

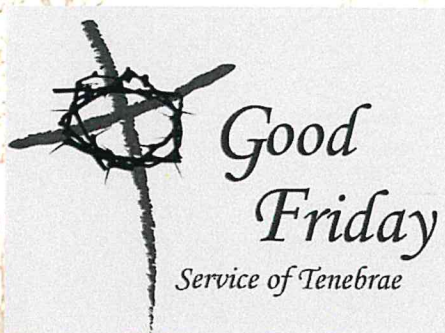
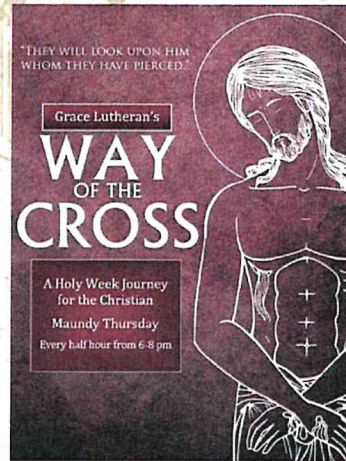
April / May 2022

HERALD OF GRACE



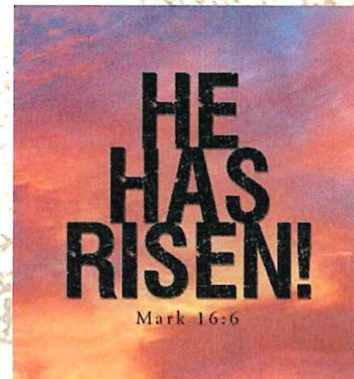
Palm Sunday, April 10 at 10:00
Palm Procession on Government Street

Maundy Thursday.... April 14
The Way of the Cross 5:30 - 8:00
(45 minute journey...details inside.)



Good Friday "Tenebrae" Service of Darkness
April 15 - 7:00

Easter Sunday, April 17
2 Services! 8:00 & 10:00
Continental Breakfast Served from 9-10



Grace Lutheran Church

Rev. Wayne J. Miller, Pastor

Connie Rowe, Organist

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From Your Pastor

So when it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and when the doors were shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." John 20:19

Dear Holy Week Participants,

Easter is my favorite celebration of the year, and it comes to us at the right time. In the last two years, many of us believed that a virus was the biggest immediate threat our world was facing. Now that we are on the other side of a pandemic, we are greeted daily by the news of war and violence, a situation that world leaders want to address but in such a way as to not trigger World War III. Closer to home, we've laid to rest 2 more members of our Grace family in the past two months. That's public information. Only the Lord and you know what you're going through personally. Whether in the news or through personal experience, we are forced to acknowledge that evil and death are forces with which we all must deal with. If only God would provide an answer... AND HE DOES! "Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!"

This month, we gather to hear once more the news that God has dealt with death. Jesus came to forgive our sins that causes an eternal death. He came to do battle with the deadly serpent who leads the whole world astray. And He won! After the sacred story of Holy Week... Jesus comes out of the grave saying, "Peace be with you." And with the sound of that voice, with that word of peace, despair turned into hope and joy. Everything was different now.

Jesus, the risen One, speaks to you and to me today through His Word. He remains the conquering King, triumphant over evil and death. This news changes everything. It's the assurance that not even the worst the world can throw at us will separate us from the love of God. It's the source of the hope we always will need. May God bless us as we move ourselves through the greatest news ever once again. Come to Grace during Holy Week. The story never gets old. May Christ's death and resurrection be your source of eternal good news.

Peace be with you and your families,



Pastor Wayne J. Miller



From The President's Desk

Changes. We've had a time change. The season is changing. The temperatures are changing. Something is always changing. That is the same for our church. You've probably noticed a couple of them.

One is the bed of plants on either side of the front door. Some of the bushes have been removed making this area much cleaner and neater looking. Sometime after Easter, the two small trees will also be removed. The biggest reason for this change is due to concern of the roots causing foundation issues. Smaller more manageable plants will be put in these areas when appropriate.

Another change is how the church gets cleaned. The Council decided to let a volunteer group of members, under the leadership of Ronald Weiss, tackle the cleaning necessities of our church. We have had a lot of interest in members wanting to help in some way and who better to take care of our beautiful building than our own members. I want to send a very big thank you to all those that have given their time and energy to this very important task and to Ronnie for leading the group! If you are interested in helping with this volunteer cleaning group, please call me or Ronnie or call/send an email to the church office.

Changes. There will always be changes, but we ask for God's help and guidance with each one and trust that He will show us the best path forward.

I want to take this chance to say thank you to each and every one of you for being a part of Grace. I truly appreciate all of you that have given your time and talents in helping this church family. Please feel free to contact me with questions or concerns. We all need to be here to help and lift each other up in God's grace and love.

Wishing everyone a blessed Easter season from Grace's Council members!

May God lift you up – saved by grace,

Debbie Milling

"THEY WILL LOOK UPON HIM
WHOM THEY HAVE PIERCED."

