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GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

50 Years of faithful service
2,600 Sunday services
100's of Baptisms
Countless prayers
Numerous lives impacted
A rich full life of service

Ask members of Grace Lutheran Church what they think of their church and you'll get warm, enthusiastic answers:

Some will say: "A great place to come to be connected to others who have the same belief in God and His Word."

For others, it's more like a home, a "place of refuge in a fast-paced world." Still others will say, "friendly, inviting; a welcoming, caring place."

From a tiny church building, what we now call the "Chapel", where in 1963 a handful of people gathered for worship, to the beautiful Sanctuary we worship in today, this church has always been about touching lives with the love of Jesus and the power of God's Word.

We have a lot to be grateful for as a church, don't we, and the good news is we're just getting started. The best is yet to come as together we: Build Relationships, Grow Spiritually, Reach Out.

MANY WONDERFUL EVENTS have been planned for this year of celebration that will bring back precious memories, fill us with laughter and fun, and inspire us for the future.

We hope you will join with us in celebrating 50 Years of God's faithfulness and blessing to His church here.

Watch the Bulletin and Grace Notes for details regarding upcoming events.

Celebrating together,

Pastor Gordon



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LIBERTYVILLE DAYS PARADE

Did you see the wonderful Grace Lutheran Float in the parade? A special **THANK YOU** to Renee Denault for organizing/coordinating this year's float along with everyone who participated in their special way - from the Transportation/Trailer, Float/ Design/Construction/Storage, Banners, Sound System, Promotional Materials, and Parade Walkers, you did a terrific job helping Grace celebrate 50 years in the Community!

CAR WASH

R.O.C.K. Father's Day Car Wash raised \$345.00 that will be used for the Youth Group Mission Trip to Rosebud Indian Reservation in South Dakota. Thank you for supporting this Youth Ministry!

FURNACE AND AIR CONDITIONING UPGRADES AT

GRACE - As a result of our participation in the Smart Ideas for Your Business program sponsored by ComEd and North Shore Gas, we have recently completed an upgrade for all the furnaces and air conditioners at Grace. All eight of our old, 80% AFUE furnaces were replaced with 95% AFUE units, and six of our air conditioners (some of them 35 years old with SEER values probably no greater than 6) were replaced with 13 SEER units. Two of our air conditioners failed last summer and had to be replaced at that time. These new, more efficient units should result in significant savings over the years in our electricity and natural gas usage. Rebates from North Shore Gas for the furnace upgrades helped us achieve these upgrades, but the grant program from which we hoped to get additional funding was suspended before we could apply.

HAVE YOU NOTICED SOMETHING DIFFERENT IN CAFÉ

GRACE? New chairs have been purchased from the Earl and Geri Maether Memorial Fund. These twelve chairs have replaced the old metal folding chairs.

The Memorial Committee

Upcoming Events

Used Book / Bake Sale

at Grace Lutheran

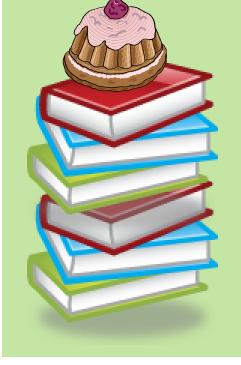
Tell a Friend! Bring a Friend!

Friday, July 12

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, July 13

9:00 a.m. - Noon





CELEBRATING GOD'S FAITHFULNESS AND BLESSINGS GRACE 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Help us celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Grace Lutheran by volunteering to help with the many exciting events that have been planned throughout 2013. Sign up for the events listed below, and many other opportunities posted in Café Grace. Any questions? Contact the event coordinator or Mike Marabella at 224/358-5666 or mikemarabella@yahoo.com.

Golf Outing - Saturday, July 27
White Deer Run Golf Course, Vernon Hills

Family Movie Nights at Grace - Saturdays, July 20 and August 10

50th Anniversary Church Picnic - Sunday, September 8

Upcoming Events



MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK

Dear Grace Members,

We've already had a number of special events celebrating our 50th Anniversary. But there is still an upcoming event that will make our celebration even more special. On Saturday, October 26th, Grace will be having a special dinner for the adult Congregation at The Forge of Vernon Hills. At that time we would like to have a silent auction as a fundraiser. Items would be ready for review at church two Sundays before the 26th so all who are interested in bidding will have the opportunity even if they aren't able to attend the dinner.

