

# Grace Lutheran Church



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### From the Pastor

This will be the last time I write this column. Much has happened to both you and to me since we first met. As many of you know I am no longer the three quarter time pastor of Grace Lutheran Church in Canastota and I am soon no longer to be even the part time Pastor. In the words of a fellow Child of God, "For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven."

In God's grand scheme there was a time for His Only Begotten Son to be born of a virgin in a lowly stable in Bethlehem. There was a time for Jesus to begin His ministry among the people He had come to redeem. And in the "Fullness of God's time" Jesus suffered and died for the sins of the whole of humanity, including your sins and my sins. But again, in His time, three days later, Jesus conquered death and the grave and rose victorious over sin, death, the grave and Satan; obtaining for us the full and total forgiveness of our sins and assuring us of life eternal in the glories of a Christ-prepared mansion in heaven.

We are presently in the season of Lent during which we are called to remember our sinfulness which caused Jesus' Incarnation and subsequent suffering and death. But soon, it will be the season to rejoice and again sing "Alleluia," Christ is Risen, He is

Risen indeed. To God alone be the Glory, forever. May this ever be our greatest joy.

As I prepare for this new chapter in my life, I am humbled to note who I am, what, by the Grace of God, I have been privileged to do and where I have been called to do it. When I began this journey in ministry some thirty years ago I could never have predicted the path I would walk and the place and circumstance under which it would end.

God has richly blessed me and my family throughout our mutual journey through times of great joy and sorrow. Through it all we have never lost sight of His guiding hand and His omnipresence. According to my plan, my retirement would come some few more years down the road; according to God's plan it is to come here, on 31 March.

This year, 2013, 31 March is the Feast of the Resurrection, perhaps more commonly known as Easter Sunday. It is, for me, a time of sorrow and a time of great joy. The sorrow is, I believe, obvious; the joy is being able to "go out" proclaiming the Joyous News of the Resurrection.

As I leave, there are a couple of things I want to leave with you:

Let me tell you a little bit about what we know concerning our Lutheran Church in this twenty-first century.

- The church we attend is NOT our Grandfather's (or Father's) Lutheran Church
- At least 80% of our congregations are either plateaued or in decline
- Many of these congregations have significant endowments which could enable vital and viable ministry but the congregations choose to use their resources to simply maintain
- Without intervention many of the 80% above will not exist in ten years
- If we keep doing ministry the same way we have been doing it for the past thirty to fifty years, we will continue to get the same results we have been getting: Decline, and eventual demise.
- The majority of our congregations are in a maintenance mode: they have not and are not fulfilling our Lord's Great Commission to "Go and Make Disciples," but are simply trying to stay in existence for some purely selfish reason.
- Congregations who have an outreach focus are blessed by God. They have more than enough resources in terms of time, talent and treasures to do the ministry that needs to be done. (Translated that means they have the bodies and bucks they need to do ministry.)

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## From the Pastor (cont.)

Our Lord, before He ascended into heaven left His Church (that's you and me) with specific instructions concerning what we are to be about and how we are to go about it. In the twenty-eighth chapter of St. Matthew's Gospel, verses nineteen and twenty Jesus Said, "Go, make Disciples of all nations, baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to obey all that I have commanded you."

Pretty specific marching orders, do you not agree? Jesus commanded His Disciples of the first century and the twenty-first century to: "**GO!**" He did not say "hang around the temple or synagogue or church and make it look pretty so people will be impressed and want to come in and join up." He did not say, "Make your worship appealing and enticing to you and to those around so that you will stay and they will come on down and put their bodies in your pews and their bucks in your offering plates." He said, "**GO, MAKE DISCIPLES!**"

He said, "**BAPTIZE THEM!**" He did not say "run enough fund raisers and programs to make sure you have enough money to keep things going as you think they should go." He said, "**TEACH THEM!**" He did not say, "Entertain them with good music and good liturgy and drama in order that they will join up and bring their friends."

