

APRIL 2018 UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL 1ST WE SING HIS PRAISES! We celebrate the rising of our Lord with prayer, praise and song at our 9:30 service. We hope that you will join us in sharing the phrase of the day “He Has Risen Indeed!”

APRIL 6TH AND 7TH IS THE SOUTHWEST VOYAGER FLUTE FESTIVAL- held at the Voyager RV Resort this festival of Native American Flutes will feature many of the performers that held workshops and concerts here at Abounding Grace. For more information please contact Paul Surhoff at psurhoff@gmail.com.

APRIL 9TH OUR COUNCIL WILL GATHER- to discuss the happenings around our church. We hope that you will join us at 7pm in the Conference Rm. If you have something you would like to mention or have discussed, please contact Jay Froehlich or Pastor Keith to have it put on the agenda.

APRIL 13TH THE LUNCH BUNCH is meeting in the Fellowship Hall at noon. Bring a dish to share along with an appetite for some great conversation and company. If enough people want to play perhaps we have a game of bingo to follow. Want to be part of the happenings but need more information? Please contact Sheryl Felde at 885-5325.

APRIL 14TH IS THE LAST DAY FOR VITA- The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program ends at Abounding Grace for the year on this Saturday. The program has been having its most successful season so far and if you haven't gotten your taxes done yet there is still time!

APRIL 21ST WE SAY GOODBYE TO GLENN HELGESON- Our farewell to Glenn will begin with a service at 1 and a reception in Fellowship Hall to follow. All are welcome to attend.

THE WOMEN OF THE ELCA WILL NOT BE MEETING IN APRIL.

CASA de la LUZ HOSPICE IS OFFERING an 8 week course in dealing with grieving for adults. The purpose of this free of cost course, offered April 3- June 5 for 3pm to 4:30pm is to learn tools for self-care, optimal health, healing and transformation following the loss of a loved one. Required pre-registration is completed by calling Sally at 520-544-9890 or emailing her at SallyS@casahospice.com. The workshop is held at 7740 N. Oracle Rd. Bldg.#7760. For more information regarding this program please see Karen Paye.

ON-GOING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAY to

4/7 Dave Lybarger
4/12 Lynn Hardy
4/19 Jan Foreman
4/20 Bill Burkel
4/30 Madge Brewer, Kathie Josephs

HAPPY APRIL ANNIVERSARY to

4/8/78 Bill and Jay Froehlich
4/11 Vern and Kay Victorson
4/22/78 Mike and Maybelle Armier

DO YOU EVER HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE READINGS? The Thursday Bible Study at 11:30 led by Pastor Keith, are a deeper study of the following Sunday's readings and usually last 60- 90 minutes. It an excellent way to learn the history and context of the readings as well gaining a more meaningful look into what it is that our Lord is trying to teach us. For more information, please call the church office.

IF YOU NEED A RIDE FOR ANY SERVICE, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE AND WE WILL MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOU!

CHECK THE SIGN UP BOARD PLEASE! You are needed! Sunday mornings are a busy time around here and you are just what we need! Jobs range from Sunday School teachers/ helpers to communion assistants and everything in between. We will be more than happy to show you how easy some of these tasks are! Just ask any member of council or Pastor Keith.

SUNDAY HOSPITALITY TABLE – Who doesn't like to have a chance to sit down with a cup of hot coffee (or tea), a sweet treat, and for a little while, just chat? It could be with a friend you've known for a long time or someone you just met. It's a nice feeling, isn't it? Well that's what we try to provide right after each Sunday service. Here's a place to talk about the sermon or the music. Here's a time to discuss an event that just occurred or will be coming up soon. You may think that you're just giving yourself a little refreshment time, but don't forget the person you greet with conversation. Could it be that person needed somebody to share their thoughts with as well? Could it be you're a blessing to someone and you never knew it? By the way, that's alright, God knew, and it's called... loving your neighbor.

THE PEACE CANDLE – Our church carries on a tradition that began in Russia, of lighting a candle each week on our altar as a symbol of our prayer for peace in our world. We invite visitors from other congregations to take a Peace Candle along with the literature of its history to your home church to continue the tradition. If you would like to take the Peace Candle to your home church please mention it to the Pastor or an Usher and we will be happy to “pass it on.”

PRAYER CHAIN- Our church has a Prayer Chain. Anyone with a prayer request, please call **Shirley Berner at 885-4892**. Also, anyone that is interested in helping on the Prayer Chain please contact Shirley to lighten the load. **If you have someone on the list that should be taken off or someone to add, please contact Shirley Berner and Jay Froehlich in the office.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN

John Stum (son of Paul & Martha Stum), Audrey Neymeyer (granddaughter of Cheryl Emtman), Clay Hardwick (grandson of Jane Dunfee), Jessica & Tom Lauwers, James Simpson (from Aspire), Levi Thompson (grandson of Dave Kitner), Jonathon Batchler (nephew of Bill and Jay Froehlich).

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS

Bob Williamson, Cheryl Emtman, Sarah Williams (niece of Cheryl Emtman), Sara Seagrove, Tiffany (granddaughter of Virginia Reymer), Christopher Lawson (grandson of Maggie Cook), the Robnett Family, Jeannie Van Sickle (daughter Mark Westlake), Virginia Reymer, Robert Lloyd, Ron Briggs (friend of Cheryl Emtman), Eric Leland, Peter Leveratt (brother of Carol Leveratt), Ryan Judd, Alice Yaskanich, Kathie Josephs, Betty Hetler, Mark Westlake, Susan Martinez, Gretchen Surhoff (niece of Paul & Sharon Surhoff), Walter Brewer, David Glarborg (son of Estelle Glarborg), Police Officer Mike Duffrin, Don and Nancy (brother-in-law and sister of Kathy Peters), Will Trembley (son of Artesia Runge), Linda Pederson-Montoya.

IF YOU HAVE ANY CORRECTIONS TO YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION- please let Jay in the office know as soon as possible.