



Granite Falls Lutheran News

April, 2024

Alleluia! Easter Joy



The season of Easter is here. For the next 50 days (includes Sundays) we celebrate the resurrection. We will hear the accounts of Jesus appearing to confirm for them and us that he was no longer dead. Then we will be reminded of what it was like to become the “church” and how important it is for us to remain strongly grafted/connected to Jesus.

This was a time when Jesus helped the disciples understand their new roles. It was a time of transition for them from students to leaders and teachers. It is the reminder that we continue to be the people of God proclaiming the resurrection in a world that does not believe.

We will continue to be developed as leaders as the disciples did in taking on the challenges of teaching all they had learned from Jesus. We need to continue to focus on who we can invite in to take on a new challenge of learning and leadership.

Who do you know who should join in sharing the faith by being on a committee? Who do you know who needs to grow in being a leader by developing skills of public speaking by being a reader? Who do you know who could grow and teach by being on the council?

Or who are you mentoring to grow their faith? And who is mentoring you into new challenges for your growth as leader and in living the faith?

We spent 40 days reflecting and being renewed with Lent. Now we will spend 50 days remembering the great transition that it took for Christianity to become a thing. A rather **BIG** thing at Pentecost. But that will lead to the ongoing work of being the people of God sharing God’s love in the world.

In the midst of that we will also deal with being in the world as we gather for our semi-annual congregational meeting, electing people to share in the work of developing and continuing all the ministries we do to proclaim Christ along with our updated constitution and bylaws.

Easter is here! Alleluia!

Blessings,
Interim Pastor Deborah Nissen

*Christ
is
Risen!*

Easter Sunday Worship Services

Easter Sunday: March 31st at 7:30 am, 9:00 am & 10:30 am



Worship in April 2024

Worship with us on Sunday Mornings at 9:00 am.

Come let us worship together as we sing praises to our God and grow in faith together.



Sunday, April 7, Second Sunday of Easter
Holy Communion
Scripture: John 20:19-31

Sunday, April 14, Third Sunday of Easter
Scripture: Luke 24:36b-48

Sunday, April 21, Fourth Sunday of Easter
Holy communion
Scripture: John 10:11-18

Sunday, April 28 Fifth Sunday of Easter
Scripture: John 15:1-8

March Ministerial Acts Funerals

Diane Peterson March 16
Tom Agre March 22

*Thank you to Lisa Carter and the office staff
for their extra efforts to create the daily words
for the Lenten Journal Journey.*

Espresso Time!

Women gathering around
the coffee table for fellow-
ship and scripture.

Please join us at the
Church on the
2nd and 4th Thursdays
of the month at 2:30 pm.



Saturday Men's Breakfast

at Hardee's
7:00 am



Online Worship Services

Worship services will continue to be livestreamed on the GFLC Facebook page.

If you are unable to tune in live, the services will be posted to Facebook and YouTube after the livestream.

Worship services are also aired on the local cable channel 8 on Sundays at 7:00 PM.

GFLC Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/GFLCGFMN/>

GFLC YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/gflcMNeIca/feed>

April's Thankful Thought:

2 Corinthians 8:7

But just as you excel in everything –
in faith, in speech, and knowledge,
in complete earnestness and in your
love for us - see that you also excel
in this grace of giving.

Blessings, Stewardship Committee

GFLC

Semi-Annual Meeting

Sunday, April 28

10:00 am

Following worship

Thank you for contributing to the noisy offering!

March 3rd - we raised \$369.09 for the local food shelf.



Your generosity is greatly appreciated!



Next month's noisy offering will be on April 7th for:

Healing Hearts Therapeutic Riding, Lee Mar Ranch

Endowment Awards--Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 2023

\$1,000 Scholarships: Ayva Wilkening, Kayla Nordaune, Landon Anderson, James Peterson, Kylie Knollenberg, Izabella Anderson, Ruby Bones

\$1,000 Evelyn Olson Grants (Medical Field): Ruby Bones, Kylie Knollenberg

Total Education Scholarships: \$ 9,000

Other grants awarded:

GF Living at Home Block Nurse Program	\$ 5,000	Neighbors United Food Shelf	\$ 2,500
National Youth Gathering Attendees	\$ 1,275	GFLC Outreach	\$ 950
Joelle Carter (Gustavus Christian Camp)	\$ 400	GF Mission Backpack prog.	\$ 2,000
Hillcrest Cemetery (mower fund)	\$ 7,500	WELCA	\$ 435

Church & Community Grants \$ 20,060

Total of Scholarships and Church & Community Grants \$ 29,060

Cultivating Faith Through Caring

Saturday, April 20, 2024

4:00 pm

People of all ages are invited to come with their families and friends to

"Cultivating Faith Through Caring"

in devotions, prayers, planting flowers and sharing refreshments.



Come to the GFLC basement for a time of relaxation and growth!

