

GRACE VINE

The Monthly Newsletter of Grace Lutheran Church
April 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
North Room (adults)
Basement (children)
11:00 am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
12:15 pm Fellowship

Holy Week Worship Schedule

Private Confession & Absolution

Wednesday, April 16, 4:00-7:00 pm
Sign up with Pastor Sarah

Maundy Thursday Worship

*With Foot Washing, Holy Communion,
& Stripping of the Altar*
Thursday, April 18, 6:30 pm

Good Friday Worship

Friday, April 19, 12:00 pm, & 6:30 pm

Easter Vigil Worship

With Trinity Cathedral, 100 W Roosevelt
Saturday, April 20, 7:30 pm

Worship begins in the labyrinth on the north side of the property; a reception will follow the 2-hour worship.

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 21

Pancake Breakfast @ 7:30 am

Contemporary Worship in Hope Hall @ 8:30 am

Easter Brunch @ 9:45 am

Easter Egg Hunt @ 10:00 am

Traditional Festival Worship in the Sanctuary @ 11:00 am

Fellowship in Hope Hall @ 12:30 pm

Daily Lenten Prayer

***Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays @ 12:00 pm
Sanctuary***

All are welcome to participate in Daily Lenten Prayer on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at 12:00 pm in the sanctuary. This year, we 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.

Mid-Week Lenten Worship

Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm

April 3 & 10

This year, our mid-week Lenten worship focuses 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 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.

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

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From Pastor Sarah's Pen

Among Christians, the practices surrounding Holy Communion are perhaps the most discussed aspects of the differences between Christians of various traditions. Uniquely Christian as a religious practice, Holy Communion began the night Jesus shared the "Last Supper" with his disciples, the night Jesus washed the disciples' feet, the night Judas betrayed Jesus to the Roman authorities. We remember the details of the Last Supper each time we celebrate Holy Communion, details included in the gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke as well as Paul's first letter to the Christians in Corinth.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying: "Take and eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink saying: "This is my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me."

As early as Paul's letter to the church in Corinth, Christians argued about Holy Communion. In Corinth, some in the community would eat all of the food before everyone else arrived. Others would consume all the wine and get intoxicated without regard for others in the community. Paul instructs these early Christians on how to wait for everyone to arrive before beginning to eat the Lord's Supper.

...and that was just the beginning! Throughout the two thousand year history of Christianity, we have divided ourselves, argued amongst ourselves, and caused much heartache through our celebration of Holy Communion. Among Roman Catholics in years gone by, the church required confession prior to communion. Among Christians in the United States, we've argued about how often to serve Holy Communion, at what age is appropriate to begin receiving Holy Communion, whether or not grape juice is an acceptable alternative to wine and gluten-free wafers to bread. In some congregations and church bodies still, outsiders are not welcome to receive Holy Communion. Even if we have not argued on these points, we as North American Christians embrace many and various practices in receiving Holy Communion: intinction (dipping), individual cup, common cup. We come to the altar and kneel, or we

practice continuous communion like we do at Grace. Still other Christians receive Holy Communion while seated and pass the trays of wine and bread down the pews. We serve just wine or wine and grape juice or just grape juice. We serve only wafers or only bread or both bread and gluten-free wafers. Christians receive Holy Communion in many ways!

Here at Grace, we offer Holy Communion every Sunday to everyone who comes forward of every age. We serve bread and gluten-free wafers, wine and grape juice. We practice continuous communion at both services. At the first service, we always receive by intinction; at the second service, we have long received by intinction on the 2nd and 4th Sundays and by individual cup on the 1st and 3rd Sundays.

The council has proposed that we receive Holy Communion only by intinction. There are several reasons for this proposed change.

- Holy Communion by intinction entirely eliminates plastic waste as well as wine and grape juice waste.
- Holy Communion by intinction saves a bit of money as it eliminates the need to purchase plastic cups and reduces wine and grape juice consumption.
- The preparation for Holy Communion by intinction takes far less time—as does the clean up at the end of worship.
- On days when we have an unexpectedly full house in worship, Holy Communion by intinction easily accommodates everyone while individual cup requires either more preparation just prior to or during worship. This becomes an issue of hospitality because visitors may feel unwelcome if we are not prepared for their presence. On our end, more than expected people in worship is a wonderful problem to have!

For these reasons, the council proposes we receive Holy Communion by intinction only. If you have concerns about this proposal, please come and talk about these concerns during Ministry Night. As in years and generations past, we modify our practice of Holy Communion as we learn what best meets the needs of our community.

