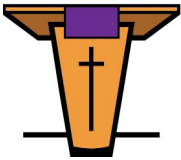




Grace ABOUNDS

April 2024

From Our
Interim
Pastor



"Will the defendant please rise?' Judge I.M. Pilate said as the results of the jury decision were handed to him. The question before the jury was this, "Is God's grace sufficient, even for Judas?" And the verdict: "Guilty, but forgiven. You are free to go, Mr. Iscariot!"

This Lenten season we have been challenged by this Lenten drama to ponder our own sinfulness and the depth of God's grace. And in those words, guilty but forgiven, we hear the good news of the gift to us of God's resurrection promise. Yes, we are guilty – all of us – each of us – of sin. Some sins we unknowingly commit. Some sins we knowingly commit. And some sins we commit by omission. As St. Paul says in Romans 7, "... For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate..." It's not always easy inwardly, outwardly or sincerely to confess that we are sinners, that we have sinned against God and against one another and yet that's what our Lenten journey has been about. And that journey culminates for us on Good Friday when we see the cost of our sin as Jesus lovingly and freely dies so that our sins might be forgiven. And there's that "guilty" part. But then, thankfully, out of the loving and grace-filled heart of God, through the death and resurrection of God's beloved Son,, comes those healing words, "...but forgiven." We call that GRACE – not earned, but given - given from the very heart of God because God so loved the world.

In John's gospel, at the tomb on that first Easter morning, Mary Magdalene encounters the gardener, or at least that's who she thinks he is; that is, until he speaks her name. And then she knows. And she runs and tells the other disciples, "I have seen the Lord..." And with that proclamation, guilty, but forgiven is sealed for all believers forever. That's the Easter message to us! Christ is risen! Death could not hold him – and because He lives, we live also!

But then what? Is that it until next Lent and Easter? Sadly, for too many, it is. But not for those who strive faithfully to follow in the footsteps of this One whose love for humankind is beyond our understanding. We are called, like Mary, to go and tell the others, "I have seen the Lord!" And because I have seen the Lord, my life is forever changed. Do you remember one of my models for sermon writing? It goes like this. What did the scripture say then? What does it say now? And, so what? And that "so what" is now our Easter mission - telling, better yet showing, this story of Jesus and his love in some way to someone every day. Luther calls this "because-therefore theology" – because God has done this for us: therefore, we respond by loving God and loving neighbor as we have first been loved.

And that's not easy! Especially when we remember that we are to love as Jesus loved – the poor, the outcast, the unloved, the unnamed, the doubter, the unbeliever. But we never walk this path alone. First of all, our empowerment comes from the Holy Spirit implanted in us at baptism. Next, we live together in a community of faithful believers who walk the path with us – both in empowering us to model Jesus and to carry us when we can't.

That, my dear friends, is the Easter message – and the Easter mission. Guilty, but forgiven. Redeemed and claimed as a follower of the risen Christ, we live out our faith for the sake of the gospel in the world. What a joy it is to be called to be faithful disciples!

Easter Blessings, *Pastor Jane*



Contact Pastor Jane by cell phone at 803-530-2045 or by email at pjmitcham@gmail.com.



APRIL Birthdays

- 1 - Bryan Hall, Patricia Kislevitz
- 5 - Edwina Wicker
- 7 - Chad Frick
- 8 - Sally Dominick
- 9 - Cole Dawkins
- 10 - Megan Nobles
- 11 - Joanna Kiker
- 12 - David Riley, Andy Hawkins
- 13 - Joe Dimock
- 14 - Walt Quattlebaum
- 15 - Jaylan Burnore
- 16 - Jill Thurman
- 17 - Caroline Dominick
Nicole H. Shaw
- 19 - Michael Derrick
- 22 - Sharon Scott
- 24 - Kyra Mattison
- 25 - Nancy Derrick, Georgie Riley
- 28 - Hayden Hall
- 29 - Cody Dominick, Zach Frick,
Edie Gwyn Morgan
- 30 - Susan Dawkins, Beverly Merck
Lillie Waters



