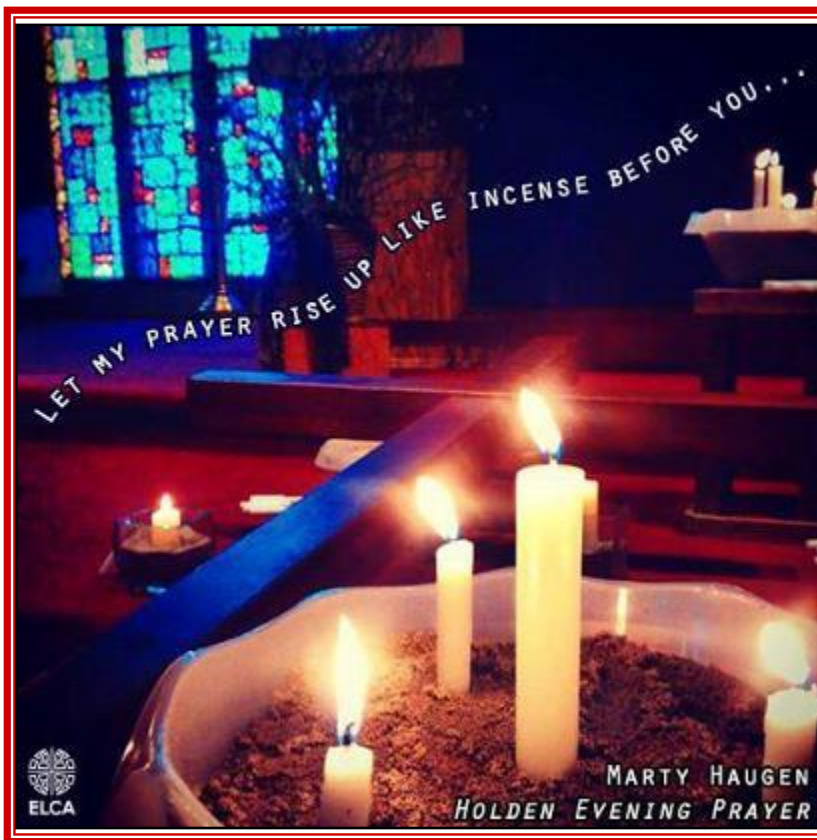




**MARCH 2018**



## **Worship Schedule**

Saturday, 5:00 pm and Sunday, 8:00 & 10:00 am

*All are welcome! Invite your friends and neighbors!*

### **Mission Statement**

"Bringing the Spirit of Grace to all people"



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### **Worship Times**

Saturday at 5:00 pm  
Sunday at 8:00 & 10:00 am

### **Education Hour**

Wednesday Bible Study,  
10:00 am

### **Office Hours**

8:30 to 4:00  
Monday—Thursday  
8:30—12:00 Friday

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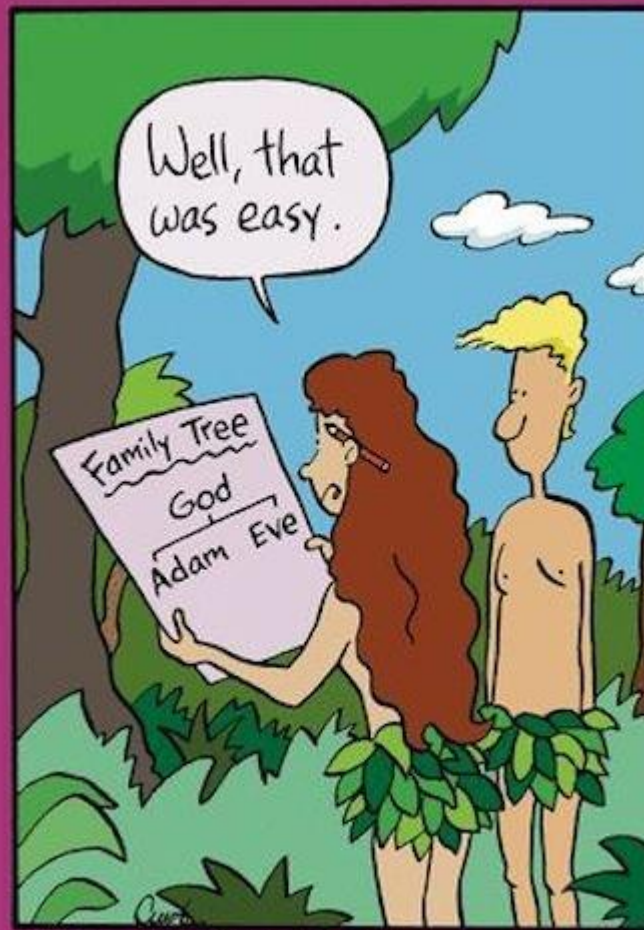


