



# Grace Lutheran Church Newsletter

# MARCH<sub>2021</sub>

## Drive thru Ash Wednesday



One year ago, Grace Lutheran Church closed its doors to in-person worship, after discerning the need for safety while sharing the gospel virtually during the Covid-19 pandemic.

The date was March 15, 2020. It was almost as though, the hands of time stopped. And who could have imagined, right? GLC leadership had to navigate church in new and creative ways, and very intentional ways. I'll be the first to say, it's not been easy. In fact, it has been down-right difficult. But what remains is God's everlasting promise to provide.



*As Jesus said, "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." (John 16:33)*

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We are counting down the days in this season of Lent – ever ready to welcome the open tomb; ever ready to return to Grace; ever ready to see the world once again with wonder and compassion.

Let us remember the blessings, carrying for the new life in others, and beckoning to not take for granted when we step across the thresholds of our homes.

Welcome back ... I have missed you.

*Pastor Kris*

At Grace Lutheran Church, parishioners are finding their way back to church.

I hope you will join us – opening doors and an empty tomb offer much to celebrate.



# HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY | MAUNDY THURSDAY | GOOD FRIDAY | EASTER SUNDAY

**Jesus' Last Days**  
**GLC Youth Performance**  
**6 pm Wednesday, March 31**  
**All are welcome.**



FROM THE  
CHURCH  
OFFICE

## Deadline to submit items for the April newsletter is *Friday, March 26.*

Please send your Newsletter items to Keri at [gracelutheran@rushmore.com](mailto:gracelutheran@rushmore.com).

Let us send you an email with a link to our newsletter when it's posted to our website.

If you are interested, please send your email address to the office at:  
[gracelutheran@rushmore.com](mailto:gracelutheran@rushmore.com) or call Keri at 347-2713.

**Did you know...** Our website contains the weekly worship bulletins, monthly newsletter, sermon broadcast, monthly calendar, Council and Committee minutes, and much more. For a printed copy, see the info rack at the entrance of the church.

**Check it out at: [www.sturgisglc.org](http://www.sturgisglc.org).**

**See special events on Facebook.**



**Has your address or phone number changed?**

Please let Keri know at 347-2713 or e-mail us at [gracelutheran@rushmore.com](mailto:gracelutheran@rushmore.com).



# **Holy Week Schedule**

## **Grace Lutheran Church**

### **Palm Sunday Service**

**9:00 am Sunday, March 28**

Procession of palms paraded by the children

### **Jesus' Last Days**

**6 pm Wednesday, March 31**

GLC Youth Holy Week Reenactment

### **Good Friday, April 2**

**12:00 pm Friday**

Alliance of Churches Crosswalk

Begins at Presbyterian Church and Ends at Grace Lutheran  
(Outdoor readings, hymns and cross carrying)

### **Easter Sunday, April 4**

**6:30 am Sunday**

Easter Sunrise Service at Lion's Club Pavilion

**7:30 am Sunday**

Coffee & muffins to follow at the Pavilion

**9:00 am Sunday**

He Is Risen Traditional Worship Service

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH – ELCA**

**1061 Sherman Street, Sturgis**

**For more information, phone: 347-2713**





**The GLC Confirmation groups  
put together 50 Hygiene Bags for teens  
at the LSS Arise Youth Center in Rapid City.  
Special thanks to everyone who donated  
items; the GLC Quilters for the bags; and,  
the LSS staff for the tour!!**



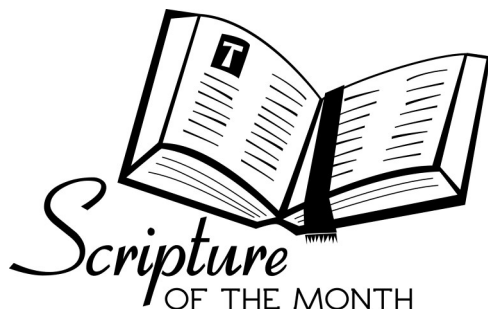


### March 7

Exodus 20:1-17  
Psalm 19  
1 Corinthians 1:18-25  
John 2:13-22

### March 14

Numbers 21:4-9  
Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22  
Ephesians 2:1-10  
John 3:14-21



### March 21

Jeremiah 31:31-34  
Psalm 51:1-12  
Hebrews 5:5-10  
John 12:20-33

### March 28

Isaiah 50:4-9a  
Psalm 31:9-16  
Philippians 2:5-11  
Mark 14:1-15:47



**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Eleanora Miller, Al Smith, Don Workentine, DeWayne Hayes, Richard Graves, Ray Webber, Pastor Herb Cleveland, Elaine Heidebrink, Helen Kinkade, Karla Clark, Dee Storjohann, Dode Lee, Mark Senftner, Cindy Milek, Dennis Johnson, Audrey Printz, Katie Neiderwerder, and the families of Frances Olson, Barb Remington-Ray, and Gerald Kirk.

