

Graceline

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Walking with Christ to the Cross

Highlights of the Grace Lutheran Church (GLC) 45th Annual General Meeting (AGM) February 23rd, 2025

After a combined service with Praise music from our Choir and Full of Grace, we commenced with our annual general meeting. Chairman Everly Lutz convened the meeting at 11:00AM and announced a quorum of members. Pastor David gave the opening prayer and thanked God for being able to come together for the meeting. He thanked God for all of His blessings that He has given us in the past year. Pastor David also asked the LORD to be present and to bless us in our meeting, to love one another, and to help us discern His will in the way He wants us to serve Him. Chairperson Everly Lutz asked for any corrections or additions to the agenda for this meeting as presented in our 2024 Bulletin of Reports (BOR) for our 45th AGM. The Agenda was approved. The chairman duly asked for any corrections, additions, omissions, or other changes to the Minutes of the 44th Annual General Meeting held on March 24th, 2024 as presented and published in our 2024 BOR. The minutes were accepted. The Reports were presented and accepted as is you can refer to the 2024 BOR. Reports included:

- A) The Chair’s Report
 - B) Pastoral Ministry Report
 - C) Reports from 2024 CALC Convention
 - D) Reports on LCMC 2024
 - E) Worship & Music:
 - F) IT/AV
 - G) Building & Grounds
 - H) Sunday School & VBS
 - I) GLEA
 - J)UBCO Ministry report
 - K) GLC Service Group Committee
 - L) Ukrainian Humanitarian Mission Committee
 - M) Publicity Committee
 - N) Financial Secretary’s report
- Tim Hartness reminded the congregation that 2024 charitable tax receipts along with 2025 donation envelopes are available in their church mail boxes.
- O) Review of 2023 Financial Statements by Brent Keith
 - P) Council Approval of 2024 Financial Statements:
 - Q) Treasurer’s Report on the 2024 Financial Statements and proposed 2025 Budget: Herbert Heise asked whether the congregation wanted him to discuss each page or just leave it

open to questions and the members announced, by acclamation, they wanted only questions. Herbert announced each page but there were no questions on any of the financial statements for 2024, nor proposed budget for 2025. Note: all reports were accepted.

Nominating Committee Report: Pastor David thanked the Council members who had fulfilled 6 consecutive years on GLC Council for their service: Tim Hartness, Paul Hertel

The following members have allowed their names to stand for election for 2025: Klaus Reimers & Christine Williams. As there were 2 vacancies on Council, these candidates were elected by acclamation. There was a round of applause for these past and present Church Council members.

Election of Delegates to the 2025 CALC Convention - There will be a Convention in Edmonton at the Holiday Inn Edmonton Airport, Nisku AB on April 11-12th, 2025. GLC's delegates will consist of Pastor David plus 2 delegates. The following have agreed to be delegates: Everly Lutz & Ursula Sommerfeld; and the following have agreed to be alternate if the above cannot attend: Christine Williams. The aforementioned people were elected by acclamation.

LCMC: Because of the increasing expense of sending delegates to the national LCMC convention each year (which is held in the Midwest of the USA), Pastor Ed (who is now the regional head of the North West district of LCMC) suggested that GLC should join the North West district of the LCMC. Since there are no mandatory financial contributions required, GLC could therefore send delegates to North West District of LCMC meetings each year. This was agreed and carried - unanimous. The Attendees to the 2025 NW District LCMC conference will be Pastor Ed.

After the meeting was adjourned, Full of Grace lead us in the table Grace and then the congregation headed to the fellowship hall for a wonderful lunch. Special thanks to Jack

