

# grace notes

March & April 2019

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**the f word:**  
stories of forgiveness



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Family Promise  
in Anoka County



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OF HOPE



Seven  
Steps  
Into  
Jesus



## Call Committee Update

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### Vision Board Members

Scott Christensen (Pres.)	Alden Riley
Johnna Rohmer-Hirt (V.P.)	Dave Trapp
Vickie Meade (Secretary)	Carla Renner
Chad Hadler	

The Call Committee at Grace has been busy, excited and prayerful during the last couple of months as they gathered and prepared the foundation for discernment in our search for our next Senior Pastor. After receiving orientation and guidance from our Vision Board, Transition Team, Pastor Bruce Arnevik as well as Pastor John Hilden, Assistant to the Bishop, the Call Committee got busy with developing our Ministry Site Profile. After many drafts, the document was approved by our Vision Board and submitted to the Synod, followed by a visit from Bishop Ann Svenningsen on January 20th who shared in conversation with our congregation to get a good feel of our hopes, dreams and goals for Grace and our new pastor. The Call Committee's next meeting is scheduled for early March where we will be receiving prospects' profiles from the Synod to begin their interview process. Please contact any of the Call Committee members with any questions and please continue to keep them in your prayers as they humbly serve Grace Lutheran in this most important process.

Please note: the Transition Team Report is now available in the church office. This report must remain in the building so if you would like to read it, please stop by the church office. You will need at least 30 minutes to read, so plan accordingly.

Please continue to keep the Call Committee and process in your prayers as we proceed with our search and discernment for a new Senior Pastor.

Thank you!

The Call Committee: *Jan Anderson, John Anderson, Jeremy Mattke, Holly Dodds, Joe Jackson, Lori Ackerson, Frances Fernandez, Charlie Wold*

## PRAYERS

### We keep in our prayers the newly baptized:

Marik Ringwelski, Jameson O'Neill  
Millie Randall, Levi Niccum

### We keep in our prayers those in need of healing:

Allen Montgomery; Alex Smith, Laurie Karlson-Reyes, James Ritcher, Laurie Wyandt, Sara Roche, Susan Tying, Bob Hutchison, Becky Anderson, Lynda Leonard, Lynda Wilde, Van Bakko, Paul Harker, Judy Riley, Kathy Lovik, Colleen Wernimont, Tom & Mary Taillefer;

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

Floyd Schmoll, Bert Margotto

## Vision Board Minutes

The January Vision Board meeting was held at Grace on Tuesday, January 15, at 6pm.

The minutes for the December 2018 meeting were approved as submitted.

The Call Committee has finished the Ministry Site Profile (MSP) and sent onto Bishop Ann Svennungsen who met with the congregation on 1/20/19 for face-to-face conversations regarding our wants and needs in a new Senior Pastor and what our church could offer to the new Senior Pastor.

Grace's request to extend our Interim Use Permit is now on the agenda of the Planning/Zoning Committee meeting for Feb 12, 2019.

The Forgiveness Project's "The F Word" exhibit will be brought to Grace from March 9-17<sup>th</sup> displaying banners sharing powerful stories of forgiveness. The exhibit will be open to our larger community. Pastor Bruce will join the mission trip to Haiti from March 1-8<sup>th</sup>. He's also reaching out to parishioners to share parts of their faith stories for mid-week Lenten services.

Pastor Bruce prepared his Financial Annual Report. Overall, pleased with the end of the year figures. Our monthly financial statements were reviewed. Grace finished the year in the black with generous year-end gifts and a combination of reduced expenses and regular giving. Our mortgage was paid down by almost \$80,000.00 this year. The congregation will vote on Free2B tithing distributions, and the Vision Board will choose where to distribute the remaining benevolence.

The 2019 budget was reviewed with notations made for the \$30,000 increase in "Current Offerings" based on the commitment cards received from parishioners during the Stewardship focus and a change in salaries/benefits with a new Senior Pastor starting September 1, 2019. The budget was approved unanimously by the Vision Board. The congregational vote on the weekend of 1/26 - 1/27/19.

The meeting closed in prayer. The next meeting of the Vision Board is Tuesday, February 19.

