

GRACE NOTES

May 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:



It's in the air. You can feel it. You can even smell it. **SPRING HAS SPRUNG!**

For us at Grace, that means it's time to rally around our theme of growth, symbolized by our garden, but infused into so many other aspects of our life together.

Our **LIVING GREEN EXPO** on Saturday, May 20. Is our first major opportunity to testify to our neighbors what we are all about: **LOVE, MUTUAL CARE, CARE OF CREATION, COMPASSION...**

In the weeks leading up to the Expo, our Outreach and Green teams will be identifying lots of ways that members and friends of Grace can get involved in supporting our effort. There will be big jobs and small jobs. There will be sitting jobs and standing jobs. There are likely to be some dirty jobs and there will certainly be some clean jobs. There will be solo tasks and group tasks. No one will be left out!

The purpose of the Living Green Expo is two-fold:

1. To communicate to our neighbors our commitment to the common good and the care of creation.
2. To provide practical suggestions that we and our neighbors can use every day to live more responsibly on this beautiful but fragile planet.

We want the world to know what we care about. We want them to see that we walk the walk as well as talk the talk. We want them to experience God's love in action in the everyday world. We want them to experience the joy we experience in being faithful stewards.

We hope that some of our neighbors will see who we are as a caring community and choose to join us. We hope that the energy and the enthusiasm that we demonstrate on May 20 will be contagious.

We are now planning for twice-monthly **WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE** events throughout the summer. We are also planning a fall Harvest celebration on Saturday, October 14, to serve as a "bookend" to our garden season. That event will also include our annual Pet Blessing.

Watch for more details as they develop. Ask questions. Ask how you can help!

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

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 *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.

Wednesday Night Bible Study Returns: A four-session Bible Study will take place on the first four Wednesday evenings in May at 7:00pm. by Zoom only. The study will include an overview of Bible history with an emphasis on the trajectory of the story from Genesis to Revelation. No previous Bible Study experience is needed. Bring your questions!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR *Service*

Living Green Expo II is taking place on Saturday May 20 from 10am to 2 pm in the Grace Parking Lot. There will be vendors focused on Green themes, Children's Activities, Live Music and Free Food.

Volunteer Opportunities: We need help setting up the Event from 9-10am. During the Event we need help Serving food, Staffing the Welcome Table; and Leading Tours of our Church. From 2-3pm we need help taking down the Event. If you can help, please contact Dan Reimann or the church office.

Loan Pop-up Tents for use during the event: We will pick up and bring back to you your pop-up tent. Let Dan or the church office know if you have a tent we can borrow.

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 May 21, 2023.

Mother's Day Bake Sale: Sunday, May 14th 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.

Hygiene Kits: The Social Ministry Committee will be collecting items to fill Hygiene Kits that LSSI distributes to women leaving the prison system in Illinois. The kits include the following items assembled in a one-gallon Ziploc bag:

- Toothpaste, 6 ounces
- Toothbrush
- Deodorant, 2.6 ounces
- Feminine wipes, 20-count box
- Moisturizing lotion, 2.5 – 2.7 ounces
- Small nail clippers
- Small wide-toothed comb
- 10 band-aid (in a small plastic bag, for packing)

Watch for a poster on May 21st and a collection basket for the items which should be brought to church by June 25th.

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: Tom Roth

D.O.B: June 7

Member: Since 2013

Favorite Memory of Grace: Rally days and everyone being together in the sunshine enjoying a meal.

Currently Living: Mt. Prospect

Grew Up: Palatine

Schooling: Palatine High School and Northwestern University.

Studied/Extra Curricular: Math and Economics. Boy Scouts 5th grade - High School. Drumming in the marching band in high school and college.

Spouse: Jen

Children: Thomas (11) Noah (9) Hannah (6)

Siblings: 2 older brothers, 2 younger brothers, 1 younger sister

Occupation: An actuary for AON since 2008

Favorite Season: Fall

Pets: In between fish

Biggest Accomplishment: Professionally, getting my actuary credentials and personally, getting married to Jen and raising a wonderful family.

Phobia: I can't listen to medical stories, I get queasy.

Favorite Band: Foo Fighters.

Favorite Song: Don't Stop Me Now by Queen

Favorite Holiday: Thanksgiving... Getting together with family and sharing a good meal during my favorite season. And you can always take off work.

Favorite Car: 1997 Toyota Supra Turbo. It was in my favorite video game but after seeing the Fast and the Furious it's now my favorite car I'd like to own as an investment.

Favorite Sound: The Ocean

Favorite Sport: Soccer to play and Football to watch.

Favorite Subject: History

Least Favorite: English

Hobbies: Coaching Hannah's soccer team, training Thomas to be a soccer goalie and trying to figure out what Noah is interested in.

