

- Sunday, March 31**
 8:00 AM Lenten GIG– Fireside Room
 9:30 AM Worship– Sanctuary
 10:45 AM All classes, from 3 yr. olds to adults; Confirmation and Sr. Hi Youth
 10:45 AM Lenten GIG– Chapel
 10:45 AM Wired Word GIG– Fireside Room
 1:00 PM Boy Scout Court of Honor– BenTena Room
 4:00 PM 4H Meeting– Wesley Room
- Monday, April 1**
 11:30 AM Wellness Group– Wesley Room
 4:00 PM 4H Extension Group– BenTena Room
 5:15 PM SPRC– Fireside Room
- Tuesday, April 2**
 6:45 AM Bible Study– Fireside Room
 5:15 PM PALS Board Mtg.– Fireside Room
 6:00 PM District Boy Scouts Mtg.– BenTena Room
 6:00 PM YOUTH Group– Youth Room
 7:00 PM Troop 123– B5
- Wednesday, April 3**
 9:30 AM Coffee @ Grace– Narthex
 11:00 AM Central Iowa Detention Testing– Wesley Room
 11:30 AM Community Lenten Lunch & Worship– Faith Pentecostal
 1:30 PM Lenten GIG– Fireside Room
 5:30 PM Pit Stop– BenTena Room
 6:06 PM Worship– BenTena Room
 6:15 PM GriefShare– Fireside Room
 6:35 PM Lenten GIG– Fireside Room
 6:35 PM Choir Rehearsal– Choir Room
 7:15 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal– Bell Choir Room
- Thursday, April 4**
 Pastor Association Meeting @ Atlas
 2:00 PM UMW– BenTena Room
 5:30 PM Children’s Ministry Meeting– Wesley Room
- Saturday, April 6**
 8:00 AM Church Clean Up day
 2:00 PM to 5 PM Birthday Celebration for Vivian Allen– BenTena Room
- Sunday, April 7– Cherish House Baby Bottle Campaign to begin**
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Recorded this week:

- Recorded Worship Attendance: 176
- General Budget Receipts: \$3,750.00
- Builder’s Club: \$35.00
- Other Designated: \$1,809.00

THANK YOU for empowering GUMC Ministries by your Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service & Witness!

Nursery: 31st: April 7: Julie Krull April 14: Cheryl Mowery
Liturgist today is: 31st: Cyndi O’Hara April 7: Dennis DeWitt April 14: Kevin Tlam
Connection Center: 31st: Jane & Roger Ingledue April 7: Cyndi O’Hara April 14: Lenny & Sandy Heerd
Accompanist: 31st: Tom Fuchsen April 7: Sean Pulatie April 14: Sean Pulatie

Greeters: *Questions ask Cyndi O’Hara*

3/31/19: Bill & Carol Lauritzen,
 Dave & Gay Spark, Wanda Grote,
 Elaine Orthmann, Everette & Crystal Handy
4/7/19: Chuck & Jeri Elliott,
 Gordon & Jan Watson, Nancy Hoffman,
 Bailey Swanson, Tom & Lynnette Gross
4/14/19:



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Ministers - Everyone

March 31, 2019

Fourth Sunday of Lent

9:30 AM

Welcome Guests! *If you’ve not been here before, relax. We are not going to ask you to stand up and introduce yourself. If this is your first time worshipping at Grace, we have a gift for you in the fellowship area. Go to the CONNECTION CENTER and the attendant will be sure you receive your gift.*

*When you see the [*] people are invited to arise as able. Song lyrics will be projected, but if you’re a notes & measures person, most songs are in the blue Hymnal; songs with numbers 2,000+ are in the thin, black Faith We Sing.*

If children are with you, that’s wonderful. Jesus loves children and so do we. You might sit near the front so the children can see and hear everything. If you need to leave with your preschooler, an usher can show you to the nursery. For older children there are “busy bags” on a rack at the rear of the worship center.

*Ask an usher about using a **hearing assist device**.*

Beverages are offered in the foyer after worship. Everyone is welcome!!

“Welcoming all people to know, grow, serve and share Jesus Christ.”

Prelude

Centering for Worship

L: It is good to be here because God is here, lovingly blessing us as we gather.

P: **Let everyone give thanks, calling upon God’s name and publishing the good news.**

L: It is good to be here; Christ is here whenever two or three gather in his name.

P: **Sing to God, sing psalms, tell of all his remarkable doings.**

L: It is good to be here because the Spirit is here, leading us into the only truth that really matters.

P: **We will seek the Lord and his strength, we will seek God’s face evermore.**

***Sing Together** “Dear Lord and Father of Mankind” (vs. 4 acapella) No. 358

***Prayer for Worship** (We’ll pray together)

God of wilderness and water, your Son was baptized and tempted as we are. Guide us through this season, that we may not avoid struggle, but open ourselves to blessing, through the purifying depths of repentance and the heavenly words of the Spirit. Amen.

A Reading from the Hebrew Testament

Psalm 118:18 - 29

Act of Praise

“Oh the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”

Chancel Choir

Expression of Life’s Joys & Challenges

Call to Prayer

“In Christ Alone”

(vs. 1) No. 3105

In Christ alone my hope is found, he is my light, my strength, my song.

This Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!

My Comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

Grace Care Card

Please pray for: _____

This person is: Myself Family Member (relationship) _____ Friend/Neighbor

Request is for: Healing Hospice/End of Life Surgery (Date): _____ Hospital: _____

Please pray for: *describe nature of the concern* _____

gumprayer care cards This request is confidential. (Pastor Only)

Name of person requesting : _____

I have direct permission to share this information YES NO

Prayers of the People
“The Lord’s Prayer”

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Young Disciples Lesson – Mavis Olson
Invitational Song “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus” No. 349

Act of Praise In Christ Alone Bell Choir

***Story of Peter & Jesus** Mark 14:32 - 38

Reader: The relationship of Peter and Jesus...

ALL: ...too easily I, too, sleep while Jesus sweats blood.

Sermon “Friends Are Friends Forever....?” Pastor Paul Frederiksen

Offering Our Service and Our Stuff

Offertory

***Sung Response** “We Will Follow” No. 3160

We will follow, we will follow Jesus. We will follow, we will follow him.

We will follow, we will follow Jesus. Wherever he leads us we will follow.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Creator and Redeemer, may the giving we do be a pledge of our desire to make your redeeming, reconciling love known to others.

By this means, no one, anywhere, is beyond our reach and outside our influence.

May the offering - on the Table, and of our life - empower that good news. We pray in the name of Christ, our rock and our salvation. Amen.

***Singing the Faith** “Where He Leads Me I Will Follow” No. 338

***God Sends Us OUT!**

L: God, we admit we can grow weary, just like Peter and James and John.

P: Fill us, O God, with abundance of passion so we do not sleep as you bring the kingdom to earth as it is in heaven!!!

L: May you be graced with peace from God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer.

P: Amen.

Announcements: Plans for Living So God can Use Us!

Postlude

Easter Eggstravaganza

April 14, 2019

10:45 AM to 12:30 PM– Fellowship Hall

Sign up in Narthex to host a game!

Use invitation to invite a neighborhood family.

Ministry Opportunities

- > **Grace Lenten Devotional:** Now available at the Connection Center.
- > **March/April Upper Rooms are now available in Narthex.** Pick up your Upper Room TODAY!!
- > **Sundays:**
 - **Lent Study: Simon Peter GIG** at 8:00 AM– Fireside Room
 - **Children’s Sunday School (Ages 3 - Grade 8)** 10:45 AM. Upper level (Rm # 226-233)
 - **The Wired Word GIG** at 10:45 AM - Fireside Room
 - **Lent Study: Simon Peter GIG** at 10:45 AM - Chapel (9th grade - Adults)
 - **Adult SS Class** at 10:45 AM - Wesley Room
- > **Comm. Lenten Meal & Service Wednesdays @11:30 AM,** Faith Pentecostal Ch. (across from Menards).
- > **Wednesdays:**
 - **Lent Study: Simon Peter GIG** at 1:30 PM– Fireside Room
 - **PIT STOP Meal** - 5:30-6:15 PM – BenTena Room
 - ⇒ **Worship** 6:06-6:30 PM – BenTena Room
 - **GriefShare**–6:15 PM– Fireside Room thru April 17. Contacts Sheryl Larson/ Dorothy DeGroot.
 - **Chancel Choir** 6:35 PM – #214-Choir Room
 - **Lent Study: Simon Peter GIG** at 6:35 PM– Chapel
 - **Bell Choir Set up /Rehearsal** 7:15 PM/7:30 PM – Bell Choir Room
- > **Coffee @ Grace: 9:30 AM** on Wednesday, April 3, & Wednesday, April 17. Narthex.
- > **Easter Eggstravaganza:** April 14, @ 10:45 AM to 12:30 PM– Fellowship Hall. All are welcome!
- > **Seder Meal:** April 14, @ 5:30 PM- BenTena Rm. **FREE Tickets** available from confirmation youth.
- > **Holy Week: (Stations of the Cross in the Sanctuary)**
 - Thursday, April 18 – 9AM to 4 PM
 - Friday, April 19 – 9AM to 6:30 PM — **Good Friday Worship Service @ 7:00 PM**
 - Saturday, April 20 – 9 AM to Noon.
- > **Easter:**
 - 7:00 AM **Sunrise Worship @** Riverfront Outlook (bring blankets & chairs if you wish)
 - 7:45 AM to 8:45 AM **Easter Breakfast** (Delicious home cooked breakfast, FREE WILL)
 - 9:30 AM **Easter Worship** (Sanctuary)

Thank you for the Catch the Spirit givers...
March 31: This is available—cost is \$60.00 to sponsor.
April 7: O’Clair family, in honor of Vivian Allen’s 90th Birthday on April 10.
April 14: This is available—cost is \$60.00 to sponsor.
April 21: This is available—cost is \$60.00 to sponsor.

Ministry Opportunities (this space is available for your ministry opportunities) Tear off please

___ I will provide nursery care during worship on:
___ April 29 ___ May 5 ___ May 19 ___ May 26 ___ June 2

___ I will deliver Easter Eggstravaganza door hangers to Grace neighborhood.

___ I will provide 1- 9X13 pan of dessert for Pit Stop:
___ March 27 ___ April 3 ___ April 10 ___ April 17 ___ April 24 ___ May 1 ___ May 8

Name: _____ Phone: _____