**On-going prayers:** Vernon Ross, Verna DeKraai, Shania Larive, Melody Jensen, Bob York, Kristi Fladager, Sharon Rank, Dale Kreutz, Nancy Finck, Corky Walters, Sandra Keiter, Sondra York, Gregor McFarland, Lenore Hines, Beverly Hemmah, our homebound members and those serving in the military. (*Notify the office of changes*)

## **Bear Butte Conference Assembly**

March 28 at 3pm at Calvary Lutheran Church, Rapid City.

The meeting will be in-person and via Zoom.

*GLC's Bonnie Lange is acting Conference President.*

*Currently, she also serves on the SDSynod Council.*

### **2021 YEAR TO DATE**

#### **OFFERINGS**

\$25,183.40

#### **EXPENSES**

\$31,544.12

#### **BUDGET**

\$37,294.18



### **FEBRUARY ATTENDANCE**

#### **Sundays**

Feb 7 - 15

Feb 14 - 16


Feb 21 - 28

Feb 28 - 23



*Hosanna,  
Hosanna,  
in the Highest!*

**Children join in the  
Palm Sunday Palm Parade  
9 am  
Sunday March 28**



*He is Risen*

**Sunrise Service  
6:30 am  
Lion's Park  
Refreshments follow  
Sunday April 4  
Traditional Service  
9 am  
Grace Lutheran  
Church**



## **EGG DROP COMING TO A YARD NEAR YOU!!**

**Saturday Sunrise April 3**

GLC Church Council plans to egg your yard or a yard of your choice with Resurrection Eggs and candy too. A minimum donation of \$25 to benefit the GLC Window Campaign is requested.

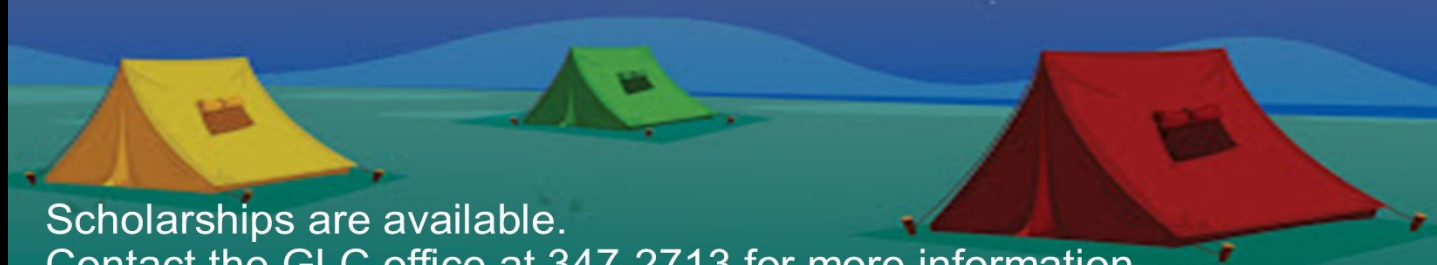
**Call the church office at 605-347-2713.  
Reservation deadline is Friday March 19.**





## **Return to Camp!!** **GLC Youth Week is June 20** **at Outlaw Ranch**

**Summer Camp is back! ... But spots are filling up fast!!**  
**Register today and receive \$150 discount -**  
**good through March.**



Scholarships are available.

Contact the GLC office at 347-2713 for more information.

Check out LOSD video at <https://vimeo.com/116553805>

And the brochure at: [https://issuu.com/losd18/docs/summer\\_2021/14](https://issuu.com/losd18/docs/summer_2021/14)



## **"FAITH AND FAMILY NIGHT"** **4 pm Sunday, March 14**

**RAPID CITY RUSH VS KANSAS CITY**

"Faith and Family Night" is an annual game where faith and hockey collide!

