



# The Grace Vine

May 2022

## Rector's Writ

May is nearly always a busy month, yet busy in a happy way. We're glad to use the Easter season *Alleluia, Alleluia* in our hymns and to send us out into the world after worship. There are good occasions to celebrate in addition to Easter, the high holy day of our Church year. We have Mother's Day coming up quickly. We have graduations... completing one goal and embarking on a new beginning. We congratulate Kevin Splinter one of our own church family who graduates from Bradley with honors. Please let us know if there are others! Following are a few prayers we hope you'll enjoy.

*"O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."*  
(BCP, p. 99, Collect for the Renewal of Life)

*"We thank you, Almighty Father, for that particular expression of your love that is given to us so selflessly by our mothers. May your blessings fill their lives with peace, strength, and gladness on Mother's Day and every day. Amen."*  
(Author Unknown)

*"O God, who knows our needs and our desires, bless, we pray, our new beginnings. Watch over those who wonder and learn and grow in understanding; purify our motives and purposes, and give us a measure of usefulness in the world which you have made, and redeemed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."*  
(The Pastor's Prayerbook; Robert Rodenmayer, p.44)

*"O God who has put into the hearts of people a longing for peace but has also given us the power to choose: Grant us the will to make our choices in accordance with your will. Bind the world together, O God, in fellowship, service, and love, and grant that we may take our part in the fulfilment of your purpose; through your Son who is our peace, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."*  
(from Book of Prayers, ed. By Leon & Elfrieda McCauley, p. 107)

*"May the love of the Lord Jesus draw you to himself. May the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen you in his service. May the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your soul. And to Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen."*  
(The Pastor's Prayerbook; p. 83, 'blessings from several sources, mainly biblical.'  
Adapted)

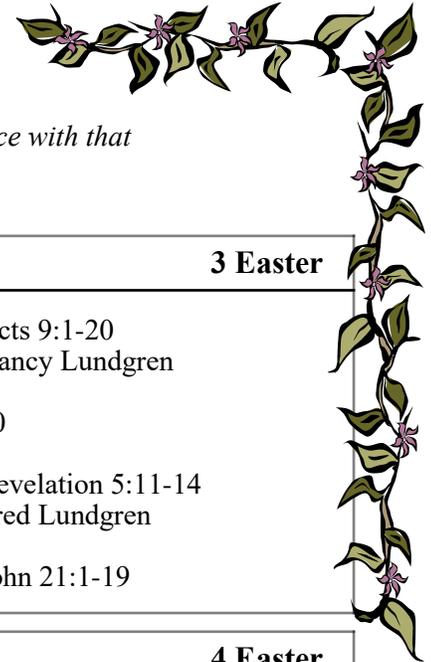
A happy & blessed Easter season to you and yours.

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.*



| <b>Sunday, May 1</b> |   | <b>8:00 &amp; 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist</b> | <b>3 Easter</b>                     |
|----------------------|---|---|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Celebrant</b>     | The Rev. Carol Evans                              | <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>             | Acts 9:1-20<br>Nancy Lundgren       |
| <b>Wrshp Ldr</b>     | 10am Carolyn Englert                              | <b>Psalm</b>                              | 30                                  |
| <b>Greeters</b>      | Fred & Nancy Lundgren                             | <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b>             | Revelation 5:11-14<br>Fred Lundgren |
| <b>Organist</b>      | Tim Lewicki                                       | <b>Gospel</b>                             | John 21:1-19                        |
| <b>Video</b>         | Doug Holzschuh                                    |   |                                     |
| <b>Altar Guild</b>   | Nancy Ervin & Cindy Hoskins                       |   |                                     |
| <b>Coffee Hosts</b>  | 8am Midge Myers<br>10am Mary Jean & John McDonald |   |                                     |
| <b>Counters</b>      | Barb Popiel & Carol Marotta                       |   |                                     |

