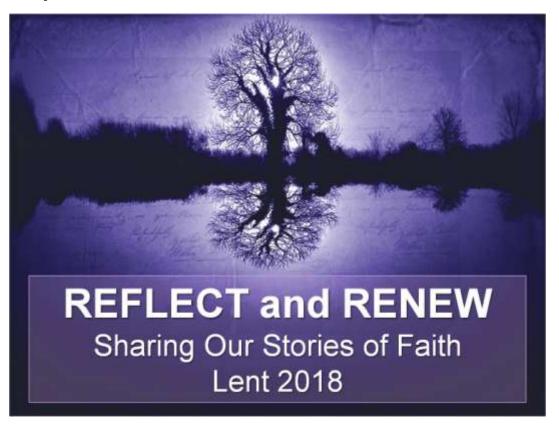
Worship Events During Lent and Holy Week

Lenten Worship Wednesdays, February 21 & 28, March 7, 14 & 21 ~ at 1:00pm & 7:00pm Join us each Wednesday during Lent for worship. We will have a traditional LBW service at 1pm, followed by fellowship of coffee & cookies, and our beloved Holden Vespers service at 7pm (preceded by dinner). This year during our teaching time in the services, we will be having people from our Grace family sharing an experience or story of faith from their life.



Palm Sunday, March 25th ~ Festive music*, palms and a message from God's Word.

Maundy Thursday, March 29th ~ Worship at 1pm and 6:30pm

Good Friday, March 30th ~ Special time of music* and reflection presented by Grace's musicians at 6:30pm

Easter Vigil, March 31st ~ Worship at 5pm

Easter, April 1st ~ Music* & Worship at 6:30am, 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:15am

^{*} please join us in Choir as we prepare for Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. During Lent, the choir will be rehearsing immediately following the lenten services, including 2 special rehearsals on Saturdays 3/17 and 3/24 from 10:00am-12:00pm. Contact Jonathan with any questions.

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Finances as of January 31

	OFFERINGS	2017	2018
	Operational	\$59,180.88	\$46,189.50
	Capital	\$6,271.50	\$4,746.00
	Free 2B Grace	\$10,598.00	\$3,924.00
	Total:	\$76,050.38	\$54,859.50

YTD Noisy Offerings = \$ 1,091.11 YTD General Operating expenses = \$ 51,952.50 YTD Mortgage paid = \$8,846.00 * if you would like a copy of the current month-end report, please contact Kate or Beth.



The people of Grace are generous in so many ways. The congregation gives of its time, its talents and financially to support the ministries of Grace. In 2017, 538 giving units supported the church and 129 units chose to give on GraceLink. We received over \$385,000 online, or about 40% of our overall income. Giving on GraceLink is a convenient and easy way to give, and helps the church by having more consistent income.

PRAYERS TO HEAL

We pray for comfort and healing:

Jan Galvin, Clint Trousil, Deb Stang,
Jeanette Keeney, Evelyn Brausen,
Bill Sr. & Barb DeVries,
George Cowman, Lu Henning,
Sylvia Lindgren, Nate Gfroerer, Jacob Welle,
Lee Zimmerhakl, Robyn Barker

We keep in our hearts and prayers the families with recent loss of:

Denise McLain Arliene Brown

A Word about Our Interim Time Together



It's an honor and a privilege for me to serve as Grace's interim senior pastor. I'm grateful to Pr. Sara Vanderpan for serving as "bridge interim senior pastor" and for the congregation's willingness to wait for me these past two months. I'm looking forward to getting to know you and helping to guide you through this time. It's what I do. After serving a church in Minneapolis for 20 years and then taking a break from pastoral ministry, Grace is now my 9th church in 14 years of intentional interim ministry.

So why am I here? One reason is to walk with you through this time of transition. It's not just that Grace has officially been "in interim" since Pastor Mark and Jeannie left in November, you've been in transition since Pastor Steve left last spring. Questions like "Why aren't we forming a Call Committee for a new associate pastor?" weren't clarified until Pastor Mark's and Jeannie's retirement became known. There is congregational grief in losing Pastor Mark and Jeannie, in losing Pastor Steve, as well as losing other staff members – all in one year. That's a lot of loss and change.

