



Teach the Truth of the Word for the Glory of God

A Letter From The Pastor~ The Eternal Word of God: A Firm Foundation for Our Faith

BY PASTOR DIRK JENSEN

Grace, mercy, and peace be to you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! As we gather together in the joy of fellowship, let us turn our hearts and minds to the timeless truth found in Isaiah 40:8: "The grass withers and the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever."

In this powerful verse, the prophet Isaiah reminds us of the enduring nature of God's Word. It serves as a firm foundation for our faith, a constant and unchanging source of hope and guidance in the ever-shifting landscape of our lives.

The imagery of withering grass and fading flowers speaks to the transient nature of the world around us. Trends come and go, circumstances change, and the seasons of life bring both joy and challenges. Yet, in the midst of this temporal reality, we find solace in the unchanging, eternal nature of God's Word.

The Bible is not merely a collection of ancient stories or wise teachings; it is the living and active Word of God (Hebrews 4:12). Every page breathes with the divine inspiration that transcends time and culture. It is the revelation of God's character, His redemptive plan, and His unending love for us.



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Our February giving disbursements were paid out in March to the following:

1. Replenishment of Gas Cards	\$150
2. Northwoods Community Food Shelf	\$300
3. New Life Resource Center	\$350
4. Stone Lake Food Shelf	\$202
5. Northwest Connection Family Resources	\$250
6. Meals on Wheels	\$300
7. Regional Hospice	\$200

Mission Outreach meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month.



Deposits totaling \$2596 were received from Thrivent Financial's Choice Dollar program in December and January. We wish to thank the following members and friends for selecting Grace Lutheran Church as the recipient for their Choice Dollars:

Joey & Tom Falch	Brian & Mindy Follett
Marilyn & Sherman Goehring	Ron Hage
Jean & Bob Lutz	Dorothy Messner
Gary Nathan	Mary Nilssen
Bonnie & Darrell Salzman	

If you think you may have Choice Dollars coming from Thrivent, call 1-800-847-4836. At the first prompt, say "Thrivent Choice." At the second prompt, press 1. You will then get a live human that can tell you if you have eligible dollars. Remember, all Dollars earned in 2023 must be directed by the end of March, or they will disappear!



"DO NOT NEGLECT TO DO GOOD AND TO SHARE WHAT YOU HAVE, FOR SUCH SACRIFICES ARE PLEASING TO GOD." HEBREWS 13:16

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

THERE ARE NUMEROUS WAYS IN WHICH YOU CAN GIVE, INCLUDING READINGS, HELPING WITH COMMUNION, USHERING, GREETING, AND MUCH MORE. PLEASE CONTACT ONE OF THE WEEKLY COORDINATORS TO FIND OUT MORE.



Tuesday's
with Pastor Dirk
7:00 - 8:00 AM

Wednesday's with Danielle
9:00-10:00 PM

Thursday's
Disciple's Bible Study
9:30 - 10:30 AM

Thursday's Holy Spirit Bible Study
9:00-10:30 AM

Bible Study with Sue
Thursdays, 4:00-5:00pm

Couple's Bible Study
Will resume at 5:30pm Monday April 1st.



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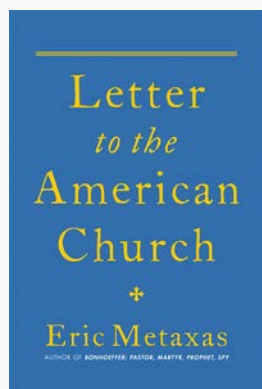
As we navigate the complexities of life, we can rely on the promises and truths found in Scripture. The Word of God is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path (Psalm 119:105), providing guidance and wisdom for every step we take. It is a wellspring of comfort in times of sorrow, strength in times of weakness, and a source of unshakeable hope in times of uncertainty.

Let us, as a community of believers, anchor ourselves in the Word of God. May we immerse ourselves in its teachings, meditate on its promises, and allow it to shape our thoughts and actions. In doing so, we build our lives on the solid rock of Christ's teachings, ensuring that we can withstand the storms that may come our way (Matthew 7:24-25).

As we journey together in faith, let the enduring truth of Isaiah 40:8 be a constant reminder that God's Word is our sure foundation. Let us cherish it, share it, and live it out daily, knowing that it is the everlasting anchor for our souls.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all

~ Pastor Dirk



Recommended Read from the Pastor

"Letter to the American Church" by Eric Metaxas is a compelling call to introspection and renewal within the modern Christian community. Metaxas artfully combines historical perspective and theological depth to address the pressing issues facing the Church in America today. With a clear call for unity and a return to timeless principles, the book serves as an inspiring guide for individuals and congregations alike. As your pastor, I recommend this insightful work for its thought-provoking content and its potential to spark meaningful discussions within our community, fostering a renewed commitment to the core values of our faith.



