

# GRACE™

# NOTES

July 2019



*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 at Grace,

Summer often offers us a break from some of our normal routines. With the lengthening days, it sometimes seems like there are more hours in each day.

This summer, every Thursday after the Fourth of July, you will have an opportunity to join with fellow members and friends at Grace, enjoy a dish of ice cream, and learn together about one of the most important issues of our time: **the global threat of climate change**. Each Thursday, from July 11 to August 29, we will gather from 6:30pm to 7:00pm for ice cream sundaes. At 7:00pm we will watch an episode of “Our Planet,” the recently released Netflix series that not only chronicles what is happening to our planet, but also lays out the challenges facing us. After each episode we will have a moderated discussion about what we learned and what more we want to know. Equally important, we will explore **WHAT WE CAN DO** to reverse the degradation of the planet. Each of the eight episodes of “Our Planet” is self-contained so if you have to miss a week or two you won’t be lost. All episodes are on Netflix as well in case you need to “catch up.” An extremely helpful resource in our discussion will be the ELCA social statement on Care of Creation, published in 1999. Yes, more than twenty years ago our denomination identified the threat to our environment as a set of moral issues that the Church has a responsibility to address.

Please understand that care of creation and responding to climate change are not JUST political issues. In fact, they should not be partisan political issues at all. All of us—Democrats and Republicans, Americans and every other nationality—**all of us are threatened if we fail to act**.

Let us study together. Let us talk together. Let us pray together. Let us act together. For ALL of us.

In Christ’s joy, hope and peace.

Pastor Daniel Schwick

## *The Garden is (Finally) Planted!*

Along with farmers and gardeners across the Midwest, the Grace Garden crew had to wait for flooding to end so we could plant. Over the course of more than two weeks folks built the raised beds, added garden mix donated by Dan and Wendy Kjeldbjerg, laid weed-blocking fabric in the pathways, covered the pathways with mulch and planted tomato and pepper plants along with other vegetables. One whole row of green beans was planted from seeds.

Thanks to everyone who contributed in any way to the successful launch of our Grace Garden. If you can help during the growing season, please see the sign-up chart in the atrium.

### **New Member** *Orientation*

#### **NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION AND WELCOME LUNCHEON, Sunday July 21**

You may have noticed that Grace has been enjoying a lot of visitors in recent months. That's a good thing!

On Sunday, July 21, following the 10am worship service, we will have a new member orientation and welcoming luncheon for all those who wish to become members at Grace. In addition to the new members, we would like members of the Church Council and of our various standing committees and working groups to be present for the lunch. In fact, all members of the congregation are cordially invited to attend the lunch to help welcome new members. If you plan to attend the luncheon, please sign up on the kiosk in the atrium.

New members will be formally received during worship on Sunday, July 28, when we will also have the opportunity to celebrate several baptisms!

### **OPPORTUNITIES FOR** *Worship*

**Grace on you Tube:** If you miss a Sunday at Grace, why not tune into recent Grace sermons on You Tube. Go to Grace's website at [www.gracemtprospect.org](http://www.gracemtprospect.org) and click on Sunday Worship. Then click on the link Grace Lutheran Church – Mount Prospect You Tube Channel AND WATCH AND LISTEN.

### **OPPORTUNITIES FOR** *Fellowship*

**July Birthdays:** We have three fabulous birthdays to celebrate in July. Please send birthday greetings to the following people celebrating special birthdays in July. Please send them a card or postcard to express your wishes.

On July 7, 2019 Rand Burdette will celebrate 101 years. WHAT a special occasion. 250 West Parliament Place, Mt. Prospect, IL 60056

On July 16, 2018 Joan Russell will celebrate her 91<sup>st</sup> birthday. Send her wishes to 350 West Schaumburg Road, B256, Schaumburg, IL 60194

On July 29<sup>th</sup> Alice Johnson will celebrate her 94<sup>th</sup> birthday. Send her wishes to 800 West Oakton #2238, Arlington Hts., IL 60004.