# Celebrate Jesus is Risen!

## Easter Sunday, April 1st

### Worship Services

### 8:00, 9:30, & 11:00



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## **HE CHOSE THE NAILS Continues**

Our Wednesday Lenten devotional and Bible study is off to a wonderful start. Due to the large attendance, the devotional and Bible study were moved from the Fellowship Hall to the Sanctuary. For the remaining weeks of Lent, we will have a morning devotion led by Fred Bornhoeft based on a Lenten hymn which we will also sing. This short morning devotional worship service will be followed by the Max Lucado Bible Study series **He Chose the Nails**. Coffee, great treats and fellowship will be available from 9:30-10:00am in the Fellowship Hall and if everyone doesn't fit comfortably there, we will move at 10:00 to the sanctuary--What a great problem! Also, each participant received a special 'nail' to keep in their pocket or purse to remind them that Jesus 'chose the nails' for their forgiveness and salvation.

**He Chose the Nails** examines the gifts that God gave us at Jesus' crucifixion. These include not only the gift of the cross, but also the gift of the thorns, the nails, and the empty tomb. The cross is rich with God's gifts of grace, and as we study them, we will hear God tell us "I did it just for you!"

Other than the short morning worship, the Bible study will be very similar to others I have done. Coffee, treats, fellowship and the Bible make for a great way to start the day. So, bring a pen and friend as we use the Lenten season in a new way to prepare for our Savior's suffering, death, and resurrection for our forgiveness and salvation.

During Holy Week we will resume traditional worship services, Maundy Thursday with Holy Communion and Good Friday Tenebrae service of darkness each at 5:00.

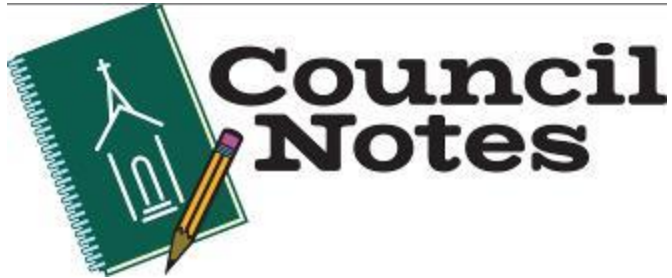
### **2018 Lenten Worship Schedule**

March 7	Bible Study - He Chose to Invite Us	10:00
March 14	Bible Study - He Chose to Love Us	10:00
March 21	Bible Study - He Chose to Give Us Victory	10:00
March 25	Palm Sunday - Saturday-5:00 and Sunday 8:00 & 10:00	
March 29	Maundy Thursday Worship/Communion	5:00
March 30	Good Friday Tenebrae Worship	5:00
March 31	Easter Vigil Worship	5:00
April 1	EASTER Worship	8:00, 9:30 & 11:00

May God bless our Lenten journey together in Jesus' name!

*Pastor Vern*





The new Council had their first meeting on February 15<sup>th</sup>. We welcomed new members, Phyllis Borchardt, Dick Lyda, and Vicki McCarville who will serve three-year terms and Vince Barone who will serve a one year term. The Council was installed at the 10:00 service on February 4<sup>th</sup>. At the council meeting new officers were elected. Bruce Belanger will serve another year as President, Vice-President, Robin Aguilar, and Deborah Frusciano, Secretary.

The food contribution to St Mary's in February was 961 pounds. Your generosity as a congregation is outstanding to help so many families. Thank you!!

Attendance continues to be very good. We are averaging about 40 more in attendance per weekend this year over last year. And our financial support continues to be very good. Thank you so much.

The Synod Assembly is June 14-16 in Oro Valley near Tucson, and we still need 2-4 lay delegates. If you are interested in being a delegate, please contact Pastor Vern or Bruce Belanger. The Synod will be electing a new Bishop which is a very interesting process.

The Wednesday Lenten service is a Bible Study/Service at 10:00. By the attendance the first two weeks, this is very good as the service has been moved into the sanctuary instead of the Fellowship Hall. Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Saturday Easter Vigil all will be at 5:00. There will be three services on Easter Sunday morning: 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00.

Mark your calendars for the golf event on April 7th with the dinner on April 8th.