| <b>Sunday, May 8</b> |  | <b>8:00 &amp; 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist</b> | <b>4 Easter</b>                      |
|----------------------|--|---|--------------------------------------|
| <b>Celebrant</b>     | The Rev. Carol Evans                             | <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>             | Acts 9:36-43<br>Tim Splinter         |
| <b>Deacon</b>        | 8am The Rev. William Snyder                      | <b>Psalm</b>                              | 23                                   |
| <b>Greeters</b>      | Jeff & Lisa Marsh                                | <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b>             | Revelation 7:9-17<br>Carolyn Englert |
| <b>Organist</b>      | Tim Lewicki                                      | <b>Gospel</b>                             | John 10:22-30                        |
| <b>Video</b>         | Doug Holzschuh                                   |   |                                      |
| <b>Altar Guild</b>   | Nancy Ervin & Cindy Hoskins                      |   |                                      |
| <b>Coffee Hosts</b>  | 8am Joan & Frank Seman<br>10am Nancy & Jim Ervin |   |                                      |
| <b>Counters</b>      | Barb Popiel & Carol Marotta                      |   |                                      |

| <b>Sunday, May 15</b> |   | <b>8:00 &amp; 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist</b> | <b>5 Easter</b>                 |
|-----------------------|---|---|---------------------------------|
| <b>Celebrant</b>      | The Rev. Carol Evans  | <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>             | Acts 11:1-18<br>Martha Croll    |
| <b>Wrshp Ldr</b>      | 10am Nancy Lundgren   | <b>Psalm</b>                              | 148                             |
| <b>Greeters</b>       | Nancy & Jim Ervin   | <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b>             | Revelation 21:1-6<br>Jeff Croll |
| <b>Organist</b>       | Tim Lewicki   | <b>Gospel</b>                             | John 13:31-35                   |
| <b>Video</b>          | Doug Holzschuh  |   |                                 |
| <b>Altar Guild</b>    | Nancy Ervin & Cindy Hoskins                                   |   |                                 |
| <b>Coffee Hosts</b>   | 8am Mike & Shirley Johnson<br>10am Cindy Ward & Cathy Potisuk |   |                                 |
| <b>Counters</b>       | Barb Popiel & Carol Marotta                                   |   |                                 |

| <b>Sunday, May 22</b> |   | <b>8:00 &amp; 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist</b> | <b>6 Easter</b>                         |
|-----------------------|---|---|---|
| <b>Celebrant</b>      | The Rev. Carol Evans                          | <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>             | Acts 16:9-15<br>Carol Marotta           |
| <b>Deacon</b>         | The Rev. William Snyder                       | <b>Psalm</b>                              | 67                                      |
| <b>Greeters</b>       | Jeff & Lisa Marsh                             | <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b>             | Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5<br>Jeff Croll |
| <b>Organist</b>       | Tim Lewicki                                   | <b>Gospel</b>                             | John 14:23-29                           |
| <b>Video</b>          | Doug Holzschuh                                |   |   |
| <b>Altar Guild</b>    | Nancy Ervin & Cindy Hoskins                   |   |   |
| <b>Coffee Hosts</b>   | 8am TBA<br>10am Doris Whipple & Gail Richards |   |   |
| <b>Counters</b>       | Barb Popiel & Carol Marotta                   |   |   |





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| <b>Sunday, May 29</b> |  | <b>8:00 &amp; 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist</b> |                                 | <b>7 Easter</b> |  |
| <b>Celebrant</b>      | The Rev. Carol Evans                             | <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>             | Acts 16:16-34                   |                 |  |
| <b>Deacon</b>         | The Rev. William Snyder                          |   | Martha Croll                    |                 |  |
| <b>Greeters</b>       | Jeff & Lisa Marsh                                | <b>Psalm</b>                              | 97                              |                 |  |
| <b>Organist</b>       | Tim Lewicki                                      |   |                                 |                 |  |
| <b>Video</b>          | Doug Holzschuh                                   | <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b>             | Revelation 22:12-14,16-17,20-21 |                 |  |
| <b>Altar Guild</b>    | Nancy Ervin & Cindy Hoskins                      |   | Carol Marotta                   |                 |  |
| <b>Coffee Hosts</b>   | 8am Roberta O'Keefe<br>10am Marsha & Bill Snyder |   |                                 |                 |  |
| <b>Counters</b>       | Barb Popiel & Carol Marotta                      | <b>Gospel</b>                             | John 17:20-26                   |                 |  |

