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PACE OF GRACE



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Room Key: PH=Parish Hall; L=Library; S=Sanctuary; PO=Pastor's Office; C=Chapel; MR=Meeting Room; K=Kitchen;

OSLC=Our Savior's Lutheran Church

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28 3 Lent 8:20 AM Choir Rehearsal 8:30 AM St. Thomas - PH, MR, CR 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist	29 6:30 PM Boy Scouts - PH	1 8:30 AM Morning Prayer - C 8:30 AM Employment Group Meeting Room 7:00 PM Narc Anon - PH, MR	2 8:30 AM Chili Prep - K 6:00 PM Drop the Rock - L	3 8:30 AM Chili Prep - K 9:30 AM Tai Chi - PH 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Al Anon - PH, MR, L	4	5
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March, 2016

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Called to be the Change

Dear Grace Church Family,

We are now half way through Lent because Holy Week and Easter come so early this year. This means that many of us feel a bit rushed and uncertain about what we should be doing to mark this penitential season. For those who have been a part of the Lenten discussions on Wednesday evening, we have been using a study and discussion guide that encourages us to embrace the season and to become those who, following the example of the Savior, are agents of change. We have been fearing in the Gospel readings from Luke about the importance of appropriate repentance but also about the importance of embracing growth. Jesus in his teachings, in his passion and most especially in his resurrection reminds us that, as God's adopted sons and daughters, we are called to embrace our roles as ambassadors of change and to play our part in the ongoing drama of salvation, mission and renewal. The question for us is whether we have borne the fruit that was expected of us as we play our parts in the drama of salvation. Jesus in the parable we heard last Sunday reminds his hearers that the landowner (God) is patient and responsive to the pleas of the gardener not to cut down the poorly producing fig tree but that there are limits (in the parable three years) to that patience. In the parable, the landowner accedes to the gardener's entreaty and gives the three a one year reprieve. We cannot know God's plan for us we can but move forward in faithfulness trying to do, as best we can, what God expects of us. In trying to respond to our vocational challenges we can take comfort in the assurance that Paul gave to the young church in Corinth that God never puts us to a test that we are unable to meet. God's plan for us always involved change, especially the change that comes from spiritual growth. It is this change that we need to embrace. Lent provides us with the opportunity to be the change.

As we wrestle with the challenge of change, we are reminded that in the midst of that change we are surrounded by God's grace and mercy. God wants us to embrace the change which is inevitable while at the same time strengthening those things that are constant and immutable in our faith and in our lives. We have the assurance because of Jesus' passion and resurrection that we can meet the challenge and embrace the change. Beyond this awareness, God continually renews us and holds out forgiving arms to us. In response, we are to be more responsible, more productive and more compassionate in our lives and to revel in the reality that we are loved, thoroughly watered and appropriately graced with the manure that will ensure our growth if we will but seek out those opportunities which God lovingly lays before us. This is the key to experiencing and participating in the joy and promise of the resurrection.

Faithfully,
David+



This year we are celebrating with Our Savior's Lutheran Church during Lent and Holy Week.

- March 2 (OSLC): 6PM Soup Pot Luck Supper and table conversations followed by Midweek Evening Prayer for Lent
- March 9 (OSLC): 6PM Soup Pot Luck Supper and table conversations followed by Midweek Evening Prayer for Lent
- March 16 (OSLC): 6PM Soup Potluck Supper and table conversations followed by Midweek Evening Prayer for Lent



Holy Week

- March 20 Palm Sunday (The Sunday of the Passion): Each congregation will hold its own service but members of both congregations are most welcome at either: 9AM (GEC) and 10AM (OSLC)
- March 23 Wednesday in Holy Week - Tenebrae 7PM (GEC)
- March 24 Maundy Thursday 7PM (OSLC)
- March 25 Good Friday 12NOON (GEC), 7PM (OSLC) - Holy Communion from the Reserved Sacrament if desired
- March 26 Easter Eve- The Great Vigil of Easter 7PM (GEC)



