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# **March 2026 Newsletter**

### **Prayer Request**

If someone you know needs some extra prayers through a hard time or sickness, please email the office at [Prayers.gracelutheran@gmail.com](mailto:Prayers.gracelutheran@gmail.com)

Or you can call someone on the Care Team:

Jane Straub: 260-229-1118

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### **Important Email addresses**

Church business and bulletin items:

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Prayer Chain requests:

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Join us for fellowship hour immediately following the service.

### **THANK YOU**

to all the wonderful people who donated their time and yummy treats each week!!!

### **Food Pantry needs this month : Cereal**

Also food pantry needs Plastic bags (Walmart, Kroger's, ect).

**Purpose statement: Empowered by Jesus to participate in God's work with our community.**

### **Guiding Principles:**

- Always growing Relationships with God, one another, and the world
- God is at work in the world and we get to participate
- Trusting that God equips us, we understand and serve the needs of our community and world
- Music and worship are expressions of the Holy Spirit in this place.
- Each one has something to contribute
- All are on a journey, still traveling and searching
- We can walk arm in arm without seeing eye to eye

Easter Flower order form

Item	Cost	Quantity
4 1/2" Lily	\$5	_____
6" premium Easter Lily	\$10	_____
6" Hybrid with nice pot	\$16	_____
6" Hyacinth	\$11	_____
6" Tulip	\$11	_____
6" Daffodil	\$11	_____
10" Lily	\$26	_____

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In honor of, In memory of, in celebration of, (please circle one)

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Grace Lutheran Church  
Preschool

# Preschool Open House March 11, 2026 2026-2027

REGISTRATION  
OPENS MARCH  
11, 2026

## CLASSES OFFERED:

- 4-5 YEAR OLDS
- 3-4 YEAR OLDS
- MWF 8:30-11:30 • T/TH 8:30-11:30
- MWF 12:30- 3:30 • T/TH 12:30- 3:30
- MWF 8:30-3:3



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Smiles on Main Family Dentistry



Closing out Children's Dental Health Month by spending the afternoon with local preschoolers, teaching the foundations of healthy hygiene habits and smart nutrition choices. 🦷🪥



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# Grace Lutheran Church Preschool



# MARCH



## Where we've been...

We had lots of fun celebrating Valentine's Day with our friends. We enjoyed different books about Valentines and kindness. We enjoyed our visit from a Dentist. We learned about the shape oval, the letters Bb, Ss, and Hh. We focused on the numbers 6 and 7.

## Where we're going...

This month we will focus on transportation and dinosaurs. We will focus on the letters Cc and Dd. We will continue working on our names and for some maybe even our last names. Students will be learning about the numbers 8 and 9 and focusing on the shape diamond.

## Important Dates

March 11th- Open House/  
Registration Night 5:30-7:30pm  
March 16- No School- WCCS calendar  
March 18- Preschool Fish Fry  
Fundraiser  
March 30- April 3- NO School- Spring  
Break  
April 16th and 17- Muffins in the  
Morning at 7:45 am.  
April 21st- Dairy Queen Fundraiser 4  
pm- 8 pm  
April 28- Botanical Conservatory Field  
Trip- Butterfly Exhibit

## Kindergarten Readiness:

(Here is a list of things you can work with your child on to make sure they are ready for Kindergarten.)

Write their Name- know the letters that make up their name

Letter identification- both uppercase and lowercase letters

Counting to at least 20 if not 50

Number Identification- 1-10

Be able to sit and listen to a story

Answer comprehension questions about the story.

# Grace Lutheran Church Preschool



## 2nd Annual Fish Fry Preschool Fundraiser March 18, 2025

This fundraiser benefits your child and the teachers with things needed for the classroom and teaching. We are not mandating that families help but we are highly encouraging it. Parents will not be expected to volunteer the whole time. We will break the volunteer times down into an hour or two. The teachers cannot run this fundraiser by ourselves. People of a choice to dine in or carry-out.

Big Eyed Fish will provide us with their fish, tartar sauce and coleslaw. If you have never had it, it is delicious.

Please keep your calendars open for this day. Sign-up to help will come out the first week of March.

### Adults Meals

All You Can Eat Fish  
Coleslaw  
Applesauce  
Dessert

### Childrens meals

All You Can Eat Fish  
Mac and Cheese  
Applesauce  
Dessert

**There is a Fish Only option but for Carry- Out orders ONLY.**

We had awards for the scout leaders On Feb 22.



# 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH PRESCHOOL FISH FRY AND SILENT AUCTION

Proceeds benefit the Preschool.

March 18th  
4 pm - 7 pm

ALL YOU  
CAN EAT  
FISH FRY

\$15.00- Adult

\$6.00- Children 6-12

FREE- Children 5 and Under



Dine In OR  
Carry-Out



204 N. Main St.  
Columbia City, IN 46725

All Payment types welcome!



# **Bread Loaf offering**

## **Bread Loaf Offering 2026**

We will continue the same format for bread Loaf Offerings that we have been doing for the last 2 years. On the first Sunday of the month, we will announce which organization will benefit from the offering. We will be passing around 2 Bread Loaf Baskets. The following Sundays, the Bread Loaf basket will be in the Narthex next to the collection plate. Here is a list of the recipients that will receive the Bread Loaf offering each month. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Joe Freiburger, Pastor or any other church council member, Thank You for all your support and donations.