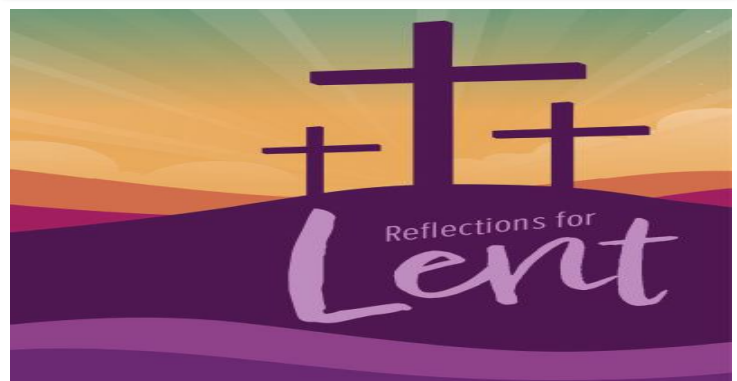
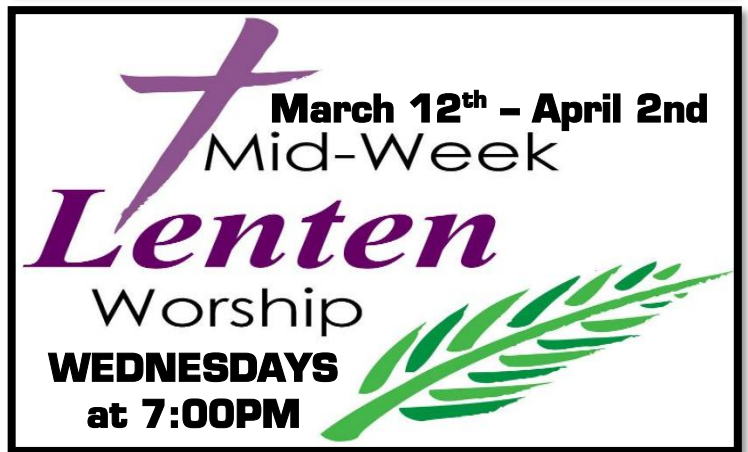
Spielman who recorded the minutes. Note: what you have just read is not the official minutes, but only highlights of the meeting.



March 5th - Shrove Pancake Supper - Youth will be preparing and serving a delicious pancake supper at 6:00PM in the Fellowship Hall. Come out and enjoy a meal and stay for the Ash Wednesday service following at 7:00PM.

PANCAKE SUPPER

**WEDNESDAY
MARCH 5TH AT 6:00PM**



In Loving Memory



Ferne Marie Sather

August 29, 1940 – January 20, 2025

Our beloved Ferne Marie Sather passed away peacefully on January 20, 2025. Ferne was born on August 29, 1940 in Shell River SK. She was deeply loved and will be greatly missed by her husband, Eugene, and children Curtis, Kevin and Michelle; grandchildren Joseph, Isaiah, Zechariah, Benjamin, Kelsey, Leif, Kennedy, Marie, Naomi & two great-grandchildren. Ferne took great joy in her family. She was a devoted mother, whose abiding love and excellent care for her children was a constant. She involved her children in sports, took them to church, and encouraged them to higher education. Her children were always Ferne's highest priority and her grandchildren were all much loved and a special delight to her. Ferne was a registered nurse who was highly regarded by her peers and her patients. She enjoyed her profession and over the years gave a lot of herself and her time to care for her patients and her community. Her colleagues in the ICU said if they got sick, they wanted Ferne to be their nurse. High praise indeed! In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Ferne's memory to the charity of your choice.

“
You are saved by
God's grace because
of your faith. This
salvation is God's gift.
It's not something
you possessed.”

EPHESIANS 2:8



COMPASSION CORNER

Pray for everyone in our church family who mourns including the Sather, Shopland/Keith, Pfahl, Hack and Burt families. Pray for those recovering from surgery including, Nedra Schuler and Len Weber. Pray for those at home, including Dulce Intengan, Ellen Spielman, Alma Pasker, Kris Gering, Maria Heise, Jim Szabo, Louise Shopland, Gerald Schuler, Emily Hughes Fran Schmidt, Joan Ulmer, Coco Heebner and Lorraine Wentland. ***“He himself bore our sins...by His wounds you have been healed.” 1 Peter 2:24.***

