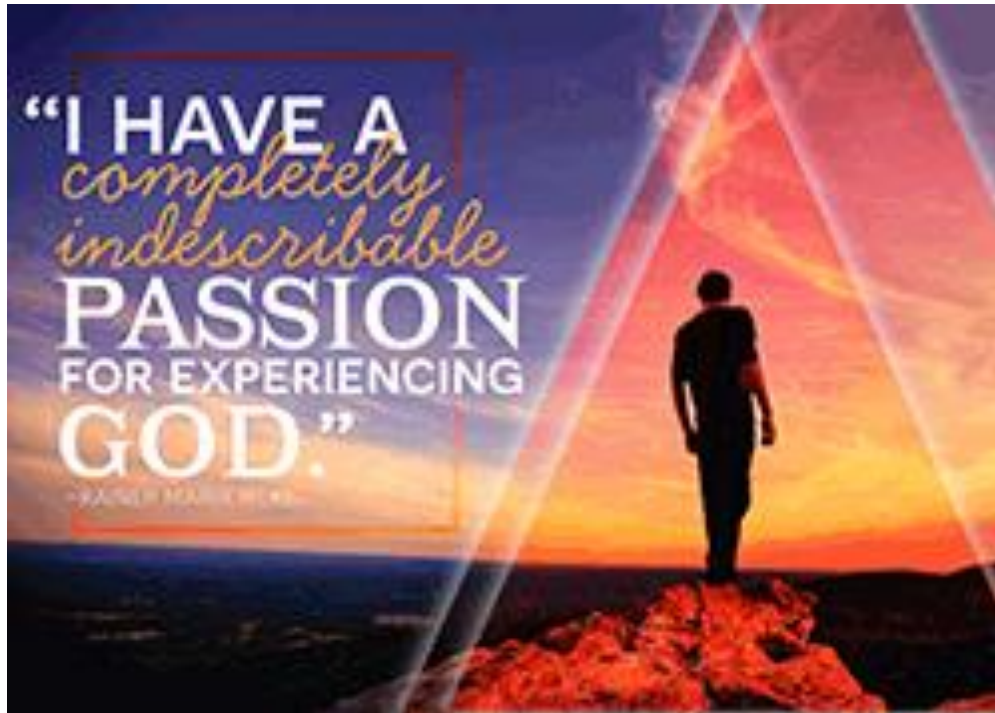


GRACE NOTES

August 2023



Experiencing God's Amazing Grace!
through

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

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A Note FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Saints of Grace:



As we move through the more laid back days of August, we look forward to some on-going and new opportunities for engagement in our ministry together at Grace. There are numerous opportunities for almost everyone to participate in one way or another in our upcoming events. Maybe you can volunteer for something. Maybe you just want to sit back and enjoy the stress-relieving feeling. As always, if you need a ride to and from an event or have a ride to offer, please let Barb know. We will also make every effort to continue to provide live-streamed Zoom access of most events.

July 26 6:00 to 7:30pm Wednesday Night Live

Featuring intergenerational Bible Study, craft and song. Featuring worship leaders from Grace, Petra, La Iglesia and La Trinidad. Free supper from 6:00 to 6:30 Set up will be at 5:30 for those able to help.

Sunday, August 6, 10:00am Worship with Blessing of School supplies, students and teachers. Awarding of Grace scholarships to our collegiates.

Sunday, August 13, PLANNED Outdoor Service

Weather permitting, we will gather at our north entrance, the one directly off the parking lot. We will gather around our new Delores and Harmon Loeb Butterfly Garden. This service will also need a number of volunteers to set up. Please arrive between 8:30 and 9:00 if you can help. If the weather is bad, we will worship in our normal worship space.

Wednesday Growing in Faith opportunities

1:00pm Wired Word in person or via zoon

7:00pm Wednesday Night Bible Study In August we will be studying the connections between food and the story of salvation. Join us any Wednesday evening by Zoom only.

Thursday, August 24, Noon lunch followed by Bunco. Organized by Carolyn White. See her details elsewhere in this Grace Notes.

August 30, 6:00 to 7:30pm Wednesday Night Live

**Preview of September 10 Rally Day/ God's Work Our Hands Sunday
Introducing, "Doing Our Part"**

Meanwhile, we are in the process of figuring out how to connect the lively on Zoom conversation after worship with the coffee hour conversation in Charter Hall. Stay tuned!

