

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF March 7, 2010

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| SUN. | 8:30 AM | Traditional Worship—Sanctuary |
| | 9:30 AM | Adult Bus Trip |
| | 9:45 AM | Adult Café—Luther Hall |
| | 9:45 AM | Education Hour |
| | 10:45 AM | Contemporary Worship—Sanctuary |
| | 5:00 PM | High School Youth Volleyball—Luther Hall |
| | 5:00 PM | Youthful Spirit—Choir Room |
| MON. | 6:30 PM | Graceful Ringers/HS Choir—Room 102/Chr. Rm. |
| | 9:00 AM | Preschool 4s & 5s—Rooms 104 & 103 |
| | 4:00 PM | Open Gym—Luther Hall |
| | 5:30 PM | Volleyball—Luther Hall |
| | 6:00 PM | Brownie Troop 230—Room 102 |
| | 6:30 PM | Boy Scout Troop 153—Grace Ctr., Rms. 106, 107 |
| | 7:00 PM | Cub Scout Pack 350—Room 102 |
| | 7:00 PM | Mistletoe Magic Mtg.—Room 101 |
| | 7:00 PM | Property & Grounds Comm.—Library |
| | 7:15 PM | Social Ministry Team Mtg.—Parlor |
| TUES. | 9:00 AM | Preschool 3s & 5s—Rooms 104 & 103 |
| | 6:00 PM | Girl Scout Troop 1306—Rm. 102, LH, Kitchen |
| | 6:30 PM | Spirituality Team Committee—Room 101 |
| | 7:00 PM | Cantata Sectional—Sanctuary |
| | 7:15 PM | Stewardship Comm. Mtg.—Parlor |
| WED. | 9:00 AM | Preschool 4s & 5s—Rooms 104 & 103 |
| | 12:00 PM | Lenten Service—Sanctuary |
| | 12:30 PM | Lenten Soup Luncheon—Grace Center |
| | 5:00 PM | Messengers—Choir Room |
| | 5:15 PM | PrimeTime—Spaghetti |
| | 5:30 PM | 2-Yr. Olds/Cherubs—Room 103/Room 106 |
| | 6:00 PM | Revelation Ringers—Room 102 |
| | 6:15 PM | Joyful Sound—Choir Room |
| | 7:00 PM | Lenten Service—Sanctuary |
| | 7:30 PM | Chancel—Sanctuary |
| | 7:45 PM | Loping Lutherans—Luther Hall |
| | 8:00 PM | Festival Choir—Sanctuary |
| THURS. | 9:00 AM | Preschool 3s & 5s—Rooms 104 & 103 |
| | 6:15 PM | Boy Scout Leadership Mtg.—Grace Ctr., LH |
| | 7:00 PM | Exultation! Praise Team—Sanctuary |
| FRI. | 9:00 AM | Preschool 4s & 5s—Rooms 104 & 103 |
| SAT. | 9:00 AM | Band—Sanctuary |
| | 5:00 PM | Worship—Sanctuary |
| | 6:00 PM | Fair Trade Coffee—Narthex |
| | 6:00 PM | Young Adults Fellowship—Grace Center, Kit. |
| SUN. | 8:30 AM | Traditional Worship—Sanctuary |
| | 9:30 AM | Fair Trade Coffee—Narthex |
| | 9:45 AM | Adult Café—Luther Hall |
| | 9:45 AM | Education Hour |
| | 10:45 AM | Contemporary Worship—Sanctuary |
| | 3:00 PM | Cantata Rehearsal—Sanctuary |

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Pienschke; Tim Stumpff; Chuck Varys;
Steve Young



Third Sunday in Lent

Take Day One home and stay connected to Grace all week long!

TODAY IN WORSHIP—The warnings are plentiful and blunt on the third Sunday in Lent. Lent is a season of repentance. Cut it out or get cut down! The warnings are accompanied by God's invitation to attentiveness: **"Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live."** The landowner's ultimatum is forestalled by the gardener's readiness to till the ground one more year. That is good news for all of us. Thanks be to God!