Please register by April 16th
by contacting the church office @ 320-564-3746

*Sponsored by the Stephen's Ministry Team
to strengthen our faith in God.*

Children's Church & Sunday School Schedule

CC (age 4 thru 1st Grade) **SS** (2nd thru 6th Grades)

April 7	Children's Church - 9:00 am Sunday School - 10:00 am
April 14	Children's Church - 9:00 am Sunday School - 10:00 am
April 21	Children's Church - 9:00 am Sunday School - 10:00 am
April 28	Children's Church - 9:00 am Sunday School - 10:00 am

Confirmation and Pre-confirmation schedule

<i>April 3</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>7:00 pm</i>	Service project with 6 th graders
<i>April 10</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>7:00 pm</i>	Dreams for the church with 6 th graders
<i>April 17</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>7:00 pm</i>	Why do we do what we do in worship or do you know your hymnal?
<i>April 24</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>7:00 pm</i>	Music in worship
<i>May 1</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>7:00 pm</i>	Wrap up and review

NOTICE

Granite Falls Lutheran Church – Hillcrest Cemetery Committee has hired a licensed surveyor to survey the boundaries of Hillcrest Cemetery. The surveyor has determined that minor legal description discrepancies exist between the cemetery and neighboring properties, and between the cemetery and the Yellow Medicine County Road 39 Right-of-Way. To correct the discrepancies, deeds, corrective deeds and other legal documents will need to be executed and filed of record. The Granite Falls Lutheran Church semi-annual meeting is scheduled for Sunday, April 28, 2024, 10:15 am. Pursuant to Minnesota State Statutes §315.12, this notice is hereby given to its church members, and will be advertised 4 Sabbaths (Sundays), March 31, April 7, 14 and 21, in the church bulletin in advance of the said meeting. The following resolution will be introduced for approval at the said meeting: “The Granite Falls Lutheran Church President and Secretary are authorized to execute deeds, corrective deeds and other legal documents necessary to correct legal description discrepancies identified surrounding Granite Falls Lutheran Church – Hillcrest Cemetery, located in Section 4, Township 115 North, Range 39 West, Minnesota Falls Township, Yellow Medicine County”.

April Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 7:30am Worship Service w/Holy Communion 9:00am Worship Service w/Holy Communion 10:30am Worship Service w/Holy Communion Easter Sunday	1 OFFICE CLOSED - HOLIDAY	2 5:00pm Outreach Committee 5:30pm Executive Committee Meeting 7:00pm Property Committee	3 9:00am YMLC Office Hours 5:30pm Education Committee Meeting 5:30pm Worship & Music Committee 6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice 7:00pm Confirmation Classes Gr. 7-9 7:00pm Pre-confirmation 6th grade	4	5 Office Closed	6 7:00am Men's Bible Study at Hardee's
Pastor Deborah on vacation April 1 - 10						
7 9:00am Worship Service w/Holy Communion 9:00am Children's Church - During Worship 10:00am Sunday School	8	9 6:30pm Council Meeting	10 7:00pm Confirmation Classes Gr. 7-9 7:00pm Pre-confirmation 6th grade	11 2:30pm Espresso Time	12 Office Closed	13 7:00am Men's Bible Study at Hardee's
Pastor Deborah on vacation April 1 - 10						
14 9:00am Celebration Worship Service 9:00am Children's Church - During Worship 10:00am Constitution/Bylaws Listening Session 10:00am Sunday School	15	16	17 9:00am YMLC Office Hours 1:00pm Worship at Care Center 1:00pm Worship at Granite Ridge 6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice 7:00pm Confirmation Classes Gr. 7-9 7:00pm Pre-confirmation 6th grade	18	19 Office Closed	20 Newsletter Deadline 7:00am Men's Bible Study at Hardee's 4:00pm Cultivating Your Faith, Stephen Ministers loss event
21 9:00am Worship Service w/Holy Communion 9:00am Children's Church - During Worship 10:00am Sunday School	22 Earth Day	23 9:00am MIA Quilting	24 Administrative Professionals Day 9:00am MIA Quilting 7:00pm Confirmation Classes Gr. 7-9 7:00pm Pre-confirmation 6th grade	25 2:30pm Espresso Time	26 Office Closed	27 7:00am Men's Bible Study at Hardee's
28 9:00am Children's Church - During Worship 9:00am Worship 10:00am Spring Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting 10:00am Sunday School	29	30	1 9:00am YMLC Office Hours 5:30pm Education Committee Meeting 5:30pm Worship & Music Committee 7:00pm Confirmation Classes Gr. 7-9 7:00pm Pre-confirmation 6th grade	2 National Day of Prayer	3 Office Closed	4 7:00am Men's Bible Study at Hardee's

LOOKING AHEAD

MAY 5TH - LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL (*sing in church*)