*Submitted by Vickie Meade, Secretary*

## Vision Board Message

### Overflowing with Thanks

When I agreed to host Vision Board in February rather than April it meant that I was also to write the Vision Board article for March and April. I was totally prepared to write an article for May but had no clue what I would write for March. That is until I opened a booklet titled "Over Flowing with Thanks for You". The booklet directed me to read this scripture.

*1 Thessalonians 1:2-3 King James Version (KJV)*  
*<sup>2</sup> We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers;<sup>3</sup> Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father;*

I am reminded that we at Grace are blessed with so many wonderful dedicated people. Pastors Bruce and Delwayne who Shepherd us and guide us to walk in the way of Jesus Christ. The Church staff who struggle tirelessly and sacrifice so that we may have a meaningful relationship with God.

We are also blessed with faithful lay leaders who spend countless hours of their free time, or should I say "God time" working on the various teams; Vision Board, Transition Team, Call Committee, Music and Outreach, Spiritual Development, to name just a few.

Ask Jesus to keep you "steadfast, immovable, always abounding" in the work he gives, whether you cut the grass, preach the sermons, change the light bulbs, arrange flowers for the chancel or lead a team.

Pray for our pastors and all those who serve our church and when you meet them in the hall thank them for their spiritual leadership and unselfish service to Grace.

Finally my thanks to all of you who make this family of Grace in the heart of Andover the loving, caring and welcoming congregation it is.

Humbly yours in Christ, *Alden Riley*



## Updates from Interim Senior Pastor Bruce

**Staffing Level Changes:** The congregation recently received a letter from me about trimming back staffing levels beginning July 1. This decision was not because “giving is down”. Relatively speaking, giving is quite good. Because of the good response to our stewardship appeal last fall, we were able to add an additional \$30,000 to our 2019 budget. That fact, along with the staffing level reductions, allowed us to adopt a balanced budget for 2019. Financially, the situation looks even stronger for 2020.

The staffing level reductions were done to better “right size” Grace’s staff relative to the current size of our congregation and to align our total staffing costs to a more reasonable percentage of our total operating budget. These decisions were difficult and took several months to make. Working with the Executive Committee of the Vision Board, I drafted a proposal to trim staffing levels across the board so that no ministry area would be cut too deeply. The Vision Board approved the final proposal in December and the staff was informed in mid-January.

If you have any questions or concerns about this, I invite you to speak with me, or with someone from the Executive Committee – Scott Christensen, Johnna Rohmer-Hirt, or Vickie Meade. This decision was not about the performance of our staff. They work hard and do a really good job on behalf of Grace. Pray for them as they sort out how these changes will affect their jobs and their incomes after July 1.

**Haiti:** Due to the recent level of civil unrest in Haiti, the Grace2Haiti mission trip scheduled for March 1 - 8 was postponed. It will be re-scheduled either in

April/May or September/October. I was planning to go on the Haiti trip in March, so now we’ll see if that will still work out or not.

**Wednesday Lenten Services:** As part of our five Wednesday Lenten worship services (not counting Ash Wednesday), I’m again asking five people from the congregation to share part of their personal faith story. Each of our faith journeys is different and we sometimes forget that we Lutherans also have testimonies we need to tell each other! Sharing these stories is one of the ways we can deepen our sense of Christian community with one another.



**Call Committee:** Please read the article from the Call Committee on page 2. On March 5, the Call Committee will receive from the Bishop’s office the names of approximately six pastoral candidates. They will interview these candidates later in March/early April. After hearing some of them preach and interviewing two or three of them a second time, the Call Committee may identify the man or woman they feel is called to serve as Grace’s new senior pastor. If not, they will receive additional names and continue their search. At this point, I remain confident that your new pastor will be on board sometime this summer – at least by Rally weekend in September.

*– Pr. Bruce Arnevik, Interim Pastor*

## Youth Mission Trip Upcoming Fundraising Events



### Green Valley Gift Cards & Mulch Sale

Our Boston and Milwaukee Mission Team youth will be selling Green Valley Gift Cards for \$25 each during the month of April. These can be redeemed at their huge Garden Center in Ramsey, MN and they do not expire. They cannot be used at the Cub Garden Centers (which sell Green Valley plants) and please remember that their Garden Center is not open on Sundays.

