



Grace Notes

KEEPING YOU CONNECTED TO THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH AT
GRACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, CASTALIA, OH

APRIL 2026

Easter

Easter comes at a time of year when we are ready for our Lord to rise from the dead. Like the tulips and daffodils coming up from the ground, our Savior rose from the tomb. Death is swallowed up in the victory of the resurrection of Jesus.

The coloring of Easter eggs is a tradition in our family. We would always hard boil eggs, let them cool, and then color the eggs in food coloring. Our boys always had fun coloring eggs. They also had fun dropping them into the food coloring so that they would splash and break. Of course, they were allowed to eat the broken ones. What a fun memory for us and hopefully for them.

I did not remember this, but the Easter egg is decorated/colored because it represents the empty tomb. We decorate the empty tomb because he is risen. So we rejoice with the colorful eggs.

From the hymn, "I Know that My Redeemer Lives!" "What comfort this sweet sentence gives! He lives, he lives, who once was dead; he lives, my ever-living head!"

Happy and joyous Easter!

Many blessings and love to you,
Minister Beth



MINISTRY UPDATES

COMMUNITY MEAL - Whether it was the snow forecast or folks traveling to a Margareta Basketball game, attendance for the March Community Meal on March 13th dropped to 140 served. However, leftovers came in handy the following week for the meal prior to the mid-week Lenten service. Thank you to everyone who contributed in some way to make the meal, serving, and deliveries all come together. We're going to try something different on April 8th and serve Baked Shrimp Alfredo, along with Lettuce, Italian Bread, and Ice Cream. Please come one and all!

GRACE'S TABLE FOOD PANTRY - Our food pantry routinely provides boxes of food items, paper items and cleaning supplies to 40-55 families monthly, with an average of 194 people. In March we served 54 families with all the items listed above, along with a ham for Easter. Thank you to everyone for your faithful generosity and donations to this important ministry! It takes everyone to make it a successful ministry!

SEWING MINISTRY - Carl Pocock reported that we already have 40+ quilts completed this year and continue to be very busy the first and third Wednesday of the April from 9-11 AM. The donations of thread, fabric and used sheets and other bedding are all very useful. Sewing every week will resume in May.

SUNDAY SCHOOL - Younger Class- Congratulations to Callie Ann and Chase Gysan for earning enough attendance points to be awarded a Bible. Wendy France, Lindsey Kuns, Wyatt Steager, and Gunner Kuns have also earned their next Attendance Award and will be selecting what contributions they can make to our worship service. The children have also been practicing the song they plan to sing on Easter and have started to learn the Apostles' Creed.

Mr. Pocock's Class- Students are really digging into Bible stories, accompanied by hands-on activities that will reinforce their Bible knowledge.

The regular Sunday School classes will end on May 17th for the summer.



HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

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Please note: This list is comprised of individuals who have authorized their residence information to be published. If you are a member of Grace and would like to be placed on the homebound list, please contact Beth Kieffer in the office at 419-684-5059.

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
 Where there is hatred, let me sow love.
 Where there is injury, pardon.
 Where there is doubt, faith.
 Where there is despair, hope.
 Where there is darkness, light.
 Where there is sadness, joy.



Prayer of Peace

O Divine Master,
 grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled,
 as to console;
 to be understood, as to understand;
 to be loved, as to love.
 For it is in giving that we receive.
 It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
 and it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life.
 Amen.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:

March 29 - Palm Sunday Worship at 9:00AM
 April 2nd- Maundy Thursday Worship at 7:00PM
 April 3rd - Good Friday Worship at 7:00PM
 April 5th - Sunrise Worship 6:30AM
 April 5th - Easter Breakfast 7:30AM
 April 5th - Easter Sunday Worship at 9:00AM



Holy Week

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Be sure to call or email your information for the weekly bulletin announcements to Brenda in the church office at BMacdonald@gracecastalia.org by **9AM on Thursday** at the latest. **Newsletter** announcements are due no later than the 20th of the month.

To have your prayer request placed on the Grace Prayer Chin, please contact Lynne Yetter at 419-603-6759.





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S	M	T	W	
			Sewing 9-11AM Choir - 7PM	1 M
5 Easter Sunrise Worship - 6:30AM Easter Breakfast 7:30AM Easter Worship - 9:00AM	6	7 Morning Prayer 6:15AM	8 Community Meal 5-6PM Choir - 7PM	M
12 WORSHIP – 9AM Sunday School and Catechism - 10:15am 4H - 6:00 - 7:30PM	13	14 Morning Prayer 6:15AM Circle 3 - 1:30PM Circle 5 - 7:00PM	15 Sewing 9-11AM Choir - 7PM	M
19 WORSHIP – 9AM Sunday School and Catechism - 10:15am	20	21 Morning Prayer 6:15AM Church Council - 7PM	22 Choir - 7PM	M
26 WORSHIP – 9AM Sunday School and Catechism - 10:15am 4H - 6:00 - 7:30PM	27	28 Morning Prayer 6:15AM	29 Choir - 7PM	M

APRIL READERS

- 5. Brenda Ried
- 12. Joanne Shelley
- 19. Joshua Pocock
- 26. Jean Smith

APRIL ASSISTING MINISTERS

- 5. Jane Ann Cummings
- 12. Barb Rohrbacher
- 19. tbd
- 26. Jane Ann Cummings

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2 Morning Prayer 6:15AM Maundy Thursday Worship - 7:00PM	3 Good Friday Worship - 7:00PM	4
9 Morning Prayer 6:15AM	10 Kitchen in use all day for Spaghetti Dinner.	11 Kitchen in use all day for Spaghetti dinner. Serving 4:30PM until sold out.
16 Morning Prayer-6:15AM	17	18 Food Pantry 9-10AM
23 Morning Prayer-6:15AM	24	25
30 Morning Prayer-6:15AM		

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1. Tracy Troxel
2. Rebecca Lander
3. Cheryl Troxel
4. Dennis Grahl
5. Sharon Miller
7. Vincent Barnette, Cooper Hermes
11. Benjamin Coffman
14. Richard Hoffman, Calab Kuns
16. Joan Crawford
17. Carl Pocock
20. Melanae Gast
21. Rod Smith
23. Nick Kuns, Tayler Sessler
24. Ashlie Gowitzka, Jerry Riggle
29. Caliann Gysan



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

April 24th: Marla and Randy Troike
April 29th: Courtney and Rob Gysan

HAPPY
Anniversary

APRIL USHERS

1. Rieds
2. Barb Rohrbacher
9. tbd
6. tbd

APRIL FLOWERS

5. Easter Garden
12. Len Kuns
19. Martha Bosworth
26. Kim & Wayne Gysan

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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GRACE GROWS DISCIPLES.

Marked with the cross of Christ forever, we WORSHIP the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, WITNESS to God's plan of salvation through Jesus Christ, WELCOME all into our community of faith.

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