Even though grief may no longer manifest itself in tears, some struggle to adjust. Evidence of this struggle are those who have been absent in worship in recent months. While it's too bad when people step away from their congregation during such times of transition, it's a reality for some. Some will "wait and see" if and when they will re-engage at Grace. Some will "wait and see" who the new pastor will be. If you've stepped away from Grace, I encourage you to at least give Grace a shot now. Or if you know someone who has stepped away, invite them to try stepping back in. But please know that the Holy Spirit has not left Grace and that Grace's life and mission will continue during this interim!

Why else am I here? The Alban Institute says that congregations become "unstuck" during interim times. They are able to take a fresh and honest look at themselves, their mission, and their future. While some anxiety or unresolved tensions may float to the surface, they are also freed in positive ways to creatively look at new possibilities. Grace will soon be forming a Transition Team that I'll work closely with. Together we'll look at Grace and the surrounding community as we ask who Grace is, who Grace wants to be, what we see as Grace's mission and future trajectory, and what kind of skill set is needed in Grace's new senior pastor.

Why can't Grace just quickly get a new senior pastor? Usually taking a pause for the cause is healthiest and best for a church in the long run – especially after a 22 year pastorate. This is what many congregational studies have shown. This has been my experience as an interim pastor. And that was the experience of Salem English Lutheran Church in Mpls where I was the pastor who left after 20 years. It's probably not wise to rush to get your new pastor before you really know what you're looking for. And getting your new associate pastor first puts the cart before the horse.

The Transition Team's work will take about six months from start until the final report they give to the Vision Board and Call Committee. Then the Call Committee begins their work. A typical Call Committee timeline – from first meeting until the new pastor arrives – is about nine months. So, for example, if Grace's Call Committee begins in October, your new pastor might arrive in the summer of 2019. It could be sooner (i.e. Easter 2019) or it could be a bit later. The important thing is that Grace does this right.

Finally, an intentional interim time can also be very spiritual when we are open to the way the Holy Spirit may be at work within us and our congregation. Even as our personal faith journeys need continual renewal and re-birth, so does our life together as a faith community. May the Spirit actively work within and among us during our interim sojourn together at Grace!

~ Pastor Bruce Arnevik



Praying with Awareness

SILENT PRAYER **GATHERING**

7-8pm February 20th

The theme for February's Prayer Gatherings will be "CULTURAL AWARENESS".

During these pastoral transitions we will be praying for the vision board, the new interim pastor and future permanent pastor.

The prayer gathering is open to everyone, ALL ARE WELCOME!

A time to silently pray for the sufferings and struggles of our family, friends, the church, our country, the world and ourselves.

A time for reflection and for giving thanks.

A time to gather in silent community for intercession, contemplation and centering prayer.

As the Psalmist says, "Be still and know that I am God".

Nate's Prayer Warriors

Nate Gfroerer was diagnosed the week prior to his freshman year of high school with Chronic Mylogenous Leukemia (CML). He is fortunate to have fabulous doctors at the U of M Masonic Children's hospital that help him fight this disease. He has been on two different chemo's that fought the disease hard and pushed him into a remission state last spring (2017). Unfortunately, the drugs didn't stay as strong as hoped. His numbers started creeping back up this past fall, so it was determined the next logical step would be a bone marrow transplant. The fortunate factor was that time was our friend when we needed it most. Nate was able to play high school hockey this season, get through his first semester of school, and allow his older sister Katelyn to travel to Italy for her freshman J-Term at the University of St. Thomas.

Katelyn matters BIG because she is a perfect match for Nate. Sibling matches are a dream come true in the transplant world. Nate is finishing his hockey career big by playing in the Varsity game on Feb. 7th



during the Hockey Beats Cancer game in Elk River. Our hockey family is going out of their way to make this special and help raise money to support patients here at the U of M. Nate will be admitted to the hospital on Feb. 9th, to prep his body for the transplant. This includes chemo and radiation to kill the bad bone marrow. On Feb. 16th (BMT) Bone Marrow Transplant day, Katelyn will come in early to the hospital and donate her marrow. When she is recovered they will bring her up to be with her little brother and then give him his new marrow. What a gift! Katelyn's first words when given the news was, "Can I donate?" God answered that for us loud and clear! Nate will spend the next month following the Bone Marrow Transplant in the hospital to protect his immune system while the new one powers up. When we go home he will be under "house arrest" for many more months.

When Nate first began this journey 2 years ago, Grace signed a big poster for him and Pastor Mark delivered it to the hospital. He kept this in his room for a year! Knowing people were pulling for him meant a lot. That is how the idea for 100 days of prayer warriors came to life. We hope you can help our family out on this journey as we place it all in God's hands.

