



# TIDINGS

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

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## DEAR PARTNERS,

*Jesus, come! Surprise our dullness, make us willing to receive more than we can yet imagine, all the best you have to give: let us find your hidden riches, taste your love, believe, and live! (ELW #312)*

This is our prayer during the time after Epiphany, and the invitation of God in the scripture readings to come near in Christ. Jesus calls the disciples, and us, to follow him, as he proclaims the good news, teaches and heals. The words of the hymn also express our prayer and God's invitation as we transition this month into the season of Lent. "Jesus, come! surprise our dullness, make us willing to receive... taste your love, believe and live!" **Ash Wednesday is February 26.** We will gather for worship at noon and 7:00 p.m. for Holy Communion and the imposition of ashes, reminding us of our mortality and need for the grace of a loving God. On the evening before, **February 25, we gather for Shrove Tuesday and the annual pre-school pancake supper.** On the **Wednesday evenings in Lent, beginning on March 4,** there will be **soup and sandwich suppers and *Creation's Song* worship.**

On **Sunday, March 22, The Rev. Kelly Bayer Derrick, Assistant to the Bishop of the Virginia Synod,** will serve as our preacher in worship and she will lead an adult Sunday School forum. Pastor Bayer Derrick will be the first of several female guest preachers this year as we mark **the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of women's ordination** in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. There will be more information in the March issue of *TIDINGS*.

Your Partners in Ministry,

**Pastor Martha Sims**

**Pastor Jonathan Boynton**

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## OUR WORSHIP THIS MONTH

**Sunday, February 2, 2020 – Presentation of our Lord** – In the Gospel reading, Luke 2:22-40, the story is a study in contrasts: the infant Jesus with the aged prophets; the joy of birth with the ominous words of Simeon to Mary; the faithful fulfilling of the law with the presentation of the one who will release its hold over us. Through it all, we see the light of God's salvation revealed to the world. The other readings are: Malachi 3:1-4 Psalm 84 , and Hebrews 2:14-18. Services of Holy Communion are at 8:15 and 11:00 a.m.

**Sunday, February 2, 2020 – Grace Place** – We gather for an informal service of Holy Communion at 5:00 p.m.

**Sunday, February 9, 2020 – The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany** – In Matthew 5:13-20, Christians receive the call to be salt and light, for the gospel means to transform not merely the self or the members of the church, but the entire world. The impossibility of our living such a perfect life makes us rely on the mercy of God and the power of the Spirit. The other readings are: Isaiah 58:1-12, Psalm 112:1-10, and 1 Corinthians 2:1-16. **Services of Holy Communion are at 8:15 and 11:00 a.m.**

**Sunday, February 9, 2020 – Grace Place** – We gather for an informal service of Holy Communion at 5:00 p.m.

**Sunday, February 16, 2020 – Sixth Sunday after Epiphany** – In the Gospel reading, Matthew 5:21-37, in the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus exhorts his followers to embrace standards of righteousness that exceed legal requirements and traditional expectations. The readings are: Deuteronomy 30:15-20, Psalm 119:1-8 and 1 Corinthians 3:1-9. Services of Holy Communion are at 8:15 and 11:00 a.m. **We rejoice in the Baptism of Jacob Reed Hartman**

**Sunday, February 16, 2020 – Grace Place** – We gather for an informal service of Holy Communion at 5:00 PM.

**Sunday, February 23, 2020 – Transfiguration Sunday** – In the narrative of the transfiguration the church sees testimony to Jesus' status as the eschatological Son of Man and the beloved Son of God. Just as God spoke on a mountaintop in ages past, so now Christ speaks, first in the Sermon on the Mount, and now from the Mount of Transfiguration. Matthew's message: "Listen to him." This Sunday, through these reading, we stand to do so. The church becomes the dwelling that Peter thinks to erect. The readings are: Exodus 24:12-18, Psalm 2, Matthew 17:1-9 and 2 Peter 1:16-21. **Services of Holy Communion are at 8:15 and 11:00 a.m.**