APRIL Baptisms

- 1 - Renée Stubbs*, Sonny Scott*
- 2 - Beverly Hawkins
- 3 - Emmett Wicker , Gia Fanara
- 4 - Susanne Nelson
- 6 - Rick Mercer
- 9 - Chesney Shealy
- 10 - Lisa Sulka
- 12 - Casey Dawkins
- 15 - Thomas Mewbourn, John Barbee, Searra Fishbeck,
Megan Nobles, Katie Norris, Alex Whitlock
- 18 - Jerry Vaughn
- 22 - Cali Rai Derrick, Joe Dimock, J.C. Wicker
- 23 - Jim Luther
- 28 - Ashley Ackerman, Haileigh Mercer,
Alexandra Renwick
- 30 - Luke Chandler



APRIL Anniversaries

- 7 - Anthony and Brande Fanara (24th)
- 12 - Andy and Kim Metz (10th)
- 16 - Tim and Lagina Harmon (41st)
- 18 - Mike and Kelly Whitlock (26th)
- 21 - Phil and Deborah Ruff (23rd)
- 24 - *Nathan and Sydney Shealy +*
+ Memorial Anniversary

2024 Grace Graduates

Please let the church office know of any Grace member who will be graduating from high school, tech school, or university in May or June (or who has graduated since May 2023) We don't want to leave anyone out. A date has not yet been set for Grace's annual Graduate Recognition Sunday.

Grace People in the News



Jaxon Wessinger earned Honor Roll for the 3rd nine weeks at Pomaria-Garmany Elementary School.

Raelynn Wessinger earned Principal's Honor Roll for the 3rd nine weeks at Pomaria-Garmany Elementary School.

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#### Birth Announcements

Congratulations to our Preschool Director, Robin Romano, and her husband Mark on the birth of their baby boy, Kian Richard Romano, on March 20th.

*Don't forget to share your good news with the office! by email at [gracelutheranprosperity@gmail.com](mailto:gracelutheranprosperity@gmail.com) or by phone at 803-364-3331 or leave a note in the office box.*

### Manna House Item of the Month:

*Paper Towel Rolls*

Donations may be left in the Manna House box in the narthex. Thank you for supporting Manna House food pantry!

Many thanks to all those who participated in this year’s Lenten worship, “The Trial of Judas... the punishment phase” written by Clayton McCord and first published in 1999. Each afternoon in Lent, about 45 worshippers gathered to worship, to hear the witnesses testify, and to decide this question: “Is God’s grace sufficient—even for Judas?”

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### THE VERDICT IS IN

On Sunday, March 17, the trial of Judas Iscariot concluded with powerful arguments by both defense and prosecutor attorneys. The jury voted. The trial ended and the verdict rendered was this:

- Guilty, unforgiven - 1
- Guilty, but forgiven - 36
- Not guilty, it was his role -8

Judge I. M. Pilate pronounced Judas “not guilty” and free to go.

The following comments were also noted on a few ballots:

- God’s mercy is for all!
- God forgives all sin!
- I am not free from sin.
- The God I know and love is a forgiving God.
- FREE JUDAS!
- Judas was pre-scheduled for his role; however, he never believed Jesus to be the Christ!

Special thanks to all in the cast who volunteered their time to bring this thought-provoking trial before us:

- |                                          |                                    |
|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Judge I.M. Pilate - Ronnie Cromer        | Defense Attorney Grace - Ron Brown |
| Prosecutor Justice - Andrea Lewis        | Bailiff - Judy Bedenbaugh          |
| Judas - Andy Metz                        | Apostle John - Mike Shealy         |
| Mary Magdalene - Alanna Boozer           | Unnamed Woman - Melodie Waters     |
| Apostle Peter - Nathan Shealy            | Young Boy - Jonathan Shealy        |
| Mary, the mother of Jesus - Deborah Ruff |                                    |
| Chief Priest - Mike Whitlock             | Apostle Paul - Johnny Merck        |
| Death - Robert Martin                    | Friend of Judas - Dale Shealy      |

Thanks also to those who gainfully prepared more than enough soup and sandwiches each week! Good job, everyone!!!!