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES —Services are held at Noon and 7 p.m. every Wednesday during Lent. The services feature a newly created dialogue that will help us to more fully understand the only prayer Jesus has taught us, **The Lord's Prayer**. Come and benefit from this fresh (and fun) learning experience!

MOPS — Mothers Of PreSchoolers International serves more than 100,000 mothers of preschoolers from all walks of life, in over 4,000 groups worldwide. A new Grace Lutheran sponsorship of MOPS is being formed and will meet at Grace on March 10. Join us for brunch 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. Babysitting will be provided for children 0-5 years. All are welcome for this free program.

"LORD OF LIGHT"—Grace will host six Woodstock churches in a musical presentation of the story of Jesus' life on earth, last supper, crucifixion and resurrection told musically by 50-plus singers, a narrator, 6 storytellers and a 20-member instrumental ensemble. The program is scheduled for Sunday, March 21 at 7 p.m. Those who would like to join the singers should contact Ron Fredriksen at rfredriksen@gracewoodstock.org for information. Rehearsals are from 8 to 9 p.m., Wednesdays. Do you need transportation to Lord Of Light on Sunday evening? Contact the **Church Office, and we'll provide assistance.**

HELP THE SCOUTS — Our Scout Troop 153 is selling *Butter Braid* bakery items (An outstanding coffee cake selection!) for a Spring fundraiser through March 15. An signup order sheet is provided in the Narthex.

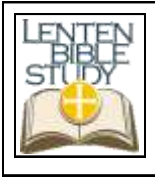
THE ADULT CAFÉ — New Adult Bible Study starts this Sunday entitled

"Good Questions On Really Tough Issues." This is a series created by Luther Seminary by four Theology professors.
- Roger Oberman **Next Sunday:** "Why does God allow suffering?"



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LENTEN BIBLE STUDY— Cyber activity is “alive and well” on Grace’s online Bible study program. The internet study is easy to use and easily accessed through our Grace website. Here’s how to sign on: Go to our website, www.gracewoodstock.org, click on the “Lenten Bible Study” icon and you’ll be directed to the Bible Study Page. There are hard copies at the Welcome Desk for those without internet access.

Join our online Lenten Community!

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION—It is time for another new member class! Grace will be hosting a new member orientation breakfast on April 17 at 10:00 a.m. in Grace Center. We will be having juice, coffee and some homemade goodies. Those that would like to become members of Grace or get more information on what it means to be a member of the family here at Grace, please sign up at the Welcome Center in the activity binder or call the church office, 815-338-0554.

GRACE PRESCHOOL HIRING—Effective immediately, Grace Preschool is accepting applications for teacher and teacher aide positions for the school year 2010/2011. For an application and copy of the job descriptions please contact Linda Mindrum at 815/338-0554 or Chris Learman at 815-338-6792. Deadline to submit application, resume and transcripts is April 7.

EASTER FLOWERS—Order forms for plants to decorate our worship area for Easter Sunday can be found at the Sign-Up Desk or in your service folders. The deadline for the \$12.50 donation is March 28.

MARCH SENIOR LUNCHEON — Our next monthly luncheon is Tuesday, March 23. It’s fun and games this month as we play Bunco for prizes. Our delicious meal features: Fresh Vegetables with dip, Oven fried Catfish, Scalloped Corn, Martha’s Slaw, and Pineapple/Peach Cobbler for dessert. Cost is only \$5 so bring a friend and be prepared to have fun! Please sign up in the Activity Binder by March 21.

GOOD FRIDAY PRAYER VIGIL —The Spirituality Team invites you to come pray with us during the Prayer Vigil, which will be held on Good Friday, April 2, from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. in the church parlor. Look for the sign-up poster to make sure all our time slots are filled, but there can be more than one person praying at one time. The congregation will have the opportunity to fill out the purple prayer request forms starting in March until Good Friday. Place them in the basket by the poster or put in an offering plate during services. These requests will be made available for everyone to pray for during the vigil. The Prayer Vigil is open to all ages.

GRACE PRESCHOOL — A new program for children who are 2 years old by September 1, 2010, is being offered for the Fall term. Register now for this new program! Contact Linda Mindrum at 815-338-0554.