**Sunday, February 23, 2020 – Grace Place** – We gather for an informal service of Holy Communion at 5:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, February 26, 2020 – Ash Wednesday** – On Ash Wednesday we begin our forty-day journey toward Easter with a day of fasting and repentance. Marking our foreheads with dust, we acknowledge that we die and return to the earth. At the same time, the dust traces the life-giving cross indelibly marked on our foreheads at baptism. While we journey through Lent to return to God, we have already been reconciled to God through Christ. We humbly pray for God to make our hearts clean while we rejoice that "now is the day of salvation." Returning to our baptismal call, we more intentionally bear the fruits of mercy and justice in the world. The readings are: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17; Psalm 51:1-17, 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10, and Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21. **Services of Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes are at 12 Noon and 7:00 p.m.**

### Nurture Corner

**Stewardship of the Body** is a self-sustaining group that meets to support one another in healthy living through sharing information and goals. The group is limited to 8 participants and there is room for more.

To sign up or for more information, **contact Norma Fredrickson at [normatfred@gmail.com](mailto:normatfred@gmail.com) or Kathy Taylor at [taylorcompany@comcast.net](mailto:taylorcompany@comcast.net).**

**When:** Twice monthly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays, 5:15 – 6:15 p.m.

**Where:** at Grace in the library (administration building, main level)

**Cost:** None



FOR THE RECORD "Growing in the Grace of Giving"  
**Report of Offerings for 2019**

	Anticipated Each Week	Given Each Week					Anticipated Year-to-Date	Given Year-to-Date
		Dec 15	Dec 22	Dec 24/25	Dec 29	Dec 31		
<b>Promised Offerings</b> Pledged Envelope Giving \$438,956 budgeted for 2019.	<b>\$8,441</b>	\$6,416	\$6,734.54	\$1,825	\$3,594	\$1,790	\$438,932	\$440,850.62
<b>Grace Offerings</b> Non-pledged Envelope Giving \$78,000 budgeted for 2019.	<b>\$1,500</b>	\$1,132.10	\$3,352.71	\$205	\$1,345	\$3,770	\$78,000	\$89,738.57
<b>Faith Offerings</b> Loose Cash/Check Giving \$15,000 budgeted for 2019.	<b>\$288</b>	\$542.01	\$301.21		\$276	\$0	\$14,976	\$21,632.81
<b>Covenant Income</b> Income from fees, interest, grants, \$5,600 budgeted for 2019.	<b>\$108</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,616	\$7,598
<b>Revell Trust Income</b> \$290,502 budgeted for 2019.	<b>\$5,587</b>	\$5,587	\$5,587		\$5,587	\$5,587	\$290,502	\$290,496
<b>Bartko Fund</b> \$18,420 budgeted for 2019.	<b>\$354</b>	\$354	\$354		\$354	\$354	\$18,420	\$18,420

<b>Our Stewardship of Worship</b>	Sunday School	8:15	11:00	Grace Place
December 15	Children's Prgm	131	146	12
December 22	77	98	153	22
December 24	3:00-231	5:00-203	7:00-317	11:00-76
December 25	—	—	35	—
December 29	No S.S.	86	105	12
January 5	98	101	123	6
January 12	84	99	128	11
January 19	99	98	139	15

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	Anticipated Each Week	Given Each Week			Anticipated Year-to-Date	Given Year-to-Date
		Jan. 5	Jan 12	Jan 19		
<b>Promised Offerings</b> Pledged Envelope Giving \$446,041 budgeted for 2020.	<b>\$8,578</b>	\$12,880.08	\$5,191	\$8,602	\$25,734	\$26,673.08
<b>Grace Offerings</b> Non-pledged Envelope Giving \$94,389 budgeted for 2020.	<b>\$1,815</b>	\$1,065.40	\$1,267.25	\$1,028.10	\$5,445	\$3,360.75
<b>Faith Offerings</b> Loose Cash/Check Giving \$25,000 budgeted for 2020.	<b>\$481</b>	\$296	\$226.80	\$318.80	\$1,443	\$841.60
<b>Covenant Income</b> Income from fees, interest, grants, \$7,800 budgeted for 2020.	<b>\$150</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$450	\$0
<b>Revell Trust Income</b> \$290,502 budgeted for 2020.	<b>\$5,587</b>	\$5,587	\$5,587	\$5,587	\$16,761	\$16,761
<b>Bartko Fund</b> \$25,900 budgeted for 2020.	<b>\$498</b>	\$498	\$498	\$498	\$1,494	\$1,494

## FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH NEWS

### Adult FAITH FORMATION Opportunities:

**Wednesday Morning Bible Study** - Dwelling In The Word - 7:30 am Continental Breakfast served. Come together and prepare for worship on the coming Sunday by studying the Scripture readings ahead of time. Studying together helps Scripture come alive – Leaders: Pastor Jonathan Boynton, Pastor Martha Sims and lay leaders from the group. ALL ARE WELCOME!