Now here is how you can help. We would like all members, individuals, family, friends, small groups, etc. to provide a raffle item for auction. As a group it will be easy and fun to work on an item together. Be clever, think outside the box, because there will be a prize for the auction item that brings in the most money.

Here are some ideas that might inspire you and/or your group to come up with a great item: restaurant gift cards, basket of books (children and adults), handmade items, dessert of the month (everyone loves food items!), movie basket, wine basket, spa basket, sports basket.

There are so many things we can do to make this a successful event. Please give this some thought and start working on your auction items!

If you have any questions, please call or email Audrey Johnson at 847-680-3258, audreyjohnson6@sbcglobal.net. Thanks in advance for helping make this an exciting and memorable event.

The 50th Anniversary Dinner Committee

Upcoming Events



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHTS

Join us at Grace Lutheran Church to commemorate our *50TH ANNIVERSARY*!! On Saturday, July 20 and Saturday, August 10 we will sit under the stars at Grace Lutheran and enjoy an outdoor movie. Please bring a lawn chair or blanket for your viewing pleasure. Snacks and drinks will be supplied by Grace. We will be setting up between 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. and the movie will commence from 8:00 - 9:30 p.m., weather permitting. The movies will be appropriate for all ages!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS 50TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER at The Forge of Vernon Hills OCTOBER 26, 2013 Details to follow

GRACE CHURCH OFFICE

will be closed on Thursday, July 4.

MAMA'S & PAPA'S SOFTBALL TEAM

Come out to the Libertyville Sports Complex and cheer us on. Our July games will be on Thursdays, July 11 at 9:15 p.m. and July 25 at 7:15 p.m. August games are Thursday, August 1 at 6:15 p.m. with other games TBD (rain dates).

OWLS will meet in Café Grace for lunch on Thursday, July 18 at 11:30 a.m.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, August 18

We'll celebrate and worship together outdoors on the patio area behind the sanctuary. Chairs will be provided, but you are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating on the grass. (The service will be moved indoors if the weather does not cooperate) The casual and friendly setting of the outdoor service is a good opportunity to invite a friend or neighbor to worship at Grace!

> Students, Preschool through Adult, bring your backpacks, lunch boxes and more to worship for a "Back to School" Blessing



Join our work cre

Join our work crew to make a difference by helping provide a home for people less fortunate. Please sign-up on the church bulletin board or contact Art Struss at 847-367-9251. *Future Habitat Workdays are Saturdays, September 21 and October 26*.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY WORKDAY
Saturday, August 17
"Building on Faith"



Habitat for Humanity Lake County activities for 2013 include the Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative. There are 1500 vacant properties in Waukegan, 750 in Zion and 250 in North Chicago due to foreclosures. The cities and banks are donating some of these properties to Habitat, where the houses will be deconstructed and a new house built or the house will be rehabbed. Habitat has 14 of these homes in inventory. The Habitat for Humanity's motto is "A hand up, not a hand out". It's great to make a difference in someone else's life. Check out www.habitatlc.org for more information.

We Care and We Share

LAKE COUNTY HAVEN – In honor of Mother's Day, a collection of paper goods was collected during the month of May for the Lake County Haven. We received 62 rolls of paper towels, 129 rolls of toilet paper, 1 pkg. of napkins, 5 boxes of tissues, and 2 bars of soap. A huge thanks to all who participated!!!

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY is in need of yarn. You may drop off donations at the Social Ministry area of Café Grace.

ANNUAL C.O.O.L. GOLF OUTING is coming to Bonnie Brook Golf Course in Waukegan on Friday, August 9! Save the date and start planning your foursomes early. Registration forms and information are now available at www.coolministries.org.

C.O.O.L. FOOD ITEMS OF THE MONTH

July - Peanut Butter August - Pasta & Rice

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS TO THE GRACE FAMILY OF FAITH

Linda Alexandra
Shirley Bamford
Lisa Diller & Brian Mansfield
Shannon & Becky Lester, Audrey, Parker, Graham
Stuart & Cathy Slaw, Jacob, Samuel

WE CELEBRATE with Norm & Carol Kidder as their son Brian was united in marriage to Janice Casolari at Grace on May 4.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mike & Sue Dolan on the birth of their granddaughter, Natalie Grace Kennedy. Proud parents are Chrissy & Jon Kennedy along with big brother Evan.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES to the Shewan Family in the death of Linda's aunt, Jean Homann who passed away in May, and to the Conte Family in the death of Craig's mother who also passed away in May.