And then there is that wonderful, glorious and Grace-filled promise, "**REMEMBER I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS, TO THE END OF THE AGE.**" "I am with you always." This promise of Jesus grants us the strength and the grace to move forward and do what He has commanded no matter how adverse or difficult the circumstances surrounding our ministry. In other words, as we do the will of the Lord, He will be with us, strengthen and enable us to fulfill His Command.

But here is where we fall down. Like Peter walking on the water, we see the waves of fewer bodies in the pews and bucks in the collection plate and we panic and begin to flail our arms in the water as it swirls around our head. "What should we do? We need more bodies and more bucks, what shall we do?"

Suddenly it is all about us again and we forget our Lord's words and promises. We panic and enter our survival mode. But that mode is utterly devoid of God; it is all about us and what we can and must do to survive. It is not about ministry and saving dying and perishing souls.

The early Church of the first century had a different perspective. Read the Book of Acts – it is pretty clear how the Church our Lord left not only survived but thrived and grew. "And they devoted themselves to the Apostle's teaching and Fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers...and day by day The Lord added to their number those who were being saved." Acts 2:42, 47

If we are to survive and flourish as the Church of our Lord in the twenty-first century we **MUST** get back to the basics of ministry. We **MUST** "Become lights on a hill, Apostolic Mission Outposts in the world," in the words of a dear friend and former "Bishop" in our district.

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Matthew 28:19

## From the Pastor (cont.)

People are dying every day, all around us; they do not know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior and they are going straight to hell. They think Easter is about bunnies, flowers, candy and, yes, dare I say – gathering at the lake in the early morning hours because it's a tradition. And that is not their fault, it is our fault. We have the Good News of the Gospel and we **MUST** be all and alone about sharing it with those who not only do not have it, but do not even know they need it.

Jesus told us to **GO, MAKE DISCIPLES, BAPTIZE,** and **TEACH.** Those are His words; that is His command. We have **NO** alternative. **NOTHING** is more important – not our buildings, not our music, not our liturgy and certainly not the amount of money we have in the bank. What part of if you do this “I will be with you always” do we not understand?

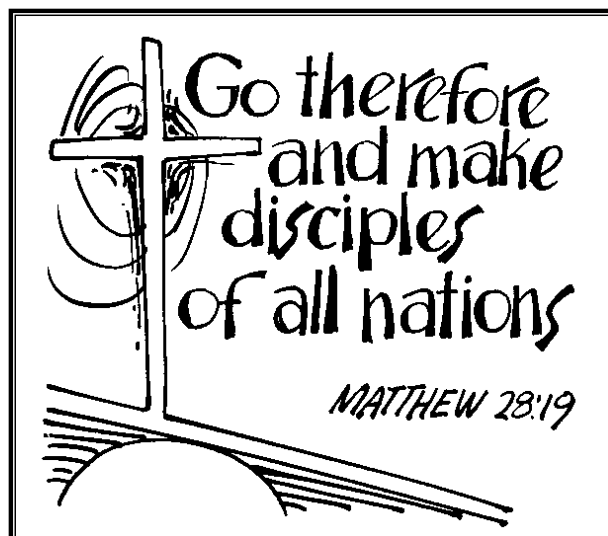
A fellow Pastor used to close all of his correspondence and conversations with the words, “I’ll see you on the battlefield.” It is a battlefield out there. People are dying and we have the “Words of Eternal Life” to share with them. Let us not get caught up in the mundane; let us, instead, get down in the trenches and “Tell The Good

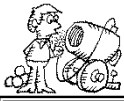
News About Jesus” to all we meet and interact with daily. Let us get away from the “good old days.” They are gone and they will not be coming back. Let us get back to the basics of ministry: **MAKING DISCIPLES, BAPTIZING, TEACHING.** If we do this, God will be with us and bless our ministry – not for our glory but for His.

Thank you so very much for the privilege of being your Pastor and for the opportunity of sharing God’s Great Good News with you. As he retired on 28 February, Pope Benedict XVI promised the faithful in the church that he would continue to pray for them. I too, promise that I will remember you in my prayers. And I pray that God will bless you and keep you; that He will make His face to shine upon you and be Gracious to you; that He will look upon you with His favor and grant you His Peace. In the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

I’ll see you on the Battlefield.

