
Grace Monthly Newsletter

MARCH
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Grace Lutheran Church will again sponsor a table supporting the Lowcountry Pregnancy Center this year.

The 40th Anniversary Fundraising Banquet will be held Thursday, March 26, 2026, at the Charleston Gaillard Center.

The banquet will feature ministry updates, client testimonies, and keynote speaker, Lee Strobel. Lee is a former atheist and award-winning legal editor of The Chicago Tribune. He investigated the evidence for Jesus for nearly two years before becoming a Christian in 1981.

Since then, Lee has authored more than 40 books, including New York Times bestsellers *The Case for Christ* and *The Case for a Creator*.

Please pray for the success of this event as it is their largest annual fundraiser. You may contact Deaconess Karen or Paul and Donna Bolen for details and to register.

Lowcountry Pregnancy Center exists to provide life-affirming reproductive health and family services in a compassionate Christian environment.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Service of Holy Communion 8, 9:30, 11:00 AM Sunday School Adult Bible Class 9:30 AM in GH Voter's Meeting 12 PM Sanctuary Pot-Luck Lunch 1 PM in GH	2 AI-Anon/AI-Ateen 7:00 PM in GH	3 Elder's Mtg. 7:00 PM in CR	4 Craft Group 9:30 AM in GH Lenten Meal GH 5:30 PM Lenten Service 12:00 & 7:00 PM Sr. Choir 7:45 - 8:30	5 Men's AA Mtg. 7:00 PM in GH	6	7 Altar Guild Mtg. 9:00 AM Set Clocks back for Daylight Savings Time
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Junior Choir

The sound of children's voices reminds us of the vibrant gifts God gives all of us through music. Perhaps our voices have faded through the years but upon hearing the Jr Choir we are blessed to hear these young voices in praise of their Lord and Savior.

On March 1 the Jr Choir sang "For God so Loved the World," the same words all of us memorized as children from John 3:16. During this Lenten season these words bring us comfort and assurance of our Lord's love and divine plan to bring us to our eternal home in heaven.

We will sing next on Easter Sunday, April 5. The anthem is entitled "The Lord is Risen. Yes, Indeed." Wait till you hear how we'll ring out our Easter joy!

Merna Ahlemeyer

Senior Choir

Senior Choir Anthems for Lent and Easter 2026

March 15 (Fourth Sunday of Lent)
"The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power"
arr. M. Burton, A. Crouch
(8:00 and 11:00 AM services)

March 22 (Fifth Sunday of Lent)
Dawn and Wayne Smith,
soprano and tenor duet
"Thy Secret Place" F. Mendelssohn
"The Lord is my Light" D. Buck
(8:00 and 11:00 AM services)

March 29 (Palm Sunday)
"Fear Not, Ye People of Zion" J. Paige
(8:00 and 11:00AM services)

April 2 (Holy Thursday)
"Into the Garden" arr. D. Nolan,
composer, P. Lutkin
(7:00 PM service)

April 5(Easter Sunday)
"Resurrection Alleluias" T. Fettke
(7:00, 9:30, and 11:00 AM services)

Ways to Give at Grace

There are many ways to give to Grace Lutheran Church. We pass offering plates during each of our three Sunday services. Regular contributors would do well to ask for numbered envelopes so you can receive periodic reports on your contributions.

You can also drop off your donation at the church during regular office hours or mail a check or money order.

In addition, you can give online. We now accept recurring gifts through ACH deposits (electronic bank transfer from your bank account to Grace), or on our online giving platforms, Givebutter and Vanco.

Scan the QR code to donate electronically.





LCMS Foundation
TODAY | TOMORROW | FOREVER

We live in an “I can do it myself” culture. The truth is that with creating a Christian estate plan, we need an entire team, to assist us to make sure that our plan is well grounded. Having a good attorney is essential to this process, as they bring expertise to know how to document your plans legally and clearly in your will or trust, especially accounting for unique challenges. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you organize your information and goals so you are ready to work with your attorney.

Being tax-wise is essential in an estate plan so that you are caring for the family you love and ministries you care about. This can require that you talk with your accountant/tax preparer, to advise you, based on your current tax realities, and what impact a charitable gift today or in the future will have. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can get you started thinking about this topic, helping you to know what questions to ask your tax advisor.

