

# Grace Notes



As our newsletter series on the parts of the liturgy concludes, this month we look at the Benediction. The final words of the service that are spoken to us give us His blessing. Drawn from Numbers 6:23-27, this is the Benediction we hear at the close of each Divine Service: "The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen."







Notice three things. First, the Divine Service ends the same way it began. As we began with the name of God upon us in the Invocation, so we end with the name of God upon us in the Benediction. Although it may seem odd that we would use an Old Testament blessing today, it is entirely appropriate that we do. It is no accident that the blessing from Numbers 6 is a threefold one, for the one true God is the Triune God. The blessing in Numbers 6 foreshadows the name of God as it is given to us in Holy Baptism that our Lord Jesus has instituted in Matthew 28. The blessing from Numbers 6 is an excellent one for us as Christians today because it is a reminder that God's Triune Name has been placed upon us and remains upon us because we are baptized.

Second, having the Lord's name upon us brings great benefits. Because He has placed His name upon us, the Lord blesses us and keeps us from danger. Because He has placed His name upon us, the Lord turns His face toward us, not in wrath because of our sins, but in grace for the sake of Christ. Because He has placed His name upon us, the Lord looks upon us to grant us the peace of His presence now and eternally. These are the great benefits that we have because the Lord has placed His name upon us.

Finally, the response to the Lord's blessing is a confident "Amen!" All of the things that the Lord has promised in the Benediction He will surely give. All of the things that the Lord has promised and given during the entire Divine Service are surely ours. Our confident and believing response of "Amen" is the only word to say. It's so fitting, in fact, that in some services we don't just sing it once; we sing it three times! That's how certain we are that God will keep His promises. What a joyous conclusion to the Divine Service! We go forth with God's name upon us, confident in His grace and renewed in strength to serve our neighbors in love.

In Christ,  
**Pastor Appel**

# March 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 11am Bible Study 6pm LWML 	2 Pastor Away-Family Day	3
4 8:45am Bible Class 10am Worship/Communion	5 7pm Elders 	6	7 10am GLLC Chapel 5:30pm Lenten Schedule (see below)	8 11am Bible Study	9 Pastor Away-Family Day	10
11 8:45am Bible Class 10am Worship/Communion 6:30pm Youth Group	12 7pm LLL 	13 9am Pastor Circuit Mtg-Smithville	14 10am GLLC Chapel 5:30pm Lenten Schedule (see below)	15 11am Bible Study	16 Pastor Away-Family Day	17 St. Patrick's Day
18 8:45am Bible Class 10am Worship/Communion 3pm Nursing Home Devotions	19 6pm GLLC Mtg 7pm Evangelism	20	21 10am GLLC Chapel 1pm Ministerial Alliance 5:30pm Lenten Schedule (see below)	22 11am Bible Study NEWSLETTER DEADLINE/NOON 	23 Pastor Away-Family Day	24 LENTEN MIDWEEK SCHEDULE  5:30-6:15p Bible Class 6:00-6:45p Soup Supper 7:00p Worship
25 PALM SUNDAY 8:45am Bible Class 10am Worship/Communion 11am Brd of Ed 6:30pm Youth Group	26 8am Braille 5pm Piecemakers	27	28 10am GLLC Chapel	29  Maundy Thursday 7pm Worship	30  GOOD FRIDAY Service of Darkness 7:00p	

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Sunday School 8:45 AM  
Midweek Classes 6:00 PM  
Worship Service 10:00 AM

### Grace Lutheran Learning Center

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Fax Number: 512-237-5990

Email address: [gracelutheranlearn@att.net](mailto:gracelutheranlearn@att.net)  
**We now accept CCMS enrollment**

Please feel free to put old or unused toys in our box located in the Narthex

### Pastor Timothy Appel

If you need to contact him, his email address is: [timothyappel@gmail.com](mailto:timothyappel@gmail.com) and his home phone number is 512-237-9664, or contact our Office at 512-237-2108. If you are not able to reach either number and it is an emergency, contact your Elder. (Elders list on bulletin board by the Office)

### CHURCH OFFICE

Normal hours are 9 to 2 Mon. – Fri. If you need any help from the office i.e., copying documents, record information, info to be put in the bulletin and/or newsletter, etc., please feel free to stop by, call, etc. We are there to provide you with whatever you need from the church office. You may also leave a note in the Secretary's box in the Narthex, and we will get back with you as soon as possible. Please let us know if you have any questions or suggestions.