*Pastor David Bernard*





## Paul Says...

*I like to wear glasses because I can dramatically remove them to display anger. Its awkward doing that with contact lenses.*

## Changing Our Ways

*by Gladys Joy Drummond*

I prayed God would show me what I need to change in my life. God spoke to me through Galatians 5–6. If you don't want to see yourself as God sees you, don't ask.

1. Don't be bossy. Be a servant.
2. To hate self is to hate others.
3. Don't dish out what you can't eat (take in).
4. The faults I see in others often reflect my own.
5. All people need love. Find their need and fill it.
6. Am I so deep in self that I can't see truth?
7. Me, Me, Me – it's all about me. Really?
8. When speaking, do others hear the love of Christ in me?
9. Do I think that if people are not like me, they are not acceptable?
10. Do I lift others up or tear them down?
11. Do I see others through God's eyes?
12. Some people's behavior is due to emotional pain. Do I help them to hurt more?
13. When I serve the Lord, is my motive to bring glory to God or to self?
14. Do I want approval from others or from God?
15. When someone does wrong, do I lift her up in prayer?
16. When I quit feeling sorry for self, then I can see others' needs.
17. Happiness is to get self out of the way and enjoy others.
18. Do I say, "God's will in me," and then do my own thing?
19. Thank You, God, for Your Word. Help me to live by it.
20. Please let others see Jesus in me.

*Submitted by LeeDella Longway*

## Grace Lutheran Church Website

We have just changed the Grace Lutheran Church website address due to a web hosting problem. The web site has an active events calendar and past issues of our newsletter can also be downloaded. Please visit us at:

<http://www.gracelutherancny.org/>



## Grace Lutheran Church is on Facebook

You can now find us (and "Like" us) on Facebook. The account is called:

***Grace Lutheran Canastota***

If you are having problems accessing it, try to search for "Grace Lutheran Canastota Facebook" using Google.

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## Grace Lutheran Church E-mail Address

If you need to email something to the Church, we have a general email address. Pat Clark and Kathy Pavelock monitor the email periodically. The email address is:

[Gracelc.canastota.ny@gmail.com](mailto:Gracelc.canastota.ny@gmail.com)



## A Great Lesson On Stress

A young lady confidently walked around the room while leading and explaining stress management to an audience with a raised glass of water. Everyone knew she was going to ask the ultimate question, 'half empty or half full?'... She fooled them all .... "How heavy is this glass of water?" she inquired with a smile. Answers called out ranged from 8 oz. to 20 oz.

She replied , "The absolute weight doesn't matter. It depends on how long I hold it. If I hold it for a minute, that's not a problem. If I hold it for an hour, I'll have an ache in my right arm.

If I hold it for a day, you'll have to call an Ambulance. In each case it's the same weight, but the longer I hold it, the heavier it becomes." She continued, "and that's the way it is with stress. If we carry our burdens all the time, sooner or later, as the burden becomes increasingly heavy, we won't be able to carry on."

"As with the glass of water, you have to put it down for a while and rest before holding it again. When we're refreshed, we can carry on with the burden – holding stress longer and better each time practiced.

So, as early in the evening as you can, put all your burdens down. Don't carry them through the evening tomorrow.

1. Accept the fact that some days you're the pigeon, and some days you're the statue!
2. Always keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them.
3. Always read stuff that will make you look good if you die in the middle of it.
4. Drive carefully... It's not only cars that can be recalled by their Maker.
5. If you can't be kind, at least have the decency to be vague.
6. If you lend someone \$20 and never see that person again, it was probably worth it.
7. It may be that your sole purpose in life is simply to serve as a warning to others.
8. Never buy a car you can't push.
9. Never put both feet in your mouth at the same time, because then you won't have a leg to stand on.

10. Nobody cares if you can't dance well. Just get up and dance.
11. Since it's the early worm that gets eaten by the bird, sleep late.
12. The second mouse gets the cheese.
13. When everything's coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.
14. Birthdays are good for you. The more you have, the longer you live.
16. Some mistakes are too much fun to make only once.
17. We could learn a lot from crayons. Some are sharp, some are pretty and some are dull. Some have weird names and all are different colors, but they all have to live in the same box.
18. A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.
19. Have an awesome day and know that someone has thought about you today.

