

# GRACE NOTES

October 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:**



If everything goes according to plan, by the time you read this edition of Grace Notes, Kathie and I will be in quarantine in my sister's basement in East Wenatchee, Washington, just east of the Cascade Mountains in Central Washington. We will be awaiting COVID testing results so that we can enter the "bubble" of my sister's house. As many of you know, my 93 year old mother is currently living with my sister after her assisted living facility had multiple cases of COVID. To make the whole quarantining process worth the effort, we are planning to stay a couple of weeks in the bubble with my mother, my sister and my brother-in-law (and their dog!). I very much appreciate the support of the Church Council for this effort to have some real quality time with my mom.

### **While I'm away, I will not be gone!**

I will continue to host Zoom meetings for weekly Bible Study, for our informal fellowship hours, for committee meetings and, most importantly, for Sunday worship. I will conduct all of those events via Zoom from my sister's house. **I will also continue to be immediately available by cell phone (voice or text). Keep the number handy: 773-329-1232**

The Church Council has also decided to continue to let people come to Sunday worship **at church**, even though I won't be present as long as our regular social distancing measures are observed. Those gathered at church will essentially be watching the Zoom service together.

In October, we will be making a concerted effort to connect with our children, youth and young adults. *On a trial basis*, we will have monthly Zoom "gatherings" focused on our young members. Children in Pre-K through 5th grade will be invited to participate in "**Sunday School**." It will be a **15-20 minute** interactive experience including a story, a message from me and some musical experience. **The pilot session will be Sunday, September 27 at 9:00am.** The log-on is the same as for Sunday worship. Parents are invited to stick around to support the learning of their child(ren). Children in 6<sup>th</sup> Grade through High School are invited to **Zoom Youth Group on Tuesday, October 6, at 7:00pm.** The format will be conversational and will last for 45 minutes. Again, the log-in is the same as for Sunday worship. Third, I will host a Zoom meeting of **Grace Young Adults** for post-high school folks. Whether home or away, we have an opportunity to enjoy connections and build relationships. **The first convening of the Grace Young Adults will be on Tuesday, October 13, at 7:00pm.** Finally, on the third Tuesday of the month, I will host a Zoom meeting for all our high school youth as well as our post-high school young adults. **Grace Youth and Young Adults will "gather" on Tuesday, October 20, at 7:00pm.**

Meanwhile, we will continue our Monday evening Antiracism Study through October. Even if you haven't been part of the conversation so far, it's not too late to jump in. We will also continue our Midweek Bible Study on Wednesdays at 7:00pm.

And, many of our congregational committees and our tremendous Church Council continue to meet regularly by Zoom to carry out the business of the congregation.

We are learning all new ways to do things that we used to take for granted.

And through it all, the faithful saints of Grace have continued to support the work of the church by graciously and generously supporting our ministry together.

Grace is alive! We continue to grow in grace! THANKS BE TO GOD!

In Christ's love, joy, peace and hope!

Pastor Daniel Schwick

### *Martin Luther*

Martin Luther in a letter to Rev. Dr. John Hess

I shall ask God mercifully to protect us.  
Then I shall fumigate, help purify the air,  
administer medicine, and take it.  
I shall avoid places and persons where my  
presence is not needed  
in order not to become contaminated and  
thus perchance inflict and  
pollute others and so cause their death  
as a result of my negligence.

### **COVID-19** *Assistance*

Members of Grace

Grace Church Council has established a Covid Assistance or Relief Fund. The purpose of this fund is to provide assistance to congregational members who have been financially impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic.

In order for a member to request assistance, the member will need to communicate their specific need to Pastor Dan Schwick in writing (Email meets this requirement). The request needs to state your name, amount requested and the reason needed.

Pastor will communicate this request to the Executive Committee, which will evaluate the request and determine the disbursements from the fund. Discretion will be utilized to maintain a person's privacy throughout the process.

Initial funding for the Covid Assistance or Relief Fund will be \$20,000. This funding is made possible due to our members faithfully maintaining their pledges and federal funding through the Payroll Protection Program. Grace has met all requirements for the federal loan and used the PPP funds for payroll. We expect the PPP loan to be forgiven by the government. Grace congregants are also welcome to contribute to the fund.

May God's Peace be with you

Ardell Mueller  
Congregation Council President

### **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*

**Would You Like to Have a Pen Pal, Email Buddy or Phone Buddy?** We're trying to set up an Intergenerational Buddy System. If you're interested in participating please contact the church office. Let us know if you'd like to write letters, email or phone your buddy. Please think it over and give this idea a try. You won't have to wear a mask to participate.

**Halloween Cards:** At this time of year we usually put up a list of names for people to share Halloween greeting cards with. Since we can't have any posters up with lists, why not think of someone in the congregation who would enjoy a Spooky greeting.

