



# The Grace Vine

March 2023

## Rector's Writ

Lent is a season for Scripture reading, reflection, and simply taking a look at how we live, what we believe, and making sure God has priority in and over our lives. Our choice in whether to give up or take on something as a Lenten discipline is not so important as the reason we do these things. One reason is to remember all that God and his beloved Son were willing to give and to endure for our redemption; for the redemption of all humanity. We make the effort to keep our hearts fixed on such spiritual realities. We find we need the Lord's help in keeping even the basics of some spiritual discipline or study. We find we need Christ's grace to keep our thoughts, words, and deeds in line with what pleases and glorifies God, in Lent or any season of our lives. We find Jesus is always there; ready to help, to heal, to guide us on the right paths. And...when we've gone astray, he gives us the light that leads us back to God, "whose glory it is always to have mercy." *(from the Collect for the Second Sunday of Lent)*

Holy Week begins on April 2<sup>nd</sup> this year, so we're including the Holy Week schedule of services in this issue, and it follows this article. Please note the April 8<sup>th</sup> Church Interior Clean up Day.

Since we've had members with recent or ongoing illnesses and/or surgeries, this particular prayer for the season of Lent seems appropriate in many ways.

"O God, who by Your care and counsel for humanity have moved Your Church to observe this holy season wherein the hearts of those who seek You may receive Your help and healing: we beseech You, Saviour of our souls and bodies, to purify us by Your discipline, that, abiding in You and You in us, we may grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of You; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen." *(author unknown, adapted)*

May you each find Lent to be a blessed and holy season.

Carol +



## Service and Lay Ministry Schedule

*If you cannot serve when scheduled, please find a substitute and call the parish office with that person's name. Thank you for sharing in the liturgical ministry of Grace Church.*

### Sunday, March 5 8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist 2 Lent

<b>Celebrant</b>	The Rev. Carol Evans	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>	Genesis 12:1-4a Nancy Lundgren
<b>Wrshp Ldr</b>	10am Carolyn Englert	<b>Psalm</b>	121
<b>Greeters</b>	Nancy & Fred Lundgren	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b>	Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 Fred Lundgen
<b>Organist</b>	Tim Lewicki	<b>Gospel</b>	John 3:1-17
<b>Video</b>	Doug Holzschuh		
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Joan Seman & Marsha Snyder		
<b>Coffee Hosts</b>	8am Joan & Frank Seman 10am Mary Jean & John McDonald		
<b>Counters</b>	Kingsland Pretorius & Carol Marotta		

### Sunday, March 12 8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist 3 Lent

<b>Celebrant</b>	The Rev. Carol Evans	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>	Exodus 17:1-7 Tim Splinter
<b>Deacon</b>	The Rev. William Snyder	<b>Psalm</b>	95
<b>Greeters</b>	Jeff & Lisa Marsh	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b>	Romans 5:1-11 Martha Croll
<b>Organist</b>	Tim Lewicki	<b>Gospel</b>	John 4:5-42
<b>Video</b>	Doug Holzschuh		
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Joan Seman & Marsha Snyder		
<b>Coffee Hosts</b>	8am Mike & Shirley Johnson 10am Nancy & Jim Ervin		
<b>Counters</b>	Kingsland Pretorius & Carol Marotta		

### Sunday, March 19 8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist 4 Lent

<b>Celebrant</b>	The Rev. Carol Evans	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>	1 Samuel 16:1-13 Carolyn Englert
<b>Wrshp Ldr</b>	Nancy Lundgren	<b>Psalm</b>	23
<b>Greeters</b>	Nancy & Jim Ervin	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b>	Ephesians 5:8-14 Jeff Croll
<b>Organist</b>	Tim Lewicki	<b>Gospel</b>	John 9:1-41
<b>Video</b>	Doug Holzschuh		
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Joan Seman & Marsha Snyder		
<b>Coffee Hosts</b>	8am Kay & Rallph Wise 10am Cindy Ward & Cathy Potisuk		
<b>Counters</b>	Kingsland Pretorius & Carol Marotta		

## Lent Program & Fellowship Tuesdays in Lent

We began on Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>, and encourage members to join us for the remaining gatherings. You don't have to attend them all to be part of the discussion.

We'll have the meal and fellowship from 6pm—6:30pm. The study and discussion begin at 6:30, then we'll end the gathering with Compline, planning to finish at 7:30pm. Sign-up for 2 volunteers to bring a simple supper of soup, bread, cookies/dessert if you opt to (or alternative if you're giving up sweets for Lent).

We're using "Practicing Compassion with All Your Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind" from the "Living Well Through Lent" study series by Living Compass.

We look forward to your presence and participation.