Please remember these families in prayer.



THE AIMEE RICK MEMORIAL

FUND recently made a positive difference in the lives of several children and young adults with disabilities. The Memorial Fund was established in 1995 in memory of the daughter of Tim and Julie. Aimee had multiple physical challenges, but brightened the lives of all she en-

countered. Prior to her death at age 6, Grace held a rummage sale to offset expenses for technology needed by Aimee to help her communicate and interact with others. Subsequent rummage sales added funds to a Memorial in her name to benefit other children with special needs.

Recipients of donations this year are:

Christina Steele - Christina is non-verbal, and received a communication App for an iPod touch. She has been using this App on a trial basis for several months, and is able to successfully communicate with her family and friends for the first time (Christina is 20 years old).

Brennen Garcia (pictured) – Brennen has difficulty with verbal communication, but has a LOT to say. He was awarded an iPod touch and a communication App which he uses at his 2 worksites and in social situations.

Adam Moritz – Through a joint project involving the Wauconda Jaycees and Lions Club, students from Cyd Lash Academy, and local tradesmen, Adam's home now has a ramp that accommodates his wheelchair. It has been very difficult for Adam to leave the house, even to attend school. The ramp now makes this possible, and Adam is looking forward to joining his classmates on a regular basis. Funds from the Memorial paid for materials to construct the ramp.

Laremont School – Laremont School houses over 140 students from throughout Lake County who have significant physical, cognitive and/or health challenges. All students in this program use technology on a daily basis - to communicate, learn, and even to play. A \$5000 donation to Laremont will be used to purchase a variety of devices that can be used by any student at the school to help them interact with their world.

We Care and We Share



SCHOOL KITS FOR LWR

Service Workshop will once again assemble school kits this Fall for Lutheran World Relief. School Kits contain essential supplies to help children - and in some cases, adults - continue learning despite the hardships they face.

Please remember this when sales on school supplies typically start in July! Items that are needed: 70-sheet notebooks wide-ruled or college-ruled paper (no loose-leaf paper), rulers with inches and centimeters, pencil sharpeners, safety scissors, #2 pencils with erasers, ballpoint pens (no gel ink), crayons (24 pack), 2" pink erasers.

Thank you in advance for your contributions to this project. A school kit may provide the only supplies for children returning to school after disruption of war or other recent disasters! Please contact Nancy Bruick 224-475-0494 if you have any questions.

Donations are due by September 1.





Youth News



"A RIP-ROARIN' GOOD TIME"
Vacation Bible School 2013 was a Great Success!
Great Kids, Excited Volunteers, Fun Songs,
Great Stories, Delicious Snacks, Cool Crafts
and a day full of water fun!!











YOUTH MISSION TRIP ROSEBUD INDIAN RESERVATION

The High School Youth will be headed to South Dakota from Sunday, July 21 thru Saturday, July 27 to partner with Holy Cross Church in working at the Rosebud Indian Reservation. The Youth will offer VBS/Children's Programming through work projects, such as painting the community building, doing simple repairs, and building benches, and providing meals for others. Please remember them in prayer as they "Reach Out" to the members of the Sicangu Lakota Tetunwan Oyatee Sioux tribe.

Growing With Grace Preschool



PLAYGROUND NEWS

The Preschool Board is excited to announce that a new playground will be installed this July! We have designed a play structure appropriate for children 2-12 years old to serve our church and Preschool families. The playground, new fence, and rubber mulch are fully funded from Preschool income, fundraisers, and generous personal and corporate donations. The current structure will be finding a new home at Lutheran Church of the Cross in Arlington Heights, IL. There will be some volunteer opportunities to help prepare the space, construct the playground (under the supervision of the company), and spread mulch. The supplies and tools are provided, but we need to have volunteers work shifts. No construction experience needed. If you would like to be part of this fabulous process, please sign up on the sheet located by the display in Café Grace so we can contact you. Thank you so much for your continuous support to allow us to make this upgrade possible.

A Word from the Terrific Twos . . .

Terrific Twos still has openings for the school year 2013-2014. Please spread the word to any friends or families you think may be interested. If you have any questions you may contact me me at 847-816-3810 or email gwg-terrific2@att.net.

TERRIFIC TWOS OPEN HOUSE will be held on Wednesday, August 28.

Beth Zupkus, Terrific Twos Director

A Word from Tremendous Threes, Fabulous Fours, & Animal Adventures . . .

