

GRACE NOTES

July 2020



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:



Last week I noticed a significant cobweb on Grace's front door. I thought of taking a picture to share with all of you. But then I decided not to depress you with the image. GRACE IS NOT CLOSED!

In the good ole days, back in January and February, the high point of my week was always our Sunday gatherings with such a warm and welcoming collection of faces representing so many different stories. Now I have to content myself by just looking at you on my computer screen. It's just not the same.

And, unfortunately, it doesn't seem likely that we will ever live the way we used to. At least not until there is a vaccine against the corona virus that is plaguing us now. Soon, PERHAPS as early as August, we will be able to have limited gatherings under carefully controlled circumstances. I, for one, am not rushing into a return to "business as usual." There is too much at stake, too many risks among our members. In the time I have been your pastor, I have been very pleasantly surprised by how few funerals I have had to do. I don't want that to change because we were overly-anxious to return to "normal."

So, church life in this strange era continues to evolve. We are creating new opportunities to gather—but not too closely! We continue our Zoom church services, doing our best to make the service feel as familiar as possible. At the same time, we have taken advantage of the opportunity to expand the "speaking parts" in the service. I find that very refreshing. [If you would like to have a speaking part in an upcoming service, please let Pam Walger know.] We have grown to rely even more heavily on the talents and gifts of Susan Nelson since it is practically impossible and definitely unwise to sing together for now. Many things have changed. Many things continue.

The greatest continuity, of course, is God's promise not just to be with us always but also God's continuing call to us to combine our gifts and talents to do God's work with our hands. Maybe you have an idea or suggestion for ways to adapt to the new environment in which we do ministry today. Please bring your suggestion to me or to any member of the Church Council. We are here to serve.

We will get through this. Together. With God's help. With God's grace.

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

Council *Highlights*

May 26, 2020 Council Highlights

- We are hoping to be worshipping in person starting in August
- We were approved for Federal Payroll Protection Plan monies.
- RTPD will continue to use our space for summer camp. However, they must follow new guidelines
- The preschool is working on plans to safely reopen in September.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR *Worship*

In an effort to minimize confusion, we have now identified a single on-line address or phone number to access ALL Grace worship services, Bible Study, committee and Council meetings. If you are part of a group that would like to make use of the church Zoom account for an on-line “gathering,” please let Pastor Schwick know and he can make the arrangements.

THE NEW 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*

Lawn Chair Gatherings: Watch the Grace Facebook page for postings on future dates for the Lawn Chair Gatherings in the Grace parking lot.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR *Learning*

Bible Study: We continue to have **Bible Study on Wednesdays** at 7:00pm. (Bring your own Bible). We are studying the Acts of the Apostles, the stories of the very first Christians and their struggle to do ministry in a changing and often hostile environment. Connect using the Zoom information under Opportunities for Worship.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR *Service*

Grace Garden: The garden is planted and growing. We can always use help weeding and watering before our anticipated “big harvest.” Stop by when you have a few minutes to weed or water. Thanks.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR *Outreach*

School Supply Donations: Major decisions about what school will look like in the fall will be made between now and August. Until those decisions are made, we do not know exactly what schools need most. So we are asking congregation members who can make a financial donation to do so, earmarking it for “school supplies” and sending it to church by August 2nd. At that time the Social Ministry Committee will purchase and deliver whatever supplies are in greatest need.

Feed My Starving Children: Greg Linwood recently received an email from FMSC indicating that they are not scheduling any packing events until October at the earliest. When it is safe to do so, Greg will schedule a packing date for Grace members to go to their facility in Schaumburg.

Food Pantry: On line donations can be made to the **Mount Prospect** Human Services Department, for the Emergency Assistance Fund via PayPal at <https://www.mountprospect.org/departments/human-services/online-donations>. You may request that your donation go to a specific cause like the **food pantry**.

On line donations can be made to the **Northfield Township Food Pantry** with a credit card or PayPal at <https://twp.northfield.il.us/pantry/#>. Check donations can be mailed to the Northfield Township Food Pantry at 2550 Waukegan Road, Suite 100, Glenview, IL 60025.

On line donations can be made to **Compass Northwest** with a credit card or PayPal at <http://northwestcompass.org/how-we-help/food-connection/>. Please note that donations go to Compass Northwest in general, rather than just to the food pantry. Besides providing food, donations may be used for counseling clients about additional sources of food and benefits.

AROUND *The Parish*

We have Three Fabulous Birthdays to Celebrate in July: Please send birthday greetings to the following people celebrating special days in July:

On July 7th, Rand Burdette will celebrate his 102nd birthday. Send his wishes to 250 West Parliament Place #209, Mt. Prospect, IL 60056. HAPPY BIRTHDAY, RAND!