Irish Apple Cake

Ingredients:

Cake

- 1/2 cup unsalted butter at room temperature
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 3 Tbsp whole milk or cream
- 1 1/4 cups all purpose flour
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 1/8 tsp salt
- about 3 Granny Smith apples, peeled and thinly sliced. About a pound after slicing.
- confectioner's sugar for dusting

Streusel topping

- 3/4 cup all purpose flour
- 1/4 cup old fashioned rolled oats
- 6 Tbsp unsalted cold butter cut in small pieces
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar

Custard sauce

- 6 large egg yolks
- 6 Tbsp granulated sugar
- 1 1/2 cups whole milk
- 1 1/2 tsp vanilla

Instructions:

1. Preheat oven to 350F & grease a 9 inch pan.
2. Make custard sauce ahead of time. Bring milk to a simmer over medium heat. Whisk yolks and sugar until well combined. Drizzle hot milk into the egg mixture, whisking all the time. Transfer that back into the pan of hot milk and continue cooking, stirring constantly, until the mixture coats the back of a spoon. The mixture will become velvety and thick. It will continue to thicken as it cools, so don't overcook or it can curdle. Stir in the vanilla.
3. Pour custard through a sieve into a heat proof jar or bowl and place plastic wrap onto the surface so it won't form a skin as it cools. Refrigerate until cool.
4. Streusel topping, blend bits of butter into the flour, sugar, and oats until the butter is incorporated and the mixture has a coarse crumbly texture. Refrigerate.
5. Cream together butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in eggs, one at a time. Whisk together flour, baking powder, cinnamon, and salt. Fold dry ingredients into butter/sugar mixture, along with milk.
6. Spoon batter into pan, and smooth. Top with sliced apples, and streusel topping.
7. Bake for about 50 minutes to an hour, until top is lightly browned and a toothpick comes out without wet batter clinging to it.
8. Let cool. Dust with confectioner's sugar before serving.



Hayward Community School Educational Foundation Scholarships Available

Graduates of HHS, currently attending a 2 or 4 year post-secondary institution may apply for a Hayward Community Schools Educational Foundation Scholarship applicable to next year's school expenses. Applications will be considered from students who have completed at least one semester of courses and have a cumulative GPA of 2.75 or better. Applications can be obtained from the HHS guidance office or on-line by going to www.hayward.k12.wi.us. On this page you can download the application. Applications should be submitted to the HHS Guidance Office by April 1st. A copy of a transcript through 1st semester of this school year must be included with the application. Questions can be directed to Kathy Pachal, HCSEF secretary. 715-296-2327 or kathypachal23@gmail.com.



Sunday School

Sunday School will meet at 10:15 am, Schools age will meet in middle classroom & Adults will meet in big classroom at 10:30 am.

G.L.O.W.

All children 4 years-5th grade are invited to learn about God's love. They meet Wednesday, during the school year, from 3:40-5:00 pm.

Confirmation

Confirmation classes are held on Wednesday afternoons for kids in 6th-8th grades, from 4:00-5:00 pm.

Vacation Bible School

Glow aged children are invited to attend August 5th-8th (dates are tentative) from 3:00 pm-5:00 pm. Families are invited after for a light meal.

YOUTH





LENT & PRAISE BAND



“Whatever you do, do it from the heart, as something done for the Lord and not for people, knowing that you will receive the reward of an inheritance from the Lord. You serve the Lord Christ.”

Colossians 3:23-24 (CSB)



Fiscal year Budget Thus Far

Based on our giving history and budget:

Budgeted amount
\$151,824

Total rec'd since July 1
\$154,469



Disciples of Grace Lutheran

As we grow together at Grace, let us remain committed to serving. We have faced various challenges in the past six years, but with unity and dedication, we can and have overcome any obstacle and achieved great things!

As our beloved family at Grace continues to flourish and expand, we kindly request the active participation of all members. It is indeed a profound honor and privilege to serve on the Leadership Team, as I have personally experienced during my six transformative years on council.

Please Prayerfully reflect on nominating someone for a position on our esteemed Church Council.

As the old recruiting posters say **"We Need You!"**

Blessings,
Jim Denman
Council Vice President



Grace Lutheran's Building and Grounds team is urgently looking for a suitable vendor or person to take care of lawn mowing on the premises. Bidders are requested to present their offers to Dave Wiek or the church office before March 18th for council approval.