*Bruce Belanger, President*

Robin Aguilar, Vice-President

Deborah Frusciano – Secretary

Vince Barone

Phyllis Borchardt

Don Cinnamond

Dick Lyda

Treedah Magee

Vicki McCarville



# HAPPENings



## FOOD INGATHERING MARCH 3 & 4

*Always the first full weekend of the month*

If you are new to Spirit of Grace, we invite you to attend a Welcome Session with Director of Parish Life Linda Stratman. You will meet other prospective members, learn more about the mission and vision of Spirit of Grace Lutheran Church, and discover the various opportunities to serve and become involved in the life of the parish community. Everyone is invited to attend.



New Member  
Welcome Session

Our next Welcome Session is **Thursday, March 15th at 10:00**. Call the church office at 977-6000 for more information or to indicate your interest in joining Spirit of Grace.

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The 20th annual charity golf outing, dinner, and auction is coming up soon. The golf tournament will take place on Saturday, April 7th, and the dinner and auction will be on Sunday, April 8th. Proceeds will go to the Military Assistance Mission, MAM.

Please join our efforts by signing up to play golf, enjoying a catered Italian dinner, and donating items for the silent auction. Those wishing to donate items may leave them in the Fellowship Hall on the designated table beginning the first weekend in March.

If you have any questions, please contact Jerry Belvill at 623-302-5950 or Marv Mathews at 623-748-9895.

## **BARLEENS DINNER SHOW - APRIL 6TH**





We remember Spirit of Grace member **JoAnn Schallhorn**, wife of Bob Schallhorn, who passed away February 13th. Her memorial service was held at Spirit of Grace on February 16th.

We extend our condolences to Ruth Ballard and family; Ruth's husband **Bob Ballard** passed away February 20th. His memorial service was held at Spirit of Grace on February 24th.

We're thinking Spring!

There's no better time than Spring to clean out closets, the kids' rooms and the garage then when the weather starts getting warmer. And, you don't want to wait until the temperatures exceed 100 degrees to start doing it.

Now's a great time to donate all those things you no longer need. Those clothes that no longer fit, those yard tools you no longer use, and furniture no one in your house is using anymore can be donated to the Lutheran Thrift Shop. In exchange, we will provide a donation receipt which you can use to minimize your tax bill when you itemize.

Our truck will pick up donations of furniture and other large items and our helpful volunteers will assist in emptying your car of the small things you drop off to us. **We accept donations in the back of the shop at the RED door from 8:30 until 3:00 Monday thru Saturday.** So, don't wait until it gets too hot! Gather your donations together today.

Speaking of hot weather, it won't be long before nearly one-third of our volunteer workforce heads off to cooler climates. It's a great opportunity for you to join the thrift shop team. Call us for a tour! You're going to like what you see.



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This symbol – with the cross, water and a white lily – identifies the women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America as children of God: baptized, forgiven, adopted into God’s family, full of grace and hope in eternal life. It is a reminder of the growth, beauty and vitality that rise out of that life-giving baptism water. The symbol also reminds us of the mission of the Church to “Go, therefore, make disciples of all nations; baptize them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” MATTHEW 28:19

## **WOMEN’S SPRING MEETING AND LUNCHEON-TOUR OF TABLES**

Hostesses and helpers and table themes were Jeanne Ayres, Bicycling; Debra Cunningham, Camping; Cheryl Nagler/Marilyn Belanger, Christmas; Marilyn Krebs/Bert Cowan, The Egg & I; Carol Junge/Barb Lyes, Music; Anneke Rutgers/Nancy Jacob, The Netherlands; Mavis Waltjer/Bonnie Miller, Out of Africa; Margaret Yurecko, Queen Elizabeth II; Vickie McCarville/Julie Townsend, Saint Patrick’s Day; Carlita Beltz/Lyla Dramise, The Traveling China. The first-ever Tour of Tables luncheon elicited oohs and ahs! In addition to a variety of lovely and fun table settings each with a story shared by the hostesses, Linda Videon played the keyboard and we sang favorite hymns. The catered lunch by The Wild Bunch was enjoyed by all.

At the short business meeting our officers were elected for the coming year; Phyllis Borchardt, President, Margaret Yurecko, Vice President, Cheryl Nagler, Secretary, and Donna Kramber, Treasurer. Welcome to our new WELCA Board.