### Church and Society, Part 2 Now – February 16, 2020

We continue our reflection on Social Statements and Social Messages of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America relating to the cultural issues and concerns of our time. How does the church relate to the culture? How and why do Christians engage in current social issues? What are Social Statements / Messages, and how do they impact congregations? Join us as we read and discuss Social Statements / Messages on topics such as: Health and Health Care, Community Violence, Homelessness, Human Sexuality, End of Life Decisions and others. Leader: Pastor Martha Sims

### Listening for God

Where do you listen for God? The challenge is to pay attention everywhere. We will study a collection of stories and essays from Contemporary American Literature which may not be the most predictable place to listen for God but may very well be quite rewarding. This class will include some reading ahead of time to go with our conversations. Join Pastor Boynton in this conversation during Sunday School now through February 23rd.



### W.I.L.D. Women Valentine Tea & Luncheon

Sunday, February 9th 12:15 pm G.M.O.C. Assembly Hall

You may also bring a valentine story to share if you wish.

### W.I.L.D. Women Spring Retreat forms are out!

Friday, April 3- Saturday, 4 - San Damiano Spiritual Life Center, White Post, VA  
\$125.00 cost Forms are on the WILD Bulletin Board or see T. Shafferman

DINNER & A MOVIE . . .SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23rd 5:30 PM

Showing: Eisenberg Hall Toy Story 4

GMOC Assembly Hall A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood

G.M.O.C. Assembly Hall - Dinner, Popcorn & Candy Provided - Donations welcomed!



Women of Grace will gather on **Tuesday, February 18th** in the G.M.O.C.

Assembly Hall at 10:30 am. We will be using a new resource

Manna & Mercy by Daniel Erlander. All Women of Grace are invited to attend.

Leaders: Pastor Martha Miller Sims, Pastor Jonathan Boynton

**WOW - Wonder & Worship** - 5:00 pm come and bring your children to choir or knit prayer shawls. 5:45 pm come for dinner and enjoy the fellowship and discussion. 6:30 pm come for Worship. 7:00 pm come and join Grace Ringers or join our Adult Study. For more information about WOW, please contact one of the Pastors or T. Shafferman. [tshafferman@gracewin.org](mailto:tshafferman@gracewin.org). We would love to have you COME and be apart!

**Bible & Brew** - Adults are welcomed to attend Bible & Brew held at Piccadilly Brew Pub the fourth Monday of each month. Plan to join us **Monday, February 24th at 6:00 p.m.** Come for fellowship and discussion. For more information contact Pastor Jonathan Boynton or T. Shafferman. [tshafferman@gracewin.org](mailto:tshafferman@gracewin.org).

## FAITH FORMATION AND YOUTH NEWS

Order of St. John - CALLING ALL CONFIRMATION STUDENTS AND YOUTH! Your leadership is so greatly appreciated in our worship services. Please sign up for an opportunity to serve in Order of St. John thank you!

**7th, 8th & 9th Grade Confirmation Students** - Just a reminder that beginning in Lent we will start our Confirmation classes. Each Wednesday during WOW - 5:45 pm Dinner, 6:30 pm Worship, 7- 8 pm class learning, Parents are asked to attend Dinner & Worship. It all begins on Wednesday, March 4th, March 11th, March 18th, March 25th, and April 1st. **All** are expected to attend. Thanks!



### Sunday, February 2nd - SUPER BOWL PARTY!

12:15 - 2:00 pm. Where your team jersey and come have some fun. Please bring your favorite Football Watchin Food and plan to have a great time. Hotdogs provided. Friends Welcome!