**Grace Prayer List**

**Grace Family:** Barry Hartman, James, Christina & Diana Ruth Henricks; Marysue Rivers; David Eldridge; Evelyn Harmon; Wayne Mitchell; Pastor Al Potter; Cissie & Bob Dibble;

Glenda & Everett Crafts; Heather & Bob Harris; Faye Hartman; Lois Amick.

**Residential Care:** Sadie Epting (*Springfield Place, Rm.11*); Allene Dawkins (*Springfield Place, Rm.207*); Wendy and Michael Riley (*J.F. Hawkins, Rm. 221*).

**College Students:** Zach Frick (*USC*); Hayden Hall (*Piedmont*); Bryce Medlock (*Bluefield University*); Lexi Medlock (*Midlands Tech*); Payton Metts (*Piedmont*); Taylor Metz (*MUSC*); Bailey Stewart (*USC-Union*).

**Extended Family:** James Michael Torrence (*Jeanna Hall's brother*); Kathy Buchanan (*Beverly Hawkin's cousin*); Libby & Billy Bedenbaugh; Jimmy Martin (*Robert Martin's brother*); Grey Westbury (*Sue Mitchell's great-niece*); Brittany Merck, Broko Boland (*Melodie Waters' cousins*); Mary Ellen Hartzog (*Eddie Rivers' cousin*); Sullivan Shealy.

**Military:** Staff SGT. Anderson Dibble (*Marines/ Stone Bay, NC- The Dibble's granddaughter*); Everett Crafts V (*Air Force/Guam - Glenda/Everett Craft's grandson*); Walker Eldridge (*USCG/Seattle, WA*); Sgt. Caleb Salyers (*US Army/Ft. Hood, TX - Rev. Al Potter's grandson*).

**Community:** Abby Lasater; Dean Wise; Jackie Perry; Amy Frick Wicker; Davida Monsanto; Violet Wilmot; Mary Lawson; Pastor William & Karen Hightower; Brian Cassady.

**God's World:** victims of gun violence; Haiti, Ukraine, Israel, and Palestine and neighboring countries; those affected by wildfires, flooding, hurricanes, earthquakes, tornadoes, and other natural disasters; military families; homeless; jobless/underemployed; refugees; those suffering due to unrest and fighting throughout the world; our enemies.

**Please keep us up-to-date.** To add or remove a name from the Prayer List, please contact the office at 803-364-3331, leave a written note in the office box or email us at:

[gracelutheranprosperity@gmail.com](mailto:gracelutheranprosperity@gmail.com).



**March Memorials and Honorariums**

**Gift to the Current Budget Fund**

In honor of Emmett Wicker on his birthday by the Kevin Wicker Family

In honor of Emmett Wicker on his birthday by Edwina Wicker

In honor of Judy Bedenbaugh and in memory of John Bedenbaugh by Kim & John Uhas

In honor of her children, Kim & John Uhas and Amy & Brian Rossett by Judy Bedenbaugh

In memory of her husband, John Bedenbaugh, by Judy Bedenbaugh

In memory of Curtis & Elaine Shealy by Dale & Julie Shealy

In memory of Rudy & Allene Huffstetler by Dale & Julie Shealy

**Gift to the Maintenance Fund**

In memory of Bill Ackerman by Ackerman's Used Parts, Inc.

In honor of Julie Shealy and her retirement by Buck Black

In honor of Julie Shealy and her many years of dedicated service as church secretary by Judy Bedenbaugh

In honor of Judy Bedenbaugh and in memory of John Bedenbaugh by Amy & Brian Rossett

In memory of Jane Shealy Wicker by Kathy Noyes

**Gift to the Lenten Offering**

In memory of Rev. James Shealy by Edwina Wicker

In honor of Judy Bedenbaugh, Andrea Lewis, and Mike Shealy by David & Edna Riley

**Gift to the Community Service Fund**

In memory of Allene Dawkins by Ken & Renae Long & Family

In memory of James & Jimmy Dawkins by Ken & Renae Long & Family



South  
Carolina  
Synod  
Assembly  
2024

## Like Good Stewards

"Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received." | Peter 4:10

## Synod Assembly June 8

The annual SC Synod Assembly will be held online this year. Voting members from Grace will meet together in the Good Shepherd room to participate in the worship and business of the synod. Please keep this meeting in your prayers.

