

## News from the Chairman of Grace

We are very excited to announce our new Music Director, Mrs. Hillary Rayo.

Now that we have a music director in place, if you are interested in hand chimes, children's choir, adult choir, solo opportunities, if you play an instrument that you would be willing to play in worship, please contact the church office, or Hillary at [hrayo@glcvirginia.org](mailto:hrayo@glcvirginia.org).

The Voter's Assembly approved a motion to move forward with the next step of building renovations by hiring an architect to draw up executable plans. More information to come.

There are some excellent plans in the works for a Board of Evangelism sponsored community health fair this summer. More information to come.

We will be converting to new church management software in the coming few months. You may be called upon to fill in some gaps in our records if needed. Thanks to all involved with this project!

Brian Klein  
Congregational Chairman

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### **LENTEN SERVICE SCHEDULE**

**Wednesday Lenten Service**

**11:15am & 7:15pm**

**March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 1**

### **HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE**

**April 5, 9:30 AM**

**Palm / Passion Sunday**

**April 9, 11:15 AM & 7:15 PM**

**Maundy Thursday**

**Communion Service**

**April 10, 11:15 AM & 7:00 PM**

**Good Friday Tenebrae Service**

**April 12, 6:30 AM**

**Easter Sunrise Service**

**with Holy Communion**

***Easter Brunch served between the worship services 8:00am—9:00am***

**April 12, 9:30 AM**

**Easter Festival Service**

**with Holy Communion**

**GRACE LIFERS** also known as OWLS (Older Wiser Lutherans) will meet on **March 5, 2020 at noon** at Church for a soup, sandwich and salad luncheon. Please let Shirley Brennan know at 703-680-3989 if you plan on attending and include whether or not you are bringing food.

Calling all book lovers to **Grace Book Club** on the **first Saturday of the month at 2:00pm** in the multi-purpose room next to the kitchen. This is a fun group of people who enjoy reading and discussing characters, plots, and authors. Please come and join us on **Saturday, March 7th**. Light refreshments are provided. Questions, please contact Ferrin Simmons (simmons fj@gmail.com).

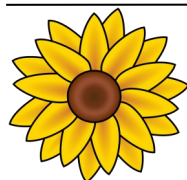


**MoG, YOU WANT TO BE PART OF THIS!** MoG is, the Men of Grace. MoG provides a Bible study every month. MoG is present on church committees, church council, at church activities and events, provides support to Sunday morning services. MoG sponsors several programs within the congregation. MoG is fellowship among the men of Grace. MoG is as dynamic part of Grace Lutheran Church! **Men of Grace meets the second Saturday of each month at 8 AM for breakfast and Bible study.** Enter through the kitchen door. We hope you will drop in this month. Contact Paul Willemann (willemannpaul@gmail.com) if you have a question.



Our monthly Women's Bible Study will be on **Saturday, March 14th at 9:00** in the large Sunday School room. Please enter the church through the side door in the front of the church. Alissa Martin has graciously agreed to lead us again this year and has suggested "None Like Him" by Jen Wilkin. Please contact Ferrin Simmons simmons fj@gmail.com or (703)491-9085, if you are interested in joining this study. We hope that all the women of Grace will plan on participating in this wonderful opportunity to study God's Word and enjoy fellowship with other Christian women.

The next **ROMEO** breakfast is **Wednesday, March 11th** at Bob Evans, Potomac Mills, at the usual time (**8:15AM**). It's a good time to get together, to share stories, concerns, and other miscellaneous thoughts while having some of the Bob Evans Ground Hog Gravy! Come join us. Have a blessed week!



**ALTAR FLOWERS:** The sign up sheet for altar flowers is hanging in the hallway near the water fountain. Please sign up as a way to remember a loved one who has passed away or perhaps to celebrate a birthday or anniversary. The arrangements are \$30 each (\$60 for both) and after the Sunday service, can be taken home and enjoyed. Please make checks out to Grace Lutheran Church and put "Altar Flowers" in the memo line.



**Feeding the Community**

**MARCH 2020 ACTS HUNGER PREVENTION CENTER FOOD DRIVE:** The ACTS collection at Grace for the month of March, 2020, will be non-carbonated beverages. **For example items can be apple juice, grape juice, Gatorade, Sunny D, boxed juice drinks, ground coffee, tea bags, or any other beverages that would need to be refrigerated after opening.** Please place your donations into the blue bins in the hallway of the church. If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Willemann at willemann1@comcast.net.