40 Lent Scriptures

TO DRAW NEAR TO GOD

- Day 1 "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you." James 4:8
- Day 2 "And he is the image of the invisible God." Colossians 1:15
- Day 3 "Come, all you who are thirsty." Is. 55:1
- Day 4 "And from them will flow streams of living waters." John 7:38
- Day 5 "He is the firstborn over all creation." Colossians 1:15
- Day 6 "My ways are not your ways, nor my thoughts your thoughts." Isaiah 55:8
- Day 7 "There is a way that seems right to a person, but in the end, it leads to death." Proverbs 14:12
- Day 8 "Arise and shine for your light has come." Isaiah 60:1
- Day 9 "And the people living in darkness have seen a great light." Matthew 4:16
- Day 10 "No servant is greater than His master." Matthew 10:24
- Day 11 "That he lays down his life for his friends." John 15:13
- Day 12 "In you, we live and move and have our being." Acts 17:28
- Day 13 "I have set before you an open door which no man can shut." Rev 3:8
- Day 14 "I am the way, the truth, and the life." John 14:6
- Day 15 "In the beginning, God created." Genesis 1:1
- Day 16 "I looked and saw a great multitude, from every nation and tribe and people and tongue, standing before the Lamb." Rev 7:9
- Day 17 "Weeping may last for a night, but joy comes in the morning." Psalm 30:5
- Day 18 "There is no language where their voice is not heard." Psalm 19:3
- Day 19 "Be still and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10
- Day 20 "You are the light of the world." Matthew 5:14
- Day 21 "A city set on a hill cannot be hidden." Matthew 5:14
- Day 22 "No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6
- Day 23 "I am the beginning and the end." Rev 21:6
- Day 24 "According to the eternal purpose that He accomplished in Christ Jesus." Ephesians 3:11
- Day 25 "I was dead, and behold, now I am alive forever more." Rev 1:18
- Day 26 "I hold the keys to death and Hell." Rev 1:18
- Day 27 "There is no one who can snatch them out of my hand." John 10:18
- Day 28 "And we have put our trust in His love." 1 John 4:16
- Day 29 "And lead me in the way everlasting." Psalm 139:24
- Day 30 "How abundant are the good things that you have stored up for those that fear you." Psalm 31:19
- Day 31 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven." Matthew 5:3
- Day 32 "All who come after me must deny themselves, pick up their cross, and follow me." Luke 9:23
- Day 33 "In your light, we see light." Psalm 36:9
- Day 34 "But small is the gate and narrow the way that leads to life and only a few find it." Matthew 7:14
- Day 35 "There is no other name under heaven by which men must be saved." Acts 4:12
- Day 36 "Truly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God." John 3:3
- Day 37 "If you seek me, you will find me, if you seek me with your whole heart." Jeremiah 29:13
- Day 38 "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart." Romans 10:8
- Day 39 "Then you will know the truth and the truth will set you free." John 8:32
- Day 40 "When he found one very precious pearl, he sold all he had and bought it." Matthew 13:46

Congregational Life

Christian Education

- Sunday** - Sunday School at 10:15AM
- Monday** - Zoom Bible Study at 7:00PM.
- Wednesday** - Ladies Bible Study at 9:30AM
- Thursday** - Grief Support Group for 12 weeks starting February 6th at 1:00PM (pre-registration asap)
- Thursday** - Choir Practice at 7:00PM

so very
thankful
incredibly
grateful
unbelievably
blessed

Serving Others

**Volunteer at the
Kelowna Gospel Mission**
251 Leon Ave, Kelowna, BC

On the 4th Tuesday of every month a team from Grace Lutheran goes to the Kelowna Gospel Mission. They help in the kitchen with lunch and dinner preparation. If you would like to serve in this way, please contact Corinn Lutz at 250.869.8092 or by email: timcorlutz@gmail.com

Blessed are those who
hunger and thirst for
righteousness,
for they will be filled.
- Matthew 5:6