**Sunday, March 26** **8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist** **5 Lent**

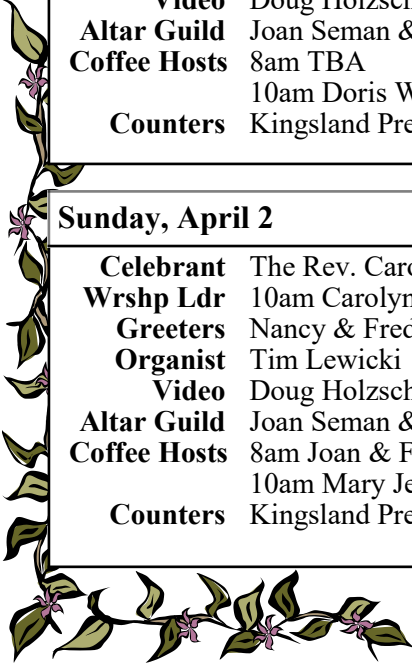
**Celebrant** The Rev. Carol Evans  
**Deacon** The Rev. William Snyder  
**Greeters** Jeff & Lisa Marsh  
**Organist** Tim Lewicki  
**Video** Doug Holzschuh  
**Altar Guild** Joan Seman & Marsha Snyder  
**Coffee Hosts** 8am TBA  
 10am Doris Whipple & Gail Richards  
**Counters** Kingsland Pretorius & Carol Marotta

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** Ezekiel 37:1-14  
 Tim Splinter  
  
**Psalm** 130  
  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** Romans 8:6-11  
 Carol Marotta  
  
**Gospel** John 11:1-45

**Sunday, April 2** **8:00 & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist** **Palm Sunday**

**Celebrant** The Rev. Carol Evans  
**Wrshp Ldr** 10am Carolyn Englert  
**Greeters** Nancy & Fred Lundgren  
**Organist** Tim Lewicki  
**Video** Doug Holzschuh  
**Altar Guild** Joan Seman & Marsha Snyder  
**Coffee Hosts** 8am Joan & Frank Seman  
 10am Mary Jean & John McDonald  
**Counters** Kingsland Pretorius & Barb Popiel

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** Isaiah 50:4-9a  
 Nancy Lundgren  
  
**Psalm** 31:9-16  
  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** Philippians 2:5-11  
 Fred Lundgren  
  
**Gospel** Matthew 26:14-27:66



**Holy Week  
 &  
 Easter Services at  
 Grace Church**

**Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
 8 & 10am Palm Sunday

**Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>**  
 5pm Healing Service & Eucharist  
 (with prayer & no laying on of hands for healing)

**Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>**  
 7pm Maundy Thursday Eucharist  
 concludes with stripping of the altar

**Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>**  
 7 pm Stations of the Cross and  
 Good Friday Liturgy

*(Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> 9am—noon  
 Parish Interior Clean-up Day)*

**Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>**  
 8 & 10am Easter Day  
 Festive Eucharist



# Did You Know?...



Is this winter? I don't know, I'm still wearing my spring jacket. Or is this the global warming we've been warned about??? **Kathy Summy** knows it's cold outside because she and some of her co-workers and friends participated in a "polar plunge" at a lake in Akron. And she said it was very cold. Kathy is also excited about daughter **Emily's** upcoming wedding, something wonderful to look forward to...

**Nancy Ervin** was excited to report that both her son **Michael** and granddaughter **Emily** are on the mend as well as her sister **Janet**. What a January they all had! ...

**Jeff Croll** reports that **Martha** had successful back surgery and her back was pretty much rebuilt. She's in some pain, but that was expected. What she didn't expect was husband Jeff coming down with COVID the day before her surgery; then for her to test negative the morning of her surgery but positive that evening. They both were up to date with vaccines and were treated quickly. Martha is doing well, recovering and having physical therapy at home. Jeff says she's miles ahead in

moving around than she was with the first surgery; she's even doing steps already. Keep up the good work Martha, our prayers are with you!...

And speaking of prayers answered, **Jameson Patrick** has been released from all his restrictions after his back surgery. He's done so well, even the doctors are amazed...

Many thanks to **Kathy Summy** for joining the choir as our only alto while Martha's recovering. Kathy is usually an 8am person; she's still attending that service but then she stays for the 10am service to sing with the choir. Now that's dedication...

**Mary Jean & John McDonald's daughter** came from California to spend time with her parents---that must have made them very happy. They always enjoy **Amy's** visits and updates on the busy lives of their grandchildren...

**Joan & Frank Seman** had their Christmas tree up well into February. It took that long just trying to get all the members of their busy family together for Christmas.