With gratitude for each one of you,
Pastor Sarah

Easter Egg Dyeing & Decorating Party
On Saturday, April 20 at 10:00 am, all are welcome to dye and decorate Easter eggs on Saturday, April 20 at 10:00 am in Hope Hall. Hard-boiled eggs are needed that

morning and can be dropped off late in that week before or on the morning of the decorating party. Thank you so much! The decorated eggs will accompany pancakes and sausage at the breakfast on Sunday morning.

The Urgency of Civility Conference Washington, D.C. April 29-May 1, 2019

All are invited to attend and learn more about national efforts to promote productive and civil communication in communities, organizations, families, and governments. **Civil Dialogue** www.civil-dialogue.com will be a featured format at the conference and Jennifer and Clark hope to generate national interest in The Institute for Civil Dialogue and the Hugh Downs School of Human Communication's commitment to conversation, listening, and dialogue. Contact Jennifer and Clark if you have interest/questions. Learn more and register to attend at: <https://civilityconvening.org/>. You may also reach out to Jennifer Linde or Clark Olson (co-organizers), directly at: jlinde@asu.edu or clark.olson@asu.edu.

Soul Journey Team Building

Soul Journeys will meet for team building on Sunday, April 7 at 12:30 pm in Hope Hall and travel to our service project from there.

Wilbur Emphasis

During the month of April, 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.

Caring for Our Community Service Opportunities

The Soul Journeys 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 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.

Campfirmation Registration

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. All the information is on the website:

www.lutherancampfirmation.com



CALL

(Confirmation Among Local Lutherans)

Sunday, April 14 & 18 @ Our Saviour's

CALL will meet on April 14 & 28 at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, which is on 12th Street & Glendale. 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 April, GLOW participants will be attending mid-week Lenten worship. There will be no GLOW on April 17.

Soul Journey Parking Lot Fundraisers

Saturdays, April 20 & 27

Soul Journeys: The Fried Festival and the AmeriCANNED Beer Festival will be held in Hance Park on April 20 and 27, respectively. Please watch your email for specific start times, and let Loraine Ark or Pastor Sarah know of your availability to help.

Candy Needed!

In anticipation of our Easter egg hunt on Easter morning, April 21, we are collecting individually-wrapped, non-chocolate candy. Baskets are available in both worship spaces, and we will collect through Friday, April 13. Thank you!

Quarterly Pizza & Ministry Night
Tuesday, April 9
6:00 pm Pizza/North Room
**6:30 pm Ministry Sharing/
Sanctuary**



Please join us for our Quarterly Pizza & Ministry Night! This is our regular opportunity to share about ministry at Grace, including a financial report, ministry team reports, and whatever else is relevant for the time.

Grace Member Anniversaries

Rev. Roger & Cheryl Thompson have an anniversary this month on April 28; they will celebrate 35 years of marriage. Congratulations!

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.

Faith Formation Update

We are looking for volunteers to help in planning our Vacation Bible School to be held June 3-7, 2019. Our theme this year is To Mars and Beyond. Please join us for the planning meeting April 14 at 12:30 pm. For further information please contact Linda Schwall, Pastor Sarah or the office.

Easter Egg Hunt

All children (toddler to 12 years old): please come hunt for Easter eggs in the courtyard of Grace on April 21 at 10:00 am. The eggs will be filled with candy and other goodies. Parents are welcome to take pictures and help the younger children find the eggs.

**Lutheran Social Services
of the Southwest**
Asylum-Seeker Support

Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest is organizing support for asylum-seekers as they transition from the border to wherever they are traveling,

mostly to stay with family in places around the US while they go through the asylum process. **The most urgent material needs are men's small clothing, warm winter gear (hats, gloves, scarves, coats), shoes, and baby items, such as diapers, wipes, small blankets, and small plush toys.** Donations can be brought to worship on Sunday morning and placed in the designated containers or to the church office during office hours. If you would like to give more extensively, a full list of needed items is available on the Hope Hall bulletin board. Thank you for your care and compassion!

Have Music You No Longer Play?
**Consider donating it to
The Trunk Space!**

Please consider donating any unwanted Vinyl LPs (records), 45s (singles), CDs, and other music to The Trunk Space as a tax write-off. The Trunk Space is a 501 (c)3 music venue hosted in Grace's south wing, and they would love to give your music collection a new home! Music can be dropped off in the church office during office hours or during program times, such as Sunday morning worship.