**Zumba Gold** is held in the Youth Room every Thursday at 10:00am. If you have missed the opportunity to try the Zumba Gold class, join the group for some fun exercise each Thursday morning at 10:00 am.

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR *Learning*

**Emergency Preparedness:** Are you interested in learning how to perform CPR or how to use an Automatic Electronic Defibrillator? The Village of Mount Prospect and Town of Prospect Heights offer classes in these important lifesaving techniques throughout the year. The next class in Mount Prospect will be taking place on July 22, 2019 from 6:00 to 9:00pm at the firehouse at 2000 East Kensington Avenue. Cost for the class is \$45.00. For more information call 847-870-5660.

Prospect Heights offers monthly classes from 7:00 - 10:00pm. at the firehouse at 10 East Camp McDonald Road. The cost for these classes is \$30.00. For more information call 847-253-8060 ext. 920.

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR *Service*

**Altar Guild:** The sign-up sheet for July and August is on the table in the Parlor. Please sign-up for a week or weeks to help with the altar guild duties this summer. If you have any questions please speak with Betty Carlson at 847-803-9646.

**Ushers:** We are in need of ushers for Sunday services. Please consider volunteering.

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR *Outreach*

**“Feed My Starving Children” – Our Latest Contribution:** A heartfelt thank you to all of you who were able to volunteer and come out to work at the Feed My Starving Children location in Schaumburg on Tuesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. We had about twenty volunteers from Grace, and were joined by many additional volunteers! Altogether we packed a total of 140 boxes, totaling 30,240 meals, enough to feed 83 children for an entire year! This food is being sent to Zimbabwe.

Our next group outing is scheduled for Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>. Sign-up sheets will be available at church starting Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup>. Or, alternatively you can go to [www.fmssc.org](http://www.fmssc.org) and sign up at the Grace Lutheran Church group, headed by me. Or you may contact me at [gregorylinwood@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gregorylinwood@sbcglobal.net) or 847.502.7744 and I will add you to the list.

God's work. Our hands. Indeed.

**Hygiene Kits:** The Social Ministry Committee is asking for your help to assemble 20 hygiene kits for women re-entering the community from prison. Lutheran Social Services of Illinois Prisoner and Family Ministry is in great need of hygiene kits for previously incarcerated women. Many of these women have no homes to return to and are placed in shelters, which do not provide these necessities.

The kits include the following items assembled in a one-gallon Ziploc bag:

- Deodorant, 2.6 ounces
- Feminine wipes, 20-count box
- Moisturizing lotion, 2.5 – 2.7 ounces
- Small nail clippers
- 10 band-aids (in a small plastic bag, for packing)

Watch for a poster in the Atrium. To help us get 20 of each item on the above list, the poster will contain 20 tear-offs for each item. There will also be a collection box for the items which we would like to collect by July 14. Thank you for your support of this project.

**Lutherans in a Lather:** It's that time of year again when we collect soap for Lutheran World Relief. There is a washtub in the East entryway just waiting for your contribution of new bars of soap. LWR would prefer bath-sized bars (4 to 5 oz.) that are not overly scented or perfumed. The soap that is collected will be distributed by LWR to people in need of pride and cleanliness in refugee camps, hospitals and disaster sites around the world. The washtub will be out through Sunday, September 29, 2019.

**Back to School Supplies Needed:** The Social Ministry Committee is collecting supplies for local school children and children on the Rosebud Indian Reservation. We are hoping to collect enough supplies to fill 30 backpacks. There will be tear-off tabs on a poster starting June 30. People can take tabs for the supplies they would like to donate. A collection box will be set up by the poster. We would like all the supplies to church by July 28 so we have time to ship the backpacks to Rosebud before school starts.