## Lutheroad Day Camp July 15-19



Once again, Grace is partnering with Mt. Tabor, Mt. Pilgrim, Macedonia, and Bethel Lutheran (White Rock) to hold our Lutheroad Day Camp. The day camp will be held at Mt. Tabor for children who have completed a year of kindergarten through completion of fifth grade. Lutheridge staff members bring their enthusiasm and experience to serve as counselors for the week.

Members of the five sponsoring churches have the opportunity to register by April 7. If spots remain, registration will be opened to others. Registration forms are in the rack beside the office window.

This camp is a wonderful experience for children!



If you have changes to your home address, phone numbers or email addresses, please notify Valerie in the church office by phone, note, or email. Thank you!



## Newberry College Sunday

Plans are underway to recognize Newberry College Sunday on April 28th. We are looking forward to having their Campus Pastor, Rev. David Coffman, here with us on April 7 for worship.



## Mark your calendars! Vacation Bible School

June 17-21 6-8pm  
Ages—through 5th grade with 6th grade and up as helpers.  
An Adult Class is planned as well.

### **Christ in Our Home Devotionals**

Quarterly *Christ in Our Home* devotionals for April, May and June are available on the narthex table near the Ministry Center entrance. Pick up a copy for your home and take one to a friend!

## **People of Grace and Yearbook**

Don't forget to pick up a copy of our 2024 *People of Grace* directory as well as the 2024 *Yearbook*. Copies are available on the table in the narthex.

*People of Grace* lists contact information for Grace members and friends. The *Yearbook* serves as our annual report and contains 2024 ministry assignment information.

Please pick up a copy of each of these resources for your household.



**Serving in April**

**Assisting Ministers**

- 7 Candace Frick
- 14 Lillie Waters
- 21 Sally Dominick
- 28 Susan Dawkins

**Altar Greenery/ Flowers**

- 7 Lynn Wessinger
- 14 Nancy Derrick & MarySue Rivers
- 21 Phil & Deborah Ruff
- 28 Mike Shealy

**Acolyte**

Thomas Mewbourn

**Communion Assistant**

Chop Cooper

**Communion Preparation**

Andrea Lewis

**Communion Clean Up**

Dale & Julie Shealy

**Ushers**

Dale Shealy (head), Judy Bedenbaugh, Nancy Derrick, Deron Shealy, Emmett Wicker

**Greeters**

Deborah Ruff, Camryn Shealy

**Offering Tabulators**

Wade Dominick (head)  
Sally Dominick, David Luther

**Altar Guild**

Judy Bedenbaugh, Nancy Derrick

**Pew Helper**

Wayne & Sue Mitchell

**Front Sign**

The Waters Family

**SANCTUARY  
LAMP  
SPONSORS**



During the month of April, the Sanctuary Lamp burns to the glory of God and in honor of David Riley and his 90th birthday. Given by Lisa Farr.

*For honorary or memorial information to be included in the newsletter and bulletin, information and \$30 donation should be received by the office by the last Sunday of the month prior to the month you sponsor.*

**WORSHIP**  
ATTENDANCE

|                     | Sanctuary       | * Online | Total |
|---------------------|-----------------|----------|-------|
| 3/3 a.m.            | 44              | 16       | 60    |
| 3/10 a.m.           | 50              | 24       | 74    |
| 3/17 a.m.           | 55              | 12       | 67    |
| 3/24 a.m.           | 65              | 20       | 85    |
| <i>P.M. Service</i> | Ministry Center | * Online | Total |
| 3/3 p.m.            | 44              | 18       | 62    |
| 3/10 p.m.           | 47              | 10       | 57    |
| 3/17 p.m.           | 51              | 12       | 63    |

\* Total Online viewers = Peak views x 2 per SC Synod instructions.



|      |    |
|------|----|
| 3/3  | 26 |
| 3/10 | 23 |
| 3/17 | 22 |
| 3/24 | 23 |

**Altar Flower Sign Up**

The 2024 Altar Flower Chart is posted on the narthex board. A number of Sundays are still available. Sign up on the chart or contact the church office by phone or email to reserve an available date.



