

GRACE MESSENGER

March, 2025

Grace Lutheran Log Church



FROM THE PASTOR:

Dear Family and Friends of Grace Lutheran,

The Lenten Season starts on Ash Wednesday, March 5. We, as Christians, observe Lent “to remember Jesus’ suffering and sacrifice, and to prepare for Easter. Lent is a time of reflection, prayer, and penance.”

The 40 days of Lent are also a time to DO things; to pray, to fast, and to give alms. It is a time to look forward to the glorious Resurrection.

This Lenten Season, on Sundays, my messages will be based on “Spending Lent with the Psalms” a book by Elizabeth F. Caldwell. We will be looking at Psalm 51, Psalm 25, Psalm 27, Psalm 130, and Psalm 118. On Maundy Thursday, we will look at Psalm 116, and Good Friday, Psalm 22.

Midweek Lenten services, starting on March 19, will be based on the book “Reliving the Passion” as recorded in Mark. The author is Walter Wngerin, Jr. I encourage you to bring your Bible with you to the midweek services. The format of these services will be a little different than what we are used to.

DO: Prayer, fasting (reflection), and almsgiving. As you pray, draw closer to the Lord as the center of your life - and the reason you do everything.

God Bless You All,
Pastor Lorelie

Sunday Fun Day—March 2nd

Families gathered for food, fun and conversation.



Sundays:

Worship & Sunday school 9:00 am

Bible Study 8:00 am (all welcome)

March 5th:

Ash Wednesday 6:30 p.m. (Old Log Church)

March 18th:

Grace Women Meeting 1:00 pm

March 19th:

Council Meeting 6:30 pm

Lenten Services

March 19 and 26, April 2 & 9

5:30 Light Meal

6:30 Services in Old Log Church

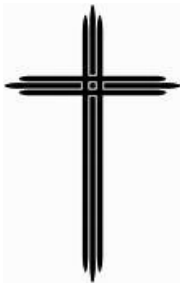


Remember A.S.A.P.
Always Say a Prayer

COUNCIL NOTES:

As spring approaches we are looking forward to finishing projects that were previously planned for this year and looking at other building and property needs that should be addressed. We will finish the repair and painting of the north exterior wall of the church, begin repairs to the log church front steps and front door, improve exterior lighting of the church and parking lot, updating the sign along Lake Avenue, and others as needed. We have ordered a new electronic keyboard for the log church to replace the piano that doesn't work. We will be painting the interior walls of the fellowship hall, children's room and narthex.

As always we look forward to help on all projects from you our congregation - as 1 Peter 4:10 reminds us: "each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."



For Lent, we would like to put up a "Wall of Crosses". If you have a cross at home that you would like to share, please bring it to church to be added to the wall. The wall will start on March 2nd and stay up through Easter and then you can take your crosses home again. Please don't bring anything TOO BIG.

Mark your calendars!

Easter Egg Hunt April 19th



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

GRACE LUTHERAN LOG CHURCH OF BIG SANDY

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Lay People Serving in March

Readers

2: Rob

9: Deb

16: Deanna

23: Lynette

30: Dick

Communion Assist

Kendra

Peggy

Sandy

Napoli

Kendra

Fellowship coffee/treats

2:

9:

16:

23:

30:

March is:
"Food-Shelf Month"
Donate Food or Money

Counter's List

2: Liz E & Sandy

9: Kendra & Deanna

16: Deb & Liz D

23: Todd & Lynette

30: 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"*
