

# GRACE NOTE

April 2023



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*through*

-  Meaningful  
Worship
-  Caring  
Community
-  Inspirational  
Learning
-  Loving  
Service
-  Gracious  
Invitation

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## A ΝΟΤΕ FROM THE PASTOR

### *Dear Saints of Grace:*



To everything there is a season...

As we move into a new spring, the Easter season and the time of planting and growth, we are challenged by God to use our talents to show off his love. Show it to be abundant. Show it to be for all people. Show it to be generous beyond human conception.

Spring doesn't happen overnight. First you see hints of the crocuses, then a tiny shoot from a daffodil. Then the tulips. Then the peonies, then the lilacs. Each in their own time. Slowly revealing their part in God's spectacular creation.

Grace is also not fully springing back from the era of the pandemic. But we are emerging. We are adapting. We are changing, even as we hold strongly to our core belief that **God loves the whole creation and that we can respond to that love by caring for each other and the rest of creation.**

In the last three years, Grace has made tremendous progress in creating a quality hybrid worship experience that values both those present in worship and those joining by Zoom. We have experimented and we will continue to experiment with better ways to include those who join by Zoom within the on-site worship community. Our Technology Team will try several solutions and then will ask for feedback both from those on-line and those present in worship. As we build a consensus around a particular proposal, we will seek funding from one or more memorials. In the meantime, I'd like to offer a few Zoom etiquette tips:

- Please be sure your microphone is muted unless you have a speaking part in the service
- If you have your camera turned on, please be aware that folks present in worship can see you!
- If you choose not to activate your camera, please consider substituting a photo of yourself for the benefit of those in worship. If you need help with this process, please contact Michael Drelicharz for technical assistance.

A major way in which Grace can express God's love for the world and our part in the care of creation is our LIVING GREEN EXPO II, that will take place on Saturday, May 20, from 10am to 2pm. There will be green-themed activities for all ages AND LOTS OF OPPORTUNITY FOR VOLUNTEERS! Watch the weekly announcements for more details. I plan now to participate!

I wish you a meaningful Holy Week and Easter experience, and I look forward to our work together to show the world the self-giving love of Christ!

In his love, joy, peace and hope, Pastor Daniel Schwick

## COUNCIL Ηιγηλιγητσ

### Council Highlights from the February 28, 2023 meeting

- Officers elected: President Dan Reimann, Vice President Mike Drelicharz, Treasurer Wendy Thompson, Financial Secretary Tom Roth, Council Secretary A.J. Mueller
- Grace has been allocated 3 voting members to attend the Chicago Metropolitan Synod Assembly held Saturday June 3
- Grace's new website is hoped to be operational by March 31
- Abt was unable to install new dishwasher due to electrical and plumbing issues. These are being addressed
- Easter breakfast hosted by Council start time 8:30 am.
- Approved up to \$3000 for the purchase of a new 84" TV. It will be mounted on the Sanctuary wall to the right of the altar. This will bring our Zoom worshipers into the service.
- Approved the Technology Committee to replace parts of the existing Grace Sound System with two new digital microphones, digital mixer, and digital speakers for outside/Charter Hall for up to \$5000. Request Technology committee work with Finance Committee to use existing funds.
- Information was presented to Council about the Reconciling in Christ process. This issue was raised by Mike Pirron at the annual meeting. Preliminary discussion of who would lead the process (Outreach and Welcome committees or form an Ad Hoc committee) and what any results would entail (mostly signage)
- Annual bake sale will be held on Mother's Day May 14

### Council Highlights from the March 21, 2023 meeting

- Mike Pirron led a discussion on Reconciling in Christ. This is the process of creating a place of acceptance and safety for all and affirming such.
- Approved 3 Grace voting members to attend the Chicago Metropolitan Synod Assembly to be held Saturday, June 3, 2023: Mike Pirron, Cindy Pirron and a person to be named later by the Grace Congregational president.
- New dishwasher installer was unable to complete the installation due to plumbing and electrical issues. These issues will have to be addressed before the installation can be completed.
- Approved the Lenten Self Denial offering will be donated to Lutheran Disaster Response.
- Agreed to delay the purchase of a new 84" TV for the Sanctuary wall to allow for further study to optimize the Sunday service experience.
- Next meeting 4-25-23 at 7:00pm.

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR Ωορσηηπ

**Zoom Worship Service:** Join us on Sundays at 10am for worship.

**THE ALL GRACE ALL THE TIME CONNECTION INFORMATION IS:**

**Grace Lutheran Church, Mount Prospect**  
**All worship services, Bible Study and Meetings**

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86543729643> Meeting ID: 865 4372 9643

One tap mobile: +13126266799, 86543729643#

Dial (audio connection only) +1 312 626 6799 Meeting ID: 865 4372 9643

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR Φελλοωσηπ**

**Easter Breakfast:** This year's Easter Breakfast will take place in Charter Hall from 8:30 to 10:00am on Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. 'Hop on' over to enjoy a delicious breakfast of eggs, sausage, pancakes and lots of Easter treats. Coffee cake donations will be happily accepted. Please bring them to church Easter morning.