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| <b>Sunday, June 5</b> |  | <b>8:00 &amp; 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist</b> |                | <b>Pentecost</b> |  |
| <b>Celebrant</b>      | The Rev. Carol Evans                                     | <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>             | Acts 2:1-21    |                  |  |
| <b>Wrshp Ldr</b>      | 10am Carolyn Englert                                     |   | Nancy Lundgren |                  |  |
| <b>Greeters</b>       | Fred & Nancy Lundgren                                    | <b>Psalm</b>                              | 104:25-35, 37  |                  |  |
| <b>Organist</b>       | Tim Lewicki  |   |                |                  |  |
| <b>Video</b>          | Doug Holzschuh   | <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b>             | Roman 8:14-17  |                  |  |
| <b>Altar Guild</b>    | Carol Marotta & Cathy Potisuk                            |   | Fred Lundgren  |                  |  |
| <b>Coffee Hosts</b>   | 8am Joan & Frank Seman<br>10am Mary Jean & John McDonald |   |                |                  |  |
| <b>Counters</b>       | Laurie Barney & TBA                                      | <b>Gospel</b>                             | John 14:8-27   |                  |  |

## Outreach Projects

We are starting up our Outreach again!

**Raven Packs** - Individual Oatmeal Packets - needed by Sunday 5/15/22. We will start again in August when the new school year starts.

**Ravenna High School** - Men's deodorant & other men's hygiene products, laundry detergent to be sent home with students, girls cosmetic bags and items such as: makeup samples, roll-on perfumes, tissues, etc.

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

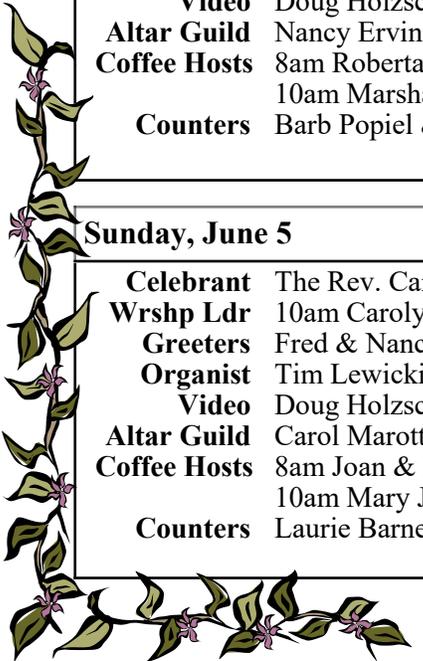
**Center of Hope** - Shampoo/Conditioner, Toothpaste & Toothbrushes, Travel Mouthwash, Dental Floss, and Combs

**APL** - See list on container in Parish Hall.

**County Clothing Center** - Hats, Gloves, Socks and Underwear at Christmas time.

There will be containers in the Parish Hall for all of these items.  
Please be generous with these Outreach projects as we all know the need is great.

Thank You!  
Grace's Vestry





# Did You Know?...



What a beautiful Easter day we had this year! The sun was out, and it was reasonably warm. The church wasn't full as in the pre-COVID years, but we were happy for everyone who was there (and everyone watching from home). It was so good to see **Shala, Dan, and Luke Kearsley** back in the pews. Luke is growing up on us and is now six years old. Where does the time go! It was good to have **Jeff Croll's sister Susan Mantia** back at Grace while she enjoyed time with Jeff & Martha and got to hear them and the choir sing. It was nice to have **Amy & Jim Neely** back with us, not only on Easter, but Palm Sunday & Holy Week services, too. It was great to see **Mary and Hank Cabot**, back from Florida. It was a special treat to see **Tim Lewicki's wife Yuka, and their children Joji & Mitsuki** here in church, along with his parents and brother. And of course, it's always wonderful to see our 'regulars.' On 'Morning Prayer' Sunday **Lynn & Dan Francois** were in church after wintering in Florida. It was like "old home week."

