



Grace Notes

March 22, 2020

Web Edition

Grace Lutheran Church, Champaign Illinois / www.glccu.org

Fourth Sunday in Lent

A Note about GraceNotes

Ever since we began putting GraceNotes up on our web site we have had two different versions of this weekly announcement and calendar sheet. The difference is that we do not include the prayer page in the web edition for privacy reasons; not everything shared within a congregation is appropriate for sharing with the general public. For the same reason we also edit out personal phone numbers from the web edition. Make sure to consult the e-mail edition sent to you for the most complete information. If you are a Grace member or regular attender not yet on our e-mail list, please let us know at office@glccu.org.

Live-streamed and Recorded Services

We are currently live-streaming a Sunday morning Service of the Word at 9:30, and a Wednesday evening Lenten Evening Prayer service at 7:00. The link to follow these services is found at the top of the Grace home page (glccu.org) or click here, <https://glccu.org/live-stream-videos/>.

Pastor's Lenten Blog

Pastor Repp is putting out an online Lenten blog this year. It includes reading through the Gospel according to Matthew, all 150 Psalms, and Martin Luther's Small Catechism. A new post goes up each day in Lent with a brief prayer, a hymn selection, and commentary readings. Access the blog on the Grace web site under the Blog menu.

Borrow a Hymnal

Interested in checking out a hymnal from church for use during this time of remote worship? Contact Pastor Repp: pastor@glccu.org. We also still have two hymnals for sale at \$25 if you would like your own copy.

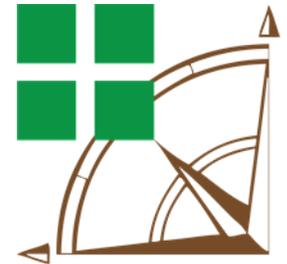
On The Way

On The Way is Graces adult faith-formation opportunity that has been made available periodically on Thursday evenings from 7:00 – 8:30.

In Lent for the scripture section of these evenings we've been looking the Sunday Gospel texts for Year A, mostly from the Gospel according to John. These Gospel texts are what the church has traditionally used in introducing the faith to the uninitiated. But they are also excellent texts for strengthening and encouraging life-long disciples as well.

We are going to try to meet via Zoom this coming Thursday. Join us for some great conversation, reflection, and prayer!

See the e-mail version of GraceNotes for the link.



ON THE WAY

Clothing Drive for the Women's Correctional Center

During the month of March, the Grace Social Ministry Committee will be collecting clothing for the Women's Correctional Center in Decatur. The Center offers a shop for women to select clothing needed to transition back to their homes and communities. Items desired are pants shirts, coats, jackets, shoes and boots and socks (only new socks are accepted) Please contact Tina Fehrenbacher for logistics on making these donations.

Adult Sunday School Online

We'll try to get back to our class on Christianity next week, March 29, via Zoom. Look for info. in next week's e-mailed GraceNotes.

Grace Food Pantry Sunday Food Pantry Update

You may have seen on our calendar that we have slotted the second Sunday of each month to be “Grace Food Pantry Sunday.” We include this to encourage financial support for this ministry once a month. Food Pantry does not operate out of the General Fund, which is the destination for Sunday morning offerings unless otherwise designated. Because of this, Food Pantry depends on special designation for donations from those in the congregation that wish to support this ministry. Financial contributions are a great way to support Food Pantry, because every \$1 that is given can have the purchase power of much as \$10 at the Eastern Illinois Foodbank. Please consider making an extra donation to the Pantry at this time!



Empty Tomb’s “Week of Grace” POSTPONED

Empty Tomb’s Megaworkathon “Week of Grace” has been postponed until May 11-16 (tentatively.)

The effects of the corona virus on our community is not yet fully clear. Without a doubt, it is creating an even greater burden on so many poor families among us. In addition to potential health care concerns, many low wage jobs have reduced hours or may even be shut down for a significant period. Families depend on this income; now, unfortunately, many will see their expenses increase.

Empty tomb provides food, furniture, resources, and many other helping ministries to local families and individuals free in Jesus’ name, all year long. I will continue to keep you posted on plans.

Grace and peace and love from God our Father to you. Any questions? Contact Dave Bagger.

Daily Bread Yoga Announcements & Online Resources

All Together Now –

Daily Practice Guide is available for YOU!

Rachel is offering 30 minute online, ZOOM classes, Monday through Friday. If you go to the store of her website you will see a "product" for ZOOM Classes. In that product are the links to the classes. You do NOT have to purchase that to get the links. She set it up just as a way for people who are able and want to support me in offering these classes. You can absolutely join the class without paying. She is not taking attendance and you do not have to ask her permission to participate or share with others. Here is the link to that page -- <https://www.dailybreadyoga.life/product/zoom-classes-all-together-now/>

She also has two free AUDIO ONLY classes in the store. Here are the links for those.

1. A 45+ minute floor based gentle class.

<https://www.dailybreadyoga.life/product/wind-down-yoga-class/>

2. A 10+ minute chair based class

<https://www.dailybreadyoga.life/product/5-chambanas-audio-download/>

Rachel also wrote a 12-month Daily Practice Guide that provides a 15-20-minute mind-body-spirit practice to help you show up and stay more present. Five yoga sequences (including Chairish) with pictures drawn of Rachel doing the pose are included. The cost is \$25 - you can purchase it in class, or go to dailybreadyoga.life, look in the “store” and buy it online!

Alternate Easter Flowers and Dedications for 2020

With the corona virus currently changing the traditional routines in our lives and with the limited ability to congregate in larger numbers, we are experiencing changes at Grace Lutheran for future church services and the celebration of Easter. Because of this situation, only a limited number of white Easter lilies and hydrangea plants will be present at Grace on Easter Sunday. They will, however, be evident in the live-streamed service for all of us to appreciate from a distance.

Rather than individuals purchasing a specific plant this year, you are invited to donate \$10 to the floral costs and have your personal dedication included in the Easter on-line bulletin and in a future “Grace Notes.” Please send your \$10 check/or cash and personal dedication to **Gloria Rainer at 1009 South Pine Street, Champaign, Illinois 61820** or place your check and dedication in an envelope and put it in Gloria’s mailbox in the church office. She will need to have all contributions and dedications by noon on April 6th.

Thank you for your flexibility and support during this time.

(Clip and enclose with your check or cash.)
Contribution to Easter Flowers at Grace Lutheran - 2020

Your name_____

Dedication_____

Please enclose \$10, cash or check. Thank you.

Gloria Rainer
1009 South Pine Street
Champaign, Illinois 61820

This Week at Grace: March 22, 2020 – March 29, 2020

<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sunday, March 22, 2020		
Worship	9:30 AM	Facebook Live Stream
Adult Sunday School	10:45 AM	Postponed until Next Week
Monday, March 23, 2020		
Food for Seniors	10:00 AM	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, March 24, 2020		
Food for Seniors	6:00 AM	Fellowship hall
Wednesday, March 25, 2020		
Bulletin Deadline	5:00 PM	
Lenten Evening Prayer	7:00 PM	Facebook Live Stream
Thursday, March 26, 2020		
Food Pantry	10:00 AM	Fellowship Hall, Hoffmeister Room
On The Way	7:00 PM	via Zoom
Sunday, March 29, 2020		
Worship	9:30 AM	Facebook Live Stream
Adult Sunday School	10:45 AM	via Zoom