

Lay Reader Schedule for April

April 6 – Holy Eucharist 9:30 a.m.

Lay Reader: Laura Blom

April 13 – Holy Eucharist 9:30 a.m.

Lay Reader: David Wheeler

April 17 – Holy Eucharist 7:00 p.m.

(Maundy Thursday)

Lay Reader: Michael Mornard

April 18 – Good Fri. Service 7:00 p.m.

Lay Reader: Sherry VanDoren

April 20 – Holy Eucharist 9:30 a.m.

Lay Reader: Ardie Freeman
Michael Mornard

April 27 – Holy Eucharist 9:30 a.m.

Lay Reader: Connie Vicuna



Coffee Servers - April

Apr. 6 – Beth Brenner

Apr. 13 – Palm Sun. Breakfast

Apr. 20 – Volunteer (Easter)

Apr. 27 – Gladys Haggar

Ushers for April –

Dean & Zeyna Kleinsasser



**Kindernook
Spaghetti
Dinner
Fundraiser**

Kindernook Preschool will hold its ninth annual spaghetti supper on Thursday, April 10th, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children under ten. Tickets are available from all Kindernook families and from board members.

Plan on taking the night off from cooking dinner! The spaghetti sauce is homemade by Beckie Freeman, Marie Wheeler is manning the kitchen, and the homemade desserts are provided by parishioners of Grace Church! How can you go wrong?!?

Call Sarah Rubish at 352-8231 if you have any questions.

Acolyte Schedule April

**Apr. 6 – Holy Eucharist
Henry Rubish &
Nick Freeman**

**Apr. 13 – Holy Eucharist
Joey Hotchkiss &
Emma Freeman**

**Apr. 17 – Holy Eucharist
(Maundy Thurs. – 7 p.m.)
Volunteers**

**Apr. 20 – Holy Eucharist
Jessica Hotchkiss, Donika
Bjorke, Cecelia Kleinsasser**

**Apr. 27 – Holy Eucharist
Nik & Matt Voss**

Notes from Mother Jean...

Can it be true? Is Spring actually on the way? As I was driving home from Sioux Falls yesterday I noticed a slight haze of green in a couple of fields and a mist of new leaves on a couple of trees. It might have been wishful thinking on my part, but truly, Spring can't be far away now!

One of the things I love about living in a northern state is the annual renewal of life that comes with the warmer weather. It gives us the feeling that anything is possible, that anything could happen. It's the experience of dawn breaking through after a long, cold night.

That's how the followers of Jesus must have felt on that first Easter morning. The worst had happened. Their Lord had been killed and laid in a tomb. Their world had been shattered and their hope had fled. But then they come to the tomb the day after the Sabbath, only to find it empty. And as they are contemplating this new darkness, the sun breaks through and Jesus is among them once again! Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green!

That last sentence is from the Easter hymn by John M.C. Crum, an early 20th century English priest. I love it because it expresses our joy both at the coming of Spring and at the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior! Here's the whole hymn:

Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
Wheat that in the dark earth many years has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:

Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.

In the grave they laid Him, Love Whom we had slain,
Thinking that He'd never wake to life again,
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.

Up He sprang at Easter, like the risen grain,
He that for three days in the grave had lain;
Up from the dead my risen Lord is seen:
Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.

When our hearts are saddened, grieving or in pain,
By Your touch You call us back to life again;
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.

I wish you a joyous Easter and a Happy Spring!

Mother Jean



“Stations of the Cross”

Mo. Jean is leading “Stations of the Cross” each Friday at 5:30 p.m. through April 11.

Sunday School

Sunday School is every Sunday morning from 9:20 until 10:15. All children, ages Pre-K through 6th grade, are welcome to attend. Mrs. Zeyna Kleinsasser is the teacher. She can be reached at 352-4050, if you have any questions.

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Wednesday, April 2

Lenten Soup Supper: 6:00
Episcopalooza: 6:15 to 7:30

Wednesday, April 9

Last Lenten Soup Supper: 6:00
Episcopalooza: 6:15 to 7:30

Wednesday, April 16

Family Fun Night Easter-Egg Dying Extravaganza

Supper served by Freemans: 6-6:30

Free-will offering... "Feed the Monkey".



Cookie Decorating, Egg Dying, and Games from 6:30 to 7:30

Wednesday, April 23

Community Service Night All-Parish Spring Cleaning Party

From 6:00 to 8:00

We're hoping to get the whole parish involved in this endeavor...not just the youth. We'll be sending around a sign-up sheet in the next few weeks and also a list of supplies needed.

Please mark this night off on your calendar and help us teach by example the saying, "Cleanliness is next to Godliness"!

No supper will be served—bring a sack "lunch" if you like, or eat ahead of time.

ICE CREAM SUNDAE BAR – 8:00



Wednesday, April 30

Final Episcopalooza & Kickball

More details to come...

Sunday, May 4

Final Youth Service & Picnic

More details to come...



Lenten Soup Suppers

The Lenten Soup Suppers and discussions continue on Wednesdays through April 9th at 6:00.



Palm Sunday Breakfast

Grace Church ECW will again serve breakfast following the Palm Sunday service, which this year is April 13th. Bring your appetites for egg casserole, fruit salad, home made sweet rolls, juice and coffee. Hope to see you there!

Easter Vigil

Grace is participating in a joint Easter Vigil service with Our Savior's Lutheran Church. The service will be held at 7:00 pm on April 19th, at Our Savior's. The Easter Vigil is a wonderful way to begin our Easter celebration, and it is similar in format to the Advent Lessons and Carols. As such, it requires a lot of readers to participate. We thought it might be fun to come up with skits or songs that could coordinate with, or take the place of the readings, and I would especially encourage any of our kids who would like to, to participate. Please let me know if your family will be attending, and if any of you can read a scripture passage or a psalm. I hope we get a good turnout from Grace!