Men's Breakfast

March 8th at 8:30AM

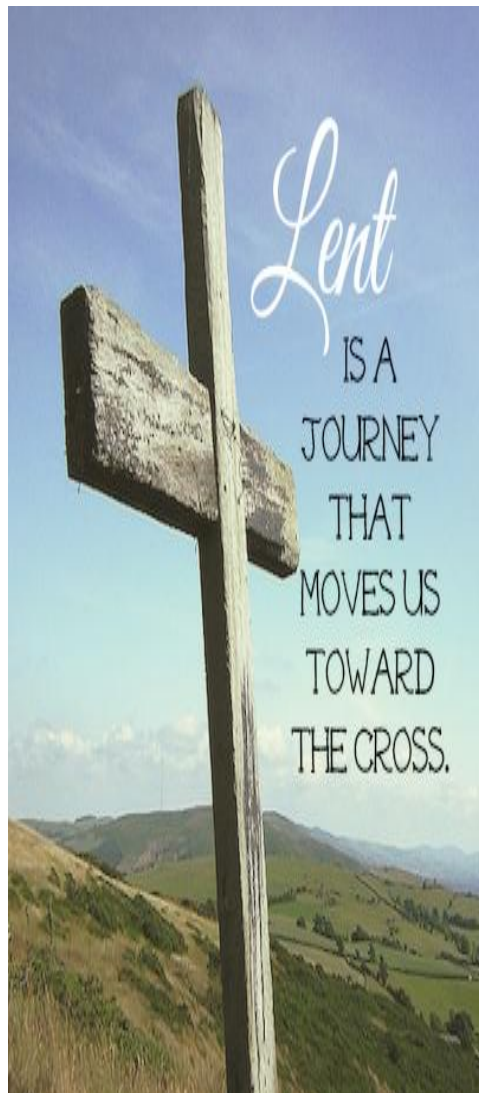


Grace Coffee Social

Sundays at 10:10AM Everyone is Welcome to come to the Fellowship Hall and meet your Grace neighbours!

Healing Service

Tuesday, March 18th at 7:00PM



Council Meeting

March 25th at 7:00PM

AND WE KNOW THAT
ALL THINGS
WORK TOGETHER
FOR GOOD
TO THOSE WHO

Love God

TO THOSE WHO
ARE THE CALLED
ACCORDING TO *His* PURPOSE
ROMANS 8:28

A Lenten Reflection...



- Give up complaining; focus on gratitude
- Give up harsh judgments; think kindly thoughts
- Give up worry; trust divine Providence
- Give up discouragement; be full of hope
- Give up bitterness; turn to forgiveness
- Give up hatred; return good for evil
- Give up negativism; be positive
- Give up pettiness; become mature
- Give up jealousy; pray for trust

Sunday School is at 10:15!

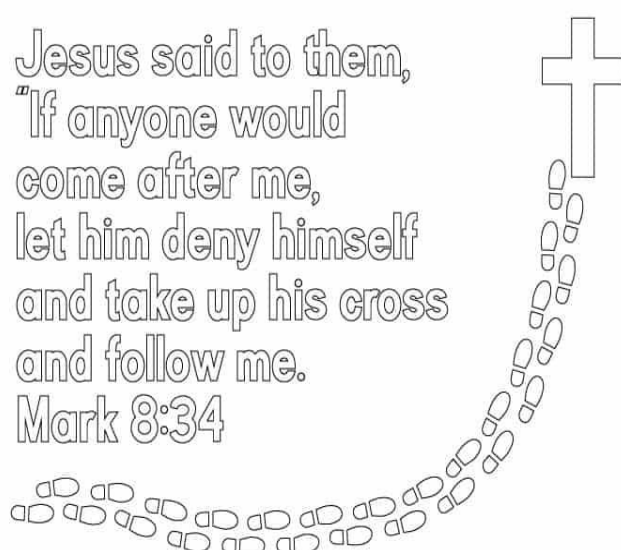
ASH WEDNESDAY WORD SEARCH

Solve the following puzzle by finding all the hidden words!



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| PRAYER | SACRIFICE | FAITHFUL |
| LENT | ASHES | SPIRITUALITY |
| PALMS | REFLECTION | FORGIVENESS |
| REPENTANCE | FOREHEAD | PROMISE |
| CHURCH | OBLIGATION | FASTING |
| WEDNESDAY | WORSHIP | BAPTISM |

