**Grace Happenings**

**March 14**, 2024

**🍔Our March Culver's night is Tuesday, March 19th.**  Come to dine in, carry out, or drive through between 5-8 pm and Culver's will donate a percentage of sales to our church. Tuesday's flavor of the day is Peach Crisp!

**🧻Dry Pantry-** Toilet paper, toothpaste, bar soap, dish soap, laundry soap, and toilet bowl cleaner are a few of the items that can be used this week.

🍲What are your favorite dishes for Easter dinner?  Sweet potatoes, corn casserole, green bean casserole, cranberry relish, Jello, pie filling, mashed potatoes, gravy? Bring the ingredients for them to the Dry Pantry March 17 and 24, so others can enjoy a tasty meal too.

**🌮P.A.D.S**-Ladies in Fellowship Together  L.I.F.T. will provide a taco/burrito meal for March 28th at P.A.D.S. Thank you to Mary Ellen Goodbred, Lynn Perry, Mary Landsiedel, and Barb Marusich for providing the February meal for 68 P.A.D.S. clients.

**All ladies are welcome to attend the Ladies in Fellowship Together (L.I.F.T.) upcoming events:**

**Thursday, March 28th** - L.I.F.T. Volunteers provide a taco/burrito meal for P.A.D.S.

**Sunday, April 21st** - 2:00 pm - Cafe gathering with refreshments

Hiking/benefits of outdoor activity theme presented by Pam Grivetti.

**Missions -** Preparations are underway at the Food Pantries for Easter Baskets of food.  Send donations to Illinois Valley Food Pantry 122 Wright St, LaSalle 61301, the Hall Township Food Pantry 500 N Terry St, Spring Valley 61362, and P.A.D.S. 1320 Menards Ave, Peru 61354. Thank you for your generosity and the way you care about the people in the Illinois Valley!

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**Shut In’s** -How about sending a greeting to one of Grace UMC’s shut-ins?

If you know of anyone else who should be included on this list or of any corrections, please contact Leann Wilcoxen at [llwilcoxen@comcast.net](mailto:llwilcoxen@comcast.net) or 815-223-1143

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**Eyeglasses** - Put your old glasses, frames or lenses in the: I Care International Eyeglasses Box in the foyer at Church.  We have collected 5 big bags of glasses so far.

**🙏Prayer Chain** - If you would like to be a part of the Prayer Chain, please contact Nancy Leonard at [nncyleehall38@gmail.com](mailto:nncyleehall38@gmail.com)

**LENTEN SERVICES 2024**

**March 24th**PALM SUNDAY SERVICE @ 9 am

**March 28th** MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION SERVICE @ 6 pm

**March 29th**GOOD FRIDAY

10 am – Cross Walk at Bakers Lake

6 pm - Service & Meditation on the Last 7 Words of Jesus on the Cross

**March 31st** EASTER SUNDAY Communion Service at 9 am

**Ecumenical Lenten Services at 7pm**

**March 20th** is at Waltham Presbyterian with Pastor Jon Graham preaching

**Good Friday** is at Depue or Cherry U.C.C. with Pastor Alex Garncarz preaching

**All offering to go to local food pantries**

**🐰Pick up Easter Care Cards Sunday before or after church to**

**sign, seal, stamp and send.**

**March Birthdays -🎂**

7   David Stacker

11  Jack Brittin

12  Alisha Zorgdrager

13  Eric Sobin

15  Michael Free

18  Claudia Mikyska

19  Kyle Rimmele

20 Satya Sudhakar

23  Ellen Renk

24  Reason McCormick

      Ever McCormick

      Matthew Westerman

 26 Betty Knafelc

27  Ken Weber

      Grace McCormick

29 Linda Brant

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**Office Hours are:**

Monday 10:00 - 12:00

Tuesday     8:30 - 1:30

Wednesday by appointment only

Thursday  8:30 - 1:30

Friday 8:30 - 1:30