**BABY BLANKETS TO CARE NET:** On Sunday, February 9th, Care Net gave a short presentation to the congregation. After the service, the Grace Quilting Group presented Care Net with baby blankets that had been quilted, knitted, or crocheted by congregational members. Care Net gives these blankets to mothers who choose to keep their babies. It will be the first gift the mother will receive for her baby. Care Net was very grateful for Grace's donations as they had almost run out of baby blankets to give to their clients. If you knit or crochet and would like to donate a finished baby blanket, Grace donates baby blankets to both Care Net and the Sentara Hospital nursery. Please join the Grace Quilting group every Monday morning from 9-12 noon if you would like learn to quilt blankets. Please talk to Darlene Roth (darlenemroth9@gmail.com or Debbie Willemann (willemann1@comcast.net) if you have questions.

**MATTHEW 25 MINISTRIES RECAP FOR JANUARY 2020:** In the month of January **84 prescription pill bottles** and **56 over-the-counter bottles** were collected. We continue to collect pill bottles every month for clinics in Africa. Remember to remove all personal identifiable information on the prescription bottles. All other labels can be left on. Please ask family, friends and neighbors to contribute to this worthy outreach. Please deposit all pill bottles in the large blue container in the hallway. Thank you for continuing to drop off these bottles at Grace. If you have any questions, please contact Vicki Steinhibel (vicki\_stein@hotmail.com) or Debbie Willemann(willemann1@comcast.net)

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**JANUARY 2020 RECAP FOR ACTS HUNGER PREVENTION**

**CENTER:** On January 27th, 2020, **120 pounds of food** was delivered to ACTS. The delivery included **85 boxes of cereal**. All donations are welcome. Thank you Grace for your continued support of ACTS.

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**FEBRUARY 2020 RECAP FOR ACTS HUNGER PREVENTION CENTER:** On February 24, 2020, **78 pounds of personal hygiene** items were delivered to ACTS. The delivery consisted of shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and soap. All donations are welcome. Thank you Grace for your continued support of ACTS.

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**LAKERIDGE FELLOWSHIP HOUSE:** Some of the residents at the Lakeridge Fellowship House have been busy knitting, crocheting and sewing so that they can join Grace in reaching out to the community to donate baby hats, baby blankets and children's pajamas. This past week **19 more baby hats** were donated to Grace for distribution. To date the Lakeridge Fellowship House has now donated 59 baby hats, 5 baby blankets and 7 sets of pajamas for children size 4-10. The baby items are being donated to the Sentara Hospital nursery and Care Net, and the children's pajamas are being sent to Concordia Lutheran Church for their clothing ministry.

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**GRACE QUILTING GROUP:** Quilters are hard at work **every Monday from 9am-12 pm** creating baby quilts that will be donated to the Sentara Hospital Neonatal Care Unit/Nursery and Care Net/First Care Women's Health Center. Quilts are also being made for members of Grace who may become hospitalized. If you would like to learn how to quilt or just would like to come for the fellowship, please join us every Monday at 9 am in the Multi-Purpose Room. Speak with Darlene Roth (darlenemroth9@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

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## Board of Christian Education

**VERSE OF THE MONTH:** "Your word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path." Psalm 119:105

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**WEDNESDAY MORNING 10:00 AM BIBLE STUDY:**

March 4, 11 and 25: Pastor Martin — Romans

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS:**

Pastor Martin – Various topics based on Pastor Martin's favorites.

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## Do Not Be Afraid!

*"A young man dressed in a white robe . . . said, 'You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, Who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples and Peter . . .'" (Mark 16:5-7).*

*"Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid" (Mark 16:8).*

Who wouldn't tremble and be afraid! You go to anoint a body to prepare it for a proper burial, but the body is missing. Then some ethereal creature tells you the body isn't there because it is no longer dead but alive. Who could take it in? *"Don't be alarmed" the man in white said. Yeah, right!*

Yet, looking back, perhaps the women remembered the thousands He had fed with only two fish and five loaves of bread (Matthew 14:15-21). Maybe they thought again about the raising of Lazarus from the dead (John 11:38-44). After all, He was the one who had stilled the raging sea (Mark 4:35-41).