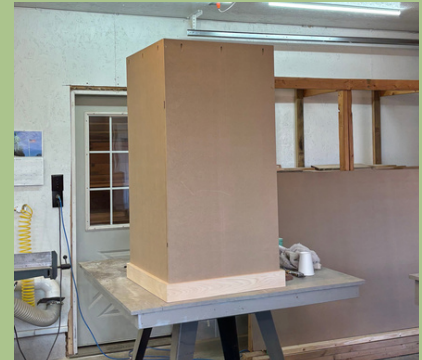


Prayer Concerns

Kaleb Jensen, Stan Strand, Kathy Bergum (loss of sister), Carol Mestelle & Norma Enerson (loss of brother/son), Emma, Kevin Hennen, Kathy Ahlgren, Virginia & Maurice Murray, Lim Perfecto, Dawn, George, Bill Schleusner, Skinny Roehl, Jim Thoreson, Cheryl (Turnbull) Hills, Rosie Anderson, Sharron Probyn, Jodi Waggoner, Bev Overmyer, Mary Ann Sebek, Ryan Sebek, Don Milne, Dee Dee Goodnow, Norma Enerson, Herb Kieffer, Lucas Jorczak, Shirley

****If you would like to be taken off the prayer list, please let the office know.****

Building & Grounds Projects





March 2024

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

Birthdays and Anniversaries are based on the church directory, If your information is missing or incorrect, please talk to Amy or Pastor Dirk about how to get it corrected

						1	2
3	4 Art Oliver	5 Jason Jorczak Michele Donaghue Rosella Anderson	6 Alyson Reier Macey Reier	7 Tysa Froemel	8	9	
10 Kerry Henderson Tatum Noreen	11	12 Gunnar Amys	13 Brad Donaghue Pastor Dirk Jensen	14 Jean Lutz	15 Debbi Houston Devyn Seidl	16	
17 Guy & Debbi Houston (29 Yrs)	18	19	20	21	22 Gary Hennen	23 Leslie Steidl Tanya Amys	
24 Bennett Orton	25	26 Kaleb Jensen	27 Gary Gustafson	28 Dave Nilssen	29	30 Megan Dvorak	
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Church Attendance

January Attendance

Average
102

February Attendance

2/4/24 (106)
2/11/24 (104)
2/18/24 (84)
2/25/24 (85)

Lenten Services Attendance

2/14/24 Ash Wednesday
(72)

2/21/24
(42)

2/28/24
(46)



March 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3 9am - Sunday Service 10:15am - Sunday School 10:30am - Adult Sunday School	4 9:30am- Broad Strokes 4:30pm Worship & Music	5 7am- Tuesday Morning Bible Study	6 9am - Bible Study 3:40pm - GLOW 4pm - Confirmation 5:15pm - Lenten Meal 6pm - Service	7 9am - Holy Spirit Bible Study 9:30am - The Disciples Bible Study 4pm - Bible Study w/ Sue	8	9
10 9am - Sunday Service 10:15am - Sunday School 10:30am - Adult Sunday School	11 9:30am- Broad Strokes	12 7am- Tuesday Morning Bible Study 9:30- Mission & Outreach	13 9am - Bible Study 3:40pm - GLOW 4pm - Confirmation 5:15pm - Lenten Meal 6pm - Service	14 9am - Holy Spirit Bible Study 9:30am - The Disciples Bible Study 4pm - Bible Study w/ Sue	15	16
17 9am - Sunday Service 10:15am - Sunday School 10:30am - Adult Sunday School	18 9:30am- Broad Strokes	19 7am- Tuesday Morning Bible Study	20 9am - Bible Study 3:40pm - GLOW 4pm - Confirmation 5:15pm - Lenten Meal 6pm - Service	21 9am - Holy Spirit Bible Study 9:30am - The Disciples Bible Study 4pm - Bible Study w/ Sue	22	23
24 Palm Sunday	25	26 7am- Tuesday Morning Bible Study	27 9am - Bible Study 3:40pm - GLOW 4pm - Confirmation	28 9am - Holy Spirit Bible Study 9:30am - The Disciples Bible Study 4pm - Bible Study w/ Sue 6pm Maundy Service	29	30 6pm-Good Friday Service
31 Easter Sunday						



Lent Services are each Wednesday with Dinner at 5:00 pm. Service following meal.

Our Last Lenten Meal will be served on March 20th.

Maundy Thursday service is March 28th at 6pm

Good Friday Service is March 29th at 6pm

We will be holding our 2nd annual Easter Brunch following Easter Service at 10:30 March



Pastor Dirk's Office Hours:
8:00-12:00,
Monday-Thursday

If you would like to add to the monthly newsletter, Please email submissions to:
newsletter@glchayward.org