VISITING GRACE?— If you are a guest with us today, please sign Grace’s red friendship folder during the service and stop by the Welcome Center and receive a gift from us for worshipping at Grace.

YAFG — *Young Adults Fellowship Group* will meet March 13, April 3, April 17 at 6:00 p.m. Young Adults Fellowship Group is for 18- to 22-year-olds wanting involvement with other young adults in a Christian environment. This group is not limited to members of Grace Lutheran Church. All young adults in the Woodstock community are invited. More information to follow. Sign up on the Grace Young Adult Fellowship Facebook page. For more information, contact Billie Cornell at 815-334-0723 or billie@b-goat.com.

PRAYERS—*Please lift up these petitions in your prayers— To become a praying member of the Friends in Prayer prayer chain, please submit your name and e-mail address to dklabunde@gracewoodstock.org.*

World: Bishop Hanson, Bishop Wollersheim; those serving in Iraq and Afghanistan, including William Guenther (brother of Gretchen Guenther-Hutchens), Erik Given in the U. S. Navy, Rev. Darrell Kyle serving in the U.S. Air Force in Southwest Asia, ArushaTown Lutheran Parish in Tanzania (our companion parish), Amanda Meyer teaching in Yangon, Myanmar (Burma), Sarah Conroy-Meyer serving in the Army in Iraq (daughter-in-law of Tom and Cathy Meyer)

Woodstock: Pastor Ken Gibson and his family; Grace Staff; Grace Council
Health Concerns: Shirley Berna, Jill Byran (friend of Jacob Combs), Carol Cavin (niece of Marge Birk), Bonnie Cordia (sister of Tom Lopez), Patricia Dunn (Friend of the Hoover Family), Barbara Dye (friend of Bev Unglaube, Ellen Lohmeyer, Sue Olsen and Amy Varys), Ron Ehlenburg (friend of Shirley Burna), Anthony Enlow (friend of Kim May-Zelle), Joe Ewing (brother-in-law of Doris Sunday), Hope Fuller, Olga Grasser, Mary Guyett (sister of Doris Sunday), Carrie Hage (mother of Bill LeFew), Ruthie Hemmingsen-Case (mother of Tammy Hansing), Dick Holtfreter (brother of Carol Jarnecke), Frank Holy, Holly Hutchens (sister-in-law to Claude & Gretchen Hutchens), Sonja Hutchens, Janet Johnson (friend of Kim Beystehner), Carol Knutson, Mimi Lange, Paul Miotto (grandfather of Dee Brown), Terry Mitro (sister of Pastor Ken Gibson), Charlene Montgomery (mother of Craig and Caryl Montgomery), Jean Niestroj (aunt of Mike Phillips), Kathy Nordin, Kayla Oberman, Gloria Ogle, Hazel Powell, George Rademacher (brother-in-law of Joe & Karen Wietermann), Shawn Rank (son of Bert & Carol Rank), Jeff Roberts, Larry Rowe, Cindy Schroeder, Gladys Servatius (mother of Nan Behrns), Kathy Sharp (friend of Jerry & Mary Johnson), Kathy Stone, Tom Stone (brother of Kathy Stone), Peter Stumpf (friend of the Cornells), Carol Thompson (daughter of Marge Dierksen), Josh Tillman, Carol Weide (daughter-in-law of Eileen Weide)

Sorrows: James Trumble, Beulah Phillips (Grandmother of Billie Cornell)

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday: *Jeremiah 11:1-17*
 Tuesday: *Ezekiel 17:1-10*
 Wednesday: *Luke 13:18-21*
 Thursday: *Numbers 13:17-27*
 Friday: *Romans 2:1-16*
 Saturday: *Psalms 39*
 Sunday: *Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32;*
2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

OUR WORSHIP LAST WEEK

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| Saturday | 5:00 p.m. | 53 |
| Sunday | 8:30 a.m. | 176 |
| | 10:45 a.m. | 114 |
| Weekend Total | | 343 |
| Wed. Svcs. | Noon & 7:00 p.m. | 140 |
| Education | | 91 |
| Received for Budget | | \$ 6,516.50 |

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Day One

Grace for the first
 day of your week.