Also, after you have planted all your plants you will need to mulch your beds & we can help you with that! We are taking orders in April for 40 lb. bags of mulch for \$5 each. We are offering three colors (Gold, Brown, and Red) and they can be picked up at the church the weekend of May 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> or we can deliver it to your home for a nominal charge.

Thank you for supporting our youth and please contact Tom Baker if you need any help with these items.



### Community Impact Fundraiser Andover Pizza Ranch

**Monday, March 25th 5pm-8pm**

Join us for dinner between 5pm and 8pm. Flyers with details will be distributed after services in March and will be on our website.



We have 14 middle school youth serving in Milwaukee, WI in June and 21 high school youth serving in Boston, MA in July.

### A new way to support our youth mission teams!

Choose gift cards from over **750 brands** you're already shopping, including Best Buy, Amazon, Nordstrom, The Home Depot and many more. Whether you buy the gift cards to give as presents to family and friends or use them for every day purchases, your order immediately raises funds for our organization. Share the giftspiration with others—the more people that order, the more we earn.

Information available in the Narthex and on [graceandover.org](http://graceandover.org) or contact Tom Baker for information.



### Annual Grace Garage Sale

Mark your calendars for June 6-8 for our Annual Youth Garage Sale. All proceeds will help Grace youth in going to Luther Point Bible Camp and the Youth Mission Trips this summer.

You can drop off your gently used items beginning May 6<sup>th</sup> in Portable 2. **\*No drop off on Memorial Day.**

**\*NO electronics/TV's/computers/monitors/exercise equipment/mattresses and bed frames.** Large items will need to be approved by Tom Baker prior to drop off.



## Children's Ministries

No KNO March 6th  
Join us for Ash Wednesday services  
at 1pm & 7pm  
No SONday School April 21st  
Join us for Easter worship at  
6:30am, 8am, 9:30am or 11:15am  
w/ staffed nursery at 9:30 & 11:15am

### Baptism Class

**Sunday, March 10th at 11:45 am**

Baptism is an important step in the life of a family and their congregation. We will discuss how God is at work in baptism during the Baptism Class at Grace. We will also share insights to help you as you raise your child to know and love God by creating experiences and keeping God in the center of your everyday life. Register online through GraceLink, contact Annie Fitzl [annief@graceandover.org](mailto:annief@graceandover.org) or call the church office to sign up. Baptisms may be scheduled during most services. Contact Kris Miller at 763-421-6520 to confirm availability.



### Resurrection Garden Potluck

**Sunday March 24th from 5 -7pm**

Plant a Resurrection Garden for Easter



Have you ever wanted to make a Resurrection Garden? Come enjoy fellowship and a potluck meal while we make a Resurrection Garden that you can enjoy and watch grow all through Lent. Cost is \$10 per family.



### Eggstravaganza

**Sunday April 14th, 11:30am -1:30pm**

Families w/children birth - 5th grade are invited to Fellowship Hall for Hot dogs and Brats, fun, games and activities. An Easter Egg Hunt and pictures with the Easter Bunny! Following the 10:30am worship service on Palm Sunday.

**Donations Needed:** Individually wrapped candy to fill hundreds of plastic eggs. Please bring to the church office by April 7th.

### First Communion Class

**April 27th, 9-11am**



Pastor Bruce and Kristin Lowe teach students in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and up about the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Children are then invited to receive their First Communion during worship on April 27th at the 5:00pm service, or April 28th at the 9 or 10:30 service. Bring a Bible, a parent, and a smile! Register at



### VBS June 10th - 14th

Monday thru Friday, 9:30 am - Noon

For ages 3 years - 5th Grade

Registration starts March 14th

Early Bird Registration: \$25.00 per child

After May 10th, Registration: \$30 per child

Register by May 24th to be guaranteed your t-shirt size.



## Ministry Opportunities

### Middle & High School Upcoming events

**Lunch at 50's Grill & Scavenger Hunt**  
**Sunday, March 24 1pm-5pm around St. Paul**  
 Cost – Bring \$15-\$20 for lunch cost (Scavenger Hunt Free) To register go to [www.graceandover.org](http://www.graceandover.org)

**Mystery Event** (rescheduled)

**Saturday April 13**

More information regarding cost and registration coming soon.

