

Lay Reader Schedule for March

March 3 – Holy Eucharist 9:30 a.m.

Lay Reader: Michael Mornard

March 10 – Holy Eucharist 9:30 a.m.

Lay Reader: Joanne Groves

March 17 – Holy Eucharist 9:30 a.m.

Lay Reader: Sherry VanDoren

March 24 -- Holy Eucharist 9:30 a.m.

Lay Reader: David Wheeler

**March 28 – Holy Eucharist 7:00 p.m.
(Maundy Thursday)**

Lay Reader: David Wheeler

March 29 – Good Fri. Service 7:00 p.m.

Lay Reader: Michael Mornard

March 31 – Holy Eucharist 9:30 a.m.

Lay Reader: Michael Mornard



Coffee Servers - March

Mar. 3 – Cheri BJORKE

Mar. 10 – Jackie BJORKE

Mar. 17 – Gladys HAGGAR

Mar. 24 – ECW Breakfast

Mar. 31 – Volunteer

Ushers for March–

Lee & Marla Lichty

**Acolyte Schedule
March**

Mar. 3 – Holy Eucharist

Nik & Matt Voss

Mar. 10 – Holy Eucharist

Henry Rubish &
Patrick Burns

Mar. 17 – Holy Eucharist

Jessica Hotchkiss

Mar. 24 – Holy Eucharist

Donika BJORKE &
Audrey Rubish

**Mar. 28 – Holy Eucharist
(Maundy Thurs. – 7 p.m.)**

Volunteers

Mar. 31 – Holy Eucharist

Nik & Matt Voss



**Palm
Sunday
Breakfast**

Grace Church ECW will again serve breakfast following the Palm Sunday service, which this year is March 24th. Bring your appetites for egg casserole, homemade sweet rolls, fruit salad, juice and coffee. Hope to see you there!

Notes from Mother Jean...

Easter is coming!



It's hard to believe that before our next newsletter we will celebrate Holy Week and Easter! Since it's not the tradition at Grace Church to hold the Great Vigil of Easter on the night of Holy Saturday, I thought I would take this

opportunity to tell you about one of my favorite services of the liturgical year.

It didn't used to be one of my favorites – in fact, I had never heard of it up until the mid-80's when I came back to the Episcopal Church after a longish absence. During that absence, the 1979 Book of Common Prayer was ratified by General Convention. Before that time, the Great Vigil was something that only the highest of Anglo-Catholic Episcopal churches held, so people who went to the more broad or low churches were never exposed to it.

On a side note: I'm using "high," "broad," and "low" here merely to designate liturgical practice. High churches are characterized by "bells and smells," entirely sung services, and sometimes weird and complex choreography at the altar. Low churches are characterized by clergy in choir dress (cassock, surplice, and tippet), communion less often than every week, and no chanting of any kind. Broad churches, which are the majority of Episcopal churches in the US, fall somewhere in between. Grace is definitely in the broad tradition. It's important to remember that no matter what we do or how we look, sound or smell, we are all still Episcopalians!

Back to the Great Vigil. It is considered by some to be the most important service of the entire year. In fact, it's the only Easter service in the 1979 Book of Common Prayer. This is no doubt because our regular Easter morning services, though beautiful and full of joyful music and celebration, are still based on the standard Holy Eucharist we use every Sunday, while the Vigil is a little different. However, it's also because General Convention felt that it was theologically important enough to include in detail.

The service itself is divided into four parts: the Service of Light; the Service of Lessons; Christian

Initiation, or Renewal of Baptismal Vows; and Holy Eucharist with the administration of Easter Communion.

The Service of Light is one of the things that makes the Great Vigil of Easter unique. It starts with the lighting of the new fire outside of the church (or just inside if the weather doesn't permit being outside). Because the Vigil begins in darkness, this is a powerful symbol with which to begin the Easter Season. I have seen anything from a small fire in a hibachi to a roaring conflagration that nearly set the Deacon alight (not me, fortunately).

Once the fire is burning, prayers are said and the Paschal Candle is lit from the fire. The Deacon sings "The Light of Christ" three times, with the congregation responding, "Thanks be to God!" Each time The Light of Christ is sung, the Deacon moves further into the church, ending up at the Paschal Candle stand in the middle of the sanctuary. The Deacon (or someone else, if a Deacon isn't present) then sings the Exsultet, which is an ancient call to rejoice that the light has come back into the world, and a prayer of praise and thanksgiving for the gift of our salvation.