**Sunday, February 16th Youth to Sponsor Annual Report Meeting.** Please contact T. Shafferman to volunteer. The donations collected during this event will go toward the **Youth Servant Camp** this summer. Please wear black & white and arrive by noon 2/16 to help out. Thanks!

**7th Day** is a Synod sponsored event for all 5th & 6th grade youth. This event is offered Saturday, March 7th - March 8th, 2020. The registration deadline is Sunday, February 2nd, 2020. Please watch your mail for your registration form. This event is awesome.

### Sunday, March 1st - Jr. & Sr. Youth Group

12:15 - 2:00 pm Lunch is provided.

### Sunday, March 15th - Jr. & Sr. Youth Group

12:15 - 2:00 pm Lunch is provided.

**Looking for HELP!** If you are interested in assisting with our Easter Brunch we would love to have the help. We are in need of food recruitment, set-up help on April 10th from 9am-2:00 pm, and clean-up the day of the brunch Sunday, April 12th. Please contact T. Shafferman, if you are interested in assisting with this fundraiser event. Donations will go toward the **Youth Servant Camp 2020**.

### Winter Celebration

We give thanks for the following Youth and their families who supported them in attending Winter Celebration. This event is sponsored by the VA Synod and is held each year at Eagle Eyrie Retreat Center in Lynchburg, VA. They are:

**Mairi Bachman**

**Reeve Thomas**

**John Whitley**

Chaperones: **Pastor Boynton, Nathan Elson & Meghan Rupkey**



### YOUTH SERVANT CAMP BEACH TRIP

Forms have been mailed - the time is here!  
Servant Camp 2020 Kure Beach, North Carolina.

June 14th - 20th cost: \$250.00

Forms are due by Sunday, April 12th

7th - 12th Grade Youth are invited to attend this great event. Many Servant opportunities, Fellowship, Games, Worship, Study, Water park, all ocean front.

For more information please contact  
T. Shafferman at [tshafferman@gracewin.org](mailto:tshafferman@gracewin.org) or  
540-662-6678

**20's/30's Group** Are you in your 20's or 30's? This group generally meets the first Sunday of the month. Our next meeting is Sunday, March 1 at Top Golf in Leesburg. For more information please contact Pastor Boynton at [jboynton@gracewin.org](mailto:jboynton@gracewin.org) or Sara Power at [powerhouse525@gmail.com](mailto:powerhouse525@gmail.com)

## In Our Prayers

Members who have been in the hospital or are in need of our prayers of healing: **Jane Lucas, Gail Mazzocco, Robert Taylor, Barbara Wilson and Bob Thomas.**

## Prayers for New Life

We rejoice in the birth of **Kelsie Rae-Ann Venskoske**, daughter of **Jeremy and Crystal**, granddaughter of **John and Wendy** born on January 9.

## Prayers of Comfort

Christian Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Patricia and Tos Chesson and **Jeff and Jo-Elle Chesson**, upon the death of Patricia's father and their grandfather, Moses Yarsiah, Sr. in Monrovia Liberia; the family and friends of **Jan and Russ Erwin**, upon the death of Jan's sister-in-law, Debbie McDermott; the family and friends of **Ann Elizabeth Jones**; the family and friends of **Jim Longerbeam**, husband of **Shelda Longerbeam**; the family and friends of **Wendy and Rick Rizzo**; upon the death of Wendy's mother, Annalee Zimmerman; the family and friends of **Mary Ruos**, upon the death of her husband, Jim Ruos.

## Thanks

Dear members of Grace and the Congregation Council, I again want to express my gratefulness for the gift you have given me in honor of my 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ordination. The chasuble and stole you commissioned **Norma Fredrickson** to design and create for the green seasons in the church year are truly beautiful and ready for use. They are based on one of my favorite hymns, *Be Thou My Vision*. I will treasure this gift and as I wear it in worship, it will always remind me of this congregation's devotion to Christ and his mission in the world, and this congregation's love of singing, which gives me such joy.

Your partner in ministry,  
**Pastor Martha Sims**

A very special thank you to my Grace Lutheran family for the beautiful Christmas basket. The many goodies are very much appreciated along with the love and blessings expressed.

## Loretta Carlisle

Dear Church Family,  
What a joyous surprise to receive a lovely basket of goodies. I thank you so much for remembering me in this Christmas season.