**High School Youth Nights**

March 5, 19, April 2, 16

**9<sup>th</sup> grade Spring OYF Retreat**

Saturday, April 27th

### Luther Point Bible Camp

Only 1 ½ hours from Andover and has lots of options for everyone. The week of July 14-19th camps offered: (grades entering into)

- ½ Week 3rd & 4th Grade Camp
- Full Week 4th, 5th & 6th Grade Camp
- Full Week Jr. High Camp 7th – 9th graders

NOW is the time to start making your summer plans. Campers are offered the opportunity to reduce their camp costs by fundraising. Camp spots are first come first serve and fill up FAST! To find out more about Camp go to: [graceandover.org](http://graceandover.org)!



**5th - 8th grade students**

**Every Thursday 9:00am-5:00pm**

**June 20th - Aug. 8th 2019**

Summer stretch is a dynamic summer ministry for middle school students! Mornings are spent participating in service projects and learning how we can learn to love God and love others. In the afternoon we will spend time doing a fun recreational activity!

We end our day with a Bible Study.

**Registration for Summer Stretch opens March 14th! Go to [graceandover.org](http://graceandover.org) for more info!**

### Women, Men & OK@Play Upcoming events



**Sat., March 23rd**  
**9:30-11:30am**

Register online, on the weekly blue sheet, or by calling Deb Stang at 763.427.3252. You bring

your favorite mug and we will provide the muffins and more! Friends are also welcome!

### Women's Opportunities

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

### 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

### OK @ Play Opportunities

Bagels & Bingo - Saturday, March 2 from 9-11am

Evita Play at Lyric Arts - Thursday, April 11 at 7pm

Sign up for both these events in the church office, by or on [graceandover.org](http://graceandover.org)



## Ministry Opportunities

## Adult Bible Studies

*"being neighbor – extending grace"*



### The F Word Exhibit March 9-17

The Forgiveness Project's **"The F Word"** – an exhibit open to all, forgiveness on display that is almost beyond belief. These are incredible, heartfelt stories of forgiveness from around the world, teaching unconditional forgiveness deep within the hearts of those that experience this unique exhibit. Stirring video stories will also be shown during exhibit hours. **Dates/hours for public viewing are on the web site.** Invite someone! Everyone needs forgiveness.



### Special Guest Speakers

**Louisa Hext** - *Healing with Forgiveness and Reconciliation - Breaking the Cycle*, on **Sunday, March 10, 2 p.m.**

Louisa is the North American coordinator for **The F Word exhibit of The Forgiveness Project**. She is a very experienced mediator and consultant, with a very moving message of forgiveness toward health and community.

**Mary Johnson-Roy and Oshea Israel** - *From Death to Life*, on **Sunday, March 17, 2 p.m.**

Mary and Oshea will share their stories and explain how their lives became tragically entwined, in their message of **From Death to Life** that displays a powerful message of **healing** and **reconciliation**.

\**The F Word* details are on [graceandover.org](http://graceandover.org) including a pdf to download and share with others.

Grace SALT (Seek, Abide, Love, Trust)  
Adult Education and Prayer Ministry Team

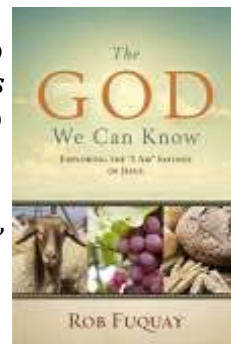
### Seven Steps into Jesus Mondays - (seven weeks) March 11, 18, 25, April 1, 8, 15, 22 6:30-7:45 pm

Davanni's Pizza in Coon Rapids

(Theology on Tap)

For Lent, we have an opportunity to "go deeper". **Seven Steps into Jesus** adult study is an intentional walk to "abide" in Jesus through the vivid **"I Am"** images of the Gospel of John that invite us more into His identity, purpose and love. We'll dive into what Jesus meant when He said, "I Am - - - the Bread of Life; the Light of the World; the Gate; the Good Shepherd; the Way, the Truth and the Life; the Resurrection and the Life; the Vine. Through Scripture and an insightful study guide, a DVD of the Holy Land and other supplemental "I Am" videos, we will take a Lenten trek with *and deep* into Jesus.

Sign Up at [gradeandover.org](http://gradeandover.org) Led by John Anderson



\*Available Study guide: The God We Can Know Study Guide by Rob Fuquay - \$9.99

*Order through the registration on Gracelink and your book will be available for pickup in the church office.*

### A Global Perspective on Missions Mondays – April 29, May 6, 13, and 20 6:30-7:45 pm

Davanni's Pizza in Coon Rapids

Missions have evolved over the years since the Great Commission, from local to global, reaching the ends of the earth with the good news of Jesus Christ. This Bible Study will provide an opportunity to gain a better understanding of missions and become equipped to serve even more meaningfully.

Join us as we explore the ELCA's model of Accompaniment and its five core values – mutuality, empowerment, inclusivity, vulnerability, and sustainability – and connect these values in a practical way to our daily lives and the missions of Grace! Please register on [graceandover.org](http://graceandover.org)

Led by Scott Lien



## Mission Fair



### Grace Lutheran's Mission Fair! April 6 & 7

**Saturday – Dinner and Fair following the 5 PM service**

**Sunday – Breakfast/Brunch and Fair following all three services**

The people of Grace are making a positive impact – in our own backyard and across the world. You probably already knew that! But what you may *not* know is the many ways in which this happens! Come to the Mission Fair on April 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> where you'll have an opportunity to learn about Grace's various missions, who is involved in what, and how you can participate. You'll enjoy good conversation and a delicious meal, too! Mark your calendars now and watch for more details to come!



### Prayer Gatherings March 19<sup>th</sup> and April 16<sup>th</sup>

Prayer Gatherings are held monthly on the third Tuesday of the month, 7:00-7:30 p.m., in the sanctuary. Pray silently with others, join together at end for the Lord's Prayer. Bring whatever prayer concern is on your heart and mind. Come, All Are Welcome.

## Feed My Starving Children

Grace has a long-standing tradition of feeding hungry kids around the world through *Feed My Starving Children*. Whether you have supported the organization financially or participated in packing food, you have provided nourishment to thousands of children, enabling them not only to live, but to thrive!

As you can see from the dates below, there are plenty of opportunities to participate in *Feed My Starving Children* in 2019! And although you can pack food anytime, why not join others from the Grace community in one of the sessions reserved for us? It's a great way to get to know others better as we work together to feed the hungry!



### 2019 dates Please Mark Your calendars!

#### FRIDAY EVENINGS DURING LENT:

March 15, 22, 29; April 5 and 12

#### SATURDAYS: Shifts vary (11:30 AM or 2:00 PM)

May 11, June 22, July 20, August 17, September 21, and October 26

#### MARATHON PACK:

Friday, November 15 – 6:00 and 8:00 PM

Saturday, November 16 – 9:00 and 11:30 AM; 2:00 and 7:00 PM

**TO REGISTER:** For all packing sessions other than the Competitive Pack on March 8, please register directly on the *Feed My Starving Children* website: [www.fmssc.org](http://www.fmssc.org)

(Search for Grace Lutheran – Kris Miller.)

## Family Promise

## Lent Noisy Offerings



As we look back on the last year at Family Promise in Anoka County, we are incredibly thankful for the work our volunteers have done to help assist struggling families in our community. Our Interfaith Hospitality Network of faith communities served families with heart and offered them dignity in their time of difficulty and despair.

Family Promise is hosting a Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast at 8:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Come be our guest for breakfast and meet your counter parts from other congregations.

Grace will host Family Promise guests the week of, March 31 through April 6<sup>th</sup> 2019, 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?

**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 up to 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 ways you may serve God and His people in this Family Promise ministry!

For more information, please contact Alden Riley, [aldenandjudy@comcast.net](mailto:aldenandjudy@comcast.net) 763 412-9489

This year's Noisy Offerings collected throughout Lent will benefit the **Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies** initiative – a new Maternal Health

Program at the newly constructed medical center in Williamson, Haiti.

Being pregnant in Haiti is risky business – especially in rural Haiti where access to maternal care is minimal or non-existent. According to UNICEF, **more women die in Haiti before, during or after childbirth than anywhere else in the Western Hemisphere.** Why? It's heartbreakingly simple: the majority of Haitian women do not have access to or cannot afford maternal health options. Often, women walk for hours ... in labor ... to find help. For some with undiagnosed complications, it's too late.