Next comes the Service of Lessons, which recounts God's saving deeds in history. In an ordinary Eucharist, we read one or two lessons, a Psalm, and a Gospel passage during the Liturgy of the Word. In the Vigil, in addition to these, there are up to nine readings from the Old Testament, each with its own responsorial Psalm or canticle and a Collect. The rubrics say that it's admissible to read as few as two lessons, but one of them must be the Exodus story of Israel's deliverance at the Red Sea.

The next two sections, Baptism and Holy Eucharist, are pretty much the same as they normally are, with the opening acclamation of the Eucharist being the first time we will have heard an alleluia in six weeks. That joyful opening Alleluia – the figurative rising of sun – is the true beginning of Easter

Until then, and for most of the month of March, we are still in the holy season of Lent. I pray that your Lenten preparations will be honest and fruitful, and that you will enter into the season of our Lord's glorious Resurrection with a whole and joyful heart. May God's peace and grace be with you all!



Sunday School

Sunday school is from 9:20 until 10:15.

All children are welcome to attend.

Mrs. Zeyna Kleinsasser is the teacher.

She can be reached at 352-4050.

Episcopalooza

When: Wednesday, March 6th

What time: 5:00 to 7:30

Supper will be served at 5:15

(We are looking for a volunteer to cook and serve!)

HMS & HHS Youth meet with Mother Jean and Michael for youth group following supper at 5:30.

Elementary Youth meet with Sarah.

If there is a parent who would be willing to help for the evening, please let me know.

BOOKS OF THE BIBLE: CHALLENGE

Kids, remember that the challenge this month is to memorize the books listed from September through February. You'll need to recite all of them from Genesis on to earn the reward... ☺

Family Fun Night



Easter Party

Wednesday, March 27th

5:30 to 7:00

Supper served at 5:30—

Free-will offering

Coming events...

3/20 – Possible Youth Community Service activity

3/17 – Children's Service (?)

3/24 – Palm Sunday Service & Brunch

3/31 – Easter Sunday

4/10 – Episcopalooza

**4/24 – Family Fun Night
End-of-Year Picnic**

BIBLE STUDY

Mo. Jean's Bible study group meets Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome.

Church Women United
World Day of Prayer
 Friday, March 1
 1:30 p.m.
 Our Saviors Lutheran Church
 Please try to attend!



Lenten Soup Suppers

The Lenten Soup Suppers and discussions are Wednesdays through March 20th at 6:00.

VESTRY will meet on
 Tuesday, March 19th, at
 7:15.

March Birthdays, Anniversaries & In Memorium

- 1 Jason Rubish (B); Christ Skezas (I.M.)
- 3 Shirley Sweesy, Max Smith (I.M.)
- 4 Florence Cowling (I.M.)
- 5 Nicolas Vicuna, Payton Klinger (B)
- 7 Ron Wheeler, Kylie Vicuna (B); Vernon Groves, Betty Christiansen (I.M.)
- 8 Dale Jepsen, Pansy Swett, Larry Clark, Marjorie Aldrich (I.M.)
- 9 Anna Ellwein, Mary Ethelyn Gustafson (I.M.)
- 10 Jack Wintle (I.M.)
- 12 Johanna Luddy (B); Lois LaFee (I.M.)
- 13 Barbara Geiger (I.M.)
- 16 Ruth Sievert (B)
- 17 Breta Samis (I.M.)
- 19 Cynthia Richardson (I.M.)
- 20 John Wells (I.M.)
- 22 Rennie Jo Muhs (B); Walter Kelson (I.M.)
- 23 Ernie White (B); Debra Engel (I.M.)
- 24 Robert Webster (B)
- 26 Lance Lichty, Pam Wheeler (B)
- 28 Bill Heller (I.M.)
- 29 Marjorie Cowling (I.M.)
- 30 Roy Milliken, Chad Severtson (B); Mildred Clark, Andrew Ellwein, Vicky Bjorke (I.M.)
- 31 Kati Vicuna (B); June Ferris, Allison Luddy (I.M.)



VESTRY MINUTES – Feb. 19, 2013

(unapproved)

Grace Church Vestry met February 19, 2013, at Lyn Steen's home with the following present: Mo. Jean Mornard, Marla Lichty, Sr. Warden, Doug Bjorke, Jr. Warden; Lyn Steen, Connie Vicuna and Marie Wheeler, Treasurer. Absent: Beckie Freeman, Joanne Groves, Michelle Hotchkiss and Ron Wheeler.