In Christ's love, joy, peace and hope!
Pastor Daniel Schwick

COUNCIL Highlights

Council Highlights from the June 27, 2023 Meeting.

- The sanctuary sound system and zoom church service continue to be tweaked to improve their quality.
- Motion approved to cover the cost of a van rental up to \$300.00 for La Trinidad congregation to participate in the Wednesday Night Life on July 26.
- Wednesday Night Live in August will be on the 30th.
- Motion approved to invite Thrivent to give a presentation to Grace after the church service on September 24th. Sandwiches will be provided in conjunction with the discussion.
- Reconciling in Christ update – Ad Hoc Group is forming. Surveys of our congregation are ongoing. Cynthis Lauletta has agreed to represent Council on the Ad Hoc Group.
- Joy Medrano suggested that the Grace Church facility would be ideal as a Red Cross emergency shelter. A.J. Mueller floated the idea to Council to see if there was interest in pursuing this idea. A.J. will invite Joy to the August Council meeting to provide more information about this.
- Church Council will again be sponsoring Rally Day on September 10th.
- Next meeting August 22, 2023 at 7:00pm.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR Worship

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 *Fellowship*

Bunco Fest Returns!

Bunco Fest and Lunch will be returning for all Grace Adults!

Date: Thursday, August 24 at Noon

Place: Charter Hall at Grace

RSVP toCarolynn White by Sunday, August 20th

rncwhite@comcast.net or 847-259-0340 Home or 847-370-3049 Mobile

Bunco is a simple easy to learn dice game. Prizes will be awarded!

(Donations of wrapped white elephant gifts will be appreciated and accepted also until Monday, August 21. There will be a marked container for them in the atrium.)

OPPORTUNITIES FOR *Learning*

Wired Word: Wired Word is our weekly discussion group in which we focus on a particular current event and look at it from a Christian perspective. An optional weekly reading assignment helps to focus the discussion. Materials are available on the shelf outside the church office or ask Barb to email you the packet. We meet on Wednesdays at 1:00pm either in person or on Zoom.

Bible Study: Join us on Wednesdays at 7:00pm on Zoom for insights into the scriptures we share.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR *Outreach*

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 August 20, 2023.

The Mosquitoes are Coming: Watch out for the mosquitoes buzzing around Grace in August. Although the official ELCA Malaria campaign ended, the threat of malaria is still all too real. Help us swat mosquitoes and help wipe out this horrible disease. Swatters will be available August 20th & 27th.

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 the Parish

Saints of Grace



Name: Matthew Pracko

D.O.B: March 18, 2003

Member: Since birth

Favorite Memory of Grace: The mission trip I went with church to Houston in 2018.

Currently living: Mt. Prospect

High School: John Hersey High School

College: Lewis University in Romeoville

Studying: Aviation

Parents: Amy and Scott

Siblings: Samantha

Pets: 2 dogs. Ally(8) and Cooper(4)

Occupation: I work as a server in the dining room at The Lutheran Home in Arlington Heights.

Biggest Accomplishment: Being the MVP for the boys gymnastics team in 2021 for Hersey High School and did it with a broken knee.

Phobias/Fears: Spiders and Sharks

Favorite Sports Teams: Cubs and Blackhawks

Favorite Movie: The Greatest Showman and The Fast and Furious franchise.

Favorite Book: The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate

Favorite Holiday: Christmas. I love decorating and driving around and looking at all the lights.

Hobbies: Being outside, hanging out with my friends, any time with my family.

Swimming, running, riding my bike. Play card games, board games or watching a movie.

Favorite (Dream) Car: Chevy Silverado

Favorite Sound: The sounds of waves crashing on the beach

Favorite Scent: Outdoor scented candles with Citronella

Dream Vaca: On a beach, somewhere tropical

Color: Blue

Ice Cream: Strawberry

Candy: Sour Patch Kids

Meal: Sloppy Joe's

Mantra: Do your best

Dinner with: I would have dinner with Betty White and then my person that is still living would be Carrie Underwood.

