

# April, 2021

## GRACE PRESS

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Grace Presbyterian Church  
Winona, Minnesota



### MN FoodShare



This is a gentle reminder that all donations to MN FoodShare must be received in the church office by in the offering plate, mail, or dropped off in the secure lock box by **Easter Sunday, April 4.**

We are so grateful for all the **\$5,940** that has come in so far!



### Reaching Out & Picking Up

Join us for a day of Reaching Out and Picking Up on **Saturday, April 17**. Meet at the church at 10:00 a.m. and help make our community beautiful. Bring your kids or your dog and enjoy a morning of exercise and walking around the area and picking up trash!

### Grace Church is Re-Opening!

As we return to worshiping together again, here are a few reminders that Session has put in place to keep everyone - member and visitor alike - safe:

- \* Please observe social distancing at all times -- especially when in the hallways, and when entering and exiting the building.
- \* Masks will be required. Extra masks are available if you forget yours.
- \* Hand sanitizer will be available at all entrances to the church, and you are encouraged to use it when you enter or exit the building. The hand sanitizer is VERY concentrated so just ONE pump is enough!
- \* For the time being there will be no receiving line, no shared food or beverages, and no fellowship time after services. If you would like to visit, please consider visiting outside the building in the open air.
- \* Please avoid handshaking, hugging, and touching for the time being.
- \* Congregational singing will be limited. Please be sure to wear your mask when singing.
- \* If you do not feel comfortable meeting, are high risk, or don't feel well, please stay home! The services will continue to be live streamed.
- \* Pastor Rachel and Cheri will continue with their regular Office Hours: Cheri is in the office from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday; Pastor Rachel is always available for meeting; simply call the office and let us know when you would like to come in.

## Sunday School News



### April Memory Verse:

*"The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen."*

Luke 24:5

### Sunday School RESUMES!!

Calling all kids!

Starting **Sunday, April 11**  
Sunday School on Sunday  
mornings at 9:15 a.m.



### Happy Birthday!

Ray Lafky  
Janice Jacobson  
Tammy Engstler  
McKay Schultz  
Mary Lowery  
Ann Lubinski  
Gayle Arndt  
Audrey Olson  
Marty Jacobson



**Happy Anniversary!**

Henry & Chris Schantzen

April 2  
April 7  
April 9  
April 11  
April 15  
April 19  
April 22  
April 23  
April 26

April 22

**Weekly Offerings** ~ If you would like to drop off your weekly giving, please use our secure lock box located in the entry-way by the church office.



# COMING SOON!

The new landscaping for the front of the church is in the final planning stage and soon we will be needing volunteers to make those plans come to life! If you are a gardener or someone who likes to dig in the dirt, we need YOU!!

More details will be coming when the plans are finalized!



# Did You Know?

Many different community groups use our building on a regular bases.

**Alcoholics Anonymous** meets:

Monday - Friday at Noon  
Tuesday and Thursday at 5 p.m.  
Saturday at 7 p.m.

**Narcotics Anonymous** meets:

Friday at 7 p.m.

**Women's Bible Study** meets:

Monday at 9 a.m.

**Lions** meet:

3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at 5:30 p.m.

# Pastor's Page

## On Loss and Letting Go

Spring is here most days. We are back to worshiping in the building. Vaccines are becoming more readily available. It really seems like a time to celebrate!

But first I think we all need to take a look at the impact this last year has had on our hearts, minds, and spirits. We don't need to relive all our trauma to move forward but we do need to name it, put it in its place, and allow that wound to heal.

It can be hard to find the words, however, that fit our feelings. So, I will name three losses that I believe we all have suffered this year.

**Loss of Security** - A sense of security has certainly been lost this last year. That could be financial security for those who have lost jobs; physical security for those who are feeling unsafe, emotional security for all of us struggling with the unknown; and spiritual security for those of us who have felt so deeply the absence of beloved community on Sunday mornings.

**Loss of Life** – This one needs little explanation but can be seen in different ways. Very literally there were over 2 million lives lost worldwide due to COVID. Many of us have lost friends, family, or neighbors to this horrible virus. But the virus also cost a loss to us our way of life.

**Loss of Community** - Social distancing may keep us safe from the virus, but it takes quite a toll on our mental health, as had the growing divisiveness of our nation. Humans were made to be in community. The loss of hanging out with friends, gathering as an extended family, and gathering to worship as a beloved community has been quite great. Though this loss is temporary and will soon be restored, we must name the hurt that it has caused if we are to heal.

I want you to think about these things and identify what loss you have felt most especially in each of these categories. Write down what the loss was on a piece of paper. When you have that piece of paper and you have named your losses, find your Bible and put it on the page that contains 2 Corinthians 2:18.

All these losses and this year of hardship, are all temporary. Because, through the practice of our growing faith, we gain back the security of trust in the Lord, the life everlasting, and the community of believers that make up the body of Christ.

Take heart, dear friends, and believe in this Good News. Let us put away our sorrow, for now is the time of rejoicing.



## Session Summary

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Session held its regular meeting via ZOOM, on March 16, 2021, and approved the following items:

- \* To ask the congregation to vote to add the following amendment to our by-laws: "In an Emergency/Pandemic situation the congregation may meet by electronic means if all members have reasonable notice of the electronic meeting and the ability to discuss and vote on business items. The quorum for such a meeting is 20% of the membership".
- \* To resume in-person worship on Sunday, March 28, 2021 following the previous laid out safety protocol. We will continue to live stream the services.
- \* To resume in-person Sunday School classes on Sunday, April 11, 2021, following all safety protocol.
- \* To serve Communion on both Palm Sunday, March 28, 2021, and on Easter, April 4, 2021.
- \* Reminder to everyone that MASKS MUST BE WORN WHENEVER YOU ARE IN THE CHURCH BUILDING!!!!

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community, and world.  
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same in thought, word, and  
God, we are called to do the  
uncannily loved by  
Because we are  
**Mission**

Thank God!

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**Sunday School**

9:00 am

**Sunday Worship**

10:30 am

**Fellowship Time**

11:30 am

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