Somewhere, sometime, that trembling and bewilderment turned to joy and faith, for they did go tell His disciples and Peter (Matthew 28:8). And Jesus met them and greeted them, and they worshipped Him. *"Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid. Go and tell My brothers . . .'" (Matthew 28:9-10).*

Jesus' last command is the same as this one: Don't be afraid. Go and tell. We can understand the fear of the women at the empty tomb. What are we afraid of? Trouble? Or hardship? Persecution? Or famine? Nakedness? Or danger? Or sword? There is no fear in these things! *"No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him Who loved us" (Romans 8:35, 37). We have the benefit of history. The women at the tomb couldn't fathom the outcome, but we have God's Word that assures us of our victory in Christ. We have His promise, "And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age" (Matthew 28:20). So don't be afraid! Go and tell! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!*



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### You Never Know When You Need Emergency Funds

The Family Emergency StewardAccount is for those moments in life when you need funds that are not in your monthly budget.

It could be flooding in your basement; a midnight trip to the emergency room; a bigger than expected tax bill; or a pet's life-saving surgery.

Open a Family Emergency StewardAccount today and you'll sleep soundly when those unexpected expenses hit.

Call 800-843-5233 or visit [lcef.org](http://lcef.org) to open an account today.

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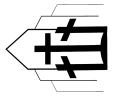
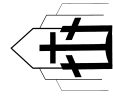
### WHEREVER YOU GO

The Men of Grace are sponsors of the **Wherever You Go** program at Grace Lutheran Church. The program has been developed to let the new drivers of the congregation know that the members of Grace are supporting them as they pass this milestone, receiving their driver's license. With this exciting privilege comes significant responsibility. We want the new driver's to know that their church family is concerned for their welfare; and what better way to show this than by praying for them!

Please submit the name of any new driver to Pastor or the church office as we want to pray for them and present them with a gift at an upcoming church service. Questions about the program may be directed to Paul Willemann ([willemannpaul@gmail.com](mailto:willemannpaul@gmail.com))

Currently the pictured key chain  
is available and will be presented.





# MARCH 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 9:30am Worship Service 11:00am Sunday School 12:00pm VBS Core Team Mtg. 3:00pm Reserved 6:30pm Confirmation	2 9:00am Grace Quilters	3	4 10:00am Bible Study 10:00am Oromo Lutheran Worship 11:15am Worship Service 7:15pm Worship Service	5 12:00pm Grace Lifers	6	7 8:00am Bd of Property 8:30am Bd of Tech Mgmt. 2:00pm Book Club 3:00pm Reserved - Fellowship Hall 7:00pm Reserved - Sanctuary
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22 9:30am Worship Service 11:00am Sunday School 3:00pm Reserved 6:30pm Confirmation	23 9:00am Grace Quilters <b>**Newsletter Articles Due</b>	24 7:00pm Church Council	25 10:00am Bible Study 10:00am Oromo Lutheran Worship 11:15am Worship Service 7:15pm Worship Service	26	27	28 8:00am Reserved 7:00pm Reserved
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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

1st Maureen Elliott  
5th Darpan Wilson  
Lahrish Wilson  
7th Gabriel Mortenson  
9th Ashley Bryant  
14th Barbara Marr  
Jenny Mortenson  
15th Jan Van Gorder  
19th Melissa Geyer  
Tristun Roberts  
21st Pastor Martin  
Debbie Willemann  
22nd Carl Killian  
23rd Roseann Potter  
27th John Fagerberg  
Megan Manuel  
Don Van Campenhout  
28th Doug Marocco  
29th Phil Manuel  
30th Dan Buer  
31st Riley Olphin



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!

19th Leo & Kim Morgan  
25th Josh & Shannon Wengel  
26th Kathy & Bob Randolph

## STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

### February 5th Service

Worship Attendance:

168

Offerings Received: \$9,101.00

### February 9th Service

Worship Attendance:

155

Offerings Received: \$6,384.17

### February 16th Service

Worship Attendance:

163

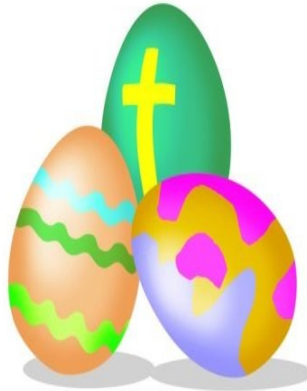
Offerings Received: \$6,203.53

### February 23rd Service

Worship Attendance:

165

Offerings Received: \$5,451.00



## THE GREAT EASTER EGG HUNT

Mark your calendars! Invite your friends!