**Deadline for the  
May 2024 Newsletter:  
April 23**



**Monthly GYM TIME**

**Sunday, April 28**

**12-1:30 p.m.**

**Faith, fellowship,  
fun, and food!!**

We will be asking for volunteers to help provide our April GYM Time meal.

Be on the look out for a sign-up sheet on the narthex board.



Your friends are always welcome at our youth activities.

**More Youth = More Fun!**



**Sunday, 4/28**

**GYM Time 12-1:30 pm**

**Sunday, 5/19**

**GYM Time 12-1:30 pm**

*Due to the 4th Sunday being Memorial Day weekend, we will have our GYM Time a week early.*

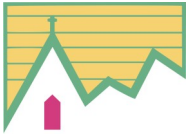
*Please make note of the date change.*



Grace Youth helped lead the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday, March 24, hiding eggs for the younger children to find. About 20 children and their families from the congregation, Grace Christian Preschool, and community enjoyed the egg hunt, crafts, and a pizza lunch! See more pictures from the on Grace's Facebook page!

After the egg hunt, Grace Youth stayed to pack Backpack Ministry food bags, filling them with extra food to support the 13 students that this ministry helps through Spring Break.





**Church**  
FINANCES

**Our Offerings**  
**for March**

*Through March 24*  
*(Does not include March EFTs)*

**MINISTRY BUDGET** *Our Monthly Need: \$13,634*

|                             |           |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Given during month.....     | 7,617.00  |
| Given year-to-date .....    | 24,606.00 |
| Goal through March 24 ..... | 37,756.80 |

**MAINTENANCE/UPKEEP FUND**

|                          |           |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| Given during month.....  | 2,994.07  |
| Given year-to-date ..... | 10,199.94 |

**PARSONAGE FUND**

|                              |          |
|------------------------------|----------|
| Given during month.....      | 0.00     |
| Given year-to-date .....     | 0.00     |
| Fund Balance, March 24 ..... | 4,640.38 |

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

|                          |        |
|--------------------------|--------|
| Given during month.....  | 88.00  |
| Given year-to-date ..... | 335.00 |

**SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

|                          |      |
|--------------------------|------|
| Given during month.....  | 0.00 |
| Given year-to-date ..... | 0.00 |

**CAMPERSHIP FUND**

|                          |       |
|--------------------------|-------|
| Given during month.....  | 0.00  |
| Given year-to-date ..... | 25.69 |

**COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND**

|                             |        |
|-----------------------------|--------|
| Community Assistance.....   | 100.00 |
| Given year-to-date .....    | 100.00 |
| Bookbag Food Ministry ..... | 100.00 |
| Given year-to-date .....    | 210.10 |
| Thanksgiving Meal .....     | 0.00   |
| Given year-to-date .....    | 0.00   |
| Total year-to-date.....     | 310.10 |

**SPECIAL 2024 OFFERINGS YTD**

|                                       |        |
|---------------------------------------|--------|
| Scholarship Fund Match 2023.....      | 386.38 |
| Lenten Offering .....                 | 684.12 |
| Youth.....                            | 25.69  |
| Disaster Response .....               | 0.00   |
| Souper Bowl (Feed Thy Neighbor) ..... | 326.51 |
| Easter Lilies.....                    | 231.00 |
| Love Offering (Henricks Family).....  | 960.00 |
| Bereavement Meal Fund.....            | 0.00   |
| Christian Schools .....               | 0.00   |

**YOUR GIVING MATTERS!**

**BUDGET Update**

**MINISTRY BUDGET**

|                            |                    |
|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Needed Thru March 24:      | \$ 37,756.80       |
| Given thru March 24:       | \$ 24,606.00       |
| <b>Amount Behind Goal:</b> | <b>\$13,150.80</b> |



**LENTEN OFFERING**

**Lenten Offering**

Through March 24, Grace has received \$684.12 for our annual Lenten offering, which Council designated for our Lutheran Conference & Retreat Centers.