Scan through your directory and find a few friends you haven't talked to in a while and send them cards. Wish them a safe Halloween.

**Zoom Coffee Hour:** Join us on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11am for a chance to catch up and share with others.

**Zoom BYOB Gathering:** Join us on Thursdays at 7:00pm for fellowship.

### OPPORTUNITIES FOR *Learning*

**Zoom Bible Study:** Join us on Wednesdays at 11:00am or 7:00pm for a study on the Hebrew prophets.

**Conversation about Race, Racism and Antiracism:** Join us on Mondays at 7:00pm via Zoom to study how to become antiracist Christians.

### OPPORTUNITIES FOR *Service*

**Sunday Morning Zoom Readers:** A new schedule for October and November will be available soon. If you would like to be added to the list please contact Pam Walger at 847-827-7431 ASAP to be added.

### OPPORTUNITIES FOR *Outreach*

**La Trinidad:** Future dates are September 20, October 18, November 15, December 20 and January 10, 2021. Until further notice, Grace will be delivering food that members of La Trinidad package for guests to pick up. If you would like to donate funds to help cover the cost of food, please send your donation to church and mark it for La Trinidad. Your support is truly appreciated.

**Halloween Care Packages:** The Social Ministry Committee is collecting money to buy treats to put into the care packages for our college kids. Because of Covid-19, the Committee thinks it best to do the shopping and shipping. All donations need to be in to church by October 20.

The church office will be printing labels for the packages. Please make sure that your college student's address is on file with the church office by October 13. We do not assume that last year's address is still valid. Let's make sure all our college kids get a box of goodies this year.

**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.

Donations can be made to **Lutheran Church of the Cross** by writing a check to the church and adding “food pantry” to the memo line of the check. Checks should be sent to 2025 South Goebbert Road, Arlington Heights, IL 60005.

### **AROUND** *The Parish*

**Face Masks:** Chris Rogers has been keeping busy sewing face masks that are washable, reusable and have filters.. If there's anyone in the congregation that needs a mask, she is giving them away without charge. If the people would like to make a monetary or food contribution to the food pantry in return that would be great but not necessary. No guarantees on patterns. Whatever fabric she has she is using. Contact Chris at 847/840-0929.

**October Birthdays to Celebrate:** On October 17<sup>th</sup> Jules Kastens will celebrate his 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday. Send celebratory wishes to him at 5 West Central #503, Mt. Prospect, IL 60056. On October 19<sup>th</sup> Eleanor Kehr will celebrate her 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday. Send wishes to her at The Lutheran Home, Room 343C, 800 W. Oakton Street, Arlington Heights, IL 60004. WISHING YOU BOTH THE HEALTHIEST OF BIRTHDAYS!

**Grace Prayer List:** One of the highlights of our worship service is the Prayer of the Church—that time after the sermon when we silence our hearts and minds to center ourselves in prayer for the church the world and for each other. As you may have noticed our weekly prayer list has become rather lengthy. While we don't want to stop praying for people who request our prayers, we also don't necessarily need to keep praying for people who have healed. Beginning in October, when a request is made to add someone to our prayer list, that person or concern will remain on the list for one month. If there is a request to keep a person on the list for a longer period of time, that request should be communicated to Barb Willis. An exception to that practice will be that we will keep all our shut-in members in the Prayer of the Church every Sunday.

**FINANCIAL Update**

Financial Report ending August 31, 2020

	Budget	Actual	Difference
Weekly Envelope Income	\$ 195,600	\$ 182,135	\$ (13,465)
Special Income	25,360	16,471	( 8,889)
Prepaid Income	7,282	11,282	4,000
Total Income	\$ 228,242	\$ 209,848	\$ ( 18,354)
Expenses thru August	238,756	213,639	
Current Year Surplus or (Deficit)		\$ ( 3,791)	
<i>2019 Operating Surplus Carryover</i>		<i>40,001</i>	
Remaining Surplus		\$ 36,210	

Six months and all is well. It is said that He will provide and it is so! He has sent the Holy Spirit to the people of Grace and we have responded. Sometimes there are no adequate words except to simply say Thank You for all your support in so many ways during this very strange time. With your continued support, we can prove what can be accomplished with His help.

*Notes of THANKS***Dear Grace:**

I just wanted to thank everyone on the scholarship committee as well as the rest of the congregation for helping me continue my education. It is extremely comforting knowing I have my family at Grace supporting me in this journey. Samantha Pracko

**Dear Grace:** Thank you so much for considering me for the college scholarship. I am so grateful for this and for everyone at Grace. I plan on using this scholarship for books, supplies, and class expenses. I can't wait to be home and back at church. I hope everyone is staying safe and had a great summer. Thank you, Jenni Josten

**Thank You** I would like to express my thanks to the church and the scholarship committee for their generosity. I am using it to buy my required college books for this fall and spring semester. Thank you for helping me achieve my educational goals.