Prior to opening the meeting, Gianmarco Castellanos and his wife, Sara, were introduced. They are looking to start a salsa dance club and would like to use the church. The Vestry decided to allow this, with the classes to be on Thursdays with a start date March 7th starting at 7:00 p.m. Mo. Jean lead the group in spiritual reflection and a poem was read entitled "The Pillar Of The Cloud" from John Henry Newman.

Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. Mo. Jean moved and Connie seconded the minutes be approved; motion carried. Doug offered to take the minutes as acting clerk. If there is anyone wanting to volunteer to do this, you don't have to be on the vestry.

Rector's report: Mo. Jean reported on the Ash Wednesday services at noon and 5:00 p.m. Shrove Tuesday went well, with approximately 65 people coming for pancakes; not sure who was declared the winner of the pancake races. The organ has been repaired. Mo. Jean is doing the "Stations of the Cross" on Fridays at 5:30 p.m. through the 22nd of March.

Sr. Warden's report: Marla reported on Shrove Tuesday as well. Next month will be the mutual ministry review for Mo. Jean and the vestry. Betty LaFee is on hospice, and people should call first if they want to visit.

Jr. Warden's report: Doug reported that he still needs to look at fixing lantern light out front, as glass got broken along with light bulbs; installed lights in kitchen that were burned out; was locked out of janitor closet, so found a key to get in and then found vacuum didn't work so using old vacuum for now. Trina Adermann is still teaching art classes on Mondays but is coming from Madison, SD, when travel allows. The deadbolt in the front door is bent, making it hard to unlock and lock the door.

Treasurer's report: Marie reported on the 2 CDs that came due: one for \$19,385.00 went into the endowment savings and the \$20,000.00 was reinvested in a 6-month CD. Doug informed Marie that he had Roy Tschetter clean the snow across the street for ample parking for Shrove Tuesday supper if his bill is higher than normal. A bill for organ repairs was submitted for payment in the total amount of \$1,539.13; Connie moved, Lyn seconded, to pay bill; motion carried. Connie moved and Mo. Jean seconded the treasurer's report; motion carried.

New business: The vestry welcomed the new members on the vestry. Easter services will be Palm Sunday with brunch following the 9:30 service, Maundy Thursday at 7:00 p.m., Good Friday at 7:00 p.m. and Easter Sunday service at 9:30 with Easter Egg Hunt to follow. Mo. Jean asked if the sign outside can be redone as service times are hard to read. The church was contacted by the Airstream Camping Club

about a spot to hold a luncheon; it was decided to contact ECW to see if they will participate and serve the meal on June 27th. A parishioner has asked about the cost, which he would absorb, to get the service printed out in its entirety, except for hymns, so it can be followed along more easily. We will try this for the Easter service. The UPS Store could do this. Sealing the front and back doors better was discussed. Vestry meetings will start at 7:15 pm from now on.

Meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m. Next meeting will be March 19, 2013, at 7:15 p.m.

Submitted by Douglas BJORKE, Clerk

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“Stations of the Cross”

Mo. Jean will be leading “Stations of the Cross” each Friday at 5:30 p.m. through March 22nd for those interested.

Grace Church now has a website: www.grace-episcopal-huron.org. It’s a work in progress, and if you have any suggestions or pictures, please talk to Mo. Jean.

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Epiphany Guild

The Guild will meet at Cheri BJORKE’s home on Monday, March 18th, at 7:00 p.m.

Don't Forget...

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ARE DUE IN THE OFFICE BY THE 20TH OF EACH MONTH

KINDERNOOK CORNER

February found us busy making Valentines and learning about the mail process. Along with their special visit to the Post Office, the 4’s class enjoyed a stop at the Donut Shop for a snack and the Public Library, where the Children’s Librarian gave a tour and shared a special story time. Of course, our Valentine party was “sweet”...what a fun celebration of friend- ship! We also enjoyed celebrating “love for families.”

We also spent time learning about the importance of good dental health. Dr. Farmer’s staff visited the 3’s class and provided an office tour for the 4’s class.

This month we look forward to learning about the work that doctors and nurses do. The 4’s class will visit the hospital, and we would love to have a special visitor for our 3’s class, if anyone is qualified and interested!

We will kick off the month of March with a celebration of two very special birthdays— Mrs. Guthmiller and Dr. Seuss! We will share silly Seuss stories, wear our striped Cat in the Hat creations and sample Green Eggs and Ham.

We wish each of you and your families a Joyous Spring and a very Blessed Easter!