## Active Shooter Training

March 5<sup>th</sup>

Sergeant Andrew Wert of the Ravenna Police Department will be presenting the FBI program on active shooter training, Run, Hide, Fight., on March 5<sup>th</sup> at Grace. We'll meet in the Parish Hall and plan to start at 11:30am. The vestry and some of our staff have already had the training with Sgt. Wert. It was a useful and informative presentation. We're offering it so our parishioners and staff have some training on what to do if there's ever an active shooter at Grace Church services. There will also be time for questions. We encourage all parishioners to attend.

## Breakfast Club

March 16<sup>th</sup>  
8:00 AM

### Cracker Barrel

Everyone is invited to join the group! We order off the menu and pay for our own meals.



## Grace Church Vestry Members 2023

We elected officers at our Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> vestry meeting and would appreciate your prayers and support of our entire vestry. Those serving our parish this year include:

Barb Popiel, Sr. Warden  
Carol Marotta, Jr. Warden  
Laurie Barney, Clerk  
Midge Myers  
Kingsland Pretorius  
Kay Wise (our newest member)

Thanks to each of you for serving!

# Thank you! Thank you!

Our thanks & appreciation to those who serve & help at Grace Church in so many ways, including:

- **Jim & Nancy Ervin** for taking the non-perishable food in the red wagon to the Center of Hope.
- **Tim Lewicki** for taking on choir director duties while Martha Croll recovers from extensive back surgery. He and the choir will keep the team going while awaiting Martha's return.
- **Kathy Summy** for joining the choir in Martha's absence – we really needed an alto.
- **Grace's organist and choir for music & voices** provided for our Ash Wednesday evening service and each Sunday.
- Our members who attended the noon or 7pm Ash Wednesday services (in spite of wet, cold weather).
- **Kay Wise** for her willingness to serve on Grace's vestry.
- **Ralph & Kay Wise** for removing the well weathered Grace Church sign on Prospect street.
- **Mike Ervin** for taking all those items we've collected to Ravenna High School.
- **Marcia Splinter** for being a great treasurer and most recently doing the financial part of the Parochial Report. (ugh!)
- **Grace's vestry** for their dedication and work in taking care of Grace business matters and for the time they give. The vestry and rector will hold a Planning Retreat on March 11<sup>th</sup> to set goals and priorities for 2023.
- **Shirley and Mike Johnson** for their soup and cookie ministry and for their card ministry as well.
- **John McDonald** for replacing exterior light bulbs and for his handy work around the church.
- **Tim Splinter** for fixing Marsha's locked-up/no access/nothing works office computer so it works again.
- **Our members who host coffee hour** after 8am & 10am services, providing great treats & time for fellowship.
- **Our Altar Guild** members who carry on this important ministry and do it so faithfully.

## Birthdays

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1st Bette Brooks  
4th Lisa Marsh  
6th Cherry Monegan  
11th Madison Ahrens  
Doug Holzschuh  
14th Amanda Brooks  
Beverly Brooks  
Mary Cabot  
Shala Kearsey  
Carol Marotta



## Congratulations!

*and many happy returns...*



## Anniversaries

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24th Bud & Janet Hughes  
29th Dennis & Sally Dier



## Baptisms

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11th Beth Dier  
18th Joan Seman  
25th Mary Jean McDonald  
31st Kay Canan

# The Bulletin Board

## Parish Wide Interior Clean Up Day Saturday April 8<sup>th</sup> from 9am—noon

We'll provide a list of what needs to be cleaned, cleared, polished, etc.. This is a project that needs more people than Altar Guild members alone. We need and encourage the support of any/all our volunteers who can attend to help, just as members pitch in for the parish work day, whether it's for an hour or for the duration. The difference is the focus is on the interior, God's house of prayer at Grace Church, and doing all we can to make sure the church looks its best for our Easter worship and celebrations.



## Outreach Projects

**Ravenna High School** - They are VERY LOW on Deodorant and Body Wash for both sexes, and Toothpaste. Other Hygiene Products are also needed: Unscented Wipes, Laundry Detergent which is sent home with the students

**Center of Hope** (red wagon) -Peanut Butter, canned Tuna/Chicken, Ramen Noodles, and Mac & Cheese

**Center of Hope** - Shampoo/Conditioner, Toothpaste & Toothbrushes, Travel Mouthwash, Dental Floss, and Combs.

**APL** - List of needs is on the container in the parish hall

Thank you for any donations- they are greatly appreciated!  
Grace's Vestry

## Notice from the Grace Church Altar Guild

Due to the significant increase in the cost of flowers, we find it necessary to increase the amount for altar flowers to \$35.00.

## Walking Group

Come walk with us. Carol Marotta & Laurie Barney will lead the walk at noon. Meet at Chestnut Hills Park, Ravenna, and walk to the first parking lot.