Best Vacation: Hawaii. I went once with the marching band and look forward to going there someday with my family.

Color: Blue

Ice Cream: Raspberry Dark Chocolate Chip from Capannari's in Mt. Prospect.

Candy: M&M's

Meal: Pizza from Station 34 in Mt. Prospect, but if we were on a date it would be sushi.

Dinner with: I would pick my wife Jen. If it was someone from the past I'd like to have dinner with my dad.

If I won the lottery: I would invest it, work leisurely and buy that Toyota Supra.

Special Birthdays: Phyllis Begun turns 93 on May 18th. Please send her birthday greetings at 800 South River Road, #325, Des Plaines, IL 60016. Happy Birthday, Phyllis!!!

Godspeed to Winston and Hannah Nirmal and their boys as they move back to India on April 30th. We will miss them.

Congratulations to Derek and Cheryl Ellertson on the birth of Jacob on April 21st. Proud grandparents are Jeannine and Dennis Ellertson.

Bibles were presented to the Sunday School children on April 23, 2023. Receiving a Bible were Jonal Nirmal, Thomas Roth, Noah Roth, Hannah Roth, and Mariah Fontaine. Daniel Ellertson and Connor Ellertson will receive their Bibles at a later date.

FINANCIAL Report

Financial Report ending March 31, 2023

	Budget	Actual	Difference
Weekly Envelope Income	\$ 75,375	\$ 67,538	\$ (7,837)
Special Income	12,000	10,005	(1,995)
Prepaid Income	2,500	2,500	0
Total Income	\$ 89,875	\$ 80,043	\$ (9,833)
Expenses thru March	99,984	93,205	
Current Year Surplus or (Deficit)		\$ (13,162)	
<i>General Fund Balance 1/1/23</i>		46,296	
Current Year Surplus or (Deficit)		\$ (13,162)	
General Fund Balance 3/31/23		\$ 33,134	

It is hard to believe that the first quarter of the year has passed. The good thing is that it brings warmer weather? The numbers above are about what was expected at this time of our year. We adopted a very ambitious budget at our annual meeting in February and will require we all maintain a strong giving pattern. Please, let's all do our part.

God Loves the Cheerful Giver!

Notes of THANKS

Thank You to the Drelicharz family; the Pracko family; Cynthia Lauletta-Fontaine, Gianna Lauletta, AJ Mueller, Margit Willis and Tom Carlson for all of their help and hard

work in setting up and preparing the Easter Breakfast. Thank you also to everyone who brought in coffee cakes and to everyone who attended this annual event. Your generosity made this annual event a big success.

Dear Grace Friends,

Thank you all so much for the wonderful Birthday wishes in cards, in person, and on the phone. I feel very blessed.

Love, Eloise DeCarlo

Thank You for all the prayers, cards and support after the death of my husband Jim. It was so good to see so many of you at his memorial service.

Judy Bataille

SPECIAL Events



Living Green – Expo II
May 20, 2023 – 10 am to 2 pm
Grace Lutheran Church
1624 E. Euclid Ave – Mount Prospect
Parking - Rear Parking lot or Bike to Event
Tables (10-2 pm); Central Stage (10-2pm); Free Food – (11-1pm)

For your Home:

- Mount Prospect Monarchs - Steps to install a Butterfly Garden
- Adopt a Dog or Cat?
- Teegan Composting – Large Garden Compost Systems

- Solar Power Pete – Solar 101 - Is Solar right for you?
- Village of Mount Prospect – Compost and Recycling at your home

For Kids:

- Lurvey's - Hands on Gardening with Lurvey's Kids Garden Club
- Grace Preschool – Singing at the Center Stage

For your Health:

- John Amling – Bike maintenance – Get your bike ready for the Spring
- Food Table – Provided by Grace Lutheran and Petra Church

For your Community:

- River Trails Park District - Prairie Restoration
- Grace Community Garden to Food Banks – NorthWest Compass
- Grace Green Team – Free gifts for your use

Central Stage: (Continuous Presentations)

- River Trails Park District, Solar Power Pete, Grace Preschool Singers, Petra Singers, Lurvey's Kids Garden Club



Birthday LIST

May

1	Mark Pfeffer	17	Mary Ryan
2	Hannah Nirmal	18	Phyllis Begun
6	Betty Dietrich Richard Panzer	19	Fiona Kochanski
10	Charlotte Bogdan	23	Susan Mueller
12	Suzanne Grimes	24	Rebecca Ornoff
14	Emma Riordan	26	Colleen Adams Gunda Hirth
16	Laura Ashbrook Mariah Fontaine	29	Lynn Sivertsen





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OUR *Mission AND Vision*

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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**"I AM GOING TO
THE FATHER."**
JOHN 14:28

ARTICLE *Deadline: May 14*