If you are able to reach out to Nate with prayers and words of encouragement, sign up through Sign Up Genius at www.SignUpGenius.com/ go/4090549ADAB2AA4F49-nates or click on the link available on GraceLink.

or just send him a note, text or e-mail letting him know you are praying for him: 16041 St. Andrews Lane, Ramsey, MN 55303 Text to 763-772-8126 (be sure you include your name in the text) erelks30@gmail.com

Vision Board Message

Today I decided, I would talk to you about a team that I work with, that gets little notice until someone finds something that needs to be repaired or painted or moved or hung or, well you get the picture. I am speaking of course about the G.R.A.M.P.S. (Grace Able Resourceful Men Performing Service) team. We are a small dedicated group of fourteen men who meet regularly once a month to perform regular maintenance on our house of worship. These maintenance tasks range from touching up paint to furnace repairs.

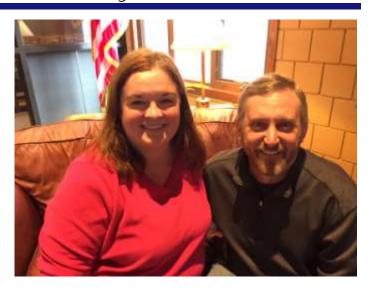
This past year the GRAMPS Team; touched up paint throughout the building, replaced damaged siding on portable one, replaced a burned out motor on the furnace in portable one, installed window film in both portables, replaced faulty lights and dusted beams in the worship center, painted the columns and light poles, painted curbs, patched pot holes, replaced bathroom vent fan, replaced water stained ceiling tiles, set up and removed the outdoor Christmas decorations, just to list a few. Though these projects seem minor, they result in savings to the church of thousands of dollars throughout the year.

The GRAMPS team meets the third Thursday of the month at 9:00 AM. We begin our meetings with fellowship over coffee and donuts and discuss the month's agenda. We then break up into teams of two or three to address the projects at hand. When finished, we once again gather with the entire group to discuss and plan for the following month. Looking ahead, Grace is facing several major projects. The GRAMPS team will be a key element in the completion of those projects. The majority of tasks performed by the GRAMPS team are the same tasks you do at home. If you are available on Thursday mornings, we can use your help. To join in on the fun contact me at aldenandjudy@comcast.net

Alden Riley



The Riley Award



Greg & Lori Ackerson

The first RILEY Award recipients for 2018 are Lori and Greg Ackerson. This traveling trophy is awarded to members of the congregation who have exemplified the giving of their time, talents, and service to Grace Lutheran.

The award was first created in 2016 and named after Alden and Judy Riley. Since that first presentation, the award has been given to Jan Galvin, Mary Jo Andrusko, and Grace Coughlin.

Both Lori and Greg have given thousands of hours to Grace in many different areas. They both have been worship servants, helping with communion and ushering. They both have served on the Vision Board at different times, and both have actually been Vision Board Presidents! They both have served in small groups, especially with Adult Education. The Youth Program has benefitted from the Ackerson's as they have both been mentors. Lori is one of our Parish Nurses and Greg is a leader with Stewardship Ministries.

Greg and Lori have both traveled to Haiti on mission teams, giving their gifts to the people of Haiti. Greg has actually led 13 trips to Haiti, many of them with members of Grace.

As the words on the award state: "We would like to RILEY thank Lori and Greg for giving your gifts to Grace. Your time, talents, and service are VERY MUCH appreciated!"



Children's Ministries



Family Worship Sunday

~March 4~

Children will begin in Worship Services with their families and then be dismissed to SONday School after the Children's Sermon.



Eggstravaganza

March 25th 12 - 2 pm Families w/children birth - 5th grade are invited for a yummy lunch, fun & games, and of course, Easter Egg Hunt! Register on Gracelink

Baptism Class

Sunday, March 11, at Noon

Baptism is an important step in the life of a family. During the workshop, we learn how God is at work in baptism. Baptism is welcoming your child into the family of faith. We will also share insights to help you as you raise your child to know and love God by creating habits, traditions, and making God apart of everyday life.

Upcoming Baptism Sundays are February 18, March 18, April 15, and May 20. Families can schedule baptisms at either the 9am or 10:30am Worship Services. Baptisms can also be scheduled for most Saturday 5 pm Worships as well. You may register on line through GraceLink or contact Annie Fitzl at annief@graceandover.org or the church office to sign up for the workshop.