# *Fathers (and Mothers) and Friends*

By Bette Brooks

*They lived not only in ages past; there are hundreds of thousands still.  
The world is bright with the joyous saints who love to do Jesus' will.*

**Edward King, Bishop of Lincoln (1829-1910)      March 8**

Edward King was born December 29, 1829, son of a clergyman. He was educated at home by his father and a private tutor, and when he was 19, he went to Oxford and entered Oriel College, the headquarters of the Oxford (Anglo-Catholic) Movement. Academically, he was at best an average student. In 1854 he was ordained and made curate of Wheatley, a village near Oxford. There he began to be known as a remarkably effective pastor and counsellor.

In 1862-3 he was appointed Principal of Cuddesdon, a recently founded theological college near Oxford. He served there for ten years, and under his pastorage the college became a worshipping community, where individual and communal spiritual life flourished. On the academic side, students at Cuddesdon read about the problems of pastoral work, not in contemporary manuals, but in the writings of the church fathers of the past. They read the sermons of Chrysostom, Augustine, and Bernard. But King insisted that preaching could never be effective or worthwhile unless it was rooted in a life of prayer and of love for one's parishioners. A priest must pray regularly for every member of his parish, individually and by name. He must call on every member once every two months and must get to know them well enough to understand their problems and know where they stood in need of prayer. However, he did not fall, or permit his students to fall, into the trap of supposing that a Christian ought to strive to have no interests other than religious ones. He said:

It is not necessary to be always thinking directly of God. Indeed, it is not possible. Sometimes, of course, we ought to, and can do this, but at other times we must give our minds to what we are doing, even if it is playing and amusement.

King transformed the school, and the lives of those attending it, not so much by the content of his speeches as by his own life and personality. He seemed to make those around him aware of the presence and love of God.

In 1885, he was appointed Bishop of Lincoln, succeeding Christopher Wordsworth (nephew of the poet William Wordsworth). He noted with satisfaction that it was the original home of John Wesley (co-founder of Methodism), whom he greatly admired. As a bishop-pastor, he was outstandingly effective. He sought out those whom the Church had failed to reach and spoke with them about the Good News of God's love declared in Jesus Christ. Whenever possible, he did the work of a prison chaplain, speaking with everyone from pickpockets to murderers. In 1887 a young fisherman killed his sweetheart in a jealous quarrel and was sentenced to hang. The prison chaplain was at a loss what to say to him, and King took over. He spoke to the young man, instructed him in Christian belief, preached to him the Good News of salvation in Christ, and reconciled him with God.

His work was not without problems; he was caught up in one of the controversies of his day. Different parties within the Church had come to regard various ceremonial actions and customs as a mark of where the user stood theologically (Anglican or Roman Catholic), and in 1887 Bishop King was denounced as celebrating the Liturgy with practices not permitted by the directives in the Book of Common Prayer and elsewhere governing Anglican worship. Specifically, the charges were:

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- (1) having lighted candles on the altar;
- (2) facing "eastward" (that is, toward the altar and with his back to the congregation) during most prayers;
- (3) mixing a little water with the wine in the chalice (done chiefly because the ancients-- Jews, Greeks, and Romans alike--regularly diluted their wine with water just before drinking it, but also understood by many as a symbol of human nature being incorporated into the Divine Nature as we are united with Christ through the Sacrament);
- (4) using the *Agnus Dei* ("O Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us") as a hymn just before the receiving of the Holy Communion (this hymn is traditional, but had been omitted from the Book of Common Prayer in 1549 because Cranmer transferred the Gloria to the end of the service, and the words of the *Agnus Dei* are included in the Gloria, so that it seemed repetitious to have them both within a few minutes of each other)
- (5) making the sign of the Cross when blessing the congregation
- (6) making a ceremony of cleansing the Communion vessels after the service. While none of these practices is controversial today, they were then thought by some to be signs of inclination toward Catholicism. King was tried by a Church Court presided over by the Archbishop of Canterbury. The decision of the Court forbade some of these practices but permitted others while specifying that they had no theological significance. For example, lighted candles were to be permitted on the altar, but only when needed for purposes of illumination.

It is ironic that King appears in reference works chiefly as the defendant in the Lincoln Trial; most of those who knew him regarded this as a brief and peripheral episode in a life devoted chiefly to preaching and exemplifying the Good News of the Kingdom of God. We would do well to remember his legacy on March 8, the day of his death in 1910.

**PRAYER (contemporary language):**

O God, our heavenly Father, who raised up your faithful servant Edward to be a bishop and pastor in your Church and to feed your flock: Give abundantly to all pastors the gifts of your Holy Spirit, that they may minister in your household as true servants of Christ and stewards of your divine mysteries; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.







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Kingsland Pretorius (2023)  
Midge Myers (2024)

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