**Kid's Bucket Name Change**

The kids' bucket has a new name! Over the months the times we've collected money for special projects has been the most successful, so we're changing the name to **LOVE OFFERING BUCKET** and the first project will be a love offering for Michael Torrence and his family. As you know, Michael has endured two major brain surgeries along with some negative side effects arising from both the surgeries and the brain tumor itself. Their financial expenses are unimaginable and so we want to help! During the months of April and May, each Sunday a love offering will be collected to show our love and support for this family. We will continue to collect money for this love offering during children's time as well as at the end of worship. We invite you to pray diligently for Michael and his family and to give as you are able to give.

**Backpack Ministry Update**

Thank you for all of your generous donations this school year to Grace's Backpack Ministry. We are short every month so we could still use your donations of items on the shopping list. Thanks again for your support of this special ministry!



**BACKPACK Ministry**





# Council Meeting - Tuesday, March 12

## Council Notes

All reports adopted as presented.

Easter breakfast supported by council. Sign-up sheet to be placed in narthex for helpers and breakfast casseroles.

Synod Assembly set for 6/8 and will get volunteers together.

Love offering successful for Henricks family and will do one for Torrence family from Easter-June.

Council voted to move all accounts (except Scholarship Fund) into main account for easier reporting. Each fund will be listed in monthly report.

Pastor Rick met with Call Committee Monday March 4 and gave questions and scenarios to ask pastoral candidates. Waiting on call back from Bishop which is next step. They will be starting out with Zoom interviews first.

Ministry Center pay-off celebration will be held Sunday May 5th after church with covered dish dinner. Sign-up sheet for helpers and food will be placed in Narthex.

Facilities request approved for Sarah Shealy baby shower April 6th.

Vision Team Updates: Nathan will call meeting for Care and Fellowship soon; Easter Egg Hunt Palm Sunday after church; Megan and Kelsey Brandt will chair VBS 6/17-6/21; Seven people will be trained for Live-Streaming.

Follow-up next month on Stewardship recommendations from Synod that were sent out for this year.

Linda agreed to assist new Treasurer when one is found.

Robert to get estimates on parsonage.

Council voted to dissolve World Series One Goal.

Shepherding concerns discussed.

Next meeting Tuesday April 9th at 6:30pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Candace Frick, Council Secretary








### February Financial Reports

|                         | <u>Balance, 2/1</u> | <u>Received</u> | <u>Disbursed</u> | <u>Balance, 2/29</u> | <u>Additional Information</u> |
|-------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|
| Current/Budget Fund     | \$ 52,253.71        | \$11,636.05     | \$ 11,670.36     | \$ 52,219.40*        | \$11,218.68 CD                |
| Maintenance Fund        | \$ 46,214.91        | \$ 2,808.57     | \$ 1,237.55      | \$ 47,785.93**       | n/a                           |
| Sunday School Account   | \$ 3,163.23         | \$ 198.00       | \$ 0.00          | \$ 3,361.23          | n/a                           |
| Christian Schools Acct. | \$ 20,605.10        | \$ 6,334.23     | \$ 7,276.20      | \$ 19,663.13         | n/a                           |
| CS Educational Fund     | \$ 6,049.60         | \$ 287.00       | \$ 402.20        | \$ 5,934.40          | n/a                           |

\* Current Fund Balance does not include designated monies for the LED Bulb Fund (\$534.37); Bereavement Meal Fund (\$1,460.45); Choir Fund (\$325) or Sydney Shealy Memorial Gift (\$307.74) contained within the Current Fund Checking Account. \*\*Maintenance Fund balance does not include Parsonage Fund (\$4,640.38) contained within the Maintenance Fund Checking Account. It does include \$31,582.64 given for Roof Repair only.