Peace and Blessings to all,  
**Kitty Stein**

Dear Congregation of Grace Lutheran Church,

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for the generous Eisenberg-Miller Endowed Scholarship. It means the world to me to be a recipient of this award. Without the generosity of others, higher education would be impossible for some like myself.

I am currently a senior studying Elementary Education. I will graduate in May, and my goal is to be an elementary school teacher, which is what I've wanted to do since I was six years old. Academics are very important to me, and my academic achievement is one of the few things that I am most proud of from my time here. Over the past 4 years that I've been at Roanoke College, I have maintained a GPA that is above a 3.5, which is something that I never expected myself to accomplish. Receiving a scholarship pushes me even more to strive for academic achievement and maintain a high GPA.

I didn't know if I would be able to attend Roanoke because of the expense, but through scholarships and wonderful donors, I'm able to achieve my biggest goal in life. I am now able to obtain a college degree and fulfill my dream of being a teacher, and hope to give back to the community and change the lives of others. Getting this scholarship means a lot to me, as it takes away some of the stress that my dad and I have had about how to pay for college.

Sincerely,  
Amber Gregory, Class of 2020

Dear Friends of Grace,

My family and I greatly appreciate the expressions of sympathy shown to us during our time of grieving at the death of my husband, Jim Ruos, and the father of our three children, Carolyn, Jennifer and Jim, Jr. Our family had 62 wonderful years together.

Thank you for being partners in the "Host of Holy Angels" watching over me.

With peace and joy as a member of God's community at Grace,  
**Mary Ruos**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I can not thank you all enough for the flowers, cards, texts and hugs I received following the passing of my mother. It was truly a gift to have such a loving and supportive church family at this difficult time.

In thanks and peace,  
**Wendy Rizzo**

### **Historical Tidbit:** What about our church sextons?

Can you define the word "sexton"? Sometimes "sexton" can mean caretaker, guardian, janitor, keeper or warden of church property. In our church, it is the person hired to be the custodian of our buildings. When you enter any of our buildings today they are clean and neat. The restrooms are fresh. The hardwood floors, carpets and linoleum are clear of dirt and dust. We have **Brenda Miles** to thank for this, Brenda has been with us since May of 2012 . She takes real pride in her work and she is a joy to work with.

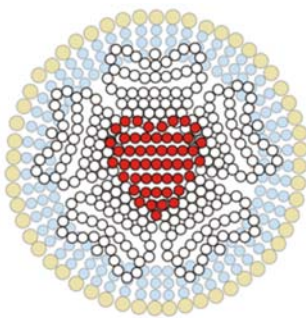
The first mention of a sexton in the history of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church was Gilbert Nokes in 1815. Dr. Eisenberg compiled a list of sextons which you can find in *This Heritage--Expanded Edition* on pages 453-454. Listed for 1973 is Randolph Brown.

Some of you will remember Randolph "Shorty" Brown. He did his work capably, but one long-time member said he was known to take naps in the Christian Streit Room! Brenda would never do that!

Not long ago Brenda asked me about Shorty Brown. By various family connections her grandson is also the great-grandson of "Shorty." This is a real interesting "historical tidbit" about our church family!

**Mary Froehlich,**  
Archivist  
froeh@comcast.net

### **Chrismon Workshop**



All new member families receive A Martin Luther Seal ornament when they join our congregation. You have a chance to be a part of this ministry by learning to make these ornaments. If you are a needle crafter, beader, or just like to create with your hands we could really use your help. At the workshop we will need willing hands with a more advanced skill level for the final assembly of the ornament. This will be a time to return finished kits and to take kits to finish at home, as well as a dedicated time to work on the ornaments and enjoy fellowship with your friends from Grace.

Come join us! We have scheduled a workshop on Saturday, February 15, 2020, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the GMOC, with Saturday, March 7, as a backup in the event of snow or ice. Food will be available during the workshop. If you have any questions, or would like to help but can't make it to the workshop, contact **Kitty Stein, Martha Prusch, Annie Cain or Kathy Henry** (contact information is listed below).