### Passengers for Church Van

**Benny Hajdik** - 979-540-8437 is driving the Church Van for Sunday School and Church Services. If you need transportation, please call by 5:00 pm on Saturday. You may leave a message if no one answers.

**Elder(s):** C.Johannessen  
M.W. Kasper

**Ushers:** Davey Kadlecek  
Ed Randle

**Trustees**  
: Tommy Oates  
Allan Hancock

**Organist(s):**  
June Parker  
Esther Wolff (Sub)  
Kim Appel (Sub)

**Mar. Altar Guild:**  
June Parker  
Libby Caldwell

**Readers:**

Mar. 4 Dana Bunte  
Mar. 11 Huntis Dittmar  
Mar. 18 Debbie Higgins  
Mar. 25 Philip Appel

**Acolytes:**

Mar. 4 Joshua Zimmerhanzel & Sterling Brown  
Mar. 7 Mackenzie Peres & Barrett Watson  
Mar. 11 Adrian Wolff & Thomas Brown  
Mar. 14 David Wolff & Juniper Smith  
Mar. 18 Baylor Watson & Marianna Peres  
Mar. 21 Alex Caldwell & Barrett Watson  
Mar. 25 Sterling Brown & Mackenzie Peres  
Mar. 29 Adrian Wolff & Thomas Brown  
Mar. 30 David Wolff



Pre-School/ Kindergarten Mary Lou Oliver/  
Wendy Rohde  
1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Grades Charles Johannessen  
3<sup>rd</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Grades Gene Brown  
6<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grades June Parker  
Adult Classes Pastor Appel

### STILL IN NEED OF SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS



Please contact Barb Johannessen at 512-284-0199 if you are interested in this position

### MIDWEEK AND CONFIRMATION TEACHERS

Pre-school - K Kim Appel  
1st – 3rd grade Alex & Amanda Vanegas  
4th - 6th grade Kristin Appel (June Parker-sub)  
7th - 8th grade Pastor Appel  
Adult Class Ed Randle



<b>Mar. 2</b>	Dorine & Bobby Hoskins
<b>Mar. 4</b>	Debbie & Lee Hampton
<b>Mar. 10</b>	Crystal & Kevin Vinklerek
<b>Mar. 12</b>	Kristina & Brandon Pietsch
<b>Mar. 13</b>	Esther & Timothy Wolff
<b>Mar. 19</b>	Kayla & Brandon Herschap

- Mar. 1 Victoria Caldwell
- Mar. 2 Tyler Hancock
- Mar. 3 Marilyn King
- Mar. 4 Eugene Randle
- Mar. 5 Barbara Johannessen
- Mar. 6 Sarah Gwin  
Tommy Higgins
- Mar. 9 LaVerne Wallace  
Timothy Wolff
- Mar. 10 Brandon Pietsch
- Mar. 13 Mitchell Randle
- Mar. 14 Jeanie Kaiser  
Jeremy Rector
- Mar. 15 Steve Pauley
- Mar. 16 Tim Claiborne
- Mar. 17 Ronald Pietsch
- Mar. 18 Allan Hancock  
Ramon Wolff
- Mar. 19 Elois Curriuan  
Margie Hicks
- Mar. 20 Mike Davis
- Mar. 23 Patsy Wiggins
- Mar. 24 Katie Swartz
- Mar. 25 Thomas Brown
- Mar. 28 Brenden Kadlecek  
Brad Zimmerhanzel
- Mar. 29 Elizabeth Caldwell  
Cole Hampton
- Mar. 31 Frances Mynar  
Crystal Vinklerek



As of , 2018

<u>Name</u>	<u>Balance</u>
<b>Prosperity Checking Acct</b>	<b>23,279</b>
<b>CEF-General</b>	<b>2,362</b>
<b>CEF-Land/Youth</b>	<b>11,904</b>
<b>CEF Scholarship</b>	<b>12,748</b>
<b>Legacy Deo</b>	<b>9,666</b>
<b>CEF Property Loan</b>	<b>145,703</b>
<b>CEF Annex Loan</b>	<b>41,942</b>
<b>Total Dedicated Funds</b>	<b>7,291</b>
<b>General Fund Balance</b>	<b>15,988</b>



There is a plastic container in the Narthex for collection of **used bulletins & white printed papers** to be recycled at the Smithville Recycling facility. If there are any questions please ask Katie or John Stelling for info



**In the Hospital**

If you are admitted to the hospital, I would like to visit you in order to share God's Word and share a prayer with you in that difficult time. As you are able please let the church office know or ask the hospital to call the church office so that I can best minister to you. **Pastor Appel**

If your birthday or anniversary does not appear correctly, please contact the church office so we can correct our files. Thank you.

