

G.A.B. GUIDEPOST -APRIL 2023

The Monthly NEWSLETTER OF:

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April 2023 Readings

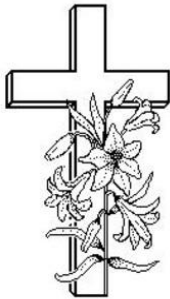
April 2 Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 31:9-16, Philippians 2:5-11,
Matthew 27:11-54

April 9 Acts 10:34-43, Psalm 118:1,2,14-24, Colossians 3:1-4,
Matthew 28:1-10

April 16 Acts 2:14a, 22-32, Psalm 16, 1 Peter 1:3-9, John 20:19-31

April 23 Acts 2:14a 36-41, Psalm 116:1-4,10-17, 1 Peter 1:17-23,
Luke 24:13-35

April 30 Acts 2: 42-47, Psalm 23, 1 Peter 2:19-25, John 10:1-10



Easter Services

Maundy Thursday – April 6th 7 PM at Grace

Good Friday – April 7th 9 AM at Bonnechere

Easter Sunday – April 9th 9 AM at Augsburg
10 :30 AM at Grace

Easter Fellowship – 9:30 – 10:15 AM Continental
Breakfast of tea, coffee, muffins and hot cross buns.

In Memory

It is with sadness that we acknowledge the passing of Earl Warner Hein, September 29, 1932 – March 11, 2023.

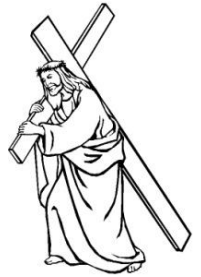
Keep the members of his family and friends in your prayers as they mourn their loss.



GOOD FRIDAY PROCESSION OF THE CROSS

The procession this year will have a focus on social justice and will be acknowledging several places that provide social aid to the community (Food Bank, Clothing Bank, etc). People are invited to join the journey starting at St James and ending at Grace for a time of fellowship.

The Journey begins at 12 noon, and finish around 1PM.



***APRIL 30TH** is the 5th Sunday of the month and there will be only one service at Grace. Fellowship will follow with Augsburg and Bonnechere providing refreshments. **Tri Council Meeting** following the service, with Augsburg chairing .*

Pastor Warranty

It has come to our attention that the pastor you received is not psychic. Because of this, you must observe certain procedures to ensure optimum performance.

It is necessary to inform them of any members who are hospitalized. If someone you know is in need of prayer, the pastor must be told or they won't know. If you are in need of a pastoral visit, you will get the best results if you ask for one.

We regret any inconvenience this may cause

The Pastor may be reached 613-628-1392 or 613-628-2867



Volunteers are Important

Many people may still think of “*CHURCH*” as that one hour Sunday morning when you go to worship. But there is much more going on in the background.

- The organist and choir members meet for practice.
- The pastor prays daily for the sick and all of the Congregation, he visits, he attends meetings, keeps up-to-date on what is happening locally, and globally, plus he then prepares a sermon that relates the Gospel to our current world.
- A committee meets to come up with a worship plan for each Sunday, choosing hymns that match the Bible readings for the day, which setting will be used.
- Sunday school leaders/teachers prepare lessons for the children.
- On Sunday there are the ushers, readers, bell ringers, elevator operators, greeters, acolytes, altar guild, communion assistants, Special music, donation counters
- Council Members look after the overall administration and property of the Church. At Grace they have the help of many committees. (all committees are in need of new members)
- Special talents in gardening, sewing, computer skills, photography, baking, visiting, carpentry, administration, and the list goes on.....

We are updating our volunteer pool. If you have a talent that you would like to share there is a “Share Your Gifts” checklist on the table in the Narthex.

Cuddles and Hugs - Victorian Quilts

This month Bonnechere quilters will meet for quilting on Wednesday, April 19th , from 9 AM - 3 PM. These quilts are made for people in our area undergoing cancer treatments. Thanks to those coming out to show others they are being thought of in their time of need.

Council Members

Grace Zig Mintha, Barry Nagora, Peggy Verch, Donna Resmer, Carl Dittburner Ed Byers, Morley Hass, Marg Weckwerth, & Debbie Lazarus.

Augsburg Wanda Neuman, Steve Panke, Sandy Shannon, Lisa Roesner, Karl Resmer, Glenda Panke, & Gail Heins.

Bonnechere Dennis Brock, Jim Homer, Darlene Brock, Rick Schroeder, Jeannine Reckzine, Lois Elie

From the Pastor's Desk

Grace and Peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ This April is a busy time in the church with Holy Week (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday happening right at the start. It is also a time of the year when life is reborn when the snow leaves us and the trees will begin to bud, the flowers that were planted last fall will begin to sprout, and the birds of the air have returned and are busy rebuilding their nests. It is a wonderful time of the year. For the church it is also a time to experience many feelings, through the season of Lent we are called to repent and forgive; that gives way to the excitement of Palm Sunday with Jesus entering Jerusalem and then to the solemn days of the passion on Good Friday. With the joy, we have with the resurrection of our Lord on Easter Sunday. This day is an invitation to engage in joyous laughter, singing, dancing, and prayers of praise. It is the day that makes us a community of life and hope. April will give us a whole mixed bag of emotions. Through all of this, there is hope, hope for a better future, and hope of life with the resurrected Lord. Everything about our worship in April is a celebration of the great mystery of our faith: “Christ has died, Christ is Risen, Christ will come again!” Alleluia! All humanity, indeed all creation, is to be offered the life-giving power of Jesus' resurrection. I give you this prayer in order you may experience this hope; Let us pray: “God of endless life, in the light of this new day we see the dawning of your new creation. Give us wonder and delight to enjoy this day that you have made; through Jesus Christ, our living Lord. Amen” May God bless you always!

Pastor Ralph