April Birthdays, Anniversaries &

In Memorium

- 1 Michael Mornard (B); Marietta Groves (I.M.)
- 2 Beth Brenner, Maric Klinger (B)
- 3 Tena Nelson (I.M.)
- 4 Kathleen Wingert (B); Albert Webster (I.M.)
- 6 Kristin Wheeler (B)
- 7 Dorothy Sanborn (I.M.)
- 8 Rod Voss (B)
- 9 Jay McAreavey (B); Alva Hoy (I.M.)
- 10 Gina Severtson (B); Howard Saylor (I.M.)
- 11 Vern & Bonnie Tate (A)
- 15 Kenneth Weeks, Naomi White (I.M.)
- 22 Emily Shoemaker, Helen Knapp, Fred Lampe (I.M.)
- 23 Elizabeth Berman, Christopher Fuglsang (B)
- 24 Caroline Wheeler (B)
- 25 Gabrielle Eddy, Ann Snyder (I.M.)
- 26 John Bell, Tobi Cox (B)
- 27 Lee & Marla Lichty (A); Lula Fen (I.M.)
- 28 Richard Sievert (B)
- 29 Emily Berman (B); Jessie Aldrich (I.M.)

Community Holy Week services will be held at the Congregational Church (505 California Ave SW). The services will be at 12:10 Monday through Thursday, with a light lunch provided afterwards. There will also be a Good Friday service, but time and location are yet to be announced.



VESTRY MINUTES - Mar.
18, 2014

(unapproved)

The vestry met with the following members present: Mo. Jean Mornard; Marla Lichty, Sr. Warden; Doug BJORKE, Jr. Warden; Joanne Groves; Dean Kleinsasser; and Cheri BJORKE.

Opening prayer and reflections were led by Mo. Jean. She also read the Prayer of St. Patrick.

Rector Report: Mo. Jean reported that Ruth Sievert is in the nursing home.

Sr. Warden Report: Nothing

Jr. Warden Report: Doug had the sanctuary furnaces checked out; one was not working and was repaired. Doug witnessed a bat flying around the sanctuary one evening but was not able to catch it; it was later found dead in the kitchen sink. The water pipes in the sacristy froze because of the limited heat in that area; it has been recommended to Altar Guild to leave that door ajar during the week so heat will get in there from the sanctuary.

Old Business: Marla moved and Dean seconded to approve the minutes. Cheri moved and Joanne seconded to approve the treasurer's report.

The quilt donated by Ron Brugger's family will be hung on the west wall of the library. The picture that is currently hanging on that wall will be relocated.

New Business: Computers for the secretary and rector were discussed at great length. Doug moved and Joanne seconded to approve to spend up to

\$1,500 for new computers, one monitor and the programs needed. Cheri moved and Marla seconded to request a quote from Michael Mornard for computer tech support for installing the new computers, installing the programs and getting the Wi-Fi working. Dean moved and Joanne seconded to direct Marie Wheeler, Treasurer, to purchase a \$1,500 visa prepaid credit card for the purchase of the computer equipment.

Weather-proofing after the energy audit: A quote from Wiedenman Construction was received for the weather-proofing of the building as per the energy audit recommendations. Justin Picek was to turn in a quote as well, but was not received by meeting time. It was decided to table this until another quote has been received. Dean moved and Cheri seconded for Doug to get a quote from Ken's Glass and Mirror on window replacement, because the insulated windows have lost their seals.

Mo. Jean will be participating in the Easter Vigil which will be held at 7 PM, Saturday, April 19th, at Our Saviors Lutheran Church.

There will be a baptism on Easter Sunday.

The next vestry meeting will be April 18, 2014, at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Doug BJORKE, clerk

*VESTRY will meet on
Tuesday, April 15th, at
7:15.*

Epiphany Guild

The Guild will meet at the church on Monday, April 21st, at 7:00 p.m., with Beth Brenner as hostess.



Please note the “**All-Parish Spring Cleaning Party**” article on the Youth page. Please come and support our youth in their community service project and help make Grace Church “shine!”

The Fair City grocery-receipts-for-educational-materials program ends on March 31st. Please turn in any receipts you may have soon after that date so they can be submitted. Kindernook thanks you!

Save the Date!

Sunday, May 4th, will be the final Youth Service of the year and will include a baptism, followed by an Episcopalooza picnic and graduation party for Justin & Jessica Hotchkiss.

Don't Forget...

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

KINDERNOOK CORNER

Our birthday celebration for Mrs. Guthmiller and Dr. Seuss was a hit! Most students tried (and liked) Green Eggs & Ham! We enjoyed sharing silly Seuss stories and making special artwork to remind us of two favorite stories—One Fish, Two Fish and The Cat in the Hat!

In March, we also observed St. Patrick's Day. We played Leprechaun Bingo and searched for treasure in observance of this special day!!!

Both classes have been learning about health care professionals and the special work they do to care for us. The 4's class toured the various departments of the hospital, and the 3's class enjoyed a special visit from Danielle Rathjen and Dr. Cy Haatvedt.

We would like to say a **HUGE "THANK YOU"** to all who donated to our Bakeless Bake Sale! Your generous dollars helped purchase many new enrichment activities for our preschool.

We are anxiously preparing for our annual **Spaghetti Dinner to be held on April 10th, 5:00-7:00 pm.**

Monday, April 21st will be an exciting day for both young and young at heart, as the **Shrine Circus** comes to town.

We wish each of you a very Happy Spring and a Blessed Easter!