On July 16th, Joan Russell will celebrate her 92nd birthday. Send her wishes to 350 West Schaumburg Road, B256, Schaumburg, IL 60194. HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JOAN!

On July 29th, Alice Johnson will celebrate her 95th birthday. Send her wishes to 800 West Oakton Street, #2238, Arlington Heights, IL 60004. HAPPY BIRTHDAY, ALICE!

During our time away from regular church attendance and Pink Sheet publications we missed celebrating a few special birthdays. If possible, it would be nice to play catch-up by sending them some belated wishes.

Here are their names and addresses:

Richard Buerger was 90 on March 22nd. Send his wishes to 720 Creekside #209, Mt. Prospect, IL

Irene Berg was 95 On May 16th. Send her wishes to Harbor Chase, 1190 Old McHenry Road, Long Grove, IL 60047.

Phyllis Begun was 90 on May 18th. Send her wishes to 800 S. River Road #325, Des Plaines, IL 60016.

HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY! HOPE THAT YOU ALL HAD VERY SPECIAL DAYS.

College Scholarships: If you are interested in applying for a scholarship for the next school year, please fill out a form and turn it in or mail it to the church office by *Noon* on Sunday, June 28, 2020. Interviews will be conducted via Zoom unless it is deemed safe to meet in person. The exact details will be forthcoming and shared with each applicant. For more information, please contact Mike Drelicharz at Michael@drelicharz.com.

Dear WELCA Ladies and Friends of Grace: We pray that you all are doing well. Sadly we had to cancel our Women's Gathering in March. We still have the ticket money. Much of the food that was planned for our luncheon has been donated to a La Trinidad community dinner. We were hoping to save the remaining funds for a future program or a special project in the future. We hope you will agree! If you would like a refund please call Nancy Greaves at (847)259-7039. Blessings to you all from the Grace W/ELCA Board.

Notes of **THANKS**

A very heartfelt thank you to all for sharing my birthday celebration as I enter a new decade in my life. All the cards and best wishes are greatly welcomed and appreciated. A virtual hug from me to you all until we can again meet at Grace. Stay well and stay safe with Gods help as we move though this time.

Jerry Sharlog

Birthday LIST

July

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| 1 | Michael Kintzle
Stefanie Kintzle | 16 | Joan Russell |
| 2 | Tom Carlson | 17 | Gordon Greaves
Sue Buerger
Andy Reimann |
| 4 | Lynne Dixon
James R. Shaffer | 18 | Dorothy Olson |
| 5 | Jerry Sakover | 19 | Wendy Thompson |
| 7 | Rand Burdette | 21 | Adam Rude
Rachael Thompson |
| 8 | Connor Ellertson | 23 | Andrew Pfeffer |
| 10 | Lorene Loiacano
Frank Doran | 25 | Rich Rogers |
| 12 | Amanda Jannusch | 29 | Alice Johnson
Sue Garfinkle |
| 13 | Jeannine Ellertson | 30 | Darlene Sharlog |
| 15 | Molly Ryan | | |

CELEBRATIONS OF *Life*

Baptisms

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

Tess Marie Franklin Nagle and Olivia Lisbeth Franklin Nagle were baptized on June 4, 2020. They are the daughters of Marilee Nagle, granddaughters of Barb Nagle and great granddaughters of Rand Burdette.

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 Jerry Sakover on the death of his wife Claudia on June 11, 2020.



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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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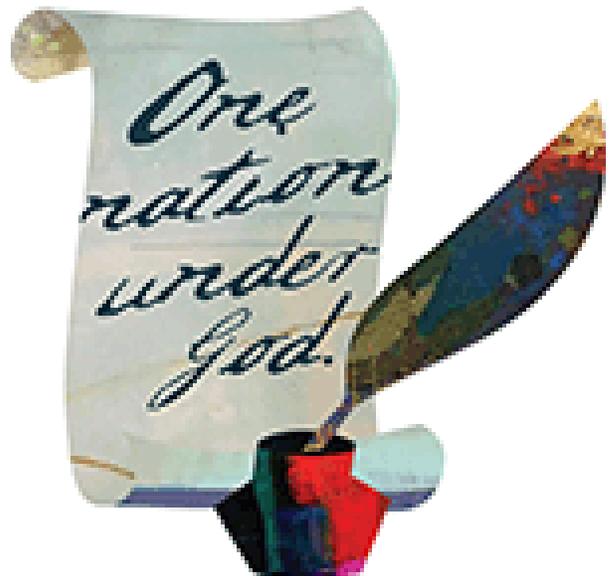
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