### AND MOST IMPORTANTLY

20. Save the earth..... It's the only planet with chocolate!  
I THINK !!!!

*Submitted by Gale Hedgecock*



### Voice of the Shepherd

If you have a desire to sing, come along and join us as we rehearse each Tuesday, 6:00 PM.

All you need is a commitment of your time and talents. Please speak with the Choir Director, Karen Devan (761-4004) for more information. Holy Scripture tells us to rejoice with singing and to lift our voices to song.

## Lenten & Easter Worship Schedule

Please take note of the service schedule for the remainder of the Lenten season.

We continue to have mid-week services on Wednesday nights, beginning at 7:00 pm with a soup supper preceding at 6:00 pm.

Holy Week starts with Palm Sunday on March 24. Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services begin at 7:00 pm.

Easter Sunrise Service starts bright and early at 6:30 am in Sylvan Beach on March 31, followed by morning worship at 10:00 am.

And as always, you'll be able to find all of these special services in the calendar at the back of the newsletter.

The parents of the teenager died long ago and she grew into a woman and has grown children of her own now, but I can still look out my window and see those kids full of joy and listen to their laughter even though it has been some 45 years.

On the other side of Route 13 are two homes which have changed greatly as well. I can still see the loving woman who lived in the house on the left, who came and invited my son, David, to go to Sunday School with her grandson (also David). I also see the wonderfully kind gentleman who lived next door to her who, although he never fathered his own children, was a wonderful "grampa" to many, including mine. Especially Paul Jr. and Kimberly.

Christmas mornings were never quite the same after these two married and moved to Texas to be near her family. They would join us for breakfast and gift giving. The joy they received from having a hand in making our kids' eyes light up is something that I will never forget. Now, all these many years later, they are both in heaven, but I can still hear the laughter and see the joy.

Take some time to look out your window from your favorite spot. God has given us the ability to hold on to all our favorite memories, treasuring them no matter how many years pass.

These wonderful times sustain us during times of trouble. This is "good medicine" which God gifts us with. Take a look out there, won't you!

*Submitted by Pat Clark*

## Looking Out My Window

### A Reprise

For the past few days I have spent a lot of time looking out my window in my little computer room. That is where the bird feeder is located for my entertainment. It is especially interesting when the cardinal hits the feeder, because this is the signal for my cat Max to make his little noises of absolute disgust.

Looking north on Route 13, I see an old falling down cottage, but I also see the lot in between where it would flood and make the ideal skating rink. The kids had a great time there. The teenage girl who lived in that cottage would come out and "teach" them how to skate. David at age 5 was really exciting to watch. He had his little double blade skates and wobbly ankles and would get running as fast as he could and grab the saplings and spin around until he could stop.



## Family Fun Night

### Variety Show (April)

Beginning in January, Grace has begun to host a monthly Family Fun Night event, to be held on the last Saturday of each month. Our first two were smashing successes, with many thanks going to Kathy Pavelock for organizing the first event, an evening of sing-along songs, and to Louise Snyder for organizing the second event, a Hawaiian Luau.

Because of the Easter season, we will not be holding one in March, so the next one will be April 27. I will be organizing the next event, and the type of event I've chosen is a Variety Show!

Details, including start time, are yet to be determined, but I am encouraging every one of our groups at Grace — LWML, choir, council, Elders/Deacons, Altar Guild, and even (or, especially!) our Sunday School children — to come up with some skit, song & dance, poem recitation, or whatever you can think of that you'd be willing to share with us!

Please keep your eyes and ears open for posters, sign-up sheets, and announcements as we approach the end of April.

We are also looking for volunteers to organize future events. Events do not have to be as elaborate as a Hawaiian Luau or a Variety Show — we have some ideas that should be very easy to organize — but we would love to see a different person organize each event. Please keep this in mind if you think it's something you'd like to do.