Private Confession & Absolution
Wednesday, April 17, 4:00-7:00 pm

During the Lenten season, we choose a Lenten practice that will help deepen our faith and draw us closer to God. To that end, on the Wednesday of Holy Week, Pastor Sarah is offering private confession and absolution in her office from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Though scripture and our weekly worship assure us of God's forgiveness, confessing our sin and hearing words of forgiveness in the *particularity of our sin* can help free us from the weight of that sin and set us on a lighter, shame-free path. As in all pastoral conversation, confessions will be absolutely confidential.

To sign up for a 15-minute slot, you'll find the sign up sheet at the back of the sanctuary and the side of Hope Hall during worship. You may, alternately, contact Pastor Sarah directly (pastorsarah@graceinthecity.com, 602-318-6876).

A brief rite of confession and absolution from the Lutheran Book of Worship will be used with open space and time for sharing whatever makes your heart heavy.

Internship Update

During the month of April, we will learn who our intern is for next year!

Suggested Bible Readings

for April

April 7 (Fifth Sunday in Lent)

First Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14

Psalm: Psalm 126

Gospel: John 12:1-8

April 14 (Palm Sunday)

The Passion of Jesus, according to Luke

Luke 22:1-23:56

April 21 (Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Day)

First Reading: Isaiah 65:17-25

Psalm: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Gospel: Luke 24:1-12

April 28 (Second Sunday of Easter)

First Reading: Revelation 1:4-8

Psalm: Psalm 150

Gospel: John 20:19-31

April Birthdays

April 1 Kenneth Jones

April 3 Seth Morey

April 7 Lance Schilling

April 8 James Lyons

April 9 Sherwood Glover

April 10 Scott Knutson

April 12 Carol Staffieri

April 14 Dennis Morey

April 16 Judy Baker

April 18 Sara Rodriguez

April 19 Bonnie Anthony

April 21 Adeline Patton

April 23 Kylar Max

April 28 Renee Waterstradt

April 29 Debra Hewitt

April Worship Assistants

	April 7	April 14	April 21	April 28
Preacher	Pastor Sarah	Pastor Sarah	Pastor Sarah	Pastor Sarah
Greeters	Nicole Chumley Julio Devora	Judy Baker Brian Flatgard	Jim Spitler Larry Schilling	Betty Brewitt Kathy Spitler
Reader	Clark Olson	Passion Reading	Brian Flatgard	Julio Devora
Ushers	Gene Bell Joey Lay Dorothy Ziehl	Adam Wohlbrandt John Erickson Dorothy Ziehl	Betty Brewitt Jeff Brewitt	Jim Spitler John Erickson Dorothy Ziehl
Sound Board	Joey Lay	Tim Gallen	Maria Ramirez	Daniel Ramirez
Crucifer	Sue Thun	Kevin Erdmann	Solveig Muus	Gustavo Martinez
Bread Baker	Marjie Bell	Evalyn Ehlen	Nicole Gallen	Solveig Muus
8:30 Reader	Wright Edler	Daniel Greene	Ken Ehlen	Roger Ark



PARTNERSHIP SPOTLIGHT

Partnership with Kaleo

Just recently, we came into partnership with Kaleo, a "church plant" in downtown Phoenix. Unaffiliated with any church body, the Kaleo pastors, Chase Brown and Chris Townley, were searching for progressive faith communities in downtown Phoenix from whom they could learn about liturgy and found us. Members of Kaleo joined us for worship for the first time on Ash Wednesday and have been popping into our mid-week Lenten services as well. One of their pastors, Chris, engaged in conversation with us about death and grief on March 13. Grace may serve as Kaleo's host congregation for their monthly and, eventually, weekly worship gatherings. Kaleo's mission is *To create space to practice the ways of Jesus together*. For more information about Kaleo, you can go to www.kaleophx.org.

Celebration Lutheran Church in Peoria thanks us for the gift of our playground equipment. They are opening a preschool at their church, and the equipment was literally an answer to their prayers!