Bible Study meeting dates and places:

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| <b>Martha</b>  | Monday, March 12, 9:30<br>Bible Study Leader: Linda Besonday<br>Hostesses: Carole Beghein, Joyce Swenson<br>Meets at Fellowship Hall |
| <b>Mary</b>    | Monday, March 12, 1:00<br>Bible Study Leader: Cheryl Nagler<br>Hostess: Marilyn Belanger<br>Meets at 15891 W Summerwalk Drive        |
| <b>Rachel</b>  | Tuesday, March 13, 9:30<br>Field Trip to New Life, meet at SOG parking lot 9:30  |
| <b>Deborah</b> | Thursday, March 8, 9:45<br>Bible Study Leader: Janet Steinwand<br>Hostess: Mavis Waltjer<br>Meets at: Fellowship Hall                |

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## **Elizabeth**

Thursday, February 8, 1:00  
Bible Study Leader: Carol Junge  
Meets at Conference Room

All women are invited to attend and/or join a circle. The first week of the month Pastor Vern leads volunteer Circle leaders in the study of lessons. Circles meet the second week of the month. Choose a day and time that works for you, grab your Bible, come and have coffee and fellowship with the women of Spirit of Grace! Extra copies of the Bible study lessons are in Gather Magazine and are available for check out in the church library.

## **RACHEL'S DAY**

**Saturday – Sunday, April 28-29 – Gifts for Child Crisis Arizona**

Since 2010, Spirit of Grace Rachel's Day project has been to collect items for children in need. I would love to say that there is no longer a need but the truth is that there are still many children that do not have even their basic needs met, while other children live a life of violence and neglect. So once again we will be collecting items to help the smallest of God's children. The items we collect will be delivered to Child Crisis Arizona. Both of the locations are undergoing renovations and there is a large need for beds, so the cash donations will go to that fund. Tables will be set up in the narthex starting April 7th to collect your donated items from the list below. **Checks for cash donations should be made payable to Child Crisis Arizona.**

### Spring Needs List

#### Clothing – Both Genders:

- Athletic shoes – sizes Toddler 4 - Adult 6 (include half sizes)
- Shirts – short sleeve – sizes 2 – 8
- Shorts – sizes 2 – 8
- Pants—jeans preferred – sizes 2 – 8

#### Miscellaneous:

- Gift Cards – Amazon, Target, Wal-Mart, Grocery Store, etc
- Healthy Snacks (non-perishable) – Fruit Snacks, Granola Bars, etc
- Bike helmets – Toddler & Youth
- Sports Equipment – Basketballs, Soccer Balls, Kick balls
- Batteries – AAA, AA, C & D
- Kids Sun block SPF 45+
- Hand Sanitizer
- Birthday Cards
- Area Rugs – neutral colors – 8x10, 10x12
- Paper Products – Kleenex, Paper Towels, Paper Plates
- Plastic Cutlery – Forks, Spoons & Knives

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**Arts & Crafts:**

- Washable Glue: bottles and sticks
- Washable paints & brushes – watercolors, finger-paints, tempera, etc.
- Non-character stickers
- Collage materials
- Washable markers
- Colored Pencils
- Kid-friendly scissors
- Classroom Supplies: pencils, pens, construction paper, regular white paper, notebooks

We have been advised that at this time they have a two-year supply of donated diapers and wipes.

Debra Cunningham is recruiting volunteers to staff the donation tables for before and after services, managing the cash drawer and keeping the donation tables tidy for the Saturday services at 5:00, beginning April 7th; Sundays 8:00 and 10:00 services, beginning April 8th. Debra is coordinating the staffing of the tables and asks that you give her a call to advise of your availability. She can be reached at: 623-933-6829.

Child Crisis Arizona is a 501c(3) and your donations are tax deductible as a charitable contribution. To learn more about Child Crisis Arizona visit their website <https://childcrisisaz.org/>

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT!**

At the recent Gather Bible Study program featuring Rev. Mark Allan Powell, PhD., The ladies of Spirit of Grace composed one third of the attendees, and also pitched in to make the day a smooth and coordinated one enjoyed and appreciated by all. As I begin my term as the President of Spirit of Grace WELCA unit, I look forward to working with you all. It is a blessing to serve with you and share in Christian fellowship. Thanks be to God.

*Phyllis Borchardt, President, Spirit of Grace WELCA*



Door prizes were enjoyed by those who had chosen the right chair!