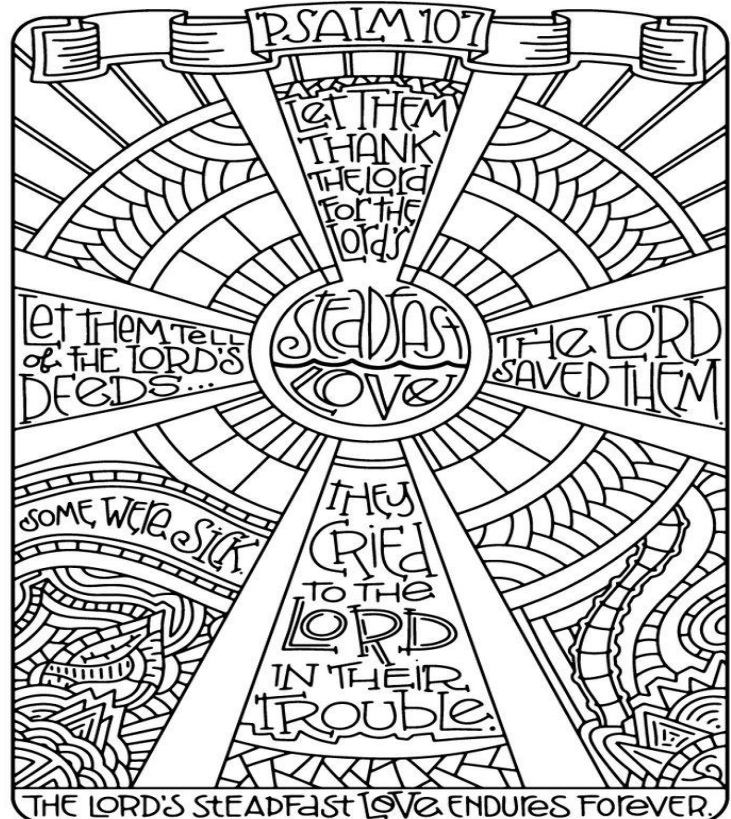
Jesus said to them,
 "If anyone would
 come after me,
 let him deny himself
 and take up his cross
 and follow me.
 Mark 8:34



ON THE ROAD TO EASTER WORD SEARCH



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| Ash | Holy Week | Palm Branch |
| Wednesday | Holy Thursday | Forty Days |
| Sacrifice | Good Friday | Jesus |
| Almsgiving | Holy Saturday | Passover |
| Prayer | Easter | Foot Washing |
| Fasting | Palm Sunday | Resurrection |
| Lent | Purple | Love |



MARCH 2025 – Grace Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 1:00PM Watercolour Class
2 Transfiguration 9:00AM Contemporary w/Holy Communion 10:10AM Coffee Social 10:15AM Sunday School 11:00AM Traditional w/Holy Communion	3 7:00PM Zoom Study with Jim Statham	4 2:00PM Lakeview Lodge PD	5 9:30AM Ladies Bible Study 2:00PM Brookhaven PD 6:00PM Shrove Pancake 7:00PM <i>Ash Wednesday</i> Service	6 1:00PM Grief Course 7:00PM Choir Practice	7	8 8:30AM Men's Breakfast 1:00PM Watercolour Class
9 Lent 1 9:00AM Contemporary 10:10AM Coffee Social 10:15AM Sunday School 11:00AM Traditional	10 7:00PM Zoom Study with Jim Statham	11	12 9:30AM Ladies Bible Study 7:00PM Lenten Service	13 1:00PM Grief Course 7:00PM Choir Practice	14	15 1:00PM Emmaus Finnish Service
16 Lent 2 9:00AM Contemporary 10:10AM Coffee Social 10:15AM Sunday School 11:00AM Traditional w/Holy Communion	17 7:00PM Zoom Study with Jim Statham	18 7:00PM Healing Service	19 9:30AM Ladies Bible Study 2:00PM Brookhaven FOG 7:00PM Lenten Service	20 1:00PM Grief Course 7:00PM Choir Practice	21	22 1:00PM Watercolour Class
23 Lent 3 9:00AM Contemporary 10:10AM Coffee Social 11:00AM Traditional	24 7:00PM Zoom Study with Jim Statham	25 7:00PM Council	26 9:30AM Ladies Bible Study 7:00PM Lenten Service	27 1:00PM Grief Course 7:00PM Choir Practice	28	29
30 Lent 4 9:00AM Contemporary 10:10AM Coffee Social 11:00AM Traditional	31 7:00PM Zoom Study with Jim Statham					

For by grace you have been saved
through faith, and this is not
your own doing;
it is the gift of God.