Andy Reimann

**Thank You** to everyone who donated funds for school supplies. A total of \$1,680 was received. 10 backpacks along with supplies were sent to Rosebud Indian Reservation. School District 21 received 36 sets of earbuds and 72 white boards with markers. Euclid School was undecided on their needs for this school year so they are getting a check for \$718.

**Thank You** to Carolynn White, Minda Josten, Bridget Doerner, Chris Rogers, Betty Carlson and Curt Carlson for delivering Meals on Wheels in September to the people in our area who cannot go out to get food on their own. This service is coordinated by

Wheeling Township. Thank you to our volunteers for their dedication to this worthy cause.

***Dear Congregation:***

Thank you so much for your continued support. Your donation of \$500 helps us to ensure that we can continue to serve the older adults in our community who need rides to their important medical appointments.

We hope everyone at Grace Lutheran Church remains healthy and safe.

Thank you again for your support – Dallas Ann Tomlin, Executive Director, Escorted Transportation Service Northwest

***Dear Friends in Christ:***

Your congregation has shared its blessings with the people served by Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI) and we're grateful. Thank you so much for your gift of \$1,600. Your generosity offers people the opportunity to reach their full, God-given potential, making the love of God tangible for those in need.

Just as God sees each person in their entirety, LSSI seeks to provide whole person care to those receiving our services. The faithfulness of congregations like Grace Lutheran Church is critically important in this week. LSSI has served in Illinois for over 150 years, due in large part to dear friends like you. Please know how much we value your support and partnership in this ministry.

Peace and prayers, David P. Novak, JD, Vice President, Advancement

P.S. Please encourage your members to watch short videos about how they are helping to change lives. All they have to do is come to [www.LSSI.org](http://www.LSSI.org) and click on the YouTube icon. We want everyone to know how your gifts are being put to work in response to the Gospel!

***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 Mac'nCheese on August 13, 2020 and produce on August 20. Your contribution will make sure that residents in need will be assisted.

We appreciate your support during the Covid-19 Pandemic. Although the food pantry is closed to shopping by order of the Greater Chicago Food Depository, we are dispensing pre-packaged bags of food. Your donations will make an immediate impact in someone's life by providing relief during this hardship.

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 Friends:***

We would like to thank you for your generous donation of \$200 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 support 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 Friends of Northwest Compass:***

During this unprecedented time of crisis, we are especially thankful to you for your continuing generous donation of fresh garden vegetables to Northwest Compass.

This fresh produce is a wonderful addition to our other food products and is very much appreciated and welcomed by the people we serve.

On behalf of everyone at Northwest Compass and our neighbors in need, thank you for showing support and compassion. Your gift changes lives and gives hope! Each one of us can make a difference! Together we make change!

Sincerely, Sonia Ivanov, Executive Director

**SUMMARY OF SMALL GROUP OFFERINGS *at Grace***

- Antiracism Study, Mondays at 7:00pm
- Sunday School (Children in Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade) Sunday, September 27, 9:00am
- Grace Youth (6<sup>th</sup> Grade through high school) Tuesday, October 6, 7:00pm
- Grace Young Adults (post-high school) Tuesday, October 13, 7:00pm
- Combined Youth and Young Adults, Tuesday, October 20, 7:00pm
- Midweek Bible Study featuring the Old Testament Prophets, Wednesdays at 7:00pm
- Casual Zoom Fellowship "Gatherings" Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11:00am and Thursdays at 7:00pm

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## *Birthday* LIST

### **October**

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|----|-----------------------------------|----|---|
| 9  | Carl Storz                        | 22 | Melba Panhorst<br>Laura Polfuss<br>Grayson Walger       |
| 10 | Anthony Ryan                      | 23 | Jennifer Stutheit<br>Jacki Kochanski<br>Samantha Pracko |
| 11 | Bob White                         | 24 | Cathy Hoffman<br>Kiki Garza                             |
| 12 | Ralph Martinson<br>Diane Isenberg | 27 | Sandy Drelicharz<br>Karen Rude<br>Ehren Jannusch        |
| 13 | Darlene Sacco                     | 31 | Cynthia Hanson<br>Kendall Grimpe                        |
| 16 | Kim Kintzle                       |    |   |
| 17 | Jules Kastens                     |    |   |
| 19 | Eleanor Kehr<br>Clyde Randmark    |    |   |
| 21 | Iris Notto                        |    |   |

## **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 Nick Lovdjieff who died on September 1. Nick and his family joined Grace in October of 1962. The family held a private funeral at Abraham Lincoln Cemetery. A celebration of Nick's life is planned for next spring.



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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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**ARTICLE** *Deadline:* October 18