*Submitted by Aaron Bahr*

### Birthdays, Baptismal Birthdays & Anniversaries

If you are new to our family at Grace and have not given your information to our newsletter editor, Aaron Bahr, please take one of the pink forms on the corkboard in the foyer, fill it out and hand it to him. You can find him in the organ/choir area after worship.



### A Gaelic Prayer

Bless to me, O God, the moon that is above me  
Bless to me, O God, the earth that is beneath me

Bless to me, O God, my wife and my children  
And, Bless to me, O God, myself who have care of them.

Bless to me, O God, my wife and my children  
And, Bless to me, O God, myself who have care of them.

Bless to me, O God, the thing on which mine eye doth  
rest.

Bless to me, O God, the thing on which my hope doth  
rest,

Bless to me, O God, my reason and my purpose.  
Bless, O Bless Thou, then Thou God of Life.

Bless to me, O God, my reason and my purpose.  
Bless, O Bless Thou, then Thou God of Life.

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Bless, O Bless Thou, then Thou God of Life.

Bless to me, Bless to me, O God, my reason and my  
purpose.

Bless, O Bless Thou, then Thou God of Life.

Bless to me the bed companion of my love.  
Bless to me, the handling of my hands.

Bless, O Bless Thou to me, O God, the fencing of my  
defense.  
And Bless, O Bless, to me the angeling of my rest.

Bless, O Bless Thou to me, O God, the fencing of my  
defense.  
And Bless, O Bless, to me the angeling of my rest.

*Submitted by Andrea Dodge*



## Prayers

Please remember those in need and keep them in your prayers...

Remember those who serve in the military, our family of Grace, Richard, Bill, Shirley, Amollia G., Janice Devan Durant, Sharon Knapp, Pauline Smith, Grover Hedgecock, Jean Case, James T. White, Craig & Susan Hedgecock, Lorraine Sobieraj, Bob & Jenn Hedgecock, Mandie Egelston, Ann Eldred, Dan Smith & Tony Farrara, Ellie Russitano, Hannah Bernard, Robin Piersall, Hayley Miller, Jill Froelick-Jones, Tim Haley, Tyson Fowler, Glade Cook Jr., Ed Snyder, Duane Treece, Billy, Baby Savannah, Cody Metott, Matthew Brooks, Barbara, James & Rebekah, Christine Treece, Carmilla Spartano, Judy Williamson, Jackie Grimes, Josh Sobieraj, Andy Pavelock, Trudy Fike, Pastor Robert Harter, Andrew Marris, Barbara Brinck, Betty Trunko, Pastor and Ruth Bernard, Ruth's brother, Sheree Manley, Russell Everitt, Julie, Florence Manders, Sharon, sister of Kathy Fidler, Jim W. w/lung cancer, and Annie Whitney.



## March 2013

CASCADE DOWN! Have you decided on your mode of transportation? Check out the possibilities and start planning. Your convention fund should be almost complete. If not, its time to pick up the pace. Convention

Logo Polo Shirt mail orders need to be postmarked no later than May 15, 2013. The postmark deadline is June 1, 2013, to be able to pick up your shirt at the convention. Pray for all plans to come together, that coordination of events is on schedule and that our focus is on our best service to the One who offers living water.

The winter edition of the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* contains all the information you will need. **If you are a worker, you must WAIT until you get your worker assignment and discount coupon before you register.** Latest updates are on your district website as well as *The Water Cooler*, the newsletter of the Host Districts.

*"My people have committed two sins: They have forsaken me, the spring of living water, and have dug their own cisterns, broken cisterns that cannot hold water" (Jeremiah 2:13).*

## April 2013

LET IT POUR! Can you recognize your showers of blessings? Praise and thank God for the sacrifice of His Son to redeem us with the drink that makes us thirst no more. We ask His blessing on all our plans as He is the One who executes them. We continue to pray for all our leaders that as the time draws near for the convention, our best qualities shine the brightest. Convention Logo Polo Shirt mail orders need to be postmarked by May 15, 2013. The postmark deadline is June 1, 2013, to be able to pick up your shirt at the convention.