Joe Freiburger

January- Whitley County Ministerial Association (Energy Assistance) c/o  
Craig Allen Myers 169 E 600 S-57 Churubusco In. 46723

February- Campus Ministries

March- Gafkjen Endowment Fund

April- Synod Disaster Relief Response

May- The Center

June- Gideons

July- Babe

August- Lutheran Senior Care Ministries

September- Grace Lutheran Preschool

October- Fire Fighters Christmas Candy Handout

November- Mission 25 Giving Tree

December- Grace Lutheran Food Pantry

Lenten Service- On March 10th @ 7:00 pm we will have a Lenten Service in the Parrish Hall @ Grace for both Hope and Grace. We will use the same format that we did for Advent service.

This will be a carry in with an Irish theme and the church will be providing drinks. St. Patricks day is a week away. Come and join in for service, fellowship and some tasty food. If you have any questions, ask Pastor Matt or Joe Freiburger

Church of the Brethren is having a Feed the Need breakfast on Saturday, March 14, from 8:00 am to 10:00 am. It will be a freewill offering, and proceeds are going to Grace Lutheran's food pantry. To support this event, all you need to do is show up!

## Adelphi Group

Hope ladies will host Adelphi March 17 at 11:30. Please come with new ideas for programs this year.



### March Birthdays



OLIVER, Lance	03/01	
DRIVER, Jenna	03/06	
PEARL, Madison	03/06	
FREIBURGER Jr., Joe	03/08	
CRAIG, Mike	03/09	
HOCKERMAN, Michael	03/11	
OLIVER, Aaron	03/13	
OELSCHLAGER, Kathryn	03/16	
HART, Cole	03/21	
BOCKELMAN, Cindy	03/23	
COWDIN, Kay	03/24	
KRIDER, Kian	03/24	
OELSCHLAGER, Emily	03/24	
PELFREY, Gloria	03/24	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday-Sunday School
MOSS, Elizabeth	03/26	
OELSCHLAGER, Alison	03/27	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday – Blood Pressure check
LOVE, Donald	03/29	
ROTHGEB, Timothy	03/29	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday- Confirmation
KRIDER, Daysha	03/30	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday- Sunday school
SMITH, Gloria	03/31	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday- Adult Sunday school

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church Christian Holidays, Holidays in United States

Mar 2026 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 St. David's Day 8:15am - Worship Service 10am - Worship Service 11:15am - Blood Pressure 11:15am - Fellowship	2 12:30pm - Helping Hands 6:30pm - Property Team 6:30pm - Scouts America 6:30pm - Scouts America 7:30pm - AA	3 9am - T.O.P.S. 3:40pm - Staff Meetings 5pm - Pinewood Derby	4 8am - Men's Breakfast 12pm - Food Pantry 4pm - Voucher	5 7:30pm - AA 7:30pm - Al-anon	6 Pastor's Day Off 12pm - Food pantry	7
8 Daylight Saving Time 8:15am - Worship Service 10am - Worship Service 11:15am - Fellowship 1pm - Worship @Oakes 2pm - girl scouts	9 12:30pm - Helping Hands 5:30pm - Financial Team 6:30pm - Church Council 6:30pm - Scouts America 6:30pm - Scouts America 7:30pm - AA	10 9am - T.O.P.S. 3:40pm - Staff Meetings 6:30pm - Cub Scouts 3082 6:30pm - Sigma Eta	11 8am - Men's Breakfast 10:20am - Pre-k chapel 11am - Pre-k chapel 12pm - Food Pantry 12:40pm - Pre-k chapel 4pm - Voucher 5:30pm - Registration	12 7:30pm - AA 7:30pm - Al-anon	13 Pastor's Day Off 12pm - Food pantry	14
15 8:15am - Worship Service 10am - Worship Service 11:15am - Fellowship 11:15am - Sunday School	16 Wccs No school 12:30pm - Helping Hands 6:30pm - Scouts America 6:30pm - Scouts America 7:30pm - AA	17 St. Patrick's Day 9am - T.O.P.S. 10:30am - Care Team 11:30am - Adelphai Group 3:40pm - Staff Meetings 6:30pm - Cub Scouts 3082	18 8am - Men's Breakfast 12pm - Food Pantry 4pm - Voucher 4pm - pre-k Fish Fry	19 7:30pm - AA 7:30pm - Al-anon	20 Pastor's Day Off 12pm - Food pantry	21
22 8:15am - Worship Service 10am - Worship Service 11:15am - Fellowship 2pm - girl scouts	23 12:30pm - Helping Hands 6:30pm - Scouts America 6:30pm - Scouts America 7:30pm - AA	24 9am - T.O.P.S. 3:40pm - Staff Meetings 5:30pm - Blue and Gold	25 8am - Men's Breakfast 12pm - Food Pantry 4pm - Voucher	26 7:30pm - AA 7:30pm - Al-anon	27 Pastor's Day Off 12pm - Food pantry	28
29 Palm Sunday 8:15am - Worship Service 10am - Worship Service 11:15am - Fellowship	30 Wccs Spring Break 12:30pm - Helping Hands 6:30pm - Scouts America 6:30pm - Scouts America 7:30pm - AA	31	1 8am - Men's Breakfast 12pm - Food Pantry 4pm - Voucher	2 Maundy Thursday 7:30pm - AA 7:30pm - Al-anon	3 Good Friday Pastor's Day Off 12pm - Food pantry 7pm - Good Friday Service	4 Holy Saturday 10am - S.K Party

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**Worship At Hope Sundays at 8:15am**  
**Worship with Holy Communion at Grace**  
**Sundays at 10am**

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**Upcoming Important dates...**

- Lenten Service- On March 10th @ 7:00 pm
- Preschool Fish Fry March 18<sup>th</sup>. 4-7 pm
- Game Night at Grace Lutheran Church, April 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Preschool Dairy Queen Fundraiser April 21<sup>st</sup>. 4-8 pm.