The estate plan certainly can focus on care for the family to whom you are responsible. But it also plans the distribution of financial assets that have accumulated over the years. Your financial advisor is tremendously valuable, bringing to the table your conversations about planning for family, education and retirement. These topics should be factored into your estate plan. Bridging the gap between current financial plans and estate plans is something your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can assist with.

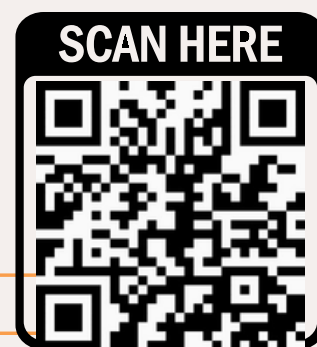
It may very well be that part of your planning has included insurance. Those insurance needs change during different eras of life. Past insurance plans to guard against potential disasters, might now provide great inheritance opportunities for family, or even a charitable gift. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can assist you in conversations with your insurance representative to make sure your insurance policies are coordinated in your plans.

The estate plan includes attorneys, tax advisors, financial advisors and insurance representatives. With that many cooks in the kitchen, it is easy to lose coordination. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can bring that coordination.

For more information contact our Southeastern District Gift Planning Counselor, Pastor John Denninger at John.Denninger@LFND.org.

FARM

Festival



Join us for a fun-filled day at the farm!
Support the ministries of Sowers of the Kingdom!

Saturday, April 18th

12:00 PM – 3:00 PM

All Aboard Boarding

123 Twig Lane, Summerville

- BBQ: Pulled Pork, Burgers, Hot Dogs, Sides
- Oysters by the Bucket (\$10/first bucket, \$5 refill)
- Line Dancing
- Games & Crafts
- Jump Castle
- Camp Fire/S'mores

For Pre Event Ticket Sales
and More Information:
Scan the QR Code or go to
sowersofthekingdom.org

TICKETS:
Adults \$25
(12 & under) Children \$10

**LENTEN
MEALS**

WEDNESDAY'S, FEB. 25 -
MARCH 25TH

5:30 - 6:30 PM



FREE WILL OFFERING

Congregational
POT-LUCK
Dinner

**March
1st.**

After the
voter's
meeting.



YARD SALE

April 23, 24, 25, 2026
Mark Your Calendar
Please bring your items to the Shed
Costume Jewelry needed
In good shape or
damaged We sell it all!
POC: Shirley Marquardt

70th Biennial LWML Carolinas District Convention

May 1-2, 2026

St. Peter's Lutheran Church,
6175 St. Peter's Church Road,
Conover, NC 28613



*I will lift up my eyes to the hills. From whence comes my help?
help comes from the Lord, Who made heaven and earth.*

Psalm 121:1-2

Gifts from the Heart will be:
Camp Linn Haven (monetary)
or
Supplies for Bookbags (monetary)

**Write checks to LWML Carolinas District
and earmark for Camp or Supplies.**

Hotel Information

Holiday Inn Express & Suites, 104 10th ST NW,
Conover, NC 28613 Phone (828)-465-7070
Cost 139.00 plus tax for (2) queen bedroom
You can book your room by calling the hotel
directly at (828) 465-7070. Stay on the line or
press 0. It will send you to the front desk. Ask for
LWML Carolinas District Group block.
Reservations must be made no later than
April 16, 2026.

Guest Speaker: Teirsa Lane, Manager Camp Linn Haven

Teirsa has been the Manager at Camp Linn Haven for over 20 years. She will speak about the Camp restoration after the hurricane. Camp Linn Haven is a Christian summer camp owned by Camp Linn Haven, Inc., and affiliated with the Southeastern District of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. Established in 1940, Camp Linn Haven is a non-profit organization situated on 52 acres of the Blue Ridge mountains.



You are invited to attend the convention on May 1-2 in Conover. The convention information and the registration form can be found in the LWML Carolinas newsletter on the table in the narthex. POC: Shirley Marquardt

In the Spotlight

This month we are highlighting our newest Sunday school teacher, Mr. Paul. He has been a wonderful addition to our Sunday school team. Mr. Paul brings enthusiasm, patience, and a love for teaching. The kids look forward to class each week and do a great job engaging and asking questions about the current lesson. Thank you, Paul, for the time and energy that you pour into your classroom!