We're hoping the timing of the school supply drive will coordinate with the back-to-school sales at the local stores. We are looking for the following items:

- 12-inch rulers marked with inches and centimeters
- Boxes of colored pencils
- Pencil boxes
- Highlighters (in sets of two)
- Elmer's Glue in 8 ounce bottles
- Rolls of scotch tape

- Boxes of washable markers, thin or thick, classic colors (8 or 10 in a box)
- Pink erasers in sets of 2
- Single-subject ruled spiral notebooks in sets of three (each a different color, not college ruled)
- #2 pencils in sets of 48
- Backpacks (solid colors preferred)
- 2-pocket folders in sets of 6 (each a different color)

Thanks so much for your support.

**Shop for the Food Pantry:** Please look for: Canned Meat (tuna, salmon, stew, etc.), Cereal, Chicken Noodle Soup, Fruit Juices (quart bottle or boxes), Fruit Cups, Fruit Snacks, Granola Bars, Pancake Mix, Syrup, Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Peas, Detergent, Diapers (adult and baby), Kleenex, Paper Towels, Shampoo, Soap and Toilet Paper. If you'd like to make a cash donation toward a grocery store gift certificate, please place your donation in a pink envelope and mark it "Food Pantry Certificates." The food pantry has empty shelves during the summer months but hunger doesn't take a summer vacation. Thanks for your generosity!

## FINANCIAL *Update*

Financial Report ending May 31, 2019

	Budget	Actual	Difference
Weekly Envelope Income	\$118,333	\$115,650	(\$ 2,683)
Special Income	15,000	16,500	1,500
Prepaid Income	4,354	5,272	918
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$137,687</b>	<b>\$137,422</b>	<b>(\$ 265)</b>
<b>Expenses thru May</b>	<b>143,237</b>	<b>144,376</b>	
Current Year Surplus or (Deficit)		(\$ 6,954)	
<i>2018 Operating Surplus Carryover</i>		<u>38,696</u>	
Remaining Surplus		\$ 31,742	

THANK YOU to all for your efforts to keep Grace financially strong. Dedicated people working together can accomplish great things. Most encouraging in this is our ability to move forward. If we keep up the good work, we can accomplish great things with HIS help and guidance.

*Notes of* **THANKS**

**Thank You** to everyone who helped to make Buncofest on June 12<sup>th</sup> such a big success. Your helping hands did a fabulous job and all of the attendees filled the room with fun, laughter and good conversation. I couldn't have done it without you. Pam Walger

**Thank You** to everyone who contributed to Buck-A-Chick. We donated \$165.00 to buy chicks for the program.

### **SPECIAL** *Events*

- ***New Member Orientation:*** Sunday, July 21 following the worship service
- ***Reception of New Members:*** Sunday, July 28 during the worship service
- ***Feed My Starving Children:*** Tuesday, August 6 at 6:00pm



**Become  
Part of  
*Our*  
Church  
Family**

## Birthday LIST

### July

- |    |                                     |    |   |
|----|-------------------------------------|----|---|
| 1  | Michael Kintzle<br>Stefanie Kintzle | 16 | Joan Russell                                  |
| 2  | Tom Carlson                         | 17 | Gordon Greaves<br>Sue Buerger<br>Andy Reimann |
| 4  | Lynne Dixon<br>James Shaffer        | 19 | Wendy Thompson                                |
| 5  | Jerry Sakover                       | 21 | Adam Rude<br>Rachel Thompson                  |
| 7  | Rand Burdette                       | 23 | Andrew Pfeffer                                |
| 8  | Connor Ellertson                    | 25 | Rich Rogers<br>Megan Nickl                    |
| 10 | Lorene Loiacano<br>Frank Doral      | 29 | Alice Johnson<br>Sue Garfinkle                |
| 12 | Amanda Jannusch                     | 30 | Darlene Sharlog                               |
| 13 | Jeannine Ellertson                  |    |   |
| 15 | Molly Ryan                          |    |   |
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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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