# April 2024

| Sunday                                                                                                                         | Monday                                                                                        | Tuesday                                                                                                                        | Wednesday                                   | Thursday  | Friday                                                                                                       | Saturday                                                                                                                 |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                               | <b>1</b><br> | <b>2</b>                                                                                                                       | <b>3</b>                                    | <b>4</b>  | <b>5</b>                                                                                                     | <b>6</b><br><i>Deadline is tomorrow for Early Registration for Lutheroad Day Camp for Members of Sponsoring Churches</i> |
| Grace Christian Preschool on Spring Break April 1-5                                                                            |                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                |                                             |           |                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                          |
| <b>7</b><br>Breakfast - 9:15 am<br>Sunday School - 9:30am<br>Worship - 10:30 am<br><br>Choir Rehearsal - 6 pm                  | <b>8</b>                                                                                      | <b>9</b><br><br>VBS Meeting<br>5:30 pm<br><br>Council Meeting<br>6:30 pm                                                       | <b>10</b><br><br>Women's Bible Study - 6 pm | <b>11</b> | <b>12</b><br>             | <b>13</b>                                                                                                                |
| <b>14</b><br>Breakfast - 9:15 am<br>Sunday School - 9:30am<br>Worship - 10:30 am<br><br>Choir Rehearsal - 6 pm                 | <b>15</b>                                                                                     | <b>16</b>                                                                                                                      | <b>17</b><br><br>Women's Bible Study - 6 pm | <b>18</b> | <b>19</b>                                                                                                    | <b>20</b>                                                                                                                |
| <b>21</b><br>Breakfast - 9:15 am<br>Sunday School - 9:30am<br>Worship - 10:30 am<br><br>Choir Rehearsal - 6 pm                 | <b>22</b>                                                                                     | <b>23</b><br><br><i>Newsletter Deadline</i>                                                                                    | <b>24</b><br><br>Women's Bible Study - 6 pm | <b>25</b> | <b>26</b> Arbor Day<br> | <b>27</b>                                                                                                                |
| <b>28</b><br>Breakfast - 9:15 am<br>Sunday School - 9:30am<br>Worship - 10:30 am<br>GYM - 12-1:30 pm<br>Choir Rehearsal - 6 pm | <b>29</b>                                                                                     | <b>30</b><br><br>Newsletter Team<br>9:30 am |                                             |           |                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                          |



**2024 CONGREGATION OFFICERS**

|                          |                             |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Rev. Dr. Jane P. Mitcham | Congregation President      |
| Johnny Merck             | Congregation Vice-President |
| Sally Dominick           | Congregation Secretary      |

**GRACE LUTHERAN CONGREGATION COUNCIL**

*(Congregation officers also serve on Council.)*

Nathan Shealy - Council Chair  
 Robert Martin - Council Vice-Chair  
 Candace Frick - Council Secretary

|                      |                    |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| Brad Waters          | Lynn Wessinger     |
| Allie Waters (youth) | George Dawkins Jr. |
| Sue Mitchell         | Deborah Ruff       |
| Mike Whitlock        | Linda Cromer       |
| David Luther         | Robert Martin      |

**CONGREGATION TREASURERS**

Linda Cromer ..... Current/Benevolence Fund Treasurer  
 Edwina Wicker ..... Maintenance Fund Treasurer  
 Teresa Cooper ..... Wicker Campership Fund Treasurer  
 Candace Frick ..... Bedenbaugh-Chariker Scholarship Fund Treasurer  
 Julie Shealy ..... Community Service Fund Treasurer



**STAFF**

Rev. Dr. Jane P. Mitcham ..... Interim Pastor  
 Valerie Reed ..... Administrative Secretary  
 Eddie Rivers ..... Choirmaster/Organist  
 Craig Farr ..... Groundskeeper-Contractor  
 Tim Harmon ..... Janitorial Services-Contractor



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## Looking Ahead

**Newberry College Sunday**  
**April 28th**



**Monthly GYM**  
**April 28 12-1:30 p.m.**

**Ministry Center Loan  
Payoff Celebration &  
Covered Dish Lunch**  
**May 5 - after church**  
*More details coming soon!*



**Preschool  
Year-End  
Programs**

**May 13, May 14**

*(Last Day of Preschool - May 16)*



Pentecost

**Pentecost Sunday**  
**May 19**



South Carolina  
Synod

**Synod Assembly**  
**June 8**