If I won the lottery: I would pay my parents back for my schooling, buy my Chevy Silverado and then buy a boat.

Fun Fact: I have 2 tattoos. One is on my arm that says "What if I fall, Oh but what if you fly?" The other on my thigh is a compass rose and it has an airplane on it flying south.

Special Birthdays: Dick Ohman turns 91 on August 9th. Please send Dick birthday greetings at 800 S River Road Rd, Des Plaines, IL 60016-2945. Happy Birthday, Dick

FINANCIAL Report

Financial Report ending June 30, 2023

	Budget	Actual	Difference
Weekly Envelope Income	\$ 148,002	\$ 139,291	\$ (8,711)
Special Income	24,000	22,601	(1,399)
Prepaid Income	4,998	5,000	2
Total Income	\$ 177,000	\$ 166,892	\$ (10,108)
Expenses thru June	199,967	191,227	
Current Year Surplus or (Deficit)		\$ (24,334)	

General Fund Balance 1/1/23	\$ 46,296
Current Year Surplus or (Deficit)	\$ (24,334)
General Fund Balance 6/30//23	\$ 21,962

OOPS! Another blip as we start the summer season and many begin long delayed travel plans as Covid restrictions are lifted. Have safe travels wherever they may take you and remember your church will be here on your return. Please don't forget us while you're gone. Thank you for your continuing support.

Notes of THANKS

Dear Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church:

On behalf of the River Trails Park & Recreation Foundation, thank you for making a difference in the lives of so many children and the community! We applaud your fundraising efforts and greatly appreciate being the beneficiary of your Bake Sale Fundraiser.

100 percent of your donation of \$623 goes directly to the "Send a Kind to Camp" program for children ages 3 to 14. Camps bring education, structure, new friends and sheer fun into the life of a child. Your generous donation will help to provide memories that will last a lifetime.

Thank you for making our River Trails Community a great place to live, work, and play!

Sincerely, The Board of Trustees

Dear Grace Lutheran Church:

Thank you for your gift of \$1,500 to ELCA Global Missions and \$151 to ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) through ELCA Good Gifts.

As a church, we believe that God's grace is freely given to us. This brings us peace and hope. It makes a difference in our lives. Through your gifts to the ministries of the ELCA you share this amazing grace with others and help people around the world feel the transformational power of God's love.

Your support enables ELCA Global Mission to send missionaries, including Young Adults in Global Mission, to serve in over 40 countries. It provides scholarships to international women leaders responding to God's call to ministry. And, it funds investments in evangelism, education and church expansion. And your Good Gift is a

very good gift indeed. Through resources such as seedlings and seminary courses, vaccinations and vegetable gardens, Bibles and blankets, you equip God's people around the world and around the corner with what they need to live abundant lives.

Thank you for your gracious gifts. The glory of God shines through you.

With gratitude, The Rev. Benjamin A. Hogue, Interim Director, ELCA Global Mission Funding, and Rachel Wind, Executive for Development

Good Morning:

We gratefully acknowledge your very generous food donations to Northwest Compass. Your contribution will help to further the important work of our organization. Our programs provide much needed help to area families in need.

Your contribution benefits your neighbors in the Northwest Suburbs as they navigate through difficult times. Our mission is to enhance our community by providing supportive services, education and empowerment which foster personal responsibility.

On behalf of everyone at Northwest Compass and our neighbors in need, thank you for showing compassion. We do appreciate your on-going support. Your gift changes lives.

Sincerely, Sonia Ivanov, Executive Director



Birthday LIST

August

1	Suzanne Rovani	17	Libby Reimann
5	Nancy Greaves	18	Margaret Reed
7	Hannah Roth	20	Jon Walger
9	Cynthia Lauletta Dick Ohman	25	Lois Hauge
10	Christine Lunardini	26	Joann Volocyk
11	Glenn Grimpe Karen Pfeffer	27	Alan Clark Eileen Clark
14	Jonah Nirmal	28	Robert Kaulfuss
16	Marilyn Stark	29	Evelyn Linwood

CELEBRATIONS OF *Life*

Funerals and Memorials

We support one another in our grief through mutual support and the assurance of our faith in Christ's promise of everlasting life.

We extend our sympathy to the family of former member Tom Krenek who died on June 23, 2023



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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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