WANTED: PRESCHOOL ASSISTANT TEACHERS & VOLUNTEER SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS -

Growing With Grace Preschool has two openings for Assistant Teachers for the 2013-2014 school year. There is a Monday-Friday morning position in the Tremendous Threes and a Tuesday-Friday position in the Fabulous Fours. Please contact Sarah McAuliffe at sarmca11@aol.com if you are interested in applying. Applications are due by July 8. We are also looking for volunteer substitute teachers in the event another Staff member is unavailable to substitute. We would like to compile a list of people that we can call in advance and/or at the last minute to help us out. It would be 3 hours in the morning or afternoon.

We concluded the 2013-2014 school year on May 24. It was a wonderful year and we are already looking ahead to the 2013-2014 school year. Currently, our enrollment is full - very exciting!

Thanks to all of the Growing With Grace families and Grace church members that participated in the Libertyville Days parade this year! The float was fabulous and we celebrated Grace's 50th Anniversary.

Look for the Growing With Grace Booth at the Farmers Market on June 27, July 18, and August 8. The Open Houses for the new classes will be in late August.

The Animal Adventures Class will visit the Forest beginning in September. The class is on Mondays from 12 or 12:30-2:30 p.m. This enrichment class is for children age four by September 1 or kindergarten age. Register now - you can download the application at www.gracelutheranlibertyville.org.

TREMENDOUS THREES OPEN HOUSE will be held on Tuesday, August 27. **FABULOUS FOURS OPEN HOUSE** will be held on Thursday, August 29.

Sarah McAuliffe, Director, Tremendous Threes and Fabulous Fours

Synod News



As we at Grace Lutheran celebrate "50 years" in Christ, The Metropolitan Chicago Synod/ELCA is celebrating "25 years" of serving Christ.

Ruth Falkenhayn, Stan Howard and Jeff McClurg were blessed and proud to represent Grace at this year's Synod Assembly in Tinley Park, Illinois. The event was highlighted with wonderful speakers, especially the keynote speaker, Rev. Herbert W. Chilstrom, who served as presiding Bishop of the ELCA from its inception from 1987-1995. Also inspiring were the "Mission Moments", when we learned about different good works throughout the ELCA and Chicago area churches.

At our lunch break we met with the North District of the Metro Chicago Synod, our district, and received our "50 Year Certificate". It was a proud moment for us all!

The elections were held and our current slate was re-elected including Bishop Wayne Miller. All wonderful people doing God's work! There were 5 resolutions discussed and voted on. You can find the results at http://www.mcselca.org/assembly/.

The main message overall was that as the ELCA celebrates 25 years and we at Grace celebrate 50 years, that:

"We are a church that is deeply rootedand always being made new!"

July 2013 at Grace Lutheran



Monday, July 1

Tuesday, July 2

11:00 am GLC Staff Meeting
1:30 pm - 3:30 pm Book Sale Book Sorting
6:30 pm Winchester Bingo
7:00 pm Preschool Board Meeting in Café
Grace

Wednesday, July 3

Thursday, July 4
INDEPENDENCE DAY
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Friday, July 5

6:00 pm Heidner/McGrath Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, July 6

2:00 pm Heidner/McGrath Wedding

Sunday, July 7

9:30 am Contemporary Worship Gathering with Communion Summer Promiseland

Monday, July 8

Tuesday, July 9

11:00 am GLC Staff Meeting
1:30 pm - 3:30 pm Book Sale Book Sorting
LAST DAY FOR BOOK SALE
DONATIONS

Wednesday, July 10

1:30 pm - 3:30 pm Book Sale Book Sorting 7:00 pm Bookmarks in Café Grace BAKED GOODS DONATIONS ACCEPTED TODAY

Thursday, July 11

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm Book Sale Volunteer Pre-Sale 9:15 pm Mama's & Papa's Softball Game at Libertyville Sports Complex Friday, July 12 9:00 am - 5:00 pm USED BOOK/BAKE SALE

Saturday, July 13

8:30 am Men's Breakfast at Lamb's Farm 9:00 am - Noon

USED BOOK/BAKE SALE

Noon - 2:00 pm Clean-Up

Sunday, July 14

9:30 am Traditional Worship With Communion Summer Promiseland

Monday, July 15

Tuesday, July 16

11:00 am GLC Staff Meeting

Wednesday, July 17

Thursday, July 18

11:30 am OWLS luncheon in Café Grace 7:00 pm CHATT 7:30 pm GABBRS

Friday, July 19

Saturday, July 20 50TH ANNIVERSARY FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