**Nancy Ervin** supplied the cookies and she and **Jim** hosted a very nice Easter coffee hour at 10, while **Debbie Shorts & Rick Lashley** hosted the 8am Easter coffee hour. Needless to say, everyone enjoyed donuts at 8 and the tasty cookies at 10. Many thanks to **Martha & Jeff Croll, Tim & Marcia Splinter, Marsha Snyder, and Tim Lewicki** (our choir and organist) for the beautiful Easter music. Easter hymns are the best! The Altar Guild did a great job during Holy Week. And we especially thank **Nancy Lundgren** for stepping up and "doing" Maundy Thursday after her retirement. The altar guild members who came on that day had the altar and

sanctuary cleared in no time at all and they had the stations of the cross up before you knew it...like a well-oiled machine. Thank you, ladies!...

**Mary Jean & John McDonald's granddaughter Ashley** is getting married this summer, and Mary Jean has been asked to be a flower girl long with the groom's grandmother. How sweet is that!...

**Bill & Marsha Snyder's granddaughter Ellie** is getting married in June and they're looking forward to seeing their three-year-old great-grandson **Hendrix** walk his mom down the aisle...

The Breakfast Club group enjoyed having **Sonja Ahrens-Sherwood** join them. Her school was on spring break, and she shared lots of pictures of her mother. She also gave us an update on Sue's progress and when they will be looking forward to having her back home...

**Tim & Marcia Splinter** have been TRYING to go to son **Kevin's** college to watch him play baseball, but the weather has had other plans. Kevin will graduate this spring and already has a job in Madison, Wisconsin ... with a big company that actually came looking for him from the school's lists!...

**Kathy Summy** is sporting a tattoo on her arm. It's a monarch butterfly; she's been raising monarchs for some time now so it's very appropriate and really pretty...

We were saddened to hear of the passing of **Mike & Shirley Johnson's daughter Judy Duty**. Judy died peacefully at her home on April 8th after a long battle with cancer. Please keep Mike & Shirley and all their family in your prayers.

## Congratulations!

and many happy returns...

### Birthdays

- 3rd Carolyn Englert  
Tim Splinter
- 4th Laurel Brooks
- 5th Phillip Crouse
- 15th Midge Myers
- 16th Marsha Snyder
- 22nd Gerry Rich
- 23rd Eleanor Blank
- 26th Ken Englert
- 27th Joan Seman



### Anniversaries

- 1st Bill & Marsha Snyder
- 17th Tim & Yuka Lewicki

### Baptisms

- 11th Kathy Summy
- 13th Nancy Lundgren
- 18th Amanda Brooks  
Beverly Brooks
- 20th Paige Paxton
- 28th Marcia Splinter



# Thank you! Thank you!

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

- Everyone who ordered Easter flowers for the altar – they were beautiful.
- **Marsha Snyder, Bill Snyder, and Rev. Carol** for helping the altar guild get the church ready for Easter.
- **Nancy Ervin** for getting all those delicious cookies for Easter Coffee hour.
- Our church **choir and organist** for some very lovely Holy Week and Easter music.
- All the members of **Altar Guild** who “worked” during holy week.
- All who **volunteer for coffee hour** & provide goodies & treats as we enjoy fellowship.
- **John McDonald and Carol Marotta** for going to Lowes to purchase the washer and dryer for the rectory.
- **All those who pray** for our Grace Church family members in need of prayer and for Grace Church.
- **Marcia Splinter** for helping the church secretary whenever she has computer problems.
- Our faithful members who continue to support the church with your prayers and pledges.
- **Doug Holzschuh** for live streaming and recording not only Sunday services for our members at home to access, but for going ‘above & beyond’ to livestream Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services and of course our 8am Easter service.

## ... and from Membership and Growth

A big thank you to everyone who took time to send letters to people this Easter season. The activity certainly contributes to Grace Episcopal's visibility and we never know when someone might decide to return here or come for the first time.

Our committee is going to try to maintain a bulletin board in fellowship hall, under the projection screen. The purpose will be to remind all of us to think of ways to bring folks to church. The postings might even include things about racial bias. In this crazy world some would have us think that “social justice” is a bad concept. We need to remember that social justice is a tenet of nearly every Protestant and Catholic religion.