Grace Lutheran's

WAY OF THE CROSS

A Holy Week Journey
for the Christian

Maundy Thursday

Every half hour from 6-8 pm



Maundy Thursday

April 14, 2022

5:30-8:00 pm

**Groups of about 12 will begin
every ½ hour.**

The "*Way of the Cross*" is a deep beautiful devotion that you are invited to this Maundy Thursday. It is rooted in the historic "Stations of the Cross" that developed during the Middle Ages, probably when pilgrims journeyed to the Holy Land marking off the sites associated with our Lord's passion and the journey through Jerusalem to the cross.

This Maundy Thursday, we will take ourselves to the very heart of the suffering of our Lord; the

Passion; his "Via Dolorosa" (the Way of Sorrows); "moving" our worship from the moment of his betrayal until his burial allowing us to better experience the greatest event in history: Christ's death and resurrection, which removed the sins of all people for all time- including ours.

A sign-up sheet for times will be available in the back of the church starting March 20th or by emailing the church office at grace@gracelutheranmobile.com or calling 251-433-2749.

Departure times will be 5:30, 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30 and 8:00.

A blessed Holy Week to you and
God bless your journey through the way of the cross!

-Pastor and the Board of Elders



Continental Easter Breakfast

Served between services

From 9:00-10:00

Hosted by Fellowship
Committee

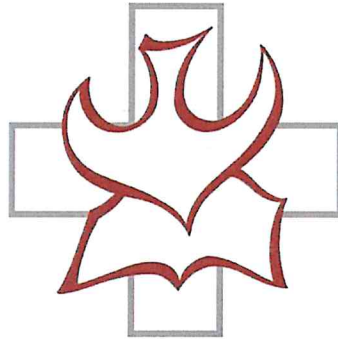
We are planning an Easter Continental breakfast, so I would appreciate any and all help. We will need to set up on Saturday before Easter Sunday. We need donations of baked goods. We need muffins, pastries, doughnuts, fruit and anything else that would fit.

Please call me if you have questions or wish to volunteer.

Thank You

Sherea Weiss
Fellowship
251-327-5052

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CONFIRMATION SUNDAY IS MAY 1st

This year we are thankful for our 2 Confirmands:

Hunter Hosey

Joey Large Kringel

MISSIONS

FEBRUARY

On February 13th, you were asked to *Let the Good Times Roll*. After two trips to the Ronald McDonald House (because the first trip *completely* filled the backseat and cargo area of a full-sized SUV from floor to ceiling), it was apparent that Grace Lutheran responded to this mission with a resounding "Challenge Accepted!"

125 Rolls
of Paper Towels

316 Rolls
of Toilet Paper

+



+

100 Bars
of Soap

= 1 Happy House!



MARCH

March 13th launched our mission to support Grace's chapter of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML). Sunday, April 3rd is our *Mission of the Month* deadline, but everyone is strongly encouraged to continue to use their Mite Boxes throughout the year and turn in your loose change the first Sunday of every month. *Small* steps can add up to **BIG** change.

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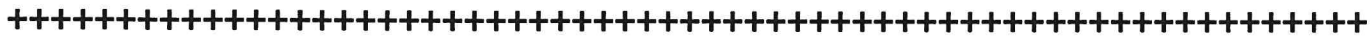
APRIL



Join us this month as we shower love upon the new moms and mothers-to-be of the *Women's Resource Center*. The gift registry will be printed in your bulletin as well as posted on Facebook



The Missions Committee is looking for someone to handle the graphic design for things like our bulletin announcements, Facebook posts, and maybe even a better heading for this section of the newsletter! If interested, please contact Lacey at Missions@gracelutheranmobile.com



LWML meeting, Wednesday, April 6, 2022 , 10:00 a.m. at the church.

LWML meeting Wednesday, May 4, 2022, 10:00 a.m. at the church.

Grace LWML will be hosting a Baby Shower benefitting the Women's Resource Center Mobile on Saturday, April 30, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at the church. Please plan to join us for food, fun and fellowship. If you have any question, please contact Annetta Seckel and Marilyn Kearney.



List of Needs



Amazon & Walmart Gift Cards

Baby Toiletries
(Diaper Rash Cream, Shampoo, Lotion, Baby Wash etc)

Baby Wipes

Bibs & Burp pads

Bottles & Nubby Sip Cups

Diapers & Diaper Bags

Hooded Towels & Baby Washcloths

Infant Health Care & Grooming Sets
(Nail Clippers, Hairbrush Sets, Nasal Aspirators, Thermometers etc)

Infant Toys
(Bath Toys / Teething Toys)

Onesies (Newborn - 24 months)

Outfits (Newborn - 24 months)

Pacifiers & Pacifier Clips

Sleepers (Newborn - 24 months)

Sleep Sacks & Swaddle Blankets

Socks, Booties and Shoes





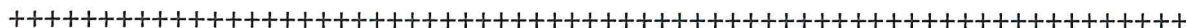
MUSIC NOTES

Choirs will meet on Wednesdays.