- March 27 Easter Day (The Sunday of the Resurrection): 9AM (GEC) and 10AM (OSLC)



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

03/06 Brandon and Kathy Johnson



03/01 Eva Thurlwell
 03/09 Melissa Haseley
 03/10 Benjamin Page
 03/16 Emilia Herrington
 03/19 Aiden Sullivan
 03/21 Gail Holland
 03/23 Jane Stewart
 03/30 Patricia Edge



Hi-Noon Group

March 7, Monday - 12:00 - Movie with Lunch (movie to be announced) - February movie was snowed out Bring a bag lunch. Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate, Juice provided. ALSO > Bring a Movie Treat to share.

April 4, Monday - 12:00 - Program to be announced - Bring a bag lunch. Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate, Juice provided.



Thanks So Much!

© Paul Crosswaith and Mark Shoemaker for their faithful stewardship to our building every Friday in the absence of a sexton.



Here are the lectionary readings for each Sunday and Holy Day in the month:

March 6: The Fourth Sunday in Lent

- Joshua 5:9-12
- Psalm 32
- 2 Corinthians 5:16-21
- Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

March 13: The Fifth Sunday in Lent

- Isaiah 43:16-21
- Psalm 126
- Philippians 3:4b-14
- John 12:1-8

March 20: Sunday of the Passion / Palm Sunday

- Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
- Luke 19:28-40 Procession with Palms
- Isaiah 50:4-9a
- Psalm 31:9-16
- Philippians 2:5-11
- Luke 22:15 – 23:56 or Luke 23:1-29

March 21: Monday in Holy Week

- Isaiah 42:1-9
- Psalm 36:5-11
- Hebrews 9:11-15
- John 12:1-11

March 22: Tuesday in Holy Week

- Isaiah 49:1-7
- Psalm 71:1-14
- 1Corinthians 1:18-31
- John 12:20-36

March 23: Wednesday in Holy Week

- Isaiah 50:4-9a
- Psalm 70
- Hebrews 12:1-3
- John 13:21-32

March 24: Maundy Thursday

- Exodus 12:1-14
- Psalm 116:1, 10-17
- 1 Corinthians 11:23-26
- John 13:1-17, 31b-35

March 25: Good Friday


- Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12
- Psalm 22
- Hebrews 10:16-25 or Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9
- John 18:1 – 19:42


March 26: Holy Saturday – The Great Vigil of Easter


- Job 14:1-14 or Lamentations 3:1-9, 19-24
- Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16

- 1 Peter 4:1-18
 - Matthew 27:57-66 or John 19:38-42
- March 27: Easter Sunday
- Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 25:6-9
 - Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
 - 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or Acts 10:34-43
 - John 20:1-18 or Luke 24:1-12



 Deadline for April *Pace of Grace* -**Tuesday, March 29th**. Please, make every effort to meet this deadline to allow us to mail the issue promptly.

 I normally prepare the bulletin on Wednesday. All items to be included in the calendar insert should be received by Tuesday evening.

 I plan to take a vacation in April. I would appreciate having someone fill in for office duties when I am not here. It is not a difficult job. If you are interested, please speak to Father David or call the office. Training will be provided.

Art Riihimaki



Time to
Spring Ahead

Reminder: Turn your clocks ahead on Sunday, March 13th. Don't miss church that day.



On Saturday, March 12, Pack 322, the Cub Scout Troop we sponsor is having their Pinewood Derby Race in the Parish Hall. This is a great, action packed event and a lot of fun for all. If you are looking for something to do, stop by to cheer everybody on.

They are setting up everything on Friday, March 11 and doing a trial run and then leaving up everything overnight so the Parish Hall will not be available for other activities during that time.



We have been busy this winter working on our Spring, Summer and Fall plans for FUNdraising. We also have cleaned out the art room and reorganized it. We have some Tag Sale and Fall Festival items in there ready to go.