First Communion

Saturday, April 7th 9-11:30am

We will teach students in 3rd grade and up about the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Children are then invited to receive their First Communion during worship on April 7th at the



5:00 service, or April 8th at the 9:00 or 10:30 service. Bring a Bible, a parent, and a smile! Call the church office to sign up or register on GraceLink.

Rockin' Kids Bible Club



Each week we hear a story Jesus told and look for the hidden meaning. We are learning so much about how much He loves us and how He wants us to live. You can learn more and go to the Children's Ministry Facebook page each week.

Lent is nearly here! We will not meet on Ash Wednesday February 14th. During Lent, we will meet at a regular time and attend a portion of the Lenten service together as a group. Children who do not normally attend RKBC are welcome to join us. They may come at 6:30 or when we leave worship.

Singing in worship dates: Sunday, February 11th Wednesday, March 7th Sunday March 11th

Nursery Books Needed

February is "I Love to Read Month" and new or like new board books are being requested for the Grace Nursery. Board Book donations for our infants and

toddlers to explore may be dropped off in the nursery during service hours or outside of the Children's Ministry office during the month of February.



Youth Ministries

YOUTH MINISTRIES



SUPPORT GRACE YOUTH AT PIZZA RANCH

Monday, February 26 5-8pm

Pizza Ranch is a buffet style restaurant known for their salad bar, pizza, cheesy bread, dessert pizza, and delicious broasted chicken! This is a fundraiser for our youth mission trip and the ELCA Youth Gathering this summer! THANK YOU for your support!!!

13797 Jay St. NW Andover, MN 55304

Luther Point Bible Camp

Only 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours from Andover and has lots of options for everyone. The week of July 15-20th camps offered:

- ½ Week 3rd & 4th Grade Camp (July 15-17)
- 5th & 6th Grade Camp
- Jr. High Camp (7th 9th graders)

NOW is the time to start making your summer plans. As usual, we will offer campers the opportunity to reduce their camp costs by fundraising. More information on fundraising options is to come. To find out more about Camp go to: graceandover.org

High School Escape Room

Sunday, March 4 11:45am-3pm Register on Gracelink!

Do you think you have what it takes to work together to escape out of a room of riddles? Can you beat the clock? Can you work together? Join us as we try our hand at the new craze - Escape Rooms!



Space is limited for this event so sign up early and bring a friend! We will gather for lunch at 11:45 (after 10:30 worship) and then head to the escape rooms! The cost of \$25 includes lunch and the escape rooms!



Family Lenten Suppers

The first three suppers will by hosted by the ELCA Youth Gathering Team (19 of our high school youth will be representing our church in Houston this June) and the YouthWorks Quad Cities Team (11 of our youth will be serving in Davenport, Iowa in July).

February 21: Texas chili, soups, salad, cornbread, & dessert

February 28: Baked Potato Bar, salads, and desserts

March 7: Pasta, salad, bread & desserts

March 14: Taco Night will be hosted by the Grace 4 Rakai Team who are raising funds for textbooks for the newly opened school.

March 21: Menu TBA will be hosted by the Grace 2 Haiti Team which will be serving in Haiti in April.

Thank you for supporting our youth and outreach ministries this Lent!

Adult Faith Formation Workshops

Cross Workshops

During Lent, we have two (2) opportunities to experience the CROSS in a variety of ways and explore how the image impacts our lives. Both will expand our understanding of what it means to be people of the cross.

⇒ The first is "Cross Talk." Have you noticed the beautiful crosses gracing the wall of the Worship Center? They have been created by artist James Quentin Young and are on loan from United Theological Seminary in New Brighton.

Jim's crosses are created from objects found in dumpsites, streets, shorelines, garage sales, and antique shops. He created them in reaction to "beautified gold and silver crosses," inviting the viewer to reflect back on the original wooden cross. In his own words, "I have created crosses that portray Christ's love for the discarded and rejected people of society."

Want to learn more? Jim will be here to give a presentation about his crosses on Saturday, March 3, from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. He will tell his story of being a painter, a teacher of art in the Anoka-Hennepin School District, and a creator of beautiful crosses out of "found objects." Enhance your own Lenten journey by experiencing Jim's crosses and seeing/hearing how he created them.