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*"For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour out my Spirit on your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants" (Isaiah 44:3).*

*Submitted by Karen Devan*



## Kidz Korner

As February draws to a close, I am reminded of the stories of Joseph, his coat of many colors, his brothers' betrayal, his oneness with God and his influence in Egypt. He wasn't afraid to follow the path that God had laid out for him. He forgave his brothers and took care of them in the time of drought and famine. In so doing, he also took care of his people. In that spirit, we took steps to care about some of our people in the form of Valentine's Day cookies, candy, and flowers. We had fun decorating heart-shaped cookies with frosting and sprinkles, which we then shared with our congregation at fellowship hour. We even got to eat some of them ourselves...and they were delicious!!

We also had fun making cards and flowers to pack into gift bags along with the valentine cookies and candy hearts, to be delivered to our friends who don't get out of the house as often as we do. You brought smiles to their faces and "yummies to their tummies." We want to thank Teri Devan and Kelly Gilbert for baking all those cookies, Lorraine Warren for organizing the craft hour, and Karen and Dave Devan, Tammy Moran and Pastor Bernard for delivering the goodie bags to our shut-in friends. It was truly a cooperative mission. I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did.

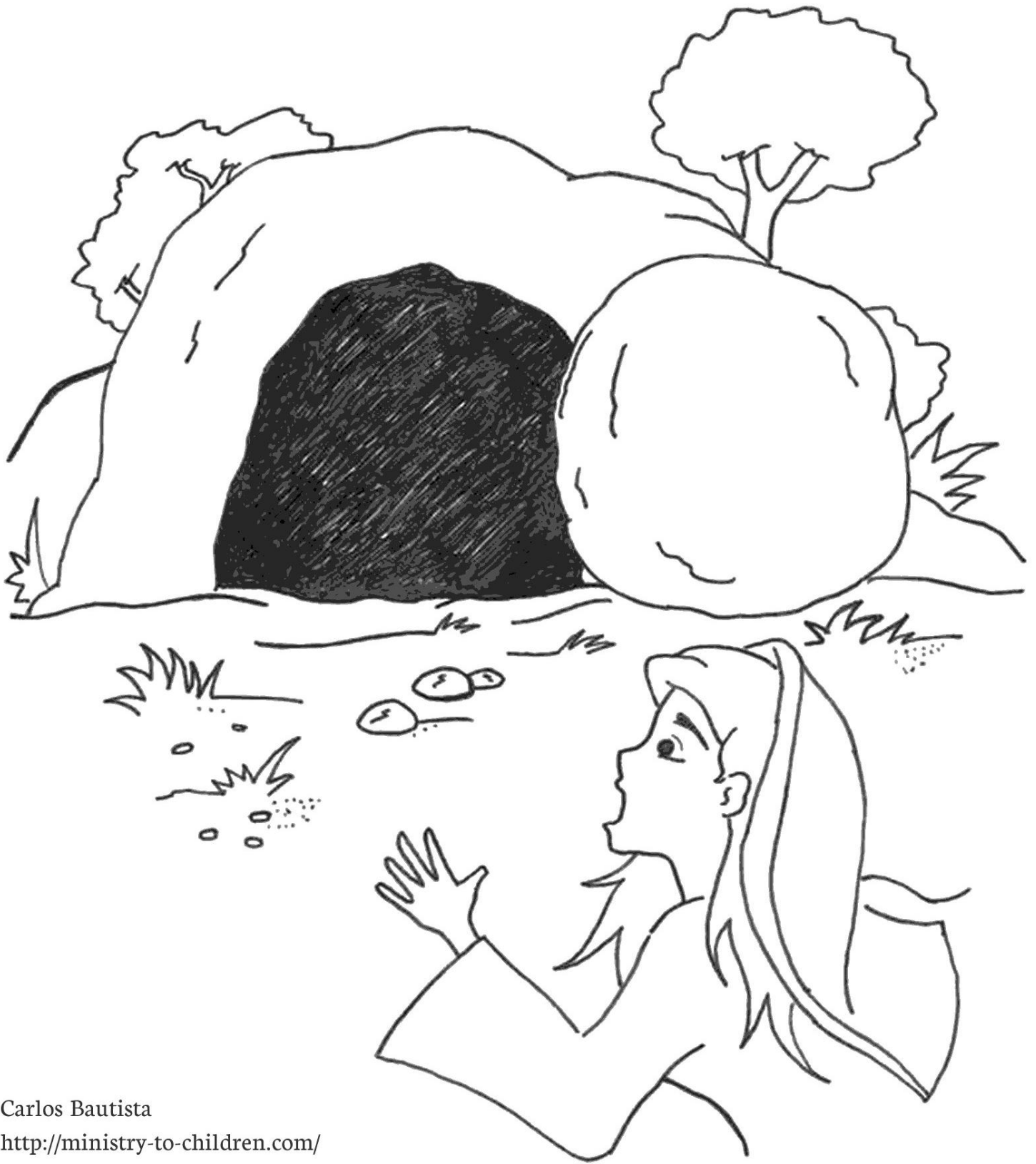
We are now in the Lenten season. Purple banners grace our sanctuary, and we come together for worship twice a week. We have soup suppers