**Wishing these Friends a Happy Birthday! from your "Grace" family**

**May God bless you and keep you always in His tender, loving care**



Even though the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation has passed, the importance of daily Scripture reading in our lives has not changed! In order to encourage you to

read from God's Word daily, the reading plan that will guide you through the entire Bible in a year will continue to be published in the newsletter each month during 2018. We pray that being in God's Word daily will be the blessing to you that our God has promised!



### PIECEMAKERS

Piecemakers thank everyone for their donations. We welcome volunteers. We meet at five on the fourth Monday to the quilts. Join us

Quilts and school bags will be blessed on Palm Sunday. Then they will be packed to ship out.



### GLLC Learning Center

#### WORK AT GLLC

Grace Lutheran Learning Center is hiring part-time workers for the afternoon shift. Applicants should be available to work between 12:30-6:00 PM, must have a high school diploma or equivalent, and be willing to submit to a background check. If you love working with kids and sharing the love of Jesus, this is the job for you! Please contact our director, **Angel Hurst**, at [512-360-2800](tel:512-360-2800) to receive an application



### ALL invited to lunch/game day THURSDAYS at NOON

In the Parish Hall

We meet at noon in the Parish hall. We have a lite meal. All our welcome to join us for a spirited game of train. If you don't know how to play--not a problem. We will help. We play for the fellowship and don't play for points



The Born Again Emporium thanks you for your contributions and donations. We gladly accept your donations any time we have people on site. This now includes Friday and Saturday.

The contribution from the bazaar was greatly appreciated. We give thanks for the blessings of this ministry.

Our next scheduled date is April 9 through the 13th. We will be closed Holy Week.

**Linda Read**



Thanks to all the ladies who baked for the LWML Casserole/Bake Sale in February. And a heartfelt THANK YOU to the Congregation for buying them! The fundraiser was a tremendous success. Proceeds will help defray the costs of Society members planning to attend the Texas District LWML Convention in June.

Come join the LWML. For Christ – Centered Women of all AGES! Our monthly meeting is Thursday, March 1, at 6 PM. Nothing to bring, just come. A light meal will be provided and the devotion will be given by Pastor Appel. Lutheran Women in Mission, meeting the Gospel challenge at home and around the world!



Here is another weekday opportunity for you to gather with fellow Christians here at Grace and study God's Word! Pastor Appel is leading a Bible study on the Small Catechism from 11 AM-Noon every Thursday morning in the parish hall. Come and refresh your memory on everything you learned as a youth during confirmation classes. Bring your Bible and your Small Catechism; if you don't have either one of those items, please let Pastor know and he'll be glad to get you one! If you have any questions, please see Pastor Appel.



Dear Members of Grace Lutheran Church,

**REMEMBER!!!!!! The FIRST Sunday of every month is the Sunday School Mission Sunday.**

The Board of Education would like to remind every member of Grace Lutheran Church that we can add to the **Endowment Fund** at any time in any amount. Remember the Fund will be used for the Education of our Youth at Grace Lutheran. It will be used for scholarships to Christian Camps as well as to help off set the tuition, for any qualifying member, to a Lutheran based school this includes higher education levels. This is a **tax-deductible contribution**. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any Board member.

#### CHALLENGE

As most of you heard Sunday in Church the Board of Ed is challenging the adults against the youth to see who will read their Bible the most and who pays attention to the readings on Sundays. There will be a question in the bulletin every Sunday (relating to on of the reading from the previous Sunday) that you took your bulletin home and studied so faithfully. Please answer those questions and place the answer in the basket on the table designated for the answers. This is a way that we would like to encourage everyone to study their bible and the have fun at the same time. Anyone can participate no matter your age!!! If you have any questions please feel free to ask a Board member.