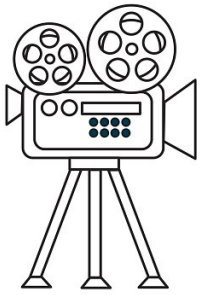
Celebrate Rush hockey, faith, fellowship & post-game skating for all in attendance.

Tickets are \$15 each.

Scholarships available.

Bus & carpooling available.

**Please RSVP to GLC Office**  
**605.347.2713 by March 8.**



**A Projectionist**  
is needed for  
the first Sunday of the month.  
If interested please call the  
church office at 347-2713.



Persons who are  
worshiping with us at  
home and online —  
Pre-packaged Holy  
Communion kits are  
available for pick  
up at the church office  
during regular  
business hours.



Please tune-in to KBHB 810 AM Radio at 9 am Sunday's.  
If you prefer to live stream – the link is: [www.kbhbradio.com](http://www.kbhbradio.com).  
Access previous sermons at: [www.sturgisglc.org/sermons](http://www.sturgisglc.org/sermons)

## 9 AM SUNDAY WORSHIP RADIO BROADCAST SPONSORS

The radio broadcast calendar for 2021 is posted on the bulletin board in the entryway of the church. You are invited to place your name on the date you wish to sponsor. You may also call the office 347-2713 to reserve a date. The cost per broadcast is \$65. Partial sponsorships are invited and encouraged.

- March 7 - Char Wilson, in memory of her late husband Jerry Burnham.
- March 14 - Robert & Carolyn Ruff, in honor of their 63rd anniversary today.
- March 21 - In honor of Dennis Chowen's 79th birthday.
- March 28 - The Gunderson's, in honor of all those who make it possible for us to listen on the radio.



Young Adults in  
Global Mission

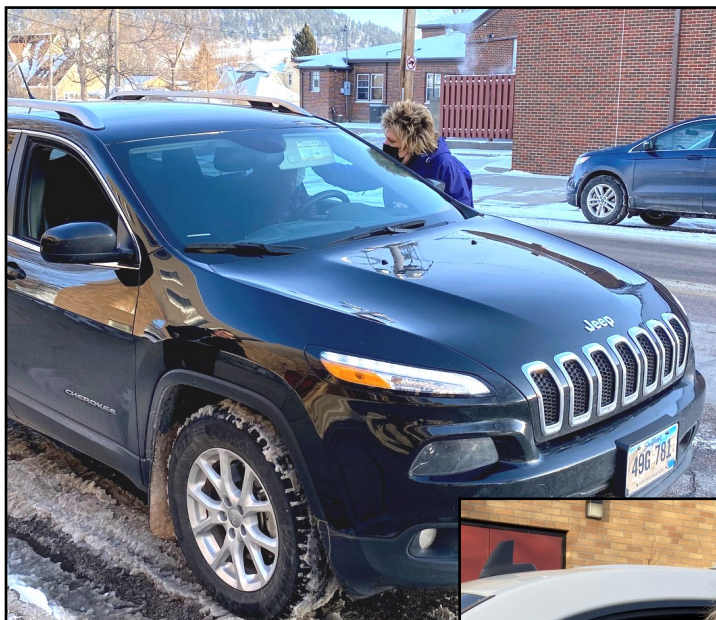


**2021-2022**  
**Program Year**  
**UPDATE**

After much consideration and thought, we have decided to cancel our 2021-2022 year of service for the Young Adults in Global Mission program. We will not be sending volunteers into service this year, resulting in two years in a row with no active volunteers. Our first priority is the health and safety of our companions and hosts, and also that of our potential volunteers. With heightened travel restrictions, changing variants, and growing number of cases in many parts of the world, we are not able to guarantee the safety and stability of another program year. We appreciate your prayers and support for the YAGM program and our global companions, and we look forward to sending volunteers in the near future.



# DRIVE THRU ASHES!





# Grace Lutheran Endowment Fund Seeks Applications



There are 5 specific purposes that Endowment fund grants money for:

1. Capital Improvement or building program of Grace Lutheran Church
2. College scholarships to a Lutheran college or Seminary
3. Scholarships for camping, leadership conferences or special programs
4. Gifts to local or state missions
5. Gifts to the ELCA for mission work

Applications are available in the church office.

