



Grace Notes

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Web Edition

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Reformation Sunday

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.

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? Call Carol Shupp at 328-3015.

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!

Coming Soon in Adult Sunday School

We will soon be beginning a discussion of racism and its connection to our understanding of sin and our life of faith. The resource for this discussion will be the book *White Fragility* by Robin Diangelo. New and used copies are available from various internet retailers.

"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 Marcia Licquia 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.

Readers for Sunday Service

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

Treasurer's Report, September 30, 2020

	<u>September</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

Fall Clean Up – Help Needed!!

On the morning of Saturday, November 14 OR anytime between now and then, as your schedule allows: Please consider helping out this fall with winter prep tasks at Grace Lutheran Church. Select a time that works for your schedule ☺. Anytime between now and on Saturday November 14:

Rake and Bag leaves: Grab yard waste bag and fill it up, and then carefully place the yard waste bag on the edge of the right-of-way along the Union Street curb. (A supply of yard waste bags will be located at the east entry. Bring your own rake.)

Or, if you are available on the morning of Saturday November 14, your help will be needed to: Rake and bag more leaves, Remove weeds and spent annuals, Put away hose reels inside, cover A/C Units for the winter and place the stored 5 gallon buckets that contain ice melt and sand at entrances.

Thanks if you can help! Susan Monte

Virtual Nativity Walk – December 6TH, 2020

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church would like to invite your members to share their nativity sets virtually with the community this year. Simon Tiffin, a recent U of I grad and former Music Minister at St. Andrew's, will be putting together the Virtual Nativity Walk. Providing pictures and videos along with written or recorded short stories of your nativity sets will help create a compelling nativity show. Names and home churches will also be included during the virtual showing. We hope to provide families and individuals a relaxing opportunity to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ throughout this Christmas season.

If you have any questions, or want help submitting your photos or videos.

Contact: Patty Hart cookiedunker@comcast.net or Michelle Rome romeshell@gmail.com from Good Shepherd or, Simon Tiffin stiffin2497@gmail.com

The form you will need can be found here: <https://forms.gle/UwGFZyufY68vM5Ai8>

If you think your congregants would be interested in joining us on this project, please let me know, and I'm happy to set up a time to talk about this with you via Zoom or phone if you'd like more information.

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.

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

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) 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

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 by Wednesday evening. Items for the monthly newsletter should be sent to Caitlyn at gracelife@glccu.org by the 20th of the previous month.

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!



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) or click here, <https://glccu.org/live-stream-videos/>

Help With Zoom

We're using the Zoom (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

This Week at Grace: October 25, 2020 – November 01, 2020

<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sunday, October 25, 2020		
World Hunger Sunday		
Worship - LIVE STREAM (glccu.org)	9:30 AM	Online
Confirmation Class	10:45AM	Online (Google Meet)
Monday, October 26, 2020		
Food for Seniors	10:00AM	Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, October 27, 2020		
Food for Seniors	10:00AM	Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, October 28, 2020		
Bulletin Deadline	5:00PM	
Choir Practice	7:30PM	Zoom
Thursday, October 29, 2020		
Food Pantry	10:00AM	Fellowship Hall Hoffmeister Room
Mutual Ministry	5:15PM	Hoffmeister Room
Sunday, November 01, 2020		
Coffee Hour	8:45AM	Online (Zoom)
Worship - LIVE STREAM (glccu.org)	9:30 AM	Online (Sanctuary)
Confirmation Class	10:45AM	Online (Google Meet)