

GRACE VINE

The Monthly Newsletter of Grace Lutheran Church
March 2019

Sunday Morning Worship Hours

- 7:30 am Community Pancake Breakfast
8:30 am Contemporary Worship in Hope Hall
9:45 am-10:45 am Grace Time in the North Room
11:00 am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
12:15 pm Fellowship

Five Guiding Principles of Grace Lutheran Church

- 1 Jesus is Lord!
- 2 Pray, Seek, and Follow God's Will
- 3 Share the Good News of Christ
- 4 Embrace God's Challenge to Love and Serve Others
- 5 All are Welcome

Ash Wednesday Worship

Wednesday, March 6, 6:30 pm

Please join us for Ash Wednesday worship on Wednesday, March 6 at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary. We each receive the cross of ash and hear the words: *Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.*

Daily Lenten Prayer

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays @ 12:00 pm
Beginning March 7
Sanctuary

All are welcome to participate in Daily Lenten Prayer on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at 12:00 pm in the sanctuary beginning Thursday, March 7. This year, we will focus on *Power of Connection* as a theme, including weekly themes of Openness to Connection, Vulnerability, Humility, Forgiveness, Acceptance, and Love. These brief daily prayer services include responsive psalm readings, prayers, reflection, and conversation.

Wilbur Emphasis

During the month of March, Wilbur the pig welcomes monetary donations for Native American Urban Ministry (NAUM), one of our closest ministry partners. NAUM meets in Hope Hall on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month and specifically reaches out to Native Americans in central Phoenix; however, all are welcome.



Mid-Week Lenten Worship Wednesdays

March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10

This year, our mid-week Lenten worship will focus on the theme *Walking the Valley of the Shadow of Death*. In our culture, we rarely speak of death and grief which makes death and grief even more difficult when they inevitably come. We will welcome conversation partners who regularly accompany people walking in the valley of the shadow of death.

Mid-Week Lenten Meal

Wednesdays, 5:30 pm, Hope Hall

All are welcome to stop in Hope Hall at 5:30 pm to eat prior to the mid-week Lenten service.

Creating Ashes

Sunday, March 3, 9:45 am

On Sunday, March 3 at 9:45 am, Pastor Sarah will burn palm branches from last year's Palm Sunday to create ashes for this coming Ash Wednesday. We will sing and pray as the branches burn. Those who are participating in Grace Time are welcome to come out to the sidewalk in front of Hope Hall for just a few minutes and help if they would like—in addition to anyone else.

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By God's grace, we are in the city for good!



From Pastor Sarah's Pen



Lent is coming!

During the season of Lent, we journey with Jesus to the cross. This year, during our mid-week Lenten worship, we will reflect on death and grief with a series entitled *Walking the Valley of the Shadow of Death*. Because we so rarely speak of death and grief in our culture, our Lenten theme will give us the opportunity to explore what scripture tells us of death and grief and will also provide space for members of our community to share their experiences of death and grief. We'll worship on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary.

Prior to every mid-week Lenten worship service, we will share in a meal in Hope Hall at 5:30 pm. During that time, we will all have the opportunity to create memorials for those we love who have died. Art supplies will be available on a designated table in Hope Hall, and each week, we will add the names shared that week to the complete memorial. The complete memorial with all the names of our beloved who have gone before us will be stationed in the sanctuary throughout the season of Lent.

In addition to mid-week Lenten worship, we will offer Daily Lenten Prayer on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at 12:00-12:20 pm in the sanctuary. During these brief services, we will reflect on the *Power of Connection* through responsive psalm readings, prayer, and conversation. Our connection to one another and to God is the aspect of life that creates the greatest meaning for us. Yet we often slink away from connection for a variety of reasons, often shame, fear, or busyness.

These two themes of Lent work in tandem. At times of grief, our connection to one another and God is often the primary avenue by which we weather the storm of loss. I am very excited about our themes this year and look forward to the ways they will help us grow individually and as a community. I encourage everyone to partake in mid-week Lenten worship and/or Daily Lenten Prayer!