Now, changing direction a bit, I have just posted an article that recently appeared in the *Record Courier* around the beginning of Lent. If you missed it, you might want to take a look at it because it ties into our own beliefs and our own Grace Episcopal's mission statement, I think.

In addition, nearly everyone on our committee participated in the Lenten Program put together by Rev. Carol and Carolyn Englert, the latter of whom moderated the sessions. A lot of other folks were there, too. The purpose of the program was to heal, to learn how to let go. “Letting go” comes in many ways for various situations and individuals, and the group learned personal paths to healing from the ideas presented. Again, this was a very worthwhile activity for our church.

On Good Friday there was a short clip on the *Today Show* with Bishop T. D. Jakes. He said this about our society and churches today, in general: “We have institutionalized Him and made it a fraternity for spiritual yuppies who have arrived, rather than hospital for those who are wounded.” (*Today*, 2<sup>nd</sup> hour, 4-15-22)

I keep thinking . . . church *really* matters, and there are folks in our community who *really* need to hear this! They, and sometimes we ourselves, need to understand who we *really* are!

Rick Taylor

# The Bulletin Board

## SPRING CLEAN UP DAY Rescheduled!

Clean up day is rescheduled for Saturday, May 21st. A sign up sheet will be left in the Parish Hall, each Sunday. Please sign up to help. Thank you!

## Church Picnic

Chestnut Hills Park  
Sunday, June 26th, 12 noon

A sign up sheet to bring food, etc. will be placed in the Parish Hall.  
Thank you

## Breakfast Club

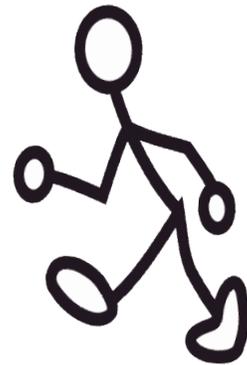
May 19<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 AM  
Brimfield Steak House

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



## Walking Group

Come walk with us! Walking group continues, weather permitting, each Sunday, 12 noon. Meet at Chestnut Hills Park, N. Chestnut Street, Ravenna.



# *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.*

**Erik, King of Sweden, Martyr**

**May 18**

The story of Erik, King of Sweden, is one of historical fact, folklore, and myth, rather like that of King Arthur. We know he was indeed the ruler of Sweden for about a decade and we know how he died. Much of the rest is conjecture and speculation.

Nothing is known of Erik's early life. He emerges in legends that say in 1150 he was selected as King of Sweden (not the entire country we know today but of Svraland, the historical core region of Sweden) unanimously in 1150. His power was strengthened by his marriage to Christina, Princess of Denmark—the Danes were a powerful people in medieval times.

Erik IX Jedvardsson was ruler of much of Sweden from 1150 to 1160. He was the head of a Christian kingdom with nearby pagan kingdoms, all sharing an old tradition of fighting. Around 1155, he headed an expedition into Finland, then loosely under Swedish rule, to consolidate Swedish authority there and to establish a protected Christian mission, headed by Henry of Uppsala, now considered the founder of the Church in Finland. Erik is also known for undertaking to provide Sweden with fair laws and fair courts, and for measures designed to assist the poor and the infirm.

As he was in church on May 18, 1160, the day after Ascension Day, he was told that a pagan Danish army was approaching to kill him. He replied, "Let us at least finish the sacrifice. The rest of the feast I shall keep elsewhere." As he was leaving the church with his small band of nobles, the pagans rushed upon him and killed him by beheading.

Erik was honored both as an upholder of the Christian faith and as a national hero, the ancestor of a long line of Swedish kings. Within thirty years after his death his name appeared on the Swedish Calendar, and he is accounted the principal patron of Sweden, as Patrick is of Ireland. The silver casket with his remains still rests in the cathedral at Uppsala. When questions arose in this century about the legitimacy of the remains, the casket was opened and revealed the bones of a man, from the same time period as Erik, whose head had been severed before death. The casket was returned to its sacred place.

## **PRAYER:**

O God, who called your servant Erik of Sweden to an earthly throne that he might advance your heavenly kingdom, and gave him zeal for your Church and love for your people: Mercifully grant that we who commemorate him this day may be fruitful in good works, and attain to the glorious crown of your saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.



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