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Grace Lutheran Church Office Hours

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



April 2019

Grace Lutheran Church



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>Our neighborhood is changing...</i></p> <p>During the month of April our community building goal is to create a board documenting the changes in our neighborhood. The board will be available in both worship services each Sunday to post photos or descriptions of changes to our neighborhood.</p>	<p>1-9:00 am Grace Room 9:00 am Rental Group – North Room Pastor Sarah's Sabbath</p>	<p>2- 9:00 am Rental Group– North Room 12:00 pm Daily Lenten Prayer– Sanctuary 5:15 pm Phx Children's Choir– Hope Hall</p>	<p>3- 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</p>	<p>4- 9:30 am WELCA 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 8:00 pm CMA Business Meeting– North Room</p>	<p>5- 6:00 pm First Friday – Sanctuary/Hope Hall 6:00 pm Grace Parking Lot Fundraiser Lester's Sabbath</p>	<p>6- 8:30 am Spring WELCA Gathering for the Capital Conference- Shepherd of the Valley (1500 W Maryland, Phoenix) 9:00 am Grace Buddies– Basement 9:00 am Conference Gathering– St. John's in Glendale</p>
<p>7-7:30 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 Soul Journeyers Team Building– Hope Hall 12:45 pm New Life in Christ- Sanctuary</p>	<p>8-9:00 am Grace Room 9:00 am Rental Group – North Room Pastor Sarah's Sabbath</p>	<p>9- 9:00 am Rental Group– North Room 12:00 pm Daily Lenten Prayer– Sanctuary 5:15 pm Phx Children's Choir– Hope Hall 6:00 pm Quarterly Pizza & Ministry Night– North Room & Sanctuary</p>	<p>10- 8:30 am Staff Meeting 10:00 am Mark Holly's memorial– Hope Hall 12:00 pm Daily Lenten Prayer– Sanctuary 5:15 pm GLOW– Hope Hall 6:30 pm Midweek Lenten Worship Service– Sanctuary</p>	<p>11- 12:00 pm Daily Lenten Prayer– Sanctuary 5:30 pm Don Mitchell Memorial– Hope Hall 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</p>	<p>12- 10:00 am Knit Wits – North Room Lester's Sabbath</p>	<p>13- 10:00 am NAUM–Hope Hall 5:00 pm Grace Cinema Club</p>
<p>14-7:30 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 VBS Planning Meeting– North Room 12:45 pm New Life in Christ- Sanctuary 12:45 pm CALL– Our Saviour's Lutheran Church 2:45 pm Rental Group– Hope Hall</p>	<p>15-9:00 am Grace Room 9:00 am Rental Group – North Room Pastor Sarah's Sabbath</p>	<p>16- 9:00 am Rental Group– North Room 12:00 pm Daily Lenten Prayer– Sanctuary 5:15 pm Phx Children's Choir– Hope Hall</p>	<p>17- 8:30 am Staff Meeting 12:00 pm Daily Lenten Prayer– Sanctuary 3:00 pm Private Confession & Absolution– Pastor Sarah's office</p>	<p>18- 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 pm Maundy Thursday worship– Sanctuary 7:00 pm 12-step Recovery Meeting– North Room</p>	<p>19- 12:00 pm Good Friday worship service – Sanctuary 6:30 pm Good Friday worship service– Sanctuary Lester's Sabbath</p>	<p>20- 10:00 am Easter Egg dyeing & Decorating Party– Hope Hall 2:00 pm Grace Parking Lot Fundraiser 7:30 pm Easter Vigil – Trinity Cathedral</p>
<p>21-7:30 am Community Breakfast– Hope Hall 8:30 am Contemporary Worship– Hope Hall 9:45 am Easter Brunch– Hope Hall 10:00 am Easter Egg Hunt– Courtyard 11:00 am Traditional Festival Worship- Sanctuary 12:30 pm Fellowship– Hope Hall 12:45 pm New Life in Christ- Sanctuary</p>	<p>22-9:00 am Grace Room 9:00 am Rental Group – North Room Pastor Sarah's Sabbath</p>	<p>23- 9:00 am Rental Group– North Room 5:15 pm Phx Children's Choir– Hope Hall 6:30 pm Council Meeting– North Room</p>	<p>24- 8:30 am Staff Meeting 5:15 pm GLOW– Hope Hall</p>	<p>25- 9:30 am Biblical Equipping– North room 10:00 am Traditional Worship Planning– choir room 5:30 pm Bells of Grace– Sanctuary 5:45 pm Trevor's Vision– Hope Hall 7:00 pm 12-step Recovery Meeting– North Room</p>	<p>26- Lester's Sabbath</p>	<p>27- 8:30 am Phx Children's Choir– Hope Hall & Sanctuary 11:00 am NAUM–Hope Hall 12:30 pm Grace Parking Lot Fundraiser 3:00 pm Trunk Space– Sanctuary</p>
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