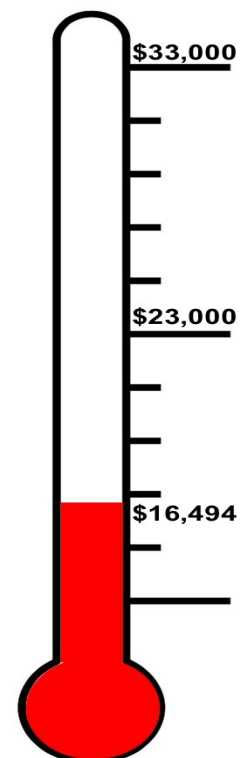
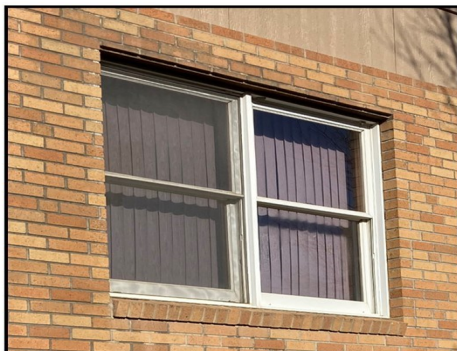
Submissions are due March 31 and funds will be distributed by April 30.

The Endowment Fund was established in 1993 with the goal of providing a perpetual fund that would benefit Grace Lutheran and its members for decades to come. Principal of the fund cannot be spent, so it is only the earnings that are paid out each year. Please consider the Grace Lutheran Church Endowment Fund in your gift planning!

All gifts are welcome – whether it is a check you can write today, or funds you'd consider leaving through your estate – this gift will benefit Grace and its members for generations to come.

## Let the light shine in, not the hot and cold air . . .

**The Church Parish house is in need of new windows.  
Please donate today.**





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## Application for Grace Lutheran Church Endowment Fund

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Non-profit: Yes or No

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Request: \_\_\_\_\_ Total project Costs: \_\_\_\_\_

**Purpose of Request:**

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Please attach any additional information that you would like to share.

**Estimated number of people that will be assisted:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Type of Request: (no one of the five purposes shall receive more than \$1,000.)**

- ☐ a) Capital improvement or building program of Grace Lutheran Church
- ☐ b) College scholarship for member or their children to attend Lutheran College or Seminary
- ☐ c) Scholarships to members of GLC for camping, leadership conferences or special programs
- ☐ d) Gifts to missions, local & state, social service agencies, institutions/individuals in need
- ☐ e) Gifts to ELCA for mission work & missionary education, in US or overseas

Would you or a representative be willing to attend a church service to tell us how your request will be used?

\_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Title or Office \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Feel Free to add documents or information that relates to this request for funds.

**Please Return by March 31, 2021 to:**

**Grace Lutheran Church  
Endowment Committee  
P.O. Box 577, Sturgis, SD 57785**

# It's a Chili Cook-Along



## 5 pm Sunday, March 21

Because of Covid-19, LuMin:TheHills Campus Ministry Chili Cookoff is going online!

It's a Chili Cook-Along and features recipes for  
Butternut & Black Bean Chili, and Chia Pudding for dessert.

The Cook-Along is guided by Jennifer Hauf, Director of SDSMT Food Services,  
and a LuMin:TheHills board member.

This year, LuMin students have been meeting online and learning a recipe together each week.  
This event gives participants an idea of what their experience has been like.

Register for the event at <https://www.luminthehills.org/>

Links to the recipes will be sent along with a link to the online event and demonstration videos for each recipe. The evening of the event, we will meet online and work through the recipe together, and enjoy fellowship with students from both BHSU and SDSMT. Thank you for your support!



Winter is here and Sunday morning transportation returns. Need a ride to church on Sunday morning? Call the church office 347-2713 by 2 pm on Friday to reserve a ride.

## Offering Information

Send your offering to PO Box 577,  
Sturgis, SD 57785,  
or drop off at the church in the  
Cross box outside the Office

### To Use Venmo:

1. Scan the QR code with your smartphone.
2. Login or setup your account (first time only).
3. Make your gift.







## Considering a Call into Ministry? Or know someone who is?

**Session One:** Public Ministry in the ELCA Learn about discernment resources and explore the call to public ministry as you hear call stories from pastors and deacons!

**Tuesday, March 9th @ 7:00 - 8:30 pm CT**

**Session Two:** So, How Do I Get There? – Seminary and other Things You Need to Know.

Learn about the ELCA Candidacy Process and hear from Seminary partners who will share about programs that can equip you to follow God's call in your life.

**Tuesday, March 16th @ 7:00 - 8:30 pm CT**

### Questions?

Deacon Krista Anderson ELCA Region 3 Candidacy and Leadership Manager Program Director for the Support of Ministers of Word and Service [krista.m.anderson@elca.org](mailto:krista.m.anderson@elca.org) / 651.208.7713

**Flyer : Register:** <https://bit.ly/3ax4vw9>

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## GLCW- A Season of Generosity Lent Calendar

What are you giving up for Lent this year? A commonplace question, with the answer usually involving an “extra”—something enjoyed, but nothing we couldn't live without. Chocolate, Coke, Coffee, Facebook and then we start counting, 37 days 'til Hershey's is back on the menu. 17 days and I'll be back, Starbucks! This season when we are called to reflect on the meaning of Christ's death and resurrection risks becoming a deprivation countdown, a contest of whose longings and cravings are more respected and spiritual. It's not too late to consider shifting gears, focusing on what we can GIVE AWAY, not what we're GIVING UP. Maybe we can change the world, one generous act at a time.

### Here are a few ideas to get started:

- Secretly clean your neighbor's driveway & sidewalks when that March snowstorm hits.
- Commit to a different way of spending for a few weeks. Long ago, a wise friend shared this with me: Use it up. Wear it out. Make it do, or do without. Use those dollars that might have gone for a cute new pair of shoes to make a difference for someone without any shoes.
- Make this a season of “Yes”, where you say yes to any request made of you (within reason). If a coworker asks you to do a favor, if a friend asks for help moving, or if someone wants to do a different activity, then say yes without complaint.
- Apologize. Forgive. Offer a fresh start to an old relationship.
- Think of those you know are lonely. They might be awkward, mentally ill, hard to get along with or hard up. Give your real, intentional time and attention to them, not just a few spare minutes.
- When you cook a meal, cook extra and safely share with an elderly person living alone, or a caregiver with no extra time to spend in the kitchen. (Think about their menu needs as you plan your own.)
- Follow through on the gift plans you've talked about but never found time to make a reality. It might be something you can do today, or maybe a planned gift as a part of your faith-based legacy. Not measured against anyone's ruler except your own.

During Lent, and throughout the year, your life can make a difference.

## Pueblo de Dios Benefit Concert hosted by South Canyon Lutheran Church in Rapid City

"Music for your soul"  
Piano Concert meditation  
featuring Mila Belakova  
March 7 at 6:00 PM MT in  
person and online.

## NLC Virtual Hymn Festival: Hope Lives!

Join the National Lutheran Choir and guest artists, the Keith Hampton Singers, for a FREE virtual program blending spoken reflections, songs and familiar hymns of joy and hope with new music that speaks to our present time, inviting all people of faith to sing in joy *together!*

Sunday, March 14 @ 3 pm MT  
@ [NLCA.com](https://www.nlca.com)

*This online presentation is **FREE** for all.  
For a Virtual Subscription to exclusive  
content (\$10/month), visit [NLCA.com](https://www.nlca.com)*

Did you miss your chance to purchase a Grace Centennial shirt? There are just a few left, so call today (347-1375) to get one of the last available shirts! **SALE PRICES!**  
Short-sleeved: L, XL, 3XL (one of each) \$6  
Long-sleeved: L (one), and XL (two) \$9



**Funny Stuff!**

Jesus, Moses, and an old man go golfing. The first one to tee off is Moses. He smashes the ball and it is heading right for the water hazard before the green. Moses raises his club, the water parts, and the ball makes it to the green. Jesus gets up to swing, cranks it out, and it is headed for the water hazard. Jesus closes his eyes and prays. The ball skips across the water and lands on the green two feet from the hole. The old man's turn comes and he drives the ball. The ball looks like it is going to drop directly into the water. A fish jumps from the water hazard swallowing the ball, as an eagle drops from the sky, grabbing the fish. As the eagle flies over the green, a bolt of lightning strikes the eagle, making it drop the fish. As the fish hits the green, it spits out the ball and the ball falls into the hole, making a hole in one. Jesus looks at Moses and says, "I really think I'm leaving Dad at home next time!" ~Joke from Ranae Pickar



## Daylight Savings Time

Begins March 14!  
Don't forget to set your  
clocks ahead!





**South Dakota Synod**  
**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
 God's work. Our hands.

Siblings in Christ,

Grace and peace to you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit! - As you read these lines, you are already deep into the wilderness of Lent. I hope you took advantage of our joint Lenten journey "40 Days with our Neighbors in Solidarity." It's never too late to join the journey. Details are available through the synod's website ([sdsynod.org](http://sdsynod.org)).



Rev. Constanze Hagmaier  
 Bishop of the South Dakota  
 Synod, ELCA

I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to the 2021 Synod Assembly, which will be held on June 4-5. Usually we gather in person, but this year we will gather from across the synod virtually. "Oh, no!" you may cry out. "We have never done that before. How will that work?" I am writing to you to assure you that your synod council, synod staff, synod assembly planning team, production company and a host of others are already working feverishly on creating an event where every participant will arrive confident and feeling well equipped to fully participate in the assembly.

Please, do not let the new format scare you away, but know that we are already working on paving the path for you to show up confident and with good courage to be in ministry together. In order for every participant to be well equipped we must adhere to firm deadlines, please be diligent in your registration and participation. While we are all about that grace, when it comes to registration deadlines this year the law prevails. It prevails, because we want to have enough time to equip and educate our voting members well. Watch for communication to come from your synod office soon and choose to participate, either as a voting member from your

congregation or as a visitor in the first ever virtual South Dakota Synod Assembly. Let's journey together in Christ and make some history.

**God the Vinegrower**  
*Rev. Jonathan Steiner*

Lent is a time of preparation, of self-examination, of taking on a spiritual discipline to focus on our relationship with God. Jesus tells us that God is the vinegrower, that he is the vine, and that any branch that bears no fruit is removed, and every branch that bears fruit will be pruned to bear more fruit (John 15:1-2). So I ask you to reflect, what are the branches in your life - your habits, your thoughts, your actions - that do or do not bear fruit? What does it mean to cultivate yourself as a branch that bears fruit as God desires?



*Rev. Jonathan Steiner*  
 Director for Evangelical Mission  
 Associate to the Bishop for  
 Stewardship and Outreach

While we enter into this practice personally, I think this is also an opportunity for congregations to ask these questions of themselves. What does it mean to remove a branch that bears no fruit in your congregation? What would it mean to let go of a ministry that is not having an impact, that doesn't proclaim the Gospel, grow disciples, or serve our neighbors? What does it mean to prune those ministries that do bear fruit, so that they bear even more?

This pandemic has brought us a time to ask these questions, and the season of Lent highlights that need again. In your council meetings or leadership teams for ministries, ask these questions. Examine what has been done, and talk about what is worth investing resources into for the future. God has incredible dreams for us, but is also not afraid to prune away dying branches. We should also be brave enough to let go of what no longer works.



# March

## BIRTHDAYS

1 Gary Meyer  
Jennifer Gabriel

2 Jared Williams

3 Elizabeth Bertolotto  
Dadra Avery

4 Ruth Smit  
Jocelyn Nohava  
Ramona Zeiner  
Jennifer Aldren

5 Shirley Halverson

6 Sawyer Shryock

7 Karel Aga  
Pat Baldwin

8 Sharon Collins  
Tammy Hencke

9 Bill Molitor  
Doris Workentine  
Owen Aldren

10 Joy Conway  
Norma Tesch

11 Ed Pickar

12 Gary Reimer  
Elizabeth Aga

14 Daniel Zeiner

15 Emily Meyer

16 Beverly Hemmah

18 Koyer Kelly

19 Ramona Hultman

20 Marie Kaufman  
Quintin Kelly

21 Dennis Chowen

23 Sullivan Jost

24 Ray Aga

27 Sandra Molitor

28 Marguerite Kleven  
Debbie Merritt

29 Connie Hurlburt  
Robin Baldwin

30 MaKayla Shoun

31 John Paul  
Elmer Preszler



# March

## ANNIVERSARIES

13 Tim & Misty Myers

19 Eugene & Audrey Konold