With joy and gratitude for each one of you,
Pastor Sarah

Internship Update

Pastor Sarah has now interviewed and ranked internship candidates through the Luther Seminary internship process. We are now waiting to receive the name of our intern!

Campfirmation Registration & Counselor Applications

Each summer, the youth and young adults of the Grand Canyon Synod participate in a ministry known as "Campfirmation," a week of Bible camp complete with campfires, s'mores, games, Bible study, team building, and many and various other fun and faith-filled activities. This year, Campfirmation will run from July 7 through July 12. Youth going into grades 6-9 in the summer of 2019 are welcome to register as campers. Youth going into 10th grade may register as GAP campers, a new ministry which will include some leadership development in addition to the regular camp fun. Youth going into 11th grade through the age of 18 are encouraged to apply to serve as counselors. Young adults ages 19-21 are encouraged to apply to serve as lead counselors. All the information is on the website:

www.lutherancampfirmation.com

In recent months, the leadership team for Campfirmation has clarified our mission. Below is the new logo. *Lutheran Campfirmation's mission is faith formation for 6th-12th grade youth in an outdoor setting.* Accordingly, the name of this ministry has changed from CampFIRMation to CampFORmation. Our new dean of Campfirmation is Audrey Cox who serves as the Youth & Family Minister at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Arcadia. Pastor Sarah serves as Program Director by overseeing the thematic portions of the week, such as Bible study and worship.



Soul Journey Team Building

Soul Journeymen will meet for team building on Sunday, March 3 at 12:30 in Hope Hall and travel to our service project from there.

Caring For Our Community Service Opportunities

The Soul Journeymen who will travel to Holden Village this coming summer would be delighted to help you with

a project at your home such as landscaping, cleaning, or moving furniture. Please let Pastor Sarah know or fill out the simple form in either worship space if you would like to receive assistance. This is not just for those who are going through a difficult time! We all need help from time to time, so please let us know if you need help at your home.

***Grace Time for Children Ages 3-11
Children's Storytime
Sundays, 9:45-10:45 am
Basement Classroom***

All children ages 3-11 are welcome during Grace Time to participate in Children's Storytime in the freshly decorated church basement. Crafts and activities will help children connect with the Bible stories and with other Grace members! If you have questions, please speak with Linda Schwall.

***Brandon's Final Doctoral Recital
March 12 @ 7:30 pm***

***La Casa de Cristo Lutheran Church
6300 E Bell Rd, Scottsdale, AZ***

On Tuesday, March 12 at 7:30 pm, our organist and choir director, Brandon Burns will present his final doctoral recital at La Casa de Cristo Lutheran Church in Scottsdale. The program will feature four organ sonatas from middle-to-late nineteenth-century Germany including the monumental *Sonata on the 94th Psalm* by Julius Reubke and Gustav Merkel's 6th organ sonata, which is based on the hymns "Out of the Depths I Cry to Thee" and "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright." These works employ many different colorful registrations, showing the organ's ability to function as a one-person orchestra, and they take advantage of the German Romantic organ's ability to seamlessly crescendo from barely audible to a thundering roar and back again. This recital is free and open to the public, so please come and enjoy.

Faith Formation Update

Greetings, Grace community! The Faith Formation Team welcomes everyone to participatory ministry. Come on in, the water's fine! We have a piece of teamwork for a ministry that is just your size and will help you recognize it. Join us at regular meeting time, 2nd Sunday after 2nd service in the North Room.

Thanks to everyone who attended the Grace Church Birthday Potluck on February 10. Great food and great company to mark 105 years of Grace in the City. Kudos to Grace Buddy volunteers for February's over the top

event with 17 kids attending. The next event will be APRIL 6. If you are interested in helping, please see Margie Betz or Pastor Sarah. Can't say thanks often enough for the Grace hospitality committee. They never fail with a welcoming "knosh," snack, lunch-you name it, they bring it. Sign up and contribute, OK?? The poster is in Hope Hall.