before our worship on Wednesday evenings, and our Lenten candles dim one by one as we approach Holy Week and the observance of our Lord's Passion. Palm Sunday will mark the beginning of Holy Week. We will carry palms and sing Hosannas to Christ as we observe His ride into Jerusalem. We will also witness the confirmation of our confirmands: Tonya Everitt, Hannah and Myah Harrington, and Emilee Gilbert. We will come together, in repentance, to worship on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Our crosses will be covered with black and the candlelight will be extinguished. But then, we will triumph, gloriously, on Easter Sunday with light, flowers, music, and Alleluias as we celebrate His resurrection from the dead. I hope to see all of you there. After the service we will have our annual Easter egg hunt for all children in attendance.

With the coming of Easter we hail the arrival of spring. Our spring lessons have arrived and we eagerly look forward to studying more of God's Word, sunshine, and warmth. We have begun preparations for VBS and encourage you to think about your friends and invite them to attend VBS with you. Thank you for keeping spirits high during this winter quarter, and let's get ready for Spring!!!

*Mrs. Linda Bahr*  
*Chairman of Christian Education*

*We will begin collecting donations toward our Easter egg hunt on March 10<sup>th</sup>. We need many plastic eggs, and wrapped candies to fit into the eggs. We do not need Easter grass or jelly beans. We would appreciate all donations by March 23<sup>rd</sup>, and we thank you for your generosity. Please stay for fellowship on Easter Sunday to take part in the fun!*



Carlos Bautista  
<http://ministry-to-children.com/>



## Birthdays

- 3/4** Jennifer Seybert
- 3/9** Mark Bahr
- 3/16** Bill Minor
- 3/17** David P. Devan
- 3/19** Daniel House
- 3/20** Paul Clark Sr.
- 3/21** Marilyn Jones  
Bailee Underwood
- 3/22** James Seybert
- 3/25** Addison Moran
- 3/26** Mya Varacalli
- 3/28** Fred Fowler

## Baptismal Birthdays

- 3/1** Steven Minor
- 3/7** Dionne Underwood
- 3/8** Charles Flay Jr.
- 3/9** James Clark
- 3/10** Jason Flay  
Jennifer Smith
- 3/16** Dana Narolis
- 3/19** Roger Warren
- 3/20** Tammy Moran
- 3/22** Robert Harrington
- 3/26** Howard Jones
- 3/28** Mark Bahr
- 3/29** Rebecca Harrington
- 3/?** Glenna Deeley  
Charlene Kirk

## Wedding Anniversaries

- 3/6** Paul & Pat Clark
- 3/16** Joe & Kelly Gilbert  
Pearl & Mike Romano
- 3/21** Paul & Darlene House



## Birthdays

- 4/3** Chad Brinck  
Rosie Devan  
Rachel Jones
- 4/5** Pearl Romano  
Ginny Wendt
- 4/8** Robert Hedgecock  
Nicole Spear
- 4/11** Danielle DelaRoche
- 4/13** Colton Underwood
- 4/14** Leslie Whitney
- 4/16** Phillip Neumiller
- 4/17** Betsy Dodge Wise
- 4/19** James Harmon
- 4/21** Tom Jones III
- 4/24** Morgan Gualtieri
- 4/25** Doug Antl
- 4/26** Jake Devan