If anyone has any interest in teaching or substitute teaching for any Sunday School Class, please contact myself or any Board of Ed Member.

May God Bless all of you.

Respectfully,

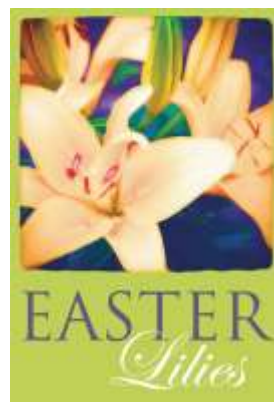
**Barb Johannessen**



#### Lent 2018

. Each Wednesday during Lent (March 7, 14, 21), we will have a soup supper at 6 PM followed by a worship service at 7 PM. This year's Lenten midweek services will focus on the blessing that our Lord Jesus Christ has given us in the Sacrament of Holy

Baptism. Make plans to join us for these services in the coming weeks to grow in the repentance and faith that Jesus has given.



Time to order Easter Lilies, Deadline is March 18. Sign-up sheet in the Narthex. The cost is \$10.00 each.



During our observance of Holy Week each year, our remembrance of Jesus' life happens in real time. Each of our worship services during Holy Week commemorates what Jesus did on that specific day. On Palm Sunday (March 25), we remember how Jesus came as a humble King to die for our sins. On Maundy Thursday (March 29), we remember how Jesus instituted His precious Supper for us before He was betrayed into the hands of sinful men. On Good Friday (March 30), we remember how Jesus died on the cross to earn our forgiveness. On Easter Sunday (April 1), we rejoice to celebrate our Lord's resurrection to earn our eternal life. Information about each of these worship services is included in the newsletter; please plan to join with your fellow Christians on these days as we receive in Word and Sacrament the forgiveness that Jesus earned by these most important events of our Christian faith.



### Jamboree Parade Help

The Evangelism committee is sponsoring a float in the Smithville Jamboree Parade once again this year, on Saturday, April 7. They will be decorating in conjunction with the theme for this summer's VBS, "Splash Canyon." In order to this, they are in need of items such as kayaks, canoes, oars, river rafts, life jackets, and other types of items. If you have something that could be used, or if you are interested in riding on the float in April, please speak to John and Brenda Anderson to let them know.



The A Capella Choir from Concordia University in Nebraska is on tour in Texas this spring, and they will be singing at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Austin (3501 Red River Street) on Sunday, March 4, at 7 PM. If you are interested in going, please let Pastor Appel know today. If there is enough interest, Benny has said that he is willing to drive the church bus, or we can work out a car pool. Please consider this is a wonderful opportunity to hear an excellent choir sing sacred music in our area!

# Save the Date

VBS 2018

June 3 - 7

5:30 pm - 8:00 pm





CLASSES  
2018

*March 7, 2018	April 18, 2018
*March 21, 2018	April 25, 2018
April 4, 2018	May 2, 2018
April 11, 2018	



This semester's midweek meals are being planned and prepared by Sharon Reinberg. If you would like to assist in the cost of providing these meals, you can place your gift into the offering plate on Sunday morning and indicate "Midweek Meals" as its designation. Sharon also regularly needs help in the kitchen before, during, and after our midweek meals. Please prayerfully consider how you can give your labor of love toward this important aspect of our life together at Grace on Wednesday evenings. Thank you for your generous support of Christian education here at Grace!



5:30-6:15p Bible Class  
6:00-6:45p Soup Supper  
7:00p Worship

Our Lenten midweek offerings this year will go to support three important missions: Grace Lutheran Learning Center, Faith Lutheran High School in Central Texas, and Pastor Askins in Hong Kong. Please give generously to support the work of spreading the the good news of Jesus Christ through these ministries!

Mar. 7	Lent Midweek 4	Soup: A - Fo Host:	Satan's Might Has Come Unraveled
Mar. 14	Lent Midweek 5	Soup: Fr – P Host:Elders	Strength Divine for Life Immortal
Mar. 21	Lent Midweek 6	Soup: R-Z Host:	My Lifelong Comfort Sure
Mar. 25	Palm Sunday	10:00 am	Procession of Palms
Mar. 29	Maundy Thursday	7:00 pm	Divine Service with Holy Communion
Mar. 30	Good Friday	7:00 pm	Tenebrae Vespers
Apr. 1	Easter Sunday	8:00 am	Easter egg hunt & breakfast following the Service





# FRUIT LADYBUGS

Get creative in the kitchen with this sweet springtime snack.