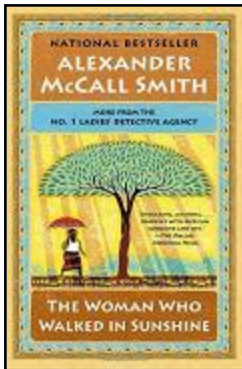
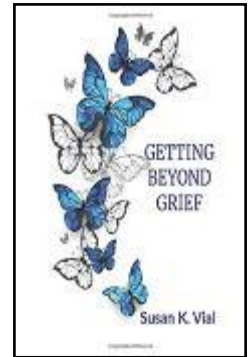


Some of our worker bees wearing their hostess scarves

## NOTES FROM OUR LIBRARY FOR MARCH

We have three new books this month! One by a newcomer and two by our old friend, Alexander McCall Smith.

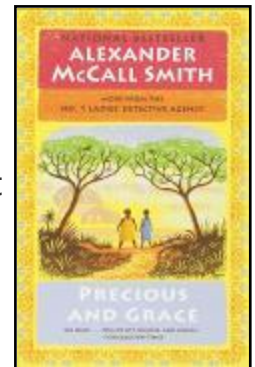
***Getting Beyond Grief***, by Susan Vial. Happily married and widowed twice, Susan brings insight from her experiences to the subject of the grieving process. She shares the stories of her life and how she endured loss upon loss and was able to return to a life of happiness and purpose. Her “formula” was to believe in the resurrection of our Lord and His grace and love.



This is the 16th book in the series of the No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency by Alexander McCall Smith, ***The Woman Who Walked in Sunshine***. Business is slow at the agency—so slow in fact that, for the first time in her distinguished career, Mma Ramotswe has reluctantly agreed to take a holiday. The week of uninterrupted peace is cut short, however, when she meets Samuel, a wayward young boy with a troubled past. Moreover, Mma Ramotswe can't help but wonder how the agency is faring in her absence. Her worries grow when she discovers that Mma Makutsi is handling a rather delicate case.

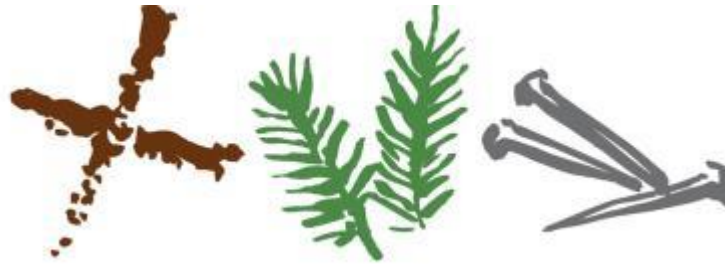
Ultimately, the situation will require Mma Ramotswe to draw upon her kindness, generosity, and good sense, and will serve to remind them all that ordinary human failings should be treated with a large helping of charity and compassion.

Next is ***Precious and Grace***, also by Alexander McCall Smith. Mma Makutsi, who has recently been promoted to co-director, has been encouraging Mma Ramotswe to update to more modern office practices. An unusual case, however, will require both of them to turn their attention firmly to the past. A young Canadian woman who spent her early childhood in Botswana requests the agency's help in recalling her life there. Precious and Grace set out to locate the house where the woman lived and the caretaker who looked after her many years ago. But when the journey takes an unexpected turn, they are forced to consider whether some things are better left in the past.



1. **God made man before woman to give him time to think of an answer for her first question.**
2. **My wife and I had words, but I didn't get to use mine.**

*Contributed by Brenda Parker*



## **ONE SOLITARY LIFE**

He was born in an obscure village  
the child of a peasant woman.  
He grew up in still another village, where he worked  
in a carpenter shop until he was thirty.  
Then for three years he was an itinerant preacher.  
He never wrote a book. He never held an office.  
He never had a family or owned a house. He didn't  
go to college. He never visited a big city.  
He never traveled two hundred miles from the place  
where he was born. He did none of the things  
one usually associates with greatness.

He had no credentials but himself. He was only  
thirty-three when the tide of public opinion  
turned against him.  
His friends ran away. He was  
turned over to his enemies and went through  
the mockery of a trial.

He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. While he was dying,  
his executioners gambled for his clothing,  
the only property he had on earth.  
When he was dead, he was laid in a borrowed grave  
through the pity of a friend.

Twenty centuries have come and gone, and today  
he is the central figure of the human race  
and the leader of mankind's progress.

All the armies that ever marched, all the navies  
that ever sailed, all the parliaments that ever sat,  
all the kings that ever reigned put together,  
have not affected the life of humanity  
on this earth as much as that  
ONE SOLITARY LIFE.

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