Regular calendar items that are ongoing: GRACE-TIME, adult Bible study, Sundays, 9:45-10:45, North-room. Bible Storytime with Linda for the youngest set at this same timeslot in the basement playroom. Our partners at LSS-SW for foster families always need infant and toddler diaper bags. Your donations are more than welcome, durable goods and plain old money.

The big calendar event for March 2019 is Ash Wednesday on March 6. High time for Lent. Let your faith inform your journey this year. If you start thinking about it right now, read the entire Gracevine, prayerfully consider all options, and be an active member of the GLC community, in church and spirit...then Lent will be the patient pathway to whatever you are seeking. Lenten blessings to you all and See You in Church.

Your sister in Christ,
Fran Fry, Council Liaison

***CALL
(Confirmation Among Local Lutherans)
Sunday, March 10 & 24 @ Grace***

Most months, CALL meets on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month at 12:45-3:00 pm. Congregations participating in CALL include Grace, Faith, Our Saviour's, Prince of Peace, Trinity, Shepherd of the Valley, and Celebration (in Peoria).

***GLOW
(Grace Lutheran on Wednesdays)
Wednesdays, 5:15 pm—7:15 pm***

At GLOW, we eat dinner, study and pray together, and build community. During the month of March, GLOW participants will be attending mid-week Lenten worship.

***Soul Journey Parking Lot Fundraisers
Friday, March 1
Saturdays, March 2 & 9***

Soul Journeys: The McDowell Mountain Music Festival and Blues Blast will be held in Hance Park on March 1/2 and March 9, respectively. Please watch your email for specific start times, and let Loraine Ark or Pastor Sarah know of your availability to help.

Suggested Bible Readings

for March

March 3 (Transfiguration of Our Lord)

First Reading: 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Psalm: Psalm 99

Gospel: Luke 9:28-43

March 10 (First Sunday in Lent)

First Reading: Romans 10:8b-13

Psalm: Psalm 138

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

March 17 (Second Sunday in Lent)

First Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1

Psalm: Psalm 27

Gospel: Luke 13:31-35

March 24 (Third Sunday in Lent)

First Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Psalm: Psalm 63:1-8

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

March 31 (Fourth Sunday in Lent)

First Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Psalm: Psalm 32

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

March Birthdays

<i>March 3</i>	<i>Ebony Davis Brown</i>
<i>March 5</i>	<i>Xavier Davis</i>
<i>March 8</i>	<i>Larry Schilling</i>
<i>March 8</i>	<i>Kathy Spitler</i>
<i>March 11</i>	<i>Dorothy Ziehl</i>
<i>March 13</i>	<i>Ken Ehlen</i>
<i>March 13</i>	<i>Cindy Koch</i>
<i>March 13</i>	<i>Alison Sigala</i>
<i>March 15</i>	<i>Nick Clark</i>
<i>March 18</i>	<i>Antonina Church</i>
<i>March 24</i>	<i>Fernando Ramirez</i>
<i>March 26</i>	<i>Faith Morey</i>
<i>March 31</i>	<i>Ben Ammon</i>
<i>March 31</i>	<i>Marty Dusenberry</i>

	March 3	March 10	March 17	March 24	March 31
Preacher	Pastor Sarah	Pastor Sarah	Pastor Sarah	Pastor Sarah	Pastor Sarah
Greeters	Brian Flatgard Judy Baker	Larry Schilling Nicole Chumley	Jim Spitler Kathy Spitler	Betty Brewitt Julio Devora	Gustavo Martinez
Reader	Tim Gallen	Marlene Haller	Clark Olson	Judy Baker	Nicole Chumley
Ushers	Gene Bell John Erickson Dorothy Ziehl	Betty Brewitt Dorothy Ziehl	Adam Wohlbrandt Joey Lay	Jeff Brewitt John Erickson Dorothy Ziehl	Jim Spitler John Erickson
Sound Board	Joey Lay	Tim Gallen	Maria Ramirez	Daniel Ramirez	Joey Lay
Crucifer	Solveig Muus	Lori Cecil	Kevin Erdmann	Sue Thun	Gustavo Martinez
Bread Baker	Marjie Bell	Evalyn Ehlen	Nicole Gallen	Solveig Muus	Pastor Sarah
8:30 Reader	Wright Edler	Joe Dani	Roger Ark	Margie Betz	Ken Ehlen