### What you need:

- Strawberries (washed)
- Knife
- Plate or wax paper
- ½ cup melted chocolate chips
- Zippered baggie
- Scissors
- Blueberries (washed)
- Adult help



### What you do:

1. De-stem the strawberries. Cut in half and then cut a small V atop each half to make the ladybug body. Set them on a plate or wax paper.
2. Place the melted chocolate in a baggie and cut off the tip of a bottom corner.
3. Pipe a dividing line and "spots" on each strawberry. Also use the chocolate to attach a blueberry "head" by the V shape.
4. Pipe chocolate antennas and legs onto ladybugs.
5. Let harden. Enjoy!



# Spring's Beauty

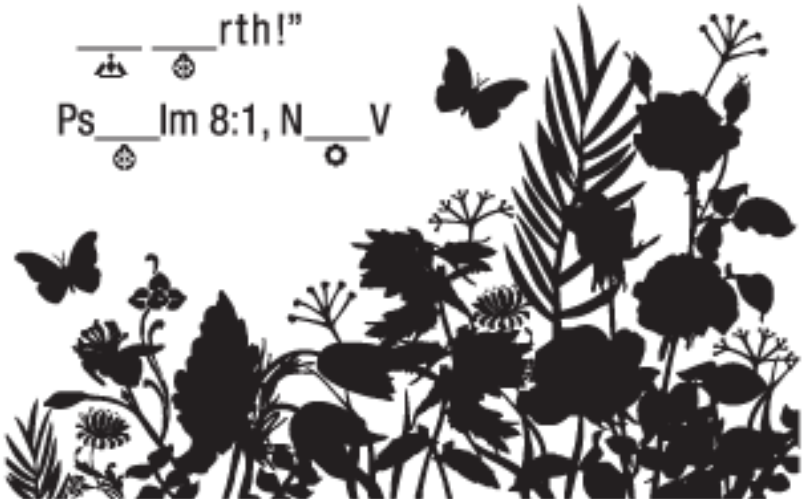
During springtime, the beauty of God's creation emerges in many ways.

Directions: Use the vowel code below to complete Psalm 8:1, NIV.

A = E = I = O = U =

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 m\_\_j\_\_st\_\_c \_\_s y\_\_r  
 n\_\_m\_\_n \_\_ll th\_\_  
 \_\_rth!"

Ps\_\_lm 8:1, N\_\_V



Answer: "LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!" Psalm 8:1, NIV

# Read Through the Bible in 2018

Grace Lutheran Church, Smithville, TX

“God’s Word is our great heritage and shall be ours forever!” Continue your daily Bible reading during 2018. God’s blessings for you in His Word abound! *(Note: On days listed as “OFF,” consider re-reading something from earlier in the week or making up a day that you might have missed.)*

## Readings for the Month of March

March 1	Galatians 1	Exodus 17-19
March 2	Galatians 2	Exodus 20-22
March 3	Proverbs 4:20-27	Psalms 32-33
March 4	OFF	
March 5	Galatians 3:1-4:7	Exodus 23-24
March 6	Galatians 4:8-31	Exodus 25-26
March 7	Galatians 5-6	Exodus 27-28
March 8	Ephesians 1	Exodus 29-31
March 9	Ephesians 2-3	Exodus 32-33
March 10	Proverbs 5	Psalms 34-36
March 11	OFF	
March 12	Ephesians 4:1-16	Exodus 34-36
March 13	Ephesians 4:17-5:33	Exodus 37-38
March 14	Ephesians 6	Exodus 39-40
March 15	1 John 1-3	Leviticus 1-3
March 16	1 John 4-5	Leviticus 4-6
March 17	Proverbs 6:1-8	Psalms 37-38
March 18	OFF	
March 19	1 Peter 1:1-2:3	Leviticus 7-8
March 20	1 Peter 2:4-25	Leviticus 9-11
March 21	1 Peter 3-4	Leviticus 12-13
March 22	1 Peter 5	Leviticus 14-15
March 23	Luke 1:1-25	Leviticus 16-18
March 24	Proverbs 6:9-19	Psalms 39-40
March 25	OFF	
March 26	Luke 1:26-56	Leviticus 19-20
March 27	Luke 1:57-80	Leviticus 21-23
March 28	Luke 2	Leviticus 24-25
March 29	Luke 3:1-20	Leviticus 26-27
March 30	Luke 3:21-38	Numbers 1
March 31	Proverbs 6:20-35	Psalms 41-44



