



# Grace Notes

October 18, 2020

Web Edition

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## Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

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### Interested in Serving Church Council?

Come join us! The Church Council is still in need of THREE at large members and ONE officer as president. Currently, Claire Vail is serving as vice president, but is willing to continue in that role if someone is willing to fill the vice president position. The only requirement is that you be a giving member of record. Please contact Claire Vail or Pastor Repp if you are willing to serve in any of these capacities.

### Devotional Booklets

*Christ In Our Home* and *The Word In Season* booklets are both available in a box under the mailbox at Grace. Stop by and pick one up!

### Faith Circle Meeting Via Zoom

Faith Circle meeting will be held on Tuesday evening, October 20. Mary Jo Erickson is scheduled to be the lesson leader for this session. We will use the Bible study presented in the October issue of *Gather* magazine, available at: [gather@elca.org](mailto:gather@elca.org) or at [gathermagazine.org](http://gathermagazine.org) (phone orders at 844-409-0576)

You can join via Zoom by [clicking this link](#).

### Adult Sunday School

Adult Sunday School this week. We continue our discussion on faith: what it is, how you get it, and what happens when you're not "feelin' it."

For login details, please see the email version of Grace Notes.

### Readers for Sunday Service

We continue to need recorded readings. Email Carolyn Pater if you are willing to serve in this way.

### "Mitten Tree" is now "Box of Warmth"

For years our congregation has donated mittens, gloves, hats, and scarves to children and youths in need of warmth during our Illinois winters. Once again, in spite of COVID, Francis Nelson Health Center in Champaign is keen to receive these offerings. We're collecting now!

Please place your items in the box under the church mailbox. Questions? Please contact for your Social Ministry Committee.

### On The Way Returns

On The Way is Grace's periodic faith-formation opportunity for both prospective and established members. Join us via Zoom for five weeks beginning Monday, October 19 from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

For joining details, please see the email version of Grace Notes.

### Pastoral Care in the Coming Week

Pastor Repp will be out of town from Thursday through Sunday of the coming week for a short vacation. Please contact Pastor Janet Lepp in case of pastoral emergency on those days.

### Treasurer's Report, September 30, 2020

	<u>August</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Revenues	\$24,330.97	\$230,653.84
Expenses	\$27,942.77	\$280,986.15
Net	-\$3,611.80	-\$50,332.31

## Habitat Build Goal Reached

Great News! With your help we **made our goal** of raising \$2,000 for the Habitat/Thrivent Faith Build! Many thanks for your ongoing support of this important local joint ministry.



## Blanket Sunday

### All Saints Sunday (November 1)

Since we were unable to celebrate our traditional Blanket Sunday on Mother's Day, the Social Ministry Committee had decided to give you the opportunity to honor your special "Saints" - those who have been important to your religious education and faith development - by purchasing a Church World Service blanket for a \$10 donation. These blankets are distributed in the US and around the world to refugees and victims of disasters. We can only imagine how great the need is for these blankets! During the month of October send a check made out to Grace Lutheran Church and indicate it is for Blanket Sunday. You may also attach a note with the name(s) of the "saints" you are honoring and we will list them in the November newsletter. Cards are available on a table in the narthex if you would like to send one to your honorees. Questions? Contact Carol Shupp.

## 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 Food Bank. Please consider making an extra donation to the Pantry at this time!



## Coffee Hour



Coffee Hour continues this Sunday by Zoom, starting at 8:45. Your host, Claire Vail, will cut you off promptly at 9:25 to give you time to get ready for the service.

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## Bread for the World: Offering of Letters 2020

Nations around the world, including the United States, have agreed to work for an end to hunger by 2030, and there is growing recognition among faith leaders, NGOs, and business leaders that this is achievable. The spread of Covid-19 across the globe has created an even greater need, as the number of vulnerable people both here in the US and around the world is growing.

Here at Grace, we can continue to be part of the solution. Through this 2020 **Offering of Letters**, we can urge members of Congress to invest in and protect key programs that will help end hunger and reduce poverty in the United States and around the world. With the simple act of writing a letter, we can act as faithful advocates in defending the interests of people who are hungry and use our voices to encourage our elected representatives to take the necessary steps to end hunger.

If you are interested in participating in this campaign, please go to the Grace web site ([glccu.org](http://glccu.org)) and look under the "service" menu for a sample letter, names and addresses of our representatives and senators, and a link to Bread for the World. If you have questions or want to know more, please contact Helen Repp. Thanks for your prayerful consideration of this important project.

*The Social Ministry Committee*

## 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. [Click here for the link to that page.](#)

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.](#)
2. [A 10+ minute chair based class.](#)

## Live-streamed & Recorded Services

Our Sunday morning Service of the Word begins at 9:30. The link to follow the service is found at the top of the Grace home page ([glccu.org](http://glccu.org)) or click here, <https://glccu.org/live-stream-videos/>

## Help With Zoom

We're using the Zoom ([zoom.us](https://zoom.us)) online meeting platform for meetings and classes at Grace during this time of social-distancing. If you need help getting Zoom set up and joining and participating, here are two helpful tutorials.

The first is for using Zoom on your computer:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9isp3qPeQ0E>

The second is for using Zoom on a phone.

This should also work for tablets:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IO206\\_NezaY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IO206_NezaY)

## About GraceNotes and the Newsletter

GraceNotes is our weekly publication for timely announcements to the congregation. Please send all announcements for GraceNotes to Lyla at [office@glccu.org](mailto:office@glccu.org) by Wednesday evening. Items for the monthly newsletter should be sent to Caitlyn at [gracelife@glccu.org](mailto:gracelife@glccu.org) by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the previous month.

## This Week at Grace: October 18, 2020 – October 25, 2020

<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
<b>Sunday, October 18, 2020</b>		
Worship - LIVE STREAM (glccu.org)	9:30 AM	Online
Confirmation Class	10:45AM	Online (Google Meet)
Adult Sunday School	10:45AM	Zoom
<b>Monday, October 19, 2020</b>		
Property Committee	5:30PM	Zoom
Bell Choir Rehearsal	7:00PM	Zoom
<b>Tuesday, October 20, 2020</b>		
<i>Newsletter Copy Deadline</i>		
Faith Circle	7:00PM	Zoom
<b>Wednesday, October 21, 2020</b>		
Food Pantry Truck Delivery	7:AM	Fellowship Hall
Bulletin Deadline	5:00PM	
<b>Thursday, October 22, 2020</b>		
Food Pantry	10:00AM	Fellowship Hall Hoffmeister Room
<b>Sunday, October 25, 2020</b>		
<i>World Hunger Sunday</i>		
Coffee Hour	8:45AM	Online (Zoom)
Worship - LIVE STREAM (glccu.org)	9:30 AM	Online (Sanctuary)
Confirmation Class	10:45AM	Online (Google Meet)