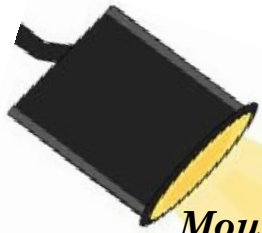


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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Our community building goal for March is to choose someone from our community for whom to pray daily through the whole month.					1- 6:00 am Rental Group- Sanctuary & Hope Hall 2:00 pm Grace Parking Lot Fundraiser Lester's Sabbath	2- 6:00 am Rental Group- Hope Hall & Sanctuary 1:00 pm Grace Parking Lot Fundraiser
3- 6:00 am Rental Group- Sanctuary 7:30 am Community Breakfast- Hope Hall 8:30 am Contemporary Worship- Hope Hall 9:45 am Grace Time & Burning of Palms-North Room 11:00 am Traditional Worship- Sanctuary 12:30 pm Soul Journeyers Team Building- Hope Hall 12:15 pm Fellowship- Hope Hall 12:45 pm New Life in Christ- Sanctuary & Hope Hall 1:00 pm Vida Nueva Parking Lot Fundraiser	4-9:00 am Grace Room 9:00 am Rental Group - North Room Pastor Sarah's Sabbath	5- 9:00 am Rental Group- North Room 5:15 pm Phx Children's Choir- Hope Hall	6- 8:30 am Staff Meeting 5:15 pm GLOW- Hope Hall 6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Worship - Sanctuary	7- 9:30 am Bible Study- North Room 10:00 am Campfirmation Meeting- Hope Hall 12:00 pm Daily Lenten Prayer- Sanctuary 5:30 pm Bells of Grace- Sanctuary 5:45 pm Trevor's Vision- Hope Hall 6:30 Chancel Choir Practice- Choir Room 7:00 pm 12-step Recovery Meeting- North Room	8- Lester's Sabbath	9- 9:00 am New & Renewing Mission Table Retreat- North room 10:00 am Grace Parking Lot Fundraiser 10:00 am NAUM Worship 5:00 pm Grace Cinema Club
10-7:30 am Community Breakfast- Hope Hall 8:30 am Contemporary Worship- Hope Hall 9:45 am Grace Time-North Room 11:00 am Traditional Worship- Sanctuary 12:15 pm Fellowship- Hope Hall 12:30 pm Faith Formation Ministry team meeting- North room 12:45 pm New Life in Christ- Sanctuary 12:45 pm CALL- Hope Hall	11-9:00 am Grace Room 9:00 am Rental Group - North Room Pastor Sarah's Sabbath	12- 9:00 am Rental Group- North Room 12:00 pm Daily Lenten Prayer- Sanctuary 5:15 pm Phx Children's Choir- Hope Hall 6:30 pm Outreach Monthly Meeting- North room 7:30 pm Brandon's Doctoral Recital- La Casa De Cristo Lutheran Church 6300 E Bell Rd, Scottsdale	13- 8:30 am Staff Meeting 10:00 am Knit Wits- North room 12:00 pm Daily Lenten Prayer- Sanctuary 5:15 pm GLOW- Hope Hall 6:30 pm Mid-Week Lenten Worship - Sanctuary	14-12:00 pm Daily Lenten Prayer- Sanctuary 5:30 pm Bells of Grace- Sanctuary 5:45 pm Trevor's Vision- Hope Hall 6:30 Chancel Choir Practice- Choir Room 7:00 pm 12-step Recovery Meeting- North Room	15- Lester's Sabbath	16-
17-7:30 am Community Breakfast- Hope Hall 8:30 am Contemporary Worship- Hope Hall 9:45 am Grace Time-North Room 11:00 am Traditional Worship- Sanctuary 12:15 pm Fellowship- Hope Hall 12:45 pm New Life in Christ- Sanctuary	18-9:00 am Grace Room 9:00 am Rental Group - North Room Pastor Sarah's Sabbath	19- 9:00 am Rental Group- North Room 12:00 pm Daily Lenten Prayer- Sanctuary 5:15 pm Phx Children's Choir- Hope Hall	20- 8:30 am Staff Meeting 12:00 pm Daily Lenten Prayer- Sanctuary 5:15 pm GLOW- Hope Hall 6:30 pm Midweek Lenten Worship Service- Sanctuary	21- 9:30 am Biblical Equipping- North Room 12:00 pm Daily Lenten Prayer- Sanctuary 5:30 pm Bells of Grace- Sanctuary 5:45 pm Trevor's Vision- Hope Hall 6:30 Chancel Choir Practice- Choir Room 7:00 pm 12-step Recovery Meeting- North Room	22- Lester's Sabbath	23- 10:00 am NAUM Worship- Hope Hall 3:00 pm Trunk Space- Hope Hall
24-7:30 am Community Breakfast- Hope Hall 8:30 am Contemporary Worship- Hope Hall 9:45 am Grace Time-North Room 11:00 am Traditional Worship- Sanctuary 11:00 am Vida Nueva Parking Lot Fundraiser 12:15 pm Fellowship- Hope Hall 12:45 pm New Life in Christ- Sanctuary 12:45 pm CALL- Hope Hall	25-9:00 am Grace Room Pastor Sarah's Sabbath	26- 9:00 am Piano & Organ Tuning 9:00 am Rental Group- North Room 12:00 pm Daily Lenten Prayer- Sanctuary 6:30 pm Council Meeting- North Room	27- 8:30 am Staff Meeting 12:00 pm Daily Lenten Prayer- Sanctuary 5:15 pm GLOW- Hope Hall 6:30 pm Midweek Lenten Worship Service- Sanctuary	28- 12:00 pm Daily Lenten Prayer- Sanctuary 5:30 pm Bells of Grace- Sanctuary 5:45 pm Trevor's Vision- Hope Hall 6:30 Chancel Choir Practice- Choir Room 7:00 pm 12-step Recovery Meeting- North Room	29- Lester's Sabbath	30- 12:00 pm Rental Group- Sanctuary



