

### MARCH MISSION OPPORTUNITY

Food prices have been going up steadily in the past few years and that, coupled with other rising costs, has left many Minnesotans struggling with food insecurity.

For our March mission, Grace Church will be collecting peanut butter and jelly for the Paynesville Food Shelf. There is a grocery cart available outside Kari's office to collect your donations. Spread the love!

~ Grace Church Missions Team



**GRACE NOTES NEWSLETTER** - The March edition of the Grace Notes newsletter is now available. You can pick up a copy in the Gathering Space or view it online at [paynesvillegrace.org](http://paynesvillegrace.org).

**CHOIR PRACTICE** – Choir members, please note - choir practice will be held Thursday, March 14, **at 7:30 p.m.** instead of our usual 6:00 p.m.



**SILENT AUCTION** - The Grace Youth Silent Auction begins TODAY and will finish promptly at noon on March 24<sup>th</sup>. All funds raised will go into the Youth Mission Trip Fund to help defray costs associated with our 2025 Mission Trip. Thank you to everyone who donated items and services!

**EASTER CANDY DONATIONS NEEDED** - We are in need of candy donations for the Easter Egg Hunt, which will be held on Easter Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, at 10:30 am. You can place the candy in the box by Kari's office. The older youth will be filling the Easter Eggs on Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, during Youth Group. Thank you!

**2023 GIVING STATEMENTS** – It has come to our attention that some of you did not receive a giving statement for 2023. If you have not yet received your statement and need one for tax purposes, please contact the church office and we will be sure to get one out to you as soon as possible! We apologize for the oversight.

### OFFICE COORDINATOR APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED

The SPRC team (Staff Parish Relations Committee) has accepted Jane Hartman's resignation as our Grace Church Office Coordinator. Jane's last day at Grace Church will be Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. We have been so blessed to have her as part of the church staff for the past year and she will be greatly missed. We wish her well as she and her husband move to the Minneapolis area to be closer to family. SPRC would greatly appreciate your prayers as they seek a new Office Coordinator. If you know of someone who might be a good fit for the position, please direct them to Sue Jansen, the chair of the SPRC team. Sue can be reached at 320-380-3163, or [susanjansen1564@gmail.com](mailto:susanjansen1564@gmail.com). Employment applications (including resumes) will be accepted through March 16<sup>th</sup>.



**RUTH CIRCLE** will be held on Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, in the Fireside Room at 9:30 a.m. Ramona Frank will be giving devotions. Cindy Holmberg and perhaps a couple of Leprechauns will be hosting. The theme will be "Everything Green!"

### 2024 LENTEN STUDY

Join Bishop Lanette Plambeck and the Dakotas and Minnesota Conference Appointive Cabinets in a Lenten study around the book *Multiplying Love: A Vision of United Methodist Life Together*, by Paul Chilcote.

Every week between Ash Wednesday, (Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>) and Holy Week, and then throughout Holy Week, the Minnesota Annual Conference will feature a series of videos on their website: <https://www.minnesotaumc.org/2024-lenten-study> A final Easter video message from Bishop Lanette Plambeck will be released during Holy Week.

Our world needs love during these desperate days of radical polarization and division. Our United Methodist churches yearn to embrace love more completely because God first loved us. We invite and encourage you to participate.