

**PRAYER LIST:**

PLEASE HOLD IN YOUR PRAYERS: **Denise** Dokken, **Wade & Jordyn Jakobson and baby, Deise** Flan (Nancy Young's niece), **Dorothy** Marquardt, **Theresa** Wander, **Calmon** Peterson (Karla Anderson's brother), **Jack** Kuppich, **Arlen** Anderson (son of Allen Anderson), **Violet** Irby, **Karla** Anderson, **Reynold** Tollefson, **Pearl** Anderson, **Cindy** Weller, **Jenelle** Benton, **Chris** Schulz, **Don** Jensen, **Gail** Otteson, **Richard** Kirckof, **Richard** Hanson, **Janet** Raveling and all those we name in our hearts, having the confidence that through the power of the Holy Spirit, God knows our needs.

**Acolyte and Crossbearer Schedule**

\*Please notify the office with any changes\*

Date	BIG GROVE	CROW RIVER	GRACE
April 23	Isaac Johnson	A: Aubrey Anderson C: Macey Roering	Kaleb Torkelson
April 30	Ashton Terhaar	A: Mhina Reed C: Jocelyn Commerford	Lillian Thompson
May 7	Lydia Deters	A: Ian Szczesniak C: Taya Hanson	Josie Buckentine
May 14	Elliot Spanier	A: Owen Miller C: Coby Schoumaker	Colin Evenson

**Greeters: Crow River**

April 30: Todd and Mary Anderson  
May 7: Quentin and Sylvia Koll

**Ushers : Crow River**

April 30: Jerry & Cindy Torgerson, Quentin Koll & Doug Mohs  
May 7: Jerry & Cindy Torgerson, Quentin Koll & Doug Mohs

**Ushers: Grace**

April 30:  
May 7: Shelly Eckstein

**Lectors: Grace**

April 30: Josie Buckentine  
May 7: Lorraine Raveling

**WELCOME TO**

**BIG GROVE CROW RIVER GRACE PARISH**  
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**Office hours Monday - Thursday 8:00am - 1:00pm**

**THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH April 23-April 30**

- Sunday:** 8:30 am Crow River  
9:00 am Grace with Livestream (Lutheran Brotherhood of Men meeting to follow worship)  
10:10 Bible Study at Grace in the Pastor's Study  
9:30 am Sunday School at Big Grove  
10:30 am Big Grove with Livestream
- Wednesday:** 10:30 am at Grace - Meeting to plan for Community Ecumenical Gathering  
3:45 pm JAM at Grace  
6:00 pm Confirmation grades 7/8  
6:45 pm Confirmation grade 9
- Thursday:** 10:00 Bible Study at Grace  
3:00 pm Nursing Home
- Friday:** 7:30 am FCS at Grace
- Next Sunday:** 8:30 am Big Grove  
9:00 am Grace with Livestream  
9:45 am Sunday School at Crow River  
10:30 am Crow River with Livestream

**Bemidji Mission Trip for youth grades 7-12. Deadline to register is April 24th. More information in the April Newsletter or by contacting the Parish office. 320-254-3249**

**Scholarships available for Grace members:** Scholarship requests should be written and include a summary of your involvement at Grace, the school you will be attending, your possible major, and future plans. **All applications must be in by May 1st.**

*Thanks to all for sharing your time.*



### FCS (Fellowship of Christian Students) Breakfast

Fridays, when school is in session,  
7:30 am - 8:00 am at Grace Lutheran.  
Grades 7-12 are all welcome.

### PARISH HAPPENINGS

**JAM** We will meet from 3:45 pm to 5:00 pm on April 26th, and May 3rd and 10th.



### **2023 Parish Sunday Bible Study schedule**

A four session bible study asking the question "Where is God in the midst of a suffering world?"

**Grace:**

- Class 2: Sunday, April 23, 10:10 - 11:00
- Class 3: Sunday, April 30, 10:10 - 11:00
- Class 4: Sunday, May 7, 10:10 - 11:00



A meeting regarding the **annual Ecumenical Gathering** has been set for **10:30 on April 26** at Grace Lutheran Church in Belgrade. All churches in the BBE area are encouraged to send a representative. The Ecumenical Gathering was established in 1990 and has been a cooperative venture of churches in the BBE area to present an annual program.

The SW MN Synodical Convention of Women of the ELCA will be Friday, May 5, at Shetek Lutheran Ministries near Slayton. Make plans now to attend and join your sisters in Christ as we gather to "Renew, Redo and Rejoice!" Come to the one day event for worship, speakers, displays and fellowship. Cost is \$35. For registration information contact Sharon Struthers at 254-3457.

**Women of the ELCA Gathering in Phoenix:** This gathering will be September 21-23 and is for all members of ELCA. A discounted advance registration is due the end of April. If you would like more information you can contact Sharon Struthers at 254-3457.

**"All Season Decoration Sale" and bake sale at Hope Presbyterian Church in Spicer on Saturday, April 29th, 9:00am-2:00pm.**

### **Parish office hours:**

Monday - Thursday 8:00 am - 1:00 pm.  
All announcements must be in by 10:00 am on Wednesdays.

### **BIG GROVE HAPPENINGS**

Big Grove has Venmo: @BigGroveLuth2022

### **CROW RIVER HAPPENINGS**

**WELCA monthly Mission Project.** In April we will be collecting items for LWR personal care kits. We need bath towels (max 27 x 52 inches, lightweight and dark color), toothbrushes, nail clippers, bar soap and combs. All items should be new. **This is the last week to turn in items.**

**Happy Birthday Ernie Rucht:** We will celebrate with Ernie with cake in the fellowship hall after worship service.

### **GRACE HAPPENINGS**

**Visits would be welcome:** Lawrence Jensen's family would like us to know that he is in the Belgrade Nursing Home and would love to have visitors. Feel free to stop in an visit anytime.

**The Grace Lutheran Church Congregational Fund Committee** is accepting grant & scholarship applications. Grants can be requested in writing for outreach projects, missions of the ELCA, capital improvements, remodeling projects, furnishings, or equipment at Grace. **Scholarship requests** should be written and include a summary of your involvement at Grace, the school you will be attending, your possible major, and future plans. All applications must be in by May 1st.

**Grace Lutheran Brotherhood of Men** will have a meeting on Sunday, April 23rd after the worship service.

**Rates for cemetery fees changing:** The Grace Lutheran Cemetery Association board voted to raise the price of gravesites effective June 1, 2023. The new rates are:

Members	\$300
Former Members	\$400
Non-members	\$500