*We will have games, crafts,  
a recitation of the Easter story,  
lunch, and an official Egg Hunt!*

*Easter Egg Hunt! Crafts! Games!  
Lunch!*

**Saturday, April 11, 2020  
10:30am-1:30pm**

### Donations Needed:

Plastic eggs and individually wrapped candy  
Goal for this year is **2,500**

## **PRAYERS AND INTERCESSIONS**

**NOTE NEW EMAIL ADDRESS:** Send your prayer requests to [prayerchain@glcvirginia.org](mailto:prayerchain@glcvirginia.org) or the church office at [grace@glcvirginia.org](mailto:grace@glcvirginia.org), or your Elder.

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### **HEALING / COMFORT:**

Vic Clevenger  
Louise Ensminger  
Bonnie Farrell  
Rose Graham  
Trish Gogats (Manuel)  
Jerry MacDonald (McDevitt)  
Mary Payne (Steinhilbel)  
Tish Simmons (Ferrin & John)  
Eli Stearns (Mortenson)  
Joe Williams( Gierber)

### **SERVICE MEMBERS:**

Renée Anderson, USAF  
Jesse Bryant, USA  
Abby Chewning, ANG  
Derek Bright, USAF  
Dan Buer, ARNG  
James Rubocki, USMC  
Michael Rupp, USAF  
Stephen Simmons, USMC  
Tim Uecker, USAF  
Jonathan Buck, USMC (Johnson)  
Paul DeLong, USA (Fred & Carol)  
Chandler Duncan, USA (Weiss)  
Steven Fosheim, USA (Martin)  
Randall Harvey, USAF (Herbolsheimer)  
Chris Hobbs, USAF (Ernie & Diana)  
Shawn Hobbs, USAF (Ernie & Diana)  
Stephen Lord, USA (Weiss)  
Evan Marr, ARNG (Frank & Barbara)  
Leith Masri, ARNG (Jones)  
Paul Steinhilbel, ARNG (Vicki)  
Nathan Weiss, USAF (Gordon)

### **LONG TERM PRAYERS NEEDED:**

Susan Furst  
Elfriede Kinney  
Norma Murray  
Loxleigh Olphin  
Jimmy Young  
George Bocsor (Potter)  
Linda Bocsor (Potter)  
Rosemary Bregande (Marr)  
Gail Carter (Randolph)  
Dawn (Nasi)  
Rick Fahnestock (Koontz)  
Aris Johnson (Haeske)  
Donnie Love (Potter)  
Johnny Mothershed (Simmons)  
Josephine Pustorino (Martinez)  
Jon Van Gorder (Jan/Carol)  
Lori Weiss (Gordon)  
Cassie Zwierzynski (Owen)

### **THANKSGIVING**

Birth of Serenity Grace (Potter)

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## **LUTHERANS FOR LIFE EVENT**

**Katey Price, J.D., Associate Scholar of Charlotte Lozier Institute, will be addressing the Lutherans for Life, Northern Virginia Chapter, on April 4 at 10am at Living Savior Lutheran, Fairfax Station, VA.**

Ms. Price, formerly the Communications Director and now Associate Scholar, will speak on the dangers of “do-it-yourself” abortion. It’s becoming increasingly normalized in our society, pushed on teens and young women, and referred to as “completely safe” and yet, we know women go through horrific experiences while going through an abortion at home and alone.

Prior to joining Charlotte Lozier Institute, Ms. Price ran and handled press for several federal campaigns in the national spotlight. She’s done virtually every job on a campaign from field canvasser to press secretary, on up to campaign manager and outside consultant. She got her start in Washington working on trade policy and dairy issues at a boutique lobbying firm before transitioning to legal practice in Colorado—only to have the political siren’s song draw her back once again.

Katey is a proud graduate of The Ohio State University and Regent University School of Law. She’s admitted to practice law in Maryland and Colorado, and her practice areas include sports and transactional law as well as an interest in legislation and constitutional law.

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Return Service Requested

*"The members Grace Lutheran Church are followers of Jesus, equipped by the Holy Spirit, to share God's love with everyone."*

**"Look at the nations  
and watch— and be  
utterly amazed. For I  
am going to do  
something in your days  
that you would not  
believe, even if you  
were told.  
Habakkuk 1:5**



**Climb aboard for mountains of fun !**

**JUNE 15-19**