Here is what new and Happening at Grace Church!!

We are currently taking orders for Easter Bouquets. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex or you can call Valerie Dumont (860-690-0727) or Jeanne Parker (860-666-6808) to place an order.

The Bouquets are Butterfly Wishes for \$11.00 and Spring Samba for \$15.00. They will be available for pickup Saturday March 26th from 9am -11am and Easter Sunday March 27th after morning services. Pick up is in the Narthex.

For early April we will be selling Pansies again. Look for upcoming details.

On April 30, 2016 we are planning a Community Tag Sale. It is 8:30am - 2pm. A Rain Date is set for May 14, 2016. The tag sale will be held on our front lawn. Of course we will have our own tables with donated items from our parishioners, family and friends. Spaces will also be available to rent for \$15.00. You bring your own tent and table. Put as much in your space as you can fit!! Lynn Page is in charge of this. Please call her if you have any questions. 860-667-1835.

We are looking for a few volunteers to help paint some lawn signs for this event. We also are looking for exterior paint. Call Lynn Page if you have any time or paint.

On May 5th we will be taking our Prayer beads and religious jewelry to the ECW Luncheon held at Aqua Turf in Southington. It is a beautiful day with wonderful women, a lovely lunch and communion service. If you would like to help sell items at our booth please see Valerie Dumont or call her 860-690-0727.

In June we plan on having another Dining for Dollars at the ever so popular and very generous Bertuccis. You can dine in or take out all day long for a 15% profit coming back to us if a coupon from Grace Church is presented. We are working on setting a firm date for this event. Laura Lynch will be in charge of this day.

We are also planning a fun Paint Night in May or June. Look for details coming to you soon!!

Then we will be working on the Fall Festival. Please seriously think how you can help for this big event. We need all hands to make for light work.

For good news...We have raised \$285.00 from full Printer ink and toner that was donated to our church. We still are working on the little cartridges. Thank you to Lynn Page, Mari Merwin, Lorraine Belyea and Mark Shoemaker for helping with this large task!

The Valentine Pops raised \$106.50 this year. Thank you to Lynn Page and her sister Ann for helping with this.

In our Grace Church weekly Bulletin you may have noticed new Advertisements. These are another Fundraiser we have been pursuing. It has raised \$960 for the 8 ads. The first 8 ads look great. Thank you to James Dumont for helping us. If you know of anyone else interested in advertising please let us know.

Thank you for supporting us,
Valerie Dumont Co-Chair



BOOK CLUB

The next Grace Church Book Club will be Saturday, March 5 from 2-4 pm in the church library. All Grace Church readers, friends and community members are invited to attend. The book selection is *At the Water's Edge* by Sara Gruen and the discussion will be facilitated by Faye Hughes. Refreshments will be served. Sign-ups are in the Narthex.



In the past few weeks I have had an opportunity to join in and learn more about the Family Promise initiative. And in that process have become more than convinced that this is just the opportunity we have been looking for to become more involved in helping others. The Family Promise initiative brings mission "indoors" to us, we are not going out in the community, but it still empowers us to do something tangible for families or people in need.

Working in the familiar space of our own

parish probably has lot of appeal to some who may not be as engaged in community service out in the community. There are some who have expressed concern that we are too small and will never come up with enough volunteers. With our pairing of Our Savior Lutheran Church as a support church that concern should be alleviated. For Grace Church, the surveys had 22 parish members signing up for every task except for three. At a recent meeting with Our Savior we were happy to learn that there were no gaps at all in the tasks that need to be done each host week.

Our host responsibilities will hopefully be only 4 weeks out of the year – it depends on the final number of host sites. At this point we have no idea when our host weeks will be. The best I can tell you is that we will be assigned a number and will go into a rotation with the other congregations in the affiliate. So if we are #5 for instance we would be fifth in the rotation. We will also be assigned a number close to the numbers of the other participating congregations in Newington to limit the distance that people and supplies need to be transported each week.