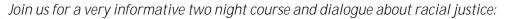
⇒ The second opportunity is "Cross Active." We all see crosses, with or without religious intention, in our daily lives. Each cross has its own association, interpretation, and meaning. We will build on the work from the previous week with James Quentin Young by bringing in a few crosses (or pictures of a cross) that we find meaningful. The Rev. Dr. Cindi Beth Johnson, a professor from United Theological Seminary, will lead us in a discussion of how we have understood them and how we might see them in new ways. We will also have the opportunity to create our own crosses with "found objects" or do a collage around the cross discussion. Bring your own "found objects," and we will have the necessary craft supplies to create your "cross" to take out into the world. "Cross Active" will be held Saturday, March 10 from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Both opportunities will deepen your cross knowledge and invite you to experience the cross in different ways. Although complementary to each other, you are welcome to attend one or both. You may sign up at Grace Link or by calling the church office (763-421-6520). Upon registration, a list of suggested items to collect for "Cross Active" workshop will be sent to you.

Sign up on Gracelink! Cross Talk March 3rd 1-3pm

Cross Active March 10th 1-4pm

AND WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?



Sundays, February 11th and February 25th \sim dinner 5pm, Seminar 6-8pm at Grace. Sign-up on $\underline{\text{GraceLink}}$

Free will offering requested.

The course will explore understanding: differences, race and ethnicity, the sin of racism, privilege, and listening to neighbors. Our course instructor will be Pastor Kelly Chatman, the senior pastor at Redeemer Lutheran Church and director for Redeemer's non-profit, Redeemer Center for Life. He serves as advisor to the Bishop for Minneapolis Area Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Come, learn and discuss! For more info --- <u>www.grace-andover.org</u>, <u>GraceLink krism@graceandover.org</u> or John Anderson 763-360-2484

Outreach Ministries



Family Promise April 1-7

Grace will host Family Promise guests at our church the week of April 1-7, providing warm hospitality and safe shelter for families in Anoka County who are experiencing homelessness.

Will you please join us in this hands-on ministry of sharing God's grace in our local community?

YOU will make a difference! YOU will strengthen lives and build community in very tangible ways - through cooking a meal, driving the van, sleeping overnight for security, or chatting with guests!

Family Promise in Anoka County (FPAC) is a network of area congregations who provide temporary housing to families without homes. Guests are housed at each host congregation for one week, on a rotating basis, moving to a new location in the network each week until they are able to become self-sufficient and independent once again.

Please join us as we share God's grace with our Family Promise guests April 1-7.

Here's a list of various volunteer opportunities:

- EVENING HOST dine & chat with guests, play games with children, etc. (5 9 pm one evening)
- OVERNIGHT HOST Provide night security at church (8:30pm-7am one night) You get to sleep!
- CHEF Prepare an evening meal for 16 people, one evening
- SERVER Serve dinner and clean up the kitchen (5 7:30 pm one evening)
- DRIVER Drive the van to transport guests (at 6:30 am or at 4:30 pm)
- PREP WORK Set up and take down beds on Sunday mornings
- DONATE purchase and donate food supplies or gas cards for our Host Week

THANK YOU for considering the ways you may serve God and His people in this Family Promise ministry! For more information, please contact Alden Riley alddenandjudy@comcast.net or 763-421-9489

Noisy Offerings at Lent

This Lent our noisy offerings will be going to support these outreach ministries:

Our Abandoned Children Ministry to provide for our ongoing support of these 8 children until sponsors can be found for each of them.

Grace 4 Rakai to provide for textbooks for the school which opened in January.

Eagles Healing Nest to provide support for this ministry's new location in Anoka which helps meet the needs of Veterans.

Eagle's Healing Nest is more than a building housing those who have served in the military. This non-profit is committed to meeting the needs of local veterans, service members, and their families suffering from the invisible wounds of war. Residents



come from all walks of life and have a common bond through their service. The intent is to provide support and services to the veterans and military family members to help them reintegrate back into their families and communities.

With established operations in Sauk Centre, Eagle's Healing Nest has expanded and is now housing individuals in Anoka. The Nest provides residents a place to call home, giving them the opportunity to decompress and focus on their own healing from the inside out.

Donations made to Eagle's Healing Nest are always needed and appreciated. Currently, there is an immediate need to purchase industrial shelving for storing household donations. Monetary donations also offset the cost of operating expenses (approximately \$35/night/individual) and provide a place for veterans to call home.

The Noisy Offering donations will help to restore veterans' honor, dignity, pride, and purpose.

