# GRACE MESSENGER

# April, 2025

# Grace Lutheran Log Church

#### FROM THE PASTOR:

Dear Family and Friends of Grace Lutheran,

As we continue our Lenten journey leading up to Holy Week and Easter, I was gently reminded of Joel 2:12; "Return to me with your whole heart."

Lent is the time when we hear God calling us back to Him. In returning to God, bring with you those things that He desires you to lay at the foot of the cross.

Those things in your life that you would like to change, but need help to make it happen. Those things that just aren't working for you to grow in the ways you know God is calling you to. Those things you simply have too much of and don't really need.

Those things that have allowed walls to be built up. Those things that are keeping you from God's best.

God invites us to bring it all to the foot of the cross - even the things we are too embarrassed or ashamed to talk about.

God works in us to bring us back to Him once again. Returning to God is more than an exchange for something of equal value. No, this is a process of transformation. This is the work of Lent!

God Bless You All, Pastor Lorelie (Thank you to Pastor Michelle Ruen for her reminder of this part of my Lenten journey)

### **Council Notes:**

At our March council meeting we reflected on the need to use our time, talents, all our resources to "reach out" rather than only reaching in. More often than not we devote our resources to primarily taking care of our existing members and the Grace facility.

Our constitution states our mission clearly, "we are called to carry out Christ's Great Commission by reaching out to all people to bring them to faith" and "serve to meet the human needs of the poor and powerless, caring for the sick and aged, advocating for dignity and justice for all". New news? No, this is at the core of Jesus' ministry and teachings.

The Grace council, with your help, will be looking for ways to accomplish more of that mission by "reaching out" - all the while not abandoning the on-going needs of our congregation. Your ideas are needed and welcomed!

## **Sundays:**

Worship & Sunday school 9:00 am

Bible Study 8:00 am (all welcome)

Wednesday April 2nd: Log Church

Lent Service 6:30 pm (light meal 5:30)

Wednesday April 9th: Log Church

Lent Service 6:30 pm (light meal 5:30)

Friday April 11th:

Bake Sale @ Grand Timber Bank

**Tuesday April 15th:** 

Grace Women Meeting 1:00 pm

Thursday April 17th:

Maundy Thursday Serv 6:30 pm

Friday April 18th:

Good Friday Service 6:30 pm

Saturday April 19th:

Easter Egg Hunt 10:00 am

Wednesday April 23rd:

Council Meeting 6:30 pm

Sunday April 27th

Sunday Funday 4-7pm

Covenant Pines Bible Camp-Gym &

Cafeteria. Gym time and pot-luck.

Remember A.SA.P.

Always Say a Prayer

# Spring Tea ~ Saturday May 3, 2025 11:00 – 2:00 pm

The women of Grace Lutheran Church invite women of all ages

to join us for lunch and Christian

Fellowship. You will experience the joy of fellowship, lunch, sweet treats, tea, music and great speakers.

We would love to see you there! Please RSVP by email gracelutheranlogchurch@gmail.com Or call 218-426-3343



# McGregor Food Shelf Donation

Our church just donated over \$650 to the McGregor Area Food Shelf. This money comes from the donations that you put into the basket during Sunday Fellowship time.

Thank you to all those that serve the coffee and treats after the Sunday service and to those of you that throw a small donation into the basket!!

Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 19th @ 10:00 am. A hunt for 6 and under and a separate for hunt for 7 and older. A fun time for all! Pizza for lunch.



# Come and join the fun!

May 4th is Grubby Sunday with Potluck. Dress in your grubby clothes to help clean up the yard and cemetery.

May 21st Grace is serving the Community Meal @ the Community Center.

#### GRACE LUTHERAN LOG CHURCH OF BIG SANDY

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# Lay People Serving in April

# ReadersCommunion Assist6: LenPeggy13: SandyNapoli20: IzzySandy

Aileen

# Fellowship coffee/treats

13:

6:

27: Jon

20:

27:



### Counter's List

6: Kendra & Deanna

13: Deb & Liz D

20: Lynette & June

27: Liz E & Sandy

#### **GRACE COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Len Flesher (President)

Todd Streeter (Vice President)

Lynne Jacobs (Secretary)

Bev Streeter

Liz Eddy

Lynette Maas

Dick Rohde

David Hoover

Jon Napoli

"Through Grace we grow, share and spread God's Love"