

April 18, 2019

Greetings friends,

Life is sweet, isn't it? I'm still reveling in the joy of our Palm Sunday activities at Grace. I enjoyed it perhaps more than I normally would as I watched our happy little three-year-old experience the joy of waving palm leaves for the first time while wearing a fancy new great-for-twirling dress. To Cora, most things are pure joy...unless they aren't. But that is another story for another time. Cora was thrilled to come to Sunday school and is enthralled with watching the bigger kids. She loves greeting her good friend Camille and



singing (dancing) with the Sunday school kids. Cora proudly tells us about what she learned from "My Bec-ty" at Sunday school. With the concert in the afternoon we were concerned that another hour or so of being quiet would be more than she could handle, but G'pa reports that she danced through several of the songs and did pretty well. And, as a reward for being a good girl through her busy day, G'pa took her on an ice cream cone date. Life is sweet, isn't it.

**This Week at Grace** Please plan to join us this evening at 7:00 for our special **Maundy Thursday Communion and Worship service**. This Sunday is **EASTER!** Pastor Jonathan's message, "What, Me Worry?" is inspired by Luke 24:1-12. The Chancel Choir will sing *Heaven Crowned Him King*. And everyone is invited to join the choir in the chancel area at the end of the service to join in singing Handel's *Hallelujah Chorus!* Our greeters are Chuck & Ruby Matheason. Rod & Sue Bohner, Fred Larson and Jane Jackson will usher with *Gloria Sampson* serving as our *liturgist* this week. Worship begins at 9:15. Please join us!

**Grace Church is responsible for running the Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry** for the following dates this year: **May 11, July 27, October 5 and December 14.** Please let Denise Carlson or Cathy Hermanson know if you would be willing to help serve for any of the dates. We need about 5 each time. Also, if you would be willing to pick up bakery goods from the Lincoln Center Hy-Vee the Friday morning before our service Saturdays, let us know.

**Sheri (Bohning) Gertsen is looking for a place to stay for 5 months beginning April 29<sup>th</sup>.** She is looking for one bedroom with a nearby bathroom for herself and her ailing husband Jordy. The first month, Jordy will be staying at Bethany Life and just Sheri will need a place. She is willing to pay rent and can be flexible if a space is available only on a month-to-month basis. Hotel renting for several months would be prohibitively expensive for them, so they're hoping to find a bedroom-bath situation in someone's home. If you can help them out, please call Sheri at (563) 249-0239.

**Students in middle school and high school interested in the Summer Stretch** program can find folders of information and registration forms on the bulletin board by the choir room. Summer Stretch is a week long day camp that promotes faith and volunteer community service. It is led by St. Petri's Kristin Johnson. **For our Grace members, we will pay 100% of the fee: M.S./ \$60 and H.S./\$30. The Registration deadline is May 1.** If you don't get your registration in by May 1, there is a LATE FEE of \$15. Should that happen to you, it is your responsibility to pay that fee. For reimbursement of the regular registration fee, please make a copy of your registration form and submit it to Gini Michel.

**No Sunday school classes on Easter Sunday (April 21). FYI - Last day of Sunday school until after Labor Days is May 19<sup>th</sup>.**

**ATTENTION CHURCH CAMP PEOPLE!**

Folks interested in attending camps this year should consult the catalogs and registration forms on the table by the library wall of books. Grace Church (courtesy of the Al Rau Camping Fund) will pay: 100% of tuition/room and board fees for Grace members attending a Methodist camp; 75% of fees for Grace members attending a non-Methodist faith camp; 50% of fees for a friend who attends Methodist church camp with a member of Grace. **Please make a copy of your completed registration form and submit it to Gini Michel for reimbursement.**

**As you pray this week, please remember these friends and hold each up in special prayer:**

The Kurt Carlson family as they mourn his Dad's passing; George Sellers; Rich Peterson (Erma's brother); LeRoy Johnson; Patricia Girman; Jean Hassebrock; Raelyn Miller; Helen Caruth; Barbara Wheeler; Emmerson Kahl; Emily Meier; Kermit Miskell; Lois Johnson; Garry Gerjets; Pat Skowronski; Jackie Royer; Cooper Leeman; Taylor family

**News You Can Use**

**Thursday, April 18 Maundy Thursday**

7:00 PM Worship - Communion

**Sunday, April 21 Easter Sunday!**

9:15 AM Worship – Choir

10:15 AM No Coffee Fellowship

10:30 AM No Sunday school

**Monday, April 22**

5:30 PM Finance

6:30 PM Council

**Wednesday, April 24**

7:00 PM Choir

8:00 PM Bells

**Thursday, April 25**

9:00 AM Membership

**Saturday, April 27**

All Day – Lay Servant Training in various classrooms in the church

10:00 AM Visitation – Arris Richardson

11:00 AM Arris Richardson Memorial Service followed by lunch

**Sunday, April 28**

9:15 AM Worship – Special Music by Jarod Hart

10:15 AM Brunch – baked French toast, benefit Worldwide Mobility (P.E.T.)

10:30 AM Sunday school

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**Faithfully,  
Cathy**