The goal of the **Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies** initiative is to raise \$30,000 which will provide expectant mothers with prenatal vitamins, counseling on proper diet and nutrition, monitoring of blood pressure and other important maternal health factors, and sterile birthing kits for safe deliveries. In addition, funds will provide salaries for nurses to work in the program and transportation costs to ship in donated furnishings and equipment. **Your Noisy Offerings this Lenten season will be life-giving!**



## A RAINBOW OF HOPE

### Help Hope 4 Youth in providing pathways to end youth homelessness

When you come to church the weekends of March 23 and 30, you'll see a rainbow in the narthex! Upon closer look, you'll discover that the rainbow is actually made up of post-it notes, each having a specific item written on it – e.g. a clothing, personal care, or "grab 'n go" food item. You're invited to take one or more notes from the rainbow, purchase the specified item(s) and return them to the narthex shelves by April 7. If you choose a post-it note that says "Monetary Gift," please put your donation in the offering plate, clearly indicating that it is for Hope 4 Youth, or bring it to the church office.

## Financial Information



Did you know that you can have donations sent directly to Grace from your brokerage or retirement accounts? This can be a tax advantage for you. Grace also has a brokerage account so you can donate stocks as well.

If you have questions, contact Kate in the Church Office about how to set up a donation or talk with your tax or retirement planner.

*Kate Morphey, Church Administrator*

### Finances as of January 31

YTD Noisy Offering = \$1,003.80

YTD Benevolence paid = \$4,597.13

YTD Mortgage paid = \$8,846.00

Remaining Mortgage = \$651,519.80

### YTD Comparison

	2018	2019
<b>General Offerings</b>	\$47,789.50	\$56,269.30
<b>Other Receipts</b>	<u>\$4,166.38</u>	<u>\$4,074.38</u>
<b>Total Receipts</b>	\$52,109.51	\$60,343.68
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>\$57,269.51</u>	<u>\$64,732.61</u>
	(\$5,160.00)	(\$4,388.93)

*if you would like a copy of the current financial report, please contact Kate or Beth*



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to Giving Online



GraceLink

Last year about 40% of Grace's donations came in electronically. Giving electronically helps the church have a steady income to pay bills and meet its financial obligations. It also helps people give consistently even if they cannot get to church because of hectic schedules or cold weather.

Giving Online at GraceLink helps the church and the congregant. It helps the congregant to give consistently and helps the church with cash flow. If you have been thinking about setting up reoccurring gifts, it is really simple.

1. Create a *Log in to GraceLink* for yourself. Once you have logged in,
2. Click on *Giving* on the tool bar.
3. Have a check or credit card handy.
4. Determine the total amount and how often you want to give that amount.
5. Then select how much you would like to give to each fund.
6. Finish filling out your bank information.
7. Then follow the prompts to finish.

If you have questions, feel free to call the church office or email Kate or Beth. They would be happy to help you.

### 2019 Annual Meeting Minutes

The 2019 Annual Meeting was called to order after the 5:00 pm, 8:00, 9:00 and 10:30 am services on January 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019 by Scott Christensen, President of the Vision Board.

Scott Christensen asked for a motion to approve our minutes from the last congregational meeting. The motion was made, seconded and approved by the congregation.

Scott Christensen asked for a motion to approve the budget found in the annual report. The motion was made and seconded. The congregation voted by paper ballot. The 2019 Grace Lutheran Church budget was approved.

*Vickie Meade, Vision Board Secretary*





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## Lent & Easter Worship at Grace

**Saturdays 5pm**

**Sundays 8am, 9am# & 10:30am\*#**

**Ash Wednesday**

**March 6 1pm & 7pm#**

**Lenten Wednesdays**

**March 13, 20, 27**

**April 3, 10**

**1pm & 7pm#**

**Palm Sunday**

**April 14 8am, 9am# & 10:30am\*#**

**Maundy Thursday**

**April 18**

**1pm & 7pm**

**Good Friday**

**April 19 7pm**

**Saturday Easter Vigil**

**April 20 5pm**

**Easter Sunday**

**April 21**

**6:30am, 8am, 9:30am#, 11:15am\*#**

*\*ASL Interpreter*

*#Staffed Nursery*