Many of you have approached me with questions and concerns since this was first introduced in January. Some of the concerns are very real and practical and are being addressed by the vestry. But also it is very important for all of us to know that the Family Promise Initiative is a network of affiliates located around the United States so this is not the first time they are doing this. There is an outline of each step in the process so that the end result is an affiliate with the formal and legal structure needed to operate the program within the appropriate federal, state and municipal requirements.

And that includes the pillows – cue the laugh track. The pillows are handled at the affiliate level and follow each family for as long as they are in the program and then they are given to the family when they leave. The pillows are folded up into the cots and the cots have a label with the name of the individual using it for as long as they are in the program. The affiliate is responsible for adhering to the various state and municipal requirements. So please, I do not want to hear anymore pillow talk. If you must talk about pillows, please talk among yourselves.

I know many of you are anxious to get started and want to do something to help. The actual start date has not been determined – there are still some major items at the affiliate level that need to be completed. The overall program goal is to provide shelter, safety and sustenance, all with a spirit of warmth and hospitality. From a parish perspective and for the short term we are making sure our facility is welcoming and safe – the essence of hospitality and you will start to see subtle little changes over the

next few months. We may even have a task list of items that you can volunteer for along the way. Once we know when we will actually start there will be a training program that everyone needs to attend, in the meantime if you haven't taken the Episcopal Safe Church Training you may want to check it out – there are a lot of similarities.

As a HUD certified housing counselor for a HUD certified housing agency, I know that family homelessness has been an increasing problem for our state and for our country. Many of today's homeless are families caught between high housing costs and low wages. The root cause for homelessness is not alcohol or severe mental illness, stereotypes that many people still have today, but rather the lack of decent, affordable housing for low income individuals and families.

With recent budget cuts, much of the funding for subsidized housing and housing assistance has been reduced by more than 60% in some cases. In Connecticut with core expenses being as much as 28% higher than in the majority of other states, many middle income families with children find themselves one paycheck away from homelessness. And we all know many communities have the “not in my backyard attitude” towards affordable housing. The end result is a severe lack of affordable housing and long or closed waiting lists for what is available.

That is why Family Promise instantly appealed to me – the need for transitional housing is so great and I have been so touched by many of the clients I have worked with over the years and heartbroken I'm not able to do more for them. To me Family Promise offers a workable plan for a very real problem.

The idea of opening our doors is Biblical and offering the hospitality of a warm, safe shelter is a gift of love. In return we gain the gift of awareness of public policy, an understanding of and a broadening perspective on poverty and homelessness so that we may be the change we want to see.

Blessings,
Melissa Haseley
Senior Warden

Joy is prayer. Joy is strength. Joy is love. Joy is a net of love by which you can catch souls. God loves a cheerful giver. One gives most who gives with joy. The best way to show our gratitude to God and people is to accept everything with joy.

A joyful heart is the inevitable result of a heart burning with love. Never let anything so fill you with sorrow as to make you forget the joy of the Christ risen.

—Mother Teresa



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4th ANNUAL SPRING TRAINING & GATHERING Equipping the Saints (Ephesians 4:12)

April 2, 2016 — 9 AM to 4 PM

Lincoln Middle School, 164 Centennial Avenue, Meriden, CT

Join other Episcopalians from across Connecticut for a day of fellowship, learning, prayer and fun. All are welcome – from people in the pews and vestry members to parish leaders and staff. Over 40 workshop offerings.

Workshop Categories: Christian Formation, Communication, Connecting & Collaborating, Essential Parish Operations, Leadership, Passion & Call, Pastoral Care, Social Justice & Advocacy, Stewardship, Worship

For a complete list and description of workshops and registration links visit www.episcopalct.org, search for *Spring Training*, and select the link for our Spring Training page. There you'll find the entire menu of offerings.