Youth of Grace Update

A big thank you to all the families who participated in our recent Parents' Night Out, hosted by the Youth of Grace! Our next event for the Youth of Grace (grades 6-12) will be a community service day on Saturday, March 28th. Please stay tuned for further details.



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March 1

Tabulators Sherri Marquardt

Kyle & Christina Sinisi

Elders

8:00: Sammy P. (L), Jon M.

9:30: Kyle S. (L), John K.

11:00: Ben H. (L), Kyle S.

Ushers

8:00: Rich Wilson

9:30: TBD

11:00: Cori Harding, Leon Mills

Altar Guild Kathy Dinges

Acolyte 8:00: TBD

11:00: Claire Limehouse

Reader 11:00: Ben H.

March 8

Tabulators Jen Miller

Jim & Nancy Clowney

Elders

8:00: Steve H. (L), Sammy P.

9:30: John K. (L), Josh G.

11:00: Brian B. (L), Josh G.

Ushers

8:00: Greg Sheldon

9:30: TBD

11:00: Ed & Shirley Marquardt

Altar Guild Carol Skinner

Acolyte 8:00: TBD

11:00: Ezekiel Brindis

Reader 11:00: Sherri M.

March 15

Tabulators Jen Miller

Tom & Louise Sage

Elders

8:00: Jon M. (L), John K.

9:30: Ben H. (L), Steve H.

11:00: Josh G. (L), Ben H.

Ushers

8:00: Ken Blekicki

9:30: TBD

11:00: Aaron & Jodell J.

Altar Guild Susan S.

Acolyte 8:00: TBD

11:00: Jordan Gray

Reader 11:00: Ben H.

March 22

Tabulators Sherri M.

Martha H. & Diane M.

Elders

8:00: Sammy P. (L), Jon M.

9:30: Kyle S. (L), Josh G.

11:00: Kyle S. (L), Paul O.

Ushers

8:00: Rich Wilson

9:30: TBD

11:00: Grant & Christine

Altar Guild Nancy B.

Acolyte 8:00: TBD

11:00: Caleb Brindis

Reader 11:00: Jane Mary

March 29

Tabulators Sherri M.

Ed & Kathy Peters

Elders

8:00: Jon M. (L), Steve H.

9:30: Ben H. (L), Brian B.

11:00: Paul O. (L), Ben H.

Ushers

8:00: Greg Sheldon

9:30: TBD

11:00: Shirley M, Marta S.

Altar Guild Carol S./All

Acolyte 8:00: TBD

11:00: Claire Ott

Reader 11:00: Sherri M.

Midweek Lenten Services Elders:

March 4: 12:00 PM John K. (L), Steve H. 7:00 PM Josh G. (L), Brian B.

March 11: 12:00 PM Steve H. (L), John K. 7:00 PM Brian B. (L), Sammy P.

March 18: 12:00 PM John K. 7:00 PM Kyle S. (L), Sammy P.

March 25: 12:00 PM Steve H. 7:00 PM Sammy P. (L), Kyle S.

Grace Lutheran Church			
Treasurer Report			
1/31/26			
Balance Brought Forward January 1, 2026			\$79,533.55
RECEIPTS for JANUARY			
General Operating	\$34,235.82		
Designated Funds	\$2,954.44		
Endowment Fund	\$0.00		
		\$37,190.26	
RECEIPTS for			
General Operating			
Designated Funds			
Endowment Fund			
		\$0.00	
TOTAL RECEIPTS			\$37,190.26
EXPENSES for JANUARY			
General Operating	\$34,912.09		
Designated Funds	\$3,676.52		
Endowment Fund	\$0.00		
		\$38,588.61	
EXPENSES for			
General Operating			
Designated Funds			
		\$0.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES			\$38,588.61
CHECKBOOK Balance December 31, 2025			<u>\$79,533.55</u>

Estimated \$9,495.15 needed per week. Estimated needs for January \$37,980.60.
We received \$41,764.97

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