7:00 pm Set-Up Movie begins at 8:00 pm

Sunday, July 21

9:30 am Contemporary Worship Gathering Summer Promiseland YOUTH GROUP MISSION TRIP TO ROSEBUD RESERVATION, SD

Monday. July 22

YOUTH GROUP MISSION TRIP TO ROSEBUD RESERVATION, SD

Tuesday, July 23

11:00 am GLC Staff Meeting 1:30 pm Afternoon Bible Discussion YOUTH GROUP MISSION TRIP TO ROSEBUD RESERVATION, SD

<u>Wednesday, July 24</u> YOUTH GROUP MISSION TRIP TO ROSEBUD RESERVATION, SD

Thursday, July 25

7:15 pm Mama's & Papa's Softball Game at Libertyville Sports Complex YOUTH GROUP MISSION TRIP TO ROSEBUD RESERVATION, SD

<u>Friday, July 26</u> YOUTH GROUP MISSION TRIP TO ROSEBUD RESERVATION, SD

Saturday, July 27
50TH ANNIVERSARY GOLF OUTING
At White Deer Run in Vernon Hills
YOUTH GROUP MISSION TRIP TO
ROSEBUD RESERVATION, SD

<u>Sunday, July 28</u> 9:30 am Traditional Worship

Summer Promiseland

Monday, July 29

Tuesday, July 30
11:00 am GLC Staff Meeting

August 2013 at Grace Lutheran



Thursday, August 1

6:15 pm Mama's & Papa's Softball Game at Libertyville Sports Complex 7:00 pm CHATT

Friday, August 2

Saturday, August 3

10:00 am - 5:00 pm Special Event Café Grace Not Available

Sunday, August 4

9:30 am Contemporary Worship Gathering with Communion Summer Promiseland

Monday, August 5

Tuesday, August 6

11:00 am GLC Staff Meeting 6:30 pm Winchester Bingo

Wednesday, August 7

Thursday, August 8

2:00 pm Outreach

Friday, August 9

Saturday, August 10

8:30 am Men's Breakfast at Lamb's Farm
50TH ANNIVERSARY FAMILY MOVIE

NIGHT

7:00 pm Set-Up Movie begins at 8:00 pm

Sunday, August 11

9:30 am Traditional Worship With Communion Summer Promiseland

<u> Monday, August 12</u>

Tuesday, August 13

11:00 am GLC Staff Meeting 1:30 pm Afternoon Bible Discussion

Wednesday, August 14

7:00 pm Bookmarks in Café Grace

Thursday, August 15

11:30 am OWLS luncheon in Café Grace 7:00 pm CHATT 7:30 pm GABBRS

Friday, August 16

Saturday, August 17

Habitat for Humanity Workday

Sunday, August 18

OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE

9:30 am Contemporary Worship

Gathering

BLESSING OF BACKPACKS NO PROMISELAND TODAY

Monday, August 19

7:00 pm Council Meeting in Café Grace

Tuesday, August 20

11:00 am GLC Staff Meeting

Wednesday, August 21

Thursday, August 22

Friday, August 23

Saturday, August 24

Sunday, August 25

9:30 am Youth Led Worship Service

Summer Promiseland

Monday, August 26

Tuesday, August 27

9:00 am Tremendous Threes Open House 11:00 am GLC Staff Meeting 1:30 pm Afternoon Bible Discussion

Wednesday, August 28

9:00 am Terrific Twos Open House

Thursday, August 29

9:00 am Fabulous Fours Open House

Friday, August 30

Saturday, August 31



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Worship Schedule for July/August 2013

7/7	9:30 a.m.	Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion Nursery and Summer Children's Ministries
7/14	9:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion Nursery and Summer Children's Ministries
7/21	9:30 a.m.	Contemporary Worship Gathering Nursery and Summer Children's Ministries
7/28	9:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship Nursery and Summer Children's Ministries
8/4	9:30 a.m.	Contemporary Worship Gathering with Holy Communion Nursery and Summer Children's Ministries
3/11	9:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship with Holy Communion Nursery and Summer Children's Ministries
3/18	9:30 a.m.	Contemporary "Outdoor Worship" Service Nursery
8/25	9:30 a.m.	Youth Led Worship Nursery and Summer Children's Ministries



AUGUST

Join us for Worship at Grace Lutheran Church