Registration

- Registration (until 3/6): \$15
- Late Registration until 3/20: \$25
- Walk-ins (Space Permitting): \$35

Note: Registration closes March 20 or when filled

*ECCT Convention budget underwrites Spring Training & Gathering. Admission fees help defray hospitality costs and are non-refundable.

Questions? Contact Debbie Kenney at dkenney@episcopalct.org



What does "Stewardship" mean to you? How do you thank God for all the blessings bestowed upon you?

For me, Stewardship encompasses everything I do and how I try to live my life on a day to day basis. I also believe that everything we do at Grace is wrapped around Stewardship. There are times when we aren't feeling blessed; we all experience sadness, disappointment, and a sense of loss. I believe that Jesus experienced these same feelings during his human life on earth. However, he fully understood that God was his Father and that life was often filled with much joy and much sadness. I believe he never lost sight of his mission and that his love and compassion for us never wavers and he never loses sight of us.

For the past couple of Stewardship campaigns, our slogan has been "Grace, Gratitude, and Generosity." Grace is not only who we are as a Christian family, but it represents God's grace to us each and every day and, in turn, our sharing of grace to our family, our friends, our coworkers, and all people who are not like us. For me, Gratitude is at the heart of Stewardship; being grateful to God with our time, talent, and treasure is how we fulfill our compassion and commitment to each other and to God's mission. Being generous with our love, our treasure, and our prayers brings us closer to being the Christians God intended us to be.

Our Healing/Prayer Team is reading and studying a wonderful book, "It's Not About Me," rescue from the life we thought would make us happy, written by Max Lucado. I think Max has it so right; it's not about me, it's about us all!! Another book I've been reading this Lent is "Meeting Jesus on the Margins." One of the contributing writers, Becca Stevens, wrote this powerful message – Imagine establishing a habit of giving that reflects gratitude for what each of us has been given and developing an understanding of responsible stewardship that governs the way we live in community. I hope you can take some time to really digest what she is suggesting.

In Ephesians 3:20, God will use the gifts of the people in our faith communities to "do more than we can ask or imagine." We have much talent at Grace; most of our members are involved in at least one group/ministry. We need to examine our hearts to see if we could do more; become more involved; reach out more to those in need; be more forthcoming with our treasure (however, for a parish our size, we give fervently from our hearts).

In the next couple of weeks, please pray about Stewardship. Examine where you are on your journey toward tithing. You will be receiving a pledge card soon; I ask you to please spend time with God, praying for guidance. Also, mark your calendars for Palm Sunday, March 20th, at 9 am as our day to celebrate our pledges to God and to each other. Plan to stay after this joyful service for brunch to celebrate who we are, where we are going on God's mission, and how fortunate we are to have God in our lives, through Jesus Christ. Jesus holds us up each and every day of our lives; he holds us up when we are in need and loves us unconditionally. By virtue of our Baptism, we are blessed to be a blessing! We are growing with Grace through our faith!

Faithfully,
Karen Halpert, Stewardship Chair



General Fund Update: Overall, February seems to be following our recent trend of finishing with a minor net gain. Despite our income dropping a little from January, the mild weather and reduced insurance expenses decreased our expenses even more. I do suspect that with spring and our increased activities, this trend might not hold. However, March does include Easter, which usually increases overall participation.

The Finances for the month of February were as follows:

INCOME	<u>February</u>	<u>Y.T.D.</u>	EXPENSES	<u>February</u>	<u>Y.T.D.</u>
<i>Beginning Checkbook:</i>	\$12,418	\$ 12,181			
Pledge Receipts:	\$ 7,928	\$ 16,735	Salaries & Benefits:	(\$ 5,011)	(\$ 10,232)
General Receipts:	\$ 114	\$ 939	General Expenses:	(\$ 840)	(\$ 4,688)
Use of Church Building:	\$ 240	\$ 1,395	General Utilities:	(\$ 1,621)	(\$ 3,004)
Fund Raisers, General:	\$ 523	\$ 641	Fund Raiser Expenses:	(\$ 27)	(\$ 27)
Fellowship:	\$ 0	\$ 0	Fellowship Expenses:	(\$ 0)	(\$ 0)
Church Fair:	\$ 0	\$ 10	Fair Expenses:	(\$ 0)	(\$ 0)
Special Events:	\$ 0	\$ 0	Special Event Expense:	(\$ 0)	(\$ 0)
Cap.Camp from M.Mkt:	\$ 0	\$ 0	Grounds (Snow/Lawn):	(\$ 400)	(\$ 1,150)
Capital Campaign:	\$ 0	\$ 0	Capital Camp to M.Mkt:	(\$ 0)	(\$ 0)
"B-to-B" & Special:	\$ 45	\$ 86	Capital Campaign Exp:	(\$ 0)	(\$ 0)
Memorial Donations:	\$ 5	\$ 10	Memorials to M.Mkt:	(\$ 0)	(\$ 0)
Memorial Garden:	\$ 5	\$ 132	Mem. Garden Exp:	(\$ 0)	(\$ 0)
Seasonal Offerings:	\$ 95	\$ 215	Diocese Pledge:	(\$ 1,212)	(\$ 2,426)
Outreach:	\$ 0	\$ 0	Outreach:	(\$ 155)	(\$ 260)
The Grace Fund	\$ 25	\$ 75	The Grace Fund	(\$ 0)	(\$ 0)
Family Promise	\$ 182	\$ 182	Family Promise	(\$ 0)	(\$ 0)
Miscellaneous:	\$ 0	\$ 0	Miscellaneous Forward:	(\$ 0)	(\$ 0)
Rectory Rent:	\$ 1,500	\$ 3,000	Rectory Rent to M.Mkt:	(\$ 0)	(\$ 0)
Special Donation:	\$ 0	\$ 0	Audit Fee:	(\$ 0)	(\$ 0)
Reserves from M.Mkt:	\$ 0	\$ 0	Reserves to M.Mkt:	(\$ 0)	(\$ 0)
Total Received:	\$10,662	\$ 23,420	Total Paid Out:	(\$ 9,266)	(\$ 21,787)
			<i>Ending Checkbook:</i>	\$13,814	\$ 13,814

Please note that we have initiated a new category with dedicated funding. The Vestry voted to start a new accounting in support of our anticipated participation in the Family Promise program. We agreed that the net income from the Pancake Supper would seed this "account" and I will be tracking any additions or expenses from this fund. Some future activities may be established to support this project, and any special donations would certainly be welcome.

Our new stewardship program has started with Palm Sunday as our new commitment Sunday. Please start to think about your new pledge for the 2016/2017 season in preparation for our upcoming pledge campaign.

Faithfully Yours, Mark Shoemaker – Treasurer

Capital Campaign and General Money Market Update: At the end of February, the overall Money Market account balance should be \$55,689. Of this amount, the major elements are: \$23,868 as the posted Capital Campaign balance, and \$15,142 as the posted net Rectory balance (\$1,500 Security Deposit + \$13,642 Rectory Reserves).

Faithfully Yours, Mark Shoemaker – Treasurer



If you wish to donate flowers for the Altar for Easter in memory or honor of someone or in thanksgiving for blessings, you may fill out the following form and mail it with your contribution, made out to Grace Church, to:
Grace Episcopal Church, 124 Maple Hill Avenue, Newington, CT 06111-2719
You may also drop off the form and your check at the office or place it in an offering plate on Sunday.
Envelopes are also in your offering packets and available in the narthex.

EASTER FLOWER OFFERING

GIVEN IN MEMORY/HONOR OF OR THANKSGIVING FOR

NAME OF DONOR

ADDRESS OF DONOR

OFFERING ENVELOPE NUMBER: _____ AMOUNT: _____

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