# FAITH LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL OF CENTRAL TEXAS

## *Founded on Faith*

“Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.” Hebrews 11:1

### **Spring Raffle**

The Faith Lutheran High School spring raffle is ongoing. Tickets are on sale now - \$20 each or 6/\$100 - get yours before it is too late! Drawing will be held during National Lutheran Schools Week (March 5-9). Items for raffle include:

- 3 Day/2 Night Beach Condo
- Gulf Coast Fishing Trip For 2
- Browning AB3 Rifle
- Ruger LC9S Pro 7+1 9mm Pistol
- 2018 Summer Day Camp Session at Camp Lone Star
- 2018 Summer Camp Session at Camp Lone Star
- Yeti Hopper Cooler with Custom FLHS Cutting Boards

Please contact any FLHS delegate, student or staff member or call (979) 242-2889 to get your tickets by SUNDAY, MARCH 4th!

### **Upcoming Events**

There are a lot of new and exciting opportunities at Faith Lutheran High School in the next few months. Watch church newsletters, our website, Facebook and other social medias to stay up to date. Events include:

- National Lutheran Schools Week activities, including the reveal of the FLHS mascot!
- Athletic Camps for volleyball, boys and girls basketball, and archery
- 7th Grade Visit Day
- And more!

### **Contact us**

Mailing Address:

P.O. Box 138 Warda, TX 78960

Physical Address:

600 FM 1482, Giddings, TX 78942

[kueckn@faithlutheranhighschool.com](mailto:kueckn@faithlutheranhighschool.com)

(979) 242-2889

### **Registration**

Registration for the 2018-2019 school year is underway. We are looking to add more students to our family. Are you looking for a Christ-centered education, a rigorous college prep curriculum, small class sizes? Check out FLHS!! Registration fees are waived through April 3rd. You can receive registration materials by calling (979) 242-2889 or on our website, at [www.faithlutheranhighschool.com](http://www.faithlutheranhighschool.com).

### **Shadow Days**

Shadow days are a great opportunity for prospective students to follow us for a day and experience what FLHS is all about. Parents, call us today to set up a shadow day for your child. If you know of a student who would benefit from a Christian high school education, please contact Mrs. Nikki Kueck at (979) 242-2889.

### **Share the Gift of Love**

Faith Lutheran High School has a unique role in combining knowledge and God's love in a student's high school experience. We are partnering with families at the intersection of education and faith development. If you would like to support our ministry through a one-time or enduring gift, Thrivent Action Grant, or volunteer your time and talents, please contact Nikki Kueck to learn more.

### **Keep in Touch**

Find and follow us on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube or Twitter - like and share our posts so others can learn about FLHS. Also, visit our website at [www.faithlutheranhighschool.com](http://www.faithlutheranhighschool.com)!

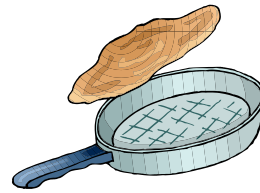
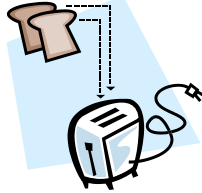
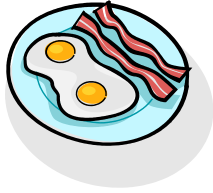
### **Free Wednesday mornings?**

Join us for our weekly Chapel Worship Service every Wednesday beginning at 10:34 am. Our teachers and local association pastors will lead us in worship.

# Easter Brunch

## AN OPEN INVITATION TO ALL

Following the 8:00 am Easter Worship Service, the **Elders** will be flipping pancakes, scrambling eggs and popping toast.



Please bring complementary items for the full breakfast buffet, i.e., breakfast tacos, casseroles, biscuits or you may bring items for the continental breakfast, i.e., doughnuts, pastries and fruit.



Coffee and juice will be furnished



We need volunteers to bring 1 gallon each of orange juice, apple juice and milk. We also need a few volunteers to help clean up after breakfast.

Please sign the sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex