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR Λεαρνινγ**

**Wired Word:** We meet on Wednesdays at 1:00pm. We look at an item from a recent headline and ask ourselves what our faith brings to that issue. There are not usually right or wrong answers. There is always lively and respectful discussion. New participants are always welcome. To prepare for each session, just pick up the Wired Word packet from the shelf outside the church office or ask Barb to e-mail you the packet.

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR Ουτρεαχη**

**A Season of Hope:** Just a reminder that the Social Ministry Committee is asking for your help making Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits. We are asking for enough materials to make 20 kits.

Bath Towels – light-weight, maximum 52" x 27" in dark colors

Toothbrushes – adult size, in original packaging

Nail Clippers – metal, attached file optional

Bars of Soap – 4 to 5 oz., any brand, in original wrapping

Combs – sturdy, wide-toothed

The Committee would like all items to church by April 2, 2023. Look for the collection baskets in the East entryway. Thanks for your support.

**Buck-a-Chick:** There will be flyers at church on Palm Sunday and Easter for donations to the Buck-a-Chick program of the ELCA. If you will not be at church on one of those Sundays, please consider making a donation to help a family raise chicks for sale and

for food for their table. Donations may be sent to church and marked for Buck-a-Chick. Thank you for your continued support.

**La Trinidad Community Dinner:** Once each month a group of Grace members gather at La Trinidad Lutheran Church in Humboldt Park for worship together with La Trinidad members and then to partake in a community meal that is part of the service ministry of La Trinidad. Grace's contribution to the meal is made possible by your support for our Social Ministry fundraising campaign. The next dinner is April 23, 2023.

**Mother's Day Bake Sale:** Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup> is Mother's Day and the Social Ministry Committee's Bake Sale to raise funds for summer programming at River Trails and Robert Frost schools. Please stop by the table in the Atrium after the service to pick up a special treat for your mother (or yourself). Donations of baked goods are appreciated and can be dropped off before the service. Thanks for your continued support.

**Food Pantries:** The local food pantries are having trouble keeping up with the demand. Please help by placing food items in the grocery cart provided at the east entry and/or marking your check for "food pantry" and the Social Ministry Committee will see that they receive the funds. Thank you

## AROUND της Παριση

### Saints of Grace



Name: Tom Carlson

Age: 63 years old

Member: For 30 plus years

Grew Up: Norridge, Illinois

Currently live: Arlington Heights

Schooling: A small school called Rose-Hulman and studied Civil Engineering.

Siblings: 2 brothers. Jeff (65) and Jerry (61)

Spouse: Barb

Children: 3. Carissa (32) Deanna (30) and Stephen (28)

Favorite Memory of GL: When we had the first haunted house during our Halloween party.

Occupation: A semi-retired consultant. For most of my career I was a Project Manager.

Greatest Accomplishment: Raising 3 children that have turned into successful adults.

Favorite Pastime: Running

Favorite Season: Fall

Favorite Sound: A light summer rain

Favorite Book: I don't have a favorite book but my favorite reading to do is out of the magazine National Geographic.

Favorite Holiday: Thanksgiving

Sports Team: Chicago Bears

Pets: We used to have some great dogs but right now we do not have any. I am definitely a dog lover.

Dream Vacation: Going to Yellowstone. We have done it several times and we plan to go again in June.

Favorite Movie: It's a Wonderful Life and Groundhog Day

Favorite Tv Show/Series: Friends

Favorite Band: Pink Floyd

Best Place to get BBQ: Smokehouse in Kansas City

Favorite Pizza: Uno's

Ice Cream: Chocolate

Meal: Salmon

Subject in School: Math

Dinner with: All 4 of my grandparents. As far as anyone living, I would have to say I'd like to have dinner with my 3 kids.

If I won the Lottery: I would start a charitable trust fund.

What I wanted to be when I grew up: an Astronaut and if I get the opportunity, I would still love to go to space.

Fun Fact: I ran in 2 marathons and I ran the whole way.

**Congratulations** to Preschool teacher Mrs. Zorin on the birth of a daughter on February 14.

**New Member Reception:** On Sunday, March 19, 2023 Grace welcomed into membership Laura Roth. She is the mother of Tom and grandmother of Thomas, Noah and Hannah.

**Special Birthdays:** Eloise DeCarlo turns 90 on April 7<sup>th</sup>. Please send her birthday greetings at 912 Ironwood Place, Mount Prospect, IL 60056-1444. Happy Birthday, Eloise!!!

**Reminder:** The 2023 offering envelopes are on a table in the east entryway near the church office. If you haven't already done so, please pick up your box of envelopes. Thank you.

**Home Needed:** June Brickwood had a 9-year-old domestic long hair cat. The cat is up-to-date on all its shots. June's daughter is looking for a good home for the cat. If you have room in your home for a cat, please call Kelly Lacque (June's daughter) at 847/951-3454 for more information or to set up an adoption.

## Notes of THANKS

**Dear Members of Grace,**

I am very grateful for the box of Valentine's Day candy and snacks. Thank you for thinking of me. My roommate and I really enjoyed the sweet treats.

-Amy Drelicharz

***Dear Congregation,***

Thank you for the Valentine's Day candy and for thinking of me!

-Danielle Drelicharz

***Thank you*** to everyone who contributed to the Valentine's box I received. My roommates and I enjoyed all the goodies. Thanks again. Samantha Nickl

***Saints of Grace,***

Thank you all so much for the care package. I've been rationing out the snacks for in between my classes so I can have more time to study. I can't wait to rejoin the congregation in worship soon during spring break! Thanks again! -- Andrew Stutheit

***Dear Congregation,***

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, the staff, and residents of Wheeling Township, we would like to express our gratitude for your thoughtful donation of \$322.50 on February 15, 2023. Your contribution will make sure that residents in need will be assisted.

The Wheeling township Food Pantry is a "Client Choice" model, which allows residents to choose their own food in a grocery store like setting. In 2022 the Food Pantry had 4,491 visits, which fed 9,160 people. Of those 1,946 were children. The Food Pantry could not have made such an impact on the fight to eliminate hunger in our community without the generous support of donors like you.

We are grateful for your compassion and willingness to help. Thank you again for assisting us in fulfilling our mission of "Neighbors Helping Neighbors".

Sincerely, Kathleen M. Penner, Supervisor; Julie Villarreal, MA, Director of General Assistance

***Dear Members of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church:***

We would like to thank you for your generous donation of \$572.52 to the Mount Prospect Emergency Food Pantry and Financial Assistance program. This program assists residents of Mount Prospect who are experiencing a financial hardship and struggling with every day needs such as food, housing, utilities and medications.

This program is not supported by tax dollars. Throughout the year, we are able to assist individuals and families due to generous donations made by local churches, schools, businesses, civic organizations and individuals.

Sincerely, Julie Kane, LCSW, Human Services Director

***Dear Grace Lutheran Church,***

Thank you for your gift of \$3,072.00 to Lutheran Disaster Response.

This is a season of reflection and sacrifice but also a season of hope. As we walk the 40-day journey of Lent, we know that we are walking toward Easter and the promise of renewal. Your gifts to the ministries of the ELCA are bringing that promise and hope to your neighbors around the world.

Your Spirit-filled generosity is helping families and communities reeling from disasters. No matter the variety of disaster, no matter the variety of need, your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response enable people to rebuild their lives and livelihood now and far into the future.

You are creating new beginnings. Thank you for sharing the hope of new life and the fullness of Christ's joy.

In Christ, Amanda White, Director, Congregational Generosity

### **SPECIAL** Επεση

- **Palm Sunday:** April 2, 2023, worship at 10:00am
- **Maundy Thursday:** April 6, 2023, worship at 7:00pm
- **Good Friday:** April 7, 2023, worship at 7:00pm
- **Easter Breakfast:** Sunday, April 9, 2023 from 8:30 to 10:00am
- **Easter Sunday:** April 9, 2023, worship at 10:00am
- **La Trinidad Community Dinner:** Sunday, April 23, 2023, leaving church at 9:00am





## Βιρτηδων LIST

### April

2	Scott Pracko	12	Luann Lewis
3	Gus Grimes	15	Debbie Bodett
4	Bev Storz Pam Walger	16	Alex Nickl
7	Eloise DeCarlo Andrew Stutheit	20	Chris Rogers
10	Shanna Martinez	26	Jeffrey Stutheit Carolynn White
		30	Olive Soukup

## CELEBRATIONS OF Λιφε

### Baptisms

Receiving Christ's gifts of grace with water and word, we are welcomed into God's family of the church.

Alivia Rae Murray, child of Brenton & Melissa Murray, was baptized on Sunday, March 12, 2023. She is the great granddaughter of Jerry & Darlene Sharlog.

Christ Is Risen!  
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IS RISEN  
INDEED *Alleluia*



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## OUR Μισσιον AND ρισιον

Our mission is to tell the good news of Jesus and touch people with his love.

Our vision is to joyfully praise and serve God, committed to being a church of friendship, openness and diversity.

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