Craft N Crop for Cancer

This fundraiser is being held here at Grace Lutheran Church on **Saturday, March 28**, from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. This is being



sponsored by the Relay for Life Monroe Plumbing and Heating team. This is for a great cause. Come out for some fellowship and support this team in their efforts to help raise money towards fighting cancer. It will cost a donation of \$25.00 and that includes lunch, dinner, and snacks. Bring your scrapbooks, pictures, beading, sewing or other favorite hobby. **RSVP by March 23, 2015:** Elaine Roscoe (734)787-1151 or Sue Sisk at billsisk1@charter.net

("The Parable of Lent" continued from page 1)

	<p>February 25 Receive the Word THE PARABLE <i>of the</i> SOWER <i>and the</i> SEED</p>
	<p>March 4 Receive the Treasure THE PARABLE <i>of the</i> HIDDEN TREASURE <i>and the</i> PRICELESS PEARL</p>
	<p>March 11 Receive Mercy THE PARABLE <i>of the</i> GOOD SAMARITAN</p>
	<p>March 18 Receive Grace THE PARABLE <i>of the</i> WORKERS <i>in the</i> VINEYARD</p>
	<p>March 25 Receive Forgiveness THE PARABLE <i>of the</i> PRODIGAL SON</p>

"The Gospel for You"

This is a 30-minute radio program airing each Sunday at 12:30 pm on WRDT(AM560). The Lutheran Churches of the Monroe area have created this program which immediately follows The Lutheran Hour. Tune in each week to hear our local Pastors discussion on the Gospel of John. For previous recorded shows go to

www.thegospelforyou.org/pastshows.

Truth Project

The Truth Project is an exciting program from Focus on the Family. We are meeting on Saturday mornings at 10 a.m. and Sunday evenings at 7 p.m. Each session lasts from 1-2 hours. You can attend either time and even switch from week to week. Even if you can only come for one or two sessions please come and join us in this exciting adventure. Everyone is Welcome! If you have any questions please contact us by calling the Church Office.

~ ~ Holy Week Worship Schedule ~ ~

March 29 Palm Sunday	8:00 & 10:30 a.m. - <i>Communion at both services</i>
April 2 Maundy Thursday	7:00 p.m. - Communion
April 3 Good Friday	1:00 p.m. & Tenebrae at 7:30 p.m.
April 5 Easter Sunday	7:00 & 10:30 a.m. - <i>Communion at both services</i> <i>Breakfast served after 7:00 a.m. service</i>

Quilting Bees

NO SEWING REQUIRED –

Come and help finish quilts for Lutheran World Relief at one of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League Quilting Bees. They are held each month on the on the 3rd Friday at 1:00 p.m. and the 4th Thursday (**NOTE NEW DAY**) at 6:00 p.m. Come whenever you can and stay for as long as you are able. If you have scissors, please bring them. Quilt layers will be tied to finish them up so they can be sent on their way. Anyone is welcome to help out! Contact Marlyn Smith for more information, (243-1793).

Men's Club

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, March 10**, beginning with supper at 6:00 p.m. Please let Art know at 241-6498 or in person by Sunday, March 8. Hope to see you there.

Daylight Savings

Don't Forget on **March 7** we start daylight savings time and the clocks need to be set ahead one hour.



Baptism Birthdays

Friends of Grace celebrating Baptism Birthdays this month. If yours isn't listed, we may not have it in our records. Contact the Church Office and we will gladly include it!

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| 1 Rosanne Pritchett | 22 Arnette Gahlau |
| Wayne Waldecker | Beverly Gessner |
| Kameron O'Leary | Tammy Castiglione |
| 7 Janet Giarmo | Jennifer Lambert |
| 8 Opal Kohler | Olivia Marsai |
| 9 Diane Kuehnlein | Sue Sisk |
| Stephanie Simmons | Jennifer Miller |
| | Emily Miller |
| 10 Abbigayle Cunningham | 23 Florence Ridner |
| 11 Lorri Wehner | 24 Jaida Graves |
| 12 Jane Kruger | 26 Dale Haman |
| 13 Armond Schoof | Janet Patterson |
| Noah Marsai | 28 Helen Dowler |
| 17 Julie Waldecker | 29 Amanda Sharp |
| 18 Marvin McKibben | Owen Sharp |
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| 19 James Rafko | 31 Elizabeth Siterlet |
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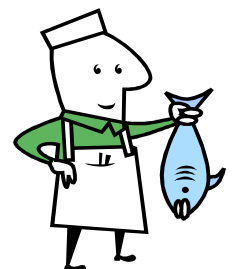
Fish Suppers

Holy Ghost Lutheran Church, 3563 Heiss Rd., Monroe, will hold their Fish Suppers on Fridays: **February 27;**

March 6, 13 & 20 from 4:30 – 7:00 p.m. Menu includes perch, green beans, cole slaw, scalloped potatoes, hot dogs, macaroni & cheese, home-made pie, beverages. Cost is Adults - \$11.50;

Seniors age 65 & over - \$10.50; Children age (5-10)

Fish Dinner - \$7; Kids Hot Dog Meal - \$4; Under age 5: – FREE.



WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA SERVANT EVENT

Location: Emmanuel Lutheran Asheville, NC
Start Date: 07/11/2015
End Date: 07/22/2015
Event Type: Construction Environment Outreach Multicultural
Participant Age: Must have completed 9th grade
Maximum Number of Participants: 54
Registration Cost: \$225.00
Registration Opens: 01/01/2015
Contact Person: Nicole Spangler
Phone: 248-887-4300 ext:133
Fax: 248-887-3596
Arrival Date/Time: 07/11/2015 2:00 PM
Departure Date/Time: 07/22/2015 7:00 AM



Description: Serve Appalachian families in need by performing various construction tasks including general home repair, painting, and digging new septic tank systems. This event not only includes working with Appalachian families on their homes, but allows Interaction with this culture and opportunity to witness the Words of Christ. Groups are limited to 5 youth & 2 adult participants. Visit www.washingfeet.org for more information.

At Grace we ask that you plan to pay/fundraiser an extra \$100.00 to cover transportation. Please see Sarah ASAP if you are interested in going.

News about Our Members

January 16-February 15

Funerals

Edna Wilson Jan. 23

Marriages

Kevin E. Kean &
Amanda L. Barber Jan. 17

Transfers Out

Kenneth, Jennifer, Rachel & Michael Boyd
to Trinity Lutheran Feb. 10

Ashley, Ella, Ethan & Elliot Sieb
to Trinity Lutheran Monroe Feb. 10



Lutheran High South

The annual steak dinner for LHS will be Friday, March 27, at Flat Rock Elks Lodge, 26917 Telegraph Road, Flat Rock. This years entertainment features Comedy of Ronnie Sweet. Tickets are \$30/person, \$55/for 2 tickets, \$200/table of 8. Contact LHS office (734)586-8832 or Denise Doede (734)753-9851 or d3doede@hotmail.com.

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Grace to You

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<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
1 8:00 a Worship/Comm 9:15 a S.School/Bible Study 10:30 a Worship 7:00 p The Truth Project	2 1:00 p Ladies Study 5:00 p Men's BBall 6:00 p Evang Board 7:00 p Worship 7:00 p Advocates 8:00 p IMPACT	3 6:45 p Praise Band 7:00 p SS teachers 7:30 p Trustees	4 Lent 3 11:00 a Worship 12:00 p Luncheon 5:30 p Weekday Schl 6:00 p Cub Scouts 7:00 p Worship 7:00 p Boy Scouts	5 12:00 p Ladies Society 5-7 p Men's BBall 5:45 p Handbells 7:30 p Choir	6 7:00 p Ultreya	7  10:00a Truth Project <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Daylight Savings Time <i>—set clocks ahead before you go to bed.</i> </div>
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15 8:00 a Worship/Comm 9:15 a S.School/Bible Study 10:30 a Worship 1-3 p PCM Distribute@COS 7:00 p The Truth Project <i>April newsletter deadline</i>	16 1:00 p Ladies Study* 5:00 p Men's BBall 7:00 p Worship 8:00 p IMPACT	17 6:45 p Praise Band 7:00 p Church Council	18 Lent 5 11:00 a Worship 12:00 p Luncheon 5:30 p Weekday Schl 6:00 p Cub Scouts 6:30 p Youth Board 7:00 p Worship	19 5-7 p Men's BBall 5:45 p Handbells 7:30 p Choir	20 1:00 p Quilting Bee	21 9 a-5p Mich. District Simulcast 10:00a Truth Project
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**Join us for
Lenten Services:
Wednesdays
at 11:00 a.m. &
7:00 p.m.**

To guarantee articles for "The Messenger" can be included, please have them into the Church Office by the 15th of the month at noon.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 7 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME-SET CLOCKS AHEAD
MARCH 21 MICH. DISTRICT SIMULCAST
MARCH 26 QUILTING BEE (NOTE: NEW DAY)
APRIL 2 MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE 7:00 P.M.
APRIL 3 GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE 1:00 P.M.
APRIL 3 TENEBRAE SERVICE AT 7:30 P.M.

WORSHIP SERVICES

SUNDAY 8:00 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.
MONDAY 7:00 P.M.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES

SUNDAY 9:15 A.M.

Online calendar available at www.gracelutheranmonroe.org. Click on the link to Grace Lutheran Church calendar.