Kitty Stein - [kittyys@comcast.net](mailto:kittyys@comcast.net), 667-1439  
Martha Prusch - [bmecs@comcast.net](mailto:bmecs@comcast.net), 667-7991  
Annie Cain - [eucaain@gmail.com](mailto:eucaain@gmail.com), 664-9119  
Kathy Henry – [khenry424@comcast.net](mailto:khenry424@comcast.net), 723-0754

## Stephen Ministry

A wonderful new group of Stephen Ministers in training began their 50 hours of training at Grace January 6. They will be integrating their life skills with new knowledge gleamed from the 45 years Stephen Ministry has provided compassionate care in congregations across the country, from the 7 years that Grace has participated in this program. Our trainees are honing their listening skills, being reminded time and again how critical confidentiality is to all we do, and practicing skills that will enable them to compassionately care for care receivers grieving loss, dealing with crisis, divorce, life changes.....difficult decisions, and much, much, more.

If / when you need someone to be with you as you struggle to come to terms with your situation, call **Christie McKee** at (540) 431-1932 for a referral, or talk to **Pastors Sims** or **Boynton**, we can help. There are those among us who have already been trained, who continue to train, so that you don't have to do it alone. If you know someone in need of help beyond our community, referrals are possible beyond Winchester as well.

**David Ray**



### Grace Lutheran's Chili Cook-off February 16<sup>th</sup> following the annual report meeting

This year's Hospitality Ministry's February Cabin Fever event will be the "Chili Cook-Off" event. The event will follow the Annual Meeting in Eisenberg Hall at 12:15. Included for your entertainment will be live music by Heather Butler and Friends, a local group. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for anyone that would like to enter their Chili in the contest.

**Chili entries will be judged by:**

**Susanne Mauck  
Werner Doerwaldt  
Joseph Dame**



### Tables of Grace

**Join us for breakfast and Church  
Tour Tidbits by Mary Froehlich**

**Saturday,  
February 22nd  
at 10:00 a.m.**

**Water Street Kitchen  
2 S. Loudoun Street (corner of  
Loudoun St. and Boscawen)  
Winchester, VA  
540-313-4680**

**Mary will lead us on a tour sharing  
interesting information about our  
beautiful church**

**R.S.V.P. to Kay Hallett  
by Thursday, February 20th  
703-795-0740  
khallett2@comcast.net**



## AN UPDATED VIEW OF THE GODFREY MILLER FELLOWSHIP CENTER AND A PLEA FOR HELP...

Our roof and walls are no longer leaking thanks to all the roof and chimney work that has been done. We have had a great year with over 10,000 visits. Worshipping at Easter and Thanksgiving Services, enjoying games with their neighbors and making new friends.



However, we have said goodbye to several friends who were members of our book club and are looking forward to rebooting the club this spring. If you haven't joined a book club, please consider the Belle Amies. **Also needed: a couple of people who can help sew our Teddy Bears.** Almost 400 bears were distributed for area children this year.

**Our part time (16 hours per week) food coordinator position is open.** This person plans, purchases, cooks and cleans for our Wednesday and Thursday lunches. These lunches are a wonderful source of our social programming.

Lastly, I'd like to share the sentiments one participant sent with her donation in December "Just a small donation for the large contribution Godfrey Miller makes to my life and so many others." All of us at Grace are a part of this program for seniors in our community. Please check out [www.godfreymillerhome.org](http://www.godfreymillerhome.org) for more information.

### Congregation Council and Congregation Meeting Highlights

Congregation Council met on Sunday, January 12, 2020, for orientation, election of officers and for the regular monthly meeting. The following are highlights of the meeting:

- **Beverly Dennis**, Administrative Assistant, and the pastors, provided an orientation of the Congregation Council notebooks and procedures.
- **Pastor Sims** presided over the election of officers. Those elected are: President: **Brooks Nanna**; Vice-President: **John Matticks**; Secretary: **Steve Thomas**; Treasurer: **Roger Milburn**; and Financial Secretary: **Carol Kerr**.
- **Roger Milburn** provided the Treasurer's report which included the end-of-2019 numbers. Promised giving was under the pledged and budgeted amount in 2019, but this difference was exceeded by non-pledged giving. In total, \$22,000 was received above what was budgeted. It was also a good year for the Revell Bequest.
- Received updates: the search for a new Facilities Manager is going well and plan to have someone in the position in February; the Facilities Master Plan Task Group and the Organ Renovation Task Group have both been meeting.
- Special offerings were approved for the Youth of Grace (annual meeting meal offering); Bethania Kids mission work in India (mid-week Lenten services); Easter and Christmas Outreach (undesignated / loose offerings in Holy Week, Easter Sunday and Christmas Eve / Day services). Other designated offering appeals will be by action of the Congregation Council.
- Council Members were appointed to serve as liaisons to ministry councils, committees, task groups, auxiliary boards and the Mission Endowment Fund Board.
- The annual Congregation Council retreat will be on February 8, 2020 at Godfrey Miller Home, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. It will include the regular monthly meeting. Content for the retreat will include Long-Range Plan implementation and a report by the trustees.
- The April meeting of Congregation Council will be held on April 19, 2020, rather than on the regular Sunday, April 12, 2020, which is Easter Sunday.



SHROVE TUESDAY

# PANCAKE SUPPER

and Silent Auction  
to support  
GRACE LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

**Date:** Tuesday, February 25th  
**Time:** 5-7pm  
**Location:** Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church in Eisenberg Hall & GMOC  
**Free Will Donation Accepted**  
Snow Date: March 3rd



Pro Sport Team Items, Themed Gift Baskets, Gift Certificates, Vineyard and Brewery Tours, Craft Items, Boutique Items, Automotive Work, and more!

Cash or Check Only

### Service and Outreach Helping Hands for the month of February

#### Highland Food Pantry

We will serve our neighbors in need by helping this ministry.



**February 18** we will meet in Church alley to carpool at 5:30 or arrive at Highland Presbyterian Church at 5:45.

Please sign up on our website under Service and Outreach Ministry or let **Pastor Boynton** know you are planning to come so that he can let the pantry plan accordingly.



Thank you! ~ **Service and Outreach Ministry Council**

## Chancel Flowers



Opportunities for donating Chancel Flowers are available the entire month of February! (Chancel Flowers are not available during Lent - March 1 - March 29) Call Joan in the church office (662-6678) to reserve your Sunday!

### Ordering Flowers for Worship

Flowers are signs of life, growth and beauty of creation. If you would like to donate the flowers for worship in memory or honor of someone in your life, please contact the church office to sign up for a given Sunday. You will deal directly with the church. The cost is \$45; make checks payable to Grace Lutheran Church and have flowers noted on the memo line. Going forward, we will be using Winchester Floral to provide floral arrangements. Unless requested otherwise, flowers are delivered to members in the hospital, skilled nursing, in special care at home, or repurposed for church events.

## ANNUAL REPORTS

If you were the leader of a Ministry Council or task group, director of an auxiliary or know you have to complete a report, it's time to turn in those reports. Have your report to **Beverly Dennis**, Parish Administrative Assistant, no later than **January 29, 2020**.

The Annual Report Meeting will be held on Sunday, **February 16, 2020**, following the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

*The preferred format is Microsoft Word or Publisher sent by e-mail to [bdennis@gracewin.org](mailto:bdennis@gracewin.org)*



## GODFREY MILLER FELLOWSHIP CENTER SCHEDULE February 1 - 29, 2020



Mon. 2/3—  
10:00 am Hand and Foot  
10:00 am Party Bridge  
10:30 am Knitting  
2:00 pm Arthritis Range  
of Motion  
7:00 pm Bowers Duplicate  
Bridge

Tues. 2/4—  
10:00 am Mahjong!  
10:00 am Canasta  
10:30 am Painting Class  
12:30 pm Bowers Duplicate  
12:30 pm Pinochle

Wed. 2/5—  
10:00 am Dominos, Party  
Bridge  
12:00 noon Potluck  
2:00 pm Arthritis  
Strengthening Class

Thurs. 2/6—  
10:00 am Mahjong!  
10:00 am Party Bridge  
12:00 noon Potluck  
2:00 pm Chair Yoga

Mon. 2/10—  
10:00 am Hand and Foot  
10:00 am Party Bridge  
10:30 am Knitting  
12:00 noon Kiwanis  
2:00 pm Arthritis Range  
of Motion  
7:00 pm Bowers Duplicate  
Bridge