MAY 19TH - CELEBRATING OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

MAY 19TH - COMMUNITY DINNER

April Birthdays

1 Johnny Magnuson	8 Ross Taylor	18 Eugene Steinbach
1 Riley Roskens	8 Carol Upton	18 Kaye Thorkeelson
2 Debra Burthus	9 Laurel Christianson	18 Michele Zempel
2 Lee Luepke	10 David Kietzmann	19 Lori Schuler
2 Aaron Peterson	10 Jill Stark	19 Heather Vosberg
2 Joseph Sannerud	11 Aryn Carter	20 Kourtney Peterson
2 Irene Swanson	11 Stanley Santjer	21 Matthew Zempel
3 Elaine Hauger	12 Ashton Helgeson	22 Ralph Helgeson
3 Jason Hildahl	12 Boden Richter	22 Duane Olson
3 Timothy Knutson	13 Myron Erickson	22 Kristine Sik
3 Barbara Lund	13 Lee Parliament	23 Marlys Sietsema
4 Barbara Formo	14 Kay Magnuson	23 Cheryl Bain
4 Douglas Peterson	14 Alyssa Moe	24 Michael Abraham
4 Patricia Sheggeby	14 Ruby Bones	24 Leslie Knutson
4 Jon Tjosvold	15 Keith Dahl	26 Dana Baldry
5 Patricia Anderson	15 Paula Panitzke	26 Jamie Krueger
6 Arlene Haroldson	15 Brady Skogrand	27 Todd Anderson
6 Penny Krogstad	16 LaVonne Deters	27 Barry Evenstad
6 Mario Ochoa	16 Timothy Johnson	28 Ruth Mulenburg
7 Karla Imes	16 Vicki Reishus	28 Landon Anderson
7 Dana Skogrand	16 Kurt Thorstad	29 Jared Bakken
8 Jordan Anderson	18 David Knollenberg	30 Eric Peterson
8 Sharon Buchholz	18 Michael Skeie	30 Gwen Raney

April Worship Leaders

	4/7/2024	4/14/2024	4/21/2024	4/28/2024
Greeters	Barry & Kathy Anderson	Pat Kubly, Lori Carter	Jon & Pam Redetzke	Tim & Susie Johnson
	Carl & Karla Imes	Rachel Hagen	Norma Iverson	Stan & Darlene Santjer
Usher Team	Scott Bjorndal	Stan Santjer	Keith Knudson	Scott Santjer
Acolytes	Kyla Smith	Kolten Blankenhagen	Samantha Paulson	Ryan Martin
	Sarana West	Lincoln Santjer	Tenley Anderson	Mason Enstad
Reader	Emry Jans	Mark Jensen	Kiptyn Jans	Amy Hoernemann
Communion Assistant	*Gail Aus	X	Sally Ohliger	X
	*Keith Sandberg		Mike Ohliger	
	Darlene Erickson		Ali Mensink	
	Melissa Helgeson		Nicolle Kotek	
	Assisting Minister		Assisting Minister	



Late- Breaking News!

He is the living God, and steadfast forever; His kingdom is the one which shall not be destroyed, and His dominion shall endure to the end. Daniel 6:26

For some of us, a certain amount of fear knocks at our hearts when we hear a newscaster say, "This just in...an item of late-breaking news." Most of us would rather not have late-breaking news because; whether of a positive or negative nature, such news interrupts our lives. The past years have brought us more than enough 'late-breaking news' but as David E. Lilienthan once noted; "The genius of America is its ability to make adjustments. We are adaptable, and because we are adaptable, we are strong."

Jesus called His disciples to "follow" Him, but He didn't tell them exactly where He was going or what He would be doing on any given day. He continually adjusted His course to accommodate others in need and challenges us to do the same. While circumstances and situations around us may forever change, our relationship with the Lord is sure and fixed. He is always our Savior, teacher, redeemer, comforter, counselor, and rock of our souls! How important it is that we remember this when 'late-breaking news' comes our way!

Thank you:

- ✚ To the Endowment committee for a grant to be used for winter jackets to be donated to Bert Raney Elementary and LWR school kit supplies.
- ✚ For the opportunity to contribute \$1,000 to the Kasota Stone project due to a generous donation that we were able to match.

Coming Events:

- ✚ **Board meeting:** April 1, 9:30 am at Church
- ✚ **LQP WELCA Spring Gathering:** April 16, 9:00am - Garfield Lutheran Church
Registration by April 10 (\$5)
- ✚ **Dinner At your Door:** April 22-26, Group 5
- ✚ **Quilting:** April 23-24, 9-3 (note time) Group 4 will share treats

Future Events:

- ✚ **SW MN WELCA Synod Convention:** May 4 at Gloria Dei Lutheran, Redwood Falls
- ✚ **The Spring Salad Luncheon** will be Tuesday, **May 7**, 10:30 – 12:30.
Watch for more details and be thinking about what you might contribute to the bake sale.



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