PARTNERSHIP SPOTLIGHT

Mount of Olives Lutheran Church & Olive Branch Community of Hope

A daughter church born of Grace in 1952, Mount of Olives Lutheran Church has long been a ministry partner of Grace! Located at Thomas and 35th Street, Mount of Olives members established a separate non-profit to run their thrift store and food closet a few years ago. They currently serve about 80-100 households per week. Grace traditionally collects non-perishable food donations for the food closet during January and February, and this winter, we received bottled water from the food closet when we began to run low. The partnership goes both ways! In addition, Mount of Olives is part of the Capitol Conference of the Grand Canyon Synod, so we have participated with them in various synodical activities such as Campfirmation, CALL (Confirmation Among Local Lutherans), and joint Easter Vigil worship. We give thanks to God for the partnership and ministry of Mount of Olives Lutheran Church!

NEW GRACE MEMBER

Nicole Chumley

Nicole Chumley is the niece of members Marty Dusenberry and granddaughter of Mary Dusenberry. Nicole has been coming to and participating in various events at Grace off and on since she was a little girl, largely influenced by her grandmother's long time active membership before her passing. Through her experiences with Grace throughout the years she found the church, its attendees, and members to truly 'welcome all' and was always deeply moved by the compassion and generosity of its community outreach and ministry, particularly towards those experiencing homelessness.

Nicole is currently a realtor with Keller Williams and consultant, but had previously spent the last decade plus in administration and management in the behavioral health and education sectors. As for hobbies and free time she currently spends a few hours each week volunteering time with Hospice of the Valley and Duet (previously Vicap). As an avid outdoor enthusiast she frequently enjoys hiking, camping, fishing, sightseeing, and traveling with her dogs and partner.

Happy and grateful to be officially part of the congregation, Nicole looks forward to support in her continued growth in relationship with God and in community at Grace!

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Grace Lutheran Church Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday
9:00 am-12:00 pm