Tues. 2/11—  
10:00 am Mahjong!  
10:00 am Canasta  
10:30 am Painting Class  
12:30 pm Bowers Duplicate  
12:30 pm Pinochle

Wed. 2/12—  
10:00 am Dominos, Party  
Bridge  
12:00 noon Lunch  
2:00 pm Arthritis  
Strengthening Class

Thurs. 2/13—  
10:00 am Mahjong!  
10:00 am Party Bridge  
11:00 am MOBB  
12:00 noon Valentine's Day  
Lunch  
2:00 pm Chair Yoga

Mon. 2/17—  
10:00 am Hand and Foot  
10:00 am Party Bridge  
10:30 am Knitting  
2:00 pm Arthritis Range  
of Motion  
7:00 pm Bowers Duplicate  
Bridge

Tues. 2/18—  
10:00 am Teddy Bear Hugs  
10:00 am Mahjong!  
10:00 am Canasta  
12:30 pm Bowers Duplicate  
12:30 pm Pinochle

Wed. 2/19—  
10:00 am Dominos, Party  
Bridge  
12:00 noon Lunch  
2:00 pm Arthritis  
Strengthening Class

Thurs. 2/20—  
10:00 am Mahjong!  
10:00 am Party Bridge  
12:00 noon Lunch  
2:00 pm Chair Yoga

Mon. 2/24—  
10:00 am Hand and Foot  
10:00 am Party Bridge  
10:30 am Knitting  
12:00 noon Kiwanis  
2:00 pm Arthritis Range  
of Motion  
7:00 pm Bowers Duplicate  
Bridge

Tues. 2/25—  
10:00 am Mahjong!  
10:00 am Canasta  
10:30 am Painting Class  
12:30 pm Bowers Duplicate  
12:30 pm Pinochle

Wed. 2/26—  
10:00 am Dominos, Party  
Bridge  
12:00 noon Lunch  
1:00 pm Bingo and Hot  
Fudge Sundays Social  
2:00 pm Arthritis  
Strengthening Class

Thurs. 2/27—  
10:00 am Mahjong!  
10:00 am Party Bridge  
12:00 noon Lunch  
2:00 pm Chair Yoga

For a full calendar of upcoming events check our website [www.godfreymillerhome.org](http://www.godfreymillerhome.org). If you have any questions or to sign up, please call 667-5869 and ask for Sharon Thornton ([Sharon@godfreymillerhome.org](mailto:Sharon@godfreymillerhome.org)).  
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- *Ash Wednesday ~ February 26*
- *W.I.L.D. Women Valentine Tea ~ February 9*
- *Chrismon Workshop ~ February 15, 10– 2*
- *Annual Report Meeting and Chili Cook Off ~ Feb. 16*
- *Tables of Grace ~ Feb. 22 at 10:00 am*
- *Updated View of Godfrey Miller and a plea for help...*
- *Preschool Pancake Supper and Silent Auction ~ Feb 25*
- *February Calendar and Worship Assistants*

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**SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

**Worship Service: 8:15 and 11:00**  
*Holy Communion is celebrated at all services.*  
**Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.**  
**Grace Place: Sundays at 5:00 p.m.**

**OFFICE HOURS**  
 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
 Monday - Friday

**Prayer Team**  
*We invite all who are interested in caring for others through prayer to join the prayer team.*  
 Contact **Becky Swanson Stern, at [prayerchain@gracewin.org](mailto:prayerchain@gracewin.org)**

**Prayers for those in our Military Services**  
 should include:  
**Seth Anton, Brian Baker, Brett Bozeman, Stuart Carper, Andrew Flanigan, Corey Flanigan, Elizabeth Grove, Ben Grove, Ellen Haines, Mitra Haines, Pastor Nate Huffman, John Lyons, Tyler Manuel, Kristjan Rauhaula, Brandon Reeve, Ted Schulz, Christine Sears, Alex Simpson, Danny Smith, Ronald Snyder, Cassie Trulock, and Scott Zerull.**

**The deadline for input to the next issue of *TIDINGS* (covering March 1–31, 2020) is 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 19, 2020**

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