## Baptismal Birthdays

- 4/2** Noah Devan
- 4/3** Chad Brinck  
Rosie Devan
- 4/9** James Seybert
- 4/10** Hoyt Hedgecock
- 4/11** Jennifer Seybert
- 4/16** Terry Hartman
- 4/18** Christopher Devan  
Jake Devan
- 4/23** Kathy Pavelock
- 4/24** Dolores Antl  
Linda Bahr
- 4/?** David P. Devan  
Ginny Wendt

## Wedding Anniversaries

- 4/6** Teri & Steven Devan
- 4/21** Howard & Tina Jones
- 4/23** Marcia & Phillip Neumiller



## Help Keep Our Records Accurate!

See anything incorrect or missing on this page? Is your name misspelled? Did we get a date wrong? Let us know! Please call Aaron at 271-5932 or send a quick email to [aaronbahr@gmail.com](mailto:aaronbahr@gmail.com), to make any corrections.

# March

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
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<b>3</b> <b>8:45A</b> SS/BS <b>10:00A</b> <u>Worship</u> <i>Holy Communion</i> <b>11:00A</b> Fellowship, Deacon Bd meet.	4	<b>5</b> <b>6:00P</b> Choir Practice	<b>6</b> <b>6:00P</b> Soup Supper <b>7:00P</b> <u>Midweek</u> <u>Lenten Service</u>	7	8	9
<b>10</b> <b>8:45A</b> SS/BS <b>10:00A</b> <u>Worship</u> <i>Holy Communion</i> <b>11:00A</b> Fellowship	11	<b>12</b> <b>6:00P</b> Choir Practice <b>7:30P</b> MM LWML	<b>13</b> <b>6:00P</b> Soup Supper <b>7:00P</b> <u>Midweek</u> <u>Lenten Service</u>	14	15	16
<b>17</b> <b>8:45A</b> SS/BS <b>10:00A</b> <u>Worship</u> <i>Holy Communion</i> <b>11:00A</b> Fellowship, Deacon Bd meet., Retirement Brunch	18	<b>19</b> <b>6:00P</b> Choir Practice <b>7:30P</b> Council Meeting	<b>20</b> <b>6:00P</b> Soup Supper <b>7:00P</b> <u>Midweek</u> <u>Lenten Service</u>	21	22	23
<b>24 Palm Sunday</b> <b>8:45A</b> SS/BS <b>10:00A</b> <u>Worship</u> <i>Holy Communion</i> <b>Confirmation</b> <b>11:00A</b> Fellowship	25	<b>26</b> <b>6:00P</b> Choir Practice	27	<b>28 Holy Thursday</b> <b>7:00P</b> <u>Seder Supper</u> <i>Holy Communion</i>	<b>29 Good Friday</b> <b>7:00P</b> <u>Worship</u>	30
<b>31 Easter Sunday</b> <b>6:30A</b> <u>Sunrise Serv.</u> <b>10:00A</b> <u>Worship</u> <i>Holy Communion</i> <b>11:00A</b> FS/egg hunt						

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<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	1	2 6:00P Choir Practice	3	4	5	6
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28 8:45A SS/BS 10:00A <u>Worship</u> 11:00A Fellowship	29	30 6:00P Choir Practice				

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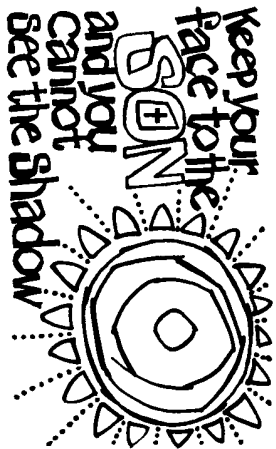
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Sunday 10:00 AM  
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Fellowship Hour 11:00 AM  
Sunday School & Bible Study 8:45 AM  
Women's Bible Study Tuesdays 10:00 AM



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