Outreach Ministries

Women's Ministries

Feed My Starving Children

March 9th ~ 8pm March 16th ~ 6:30pm and 8pm March 23rd ~ 6:30pm and 8pm

Are you interested in being part of the Grace "competitive" packing team as we race to pack as much food as possible and compete against other teams at a special FMSC event? The next competitive packing session is at 8 pm on Friday, March 9. Please contact Nancy Jenkins at dnjenkins@comcast.net if you're interested and want to register (the regular online FMSC registration process is not available for this event).

Please join others from Grace at our "regular" FMSC packing sessions on Friday, March 16 and Friday, March 23 at the Coon Rapids FMSC site. Volunteers may register for either the 6:30 pm or 8 pm sessions or both! You may register online at FMSC under the "Grace Lutheran" group or contact Kris Miller in the office or email Nancy Jenkins at dnjenkins@comcast.net.





Mugs, Muffins & More

March 3rd at 9:30am
All ladies are invited to the women's fellowship event MUGS, MUFFINS & MORE on Saturday,
March 3rd from 9:30 – 11:30 am in Fellowship Hall.
This is a casual, relaxing time for ladies to sip a morning beverage from a MUG, savor a tasty
MUFFIN, and enjoy MORE time and space to grow in faith and friendship!

You bring a favorite MUG... We'll bake the MUFFINS... and together we'll enjoy MORE fun and fellowship! Invite a friend if you'd like, or come and meet new friends. Look for more information on how to register in the coming weeks.

Hope to see you at MUGS, MUFFINS & MORE on Saturday, March 3rd at 9:30am!

WOMEN'SOPPORTUNITIES

W.O.W - Wednesdays at 9:30am Bible Study on Mondays at 6:30pm Ruth Circle - 2nd Wednesdays at 12:30pm Quilters - Wednesdays at 9:00am Grace Quilters 2 - Last Mondays at 6:30pm

Outreach Ministries

Grace 2 Haiti Dine to Donate Night at

Applebee's

March 8th 4-9pm

All proceeds will be used to help fund projects for when we go on our next trip to Haiti, April 6-13.

Applebee's will donate 15% of your bill when you dine with them at 3470 129th Avenue NW Coon Rapids, MN 55448

*Flyers need to be presented to the server and will be handed out following worship on March 4th, also available in the narthex, or clip out below.



Dining To Donate

Enjoy A Meal That's Filling and Fulfilling.

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The Coon Rapids Applebee's 3470 129th Ave NII Coon Rapids, MN 55448

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Men's Retreat

Into the W/LDerness

A winter break into the wilderness is like running wild with Bear Grylls. Incredible when it can also include some of the *WILD* of heart of Christ, as we go "Into the WILDerness", on March 16-18. Who knows, maybe Bear Grylls will show up with us in some way, too, not saying.



For now, here's the story --- Men of Grace, we are really excited to retreat once again in 2018, and you are encouraged and especially invited to come up nord, dere, eh. *Escape your busyness and business for WILDerness.* We won't really be roughing it – we have a great retreat lodge at Luther Point Bible Camp, terrific food, and a plan that includes fun, fellowship and faith. Save the date – mark your calendars. Talk to others about this. Sign up on GraceLink now. Take a *WILDerness* break with us and with Christ!

Into the W/LDerness Men's Retreat
Luther Point Bible Camp, near Grantsburg, WI
Leave Grace 6 p.m., Friday, March 16
Return by 1 p.m., Sunday, March 18
Carpooling Available
Cost - \$85

For more information – Stephen Hirt 612-850-8815

MEN'S OPPORTUNITIES

BWW Connection - 1st Tuesdays @ 6:30 pm Men's Gab & Grub - 3rd Sat. at Baker's Square 8am Bible Studies on Mon. 6:30am or Sat. @ 8am



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Family Lenten Suppers Beginning February 21st

5:30-6:30pm

Join us each Wednesday night for a time of food and fellowship prior to the Lenten Worship service at 7pm. This year you can support our youth and outreach teams by bringing your family to dine with us each Wednesday. The suggested donation is \$5 for adults and \$3 for youth 12 & under. Here is the schedule of which groups are hosting each evening and what they will be serving:

February 21: Texas chili, soups, salad, cornbread, & dessert

February 28: Baked Potato Bar, salads, and desserts

March 7: Pasta, salad, bread & desserts

March 14: Taco Night

March 21: Menu TBA



Thank you for supporting our youth and outreach ministries this Lent!

See all the details on page 7!