Special Easter Season rehearsal times. New times will be posted after Easter.

If you are interested in joining the choirs, please contact Chris and Connie Rowe at 251-270-9000.

Chris and Connie Rowe



To ALL whom this concerns,

From my heart, filled with gratitude, thank you for the honor of receiving "The Medal of Grace".

To God be all praise for all He has done for me.

In Christian Love,

Beverly Waite



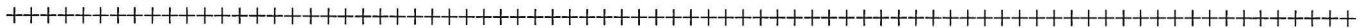
Mother's Day is Sunday, May 8th

We Pray for Mothers

Loving God, we ask your blessings on all mothers.
May they be inspired with your mercy, wisdom,
strength and selfless love.

For new mothers with new responsibilities; For expectant mothers, wondering and waiting;
For those who are tired, stressed or depressed; For those who balance the tasks of work and
family; For those whose children have physical, mental or emotional disabilities; For those who
raise children on their own; For those who struggle to feed their children due to poverty; For
those who selflessly place their child for adoption; For those who adopt a child into their family;
For those who have lost a child; For those who care for the children of others; For those whose
children have left home; For those whose desire to be a mother has not been fulfilled.

Bless all mothers, that their love may be
deep and tender, and that they may lead their
children to know and do what is good.



Called to Glory:

+ Jerry Kearney + February 11, 2022

+ Randy Tanner + March 16, 2022

Camp Dixie 2022

Chicken Dinner Schedule

All Camp Dixie Chicken Dinners are served from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm



Dates for 2022!

January 09, 2022
February 13, 2022
March 13, 2022
April 03, 2022
June 12, 2022
September 11, 2022
October 09, 2022
November 13, 2022

**Bring Your Family And Friends And Enjoy Fellowship,
And Fun, While Having Some FANTASTIC Fried Chicken!**

**Dine-In & Take Out Orders
For More Information, Please
Call (251) 987-1201 Or Visit Our Website
www.campdixieministries.org
Located At: 29711 Josephine Dr. Elberta, AL 36530**

All Proceeds Benefit Camp Dixie Lutheran Outdoor Ministry.

Camp Dixie is Supported By: Grace Lutheran, Mobile, AL
St. Mark's Lutheran, Elberta, AL St. Paul's Lutheran, Foley, AL
Immanuel Lutheran, and Redeemer Lutheran, Pensacola, FL



And Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.' Matthew 19:14

Camp Dixie, located in Elberta, AL, is seeking college age young adults to serve on our 2022 Summer Staff.



Summer Theme: "The Water of Life" A focus on our Baptism and the power that comes from being a "Child of God."

Spend your summer

Helping children study God's Word



Enjoying God's Creation on Perdido Bay

Worshiping God around evening campfires



Leading a variety of recreational activities (GaGa Ball, Archery, Arts & Crafts, Singing, Disc Golf, and Challenge Course)

If interested in finding out how you can be part of Camp Dixie Ministry this summer, please contact us at the address below.



Camp Dixie Lutheran Outdoors Ministry Center
29711 Josephine Dr.
Elberta, AL 36530
251-987-1201
director@campdixieministries.org
Richard A. Frederick, Director

We are a camp serving the Southern District of the LCMS



April Birthdays

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| 1- Joseph Strickland | 14- Kaylie Griffin |
| 3- Derrick Griffin | 17- Gail Gehlken |
| 4- Carl Haynes | 20- Marguerite Neiden |
| 6- Cary P. March | 21- Madison Mueller |
| 8- Jan Tanner | 25- Nick West |
| 11- Pastor Wayne J. Miller | 29- Collin Bryant |
| 12- Jimmy Webb | |

April Wedding Anniversaries

- 3- James and Debbie Andreasen
- 6- Dick and Karin Cote'
- 11- Kelly and Steve Beck
- 14- Rev. Dr. Tilahun Menedo and Aberash Ameje
- 15- Steven and Lisa Middleton
- 22- Daniel and Beth Unger
- 25- Wayne and Barbara Merritt

Celebrate May Birthdays



May Birthdays

1- Jon Kringel
2- Marisa Grigsby
David Hoffman Sr.
5- Karen Strickland
7- Riley Mangino
9- Stacey Hoff
11- Jeremy Griffin
14- Heike Crane
16- Mike Milling
17- Cully Tims

17- Michael Tims
20- Kenny Weiss, Jr.
22- Angela Mueller
Elexis Mueller
26- Jennifer Eiland
27- Jackie Zastrow
28- Dennis Jacobson
28- Beth Unger
29- John Gray
29- Eric Weiss

May Wedding Anniversaries

2- John and Sylvia Gray
20- Jimmy and Martha Webb
23- Steve and Kelly Johnson
24- Mike and Debbie Milling