



Grace Notes

February 21, 2021

Web Edition

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

First Sunday in Lent

Mid-Week Lent Service

Grace will be holding Lenten midweek services at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays, February 24 – March 24. We will live-stream a simple service of evening prayer similar to our Advent evening prayer services in December.

Adult Sunday School

This week we begin a Lenten study of the book *Entering the Passion of Jesus* by Amy-Jill Levine, led by Pastor Janet Lepp. (The book is available online from various retailers.) We will be covering Jesus' entry into Jerusalem as found in Matthew 21:1-11. During our session we will be looking at both the introduction and chapter 1 of the book. Those who have purchased the book may want to read ahead before we meet, but this is not a requirement. Please come even if you don't have the book. Everyone is welcome!

Virtual Easter Hymn Invitation

Please join us in celebrating Easter by together singing the Easter hymn, *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today!* Our voices and videos will be joined with hundreds of Lutherans from around the country. We will receive a special edition where only our church members will be seen during stanza 3. (Don't worry, all the hundreds of other voices will still be heard while we are seen.) Visit <https://alcm.org/easter-virtual-hymn/> for instructions to **submit your recording by February 26**. Choose Melody – high voice or Melody – low voice for a congregation part or choose your preferred choir or instrumental part. Be sure to email Andy Bruhn at music@glccu.org with the recording file name you submit so your video will be included in our special edition.

Bell Choir and Choir Zoom Dates

Bell Choir Zoom is on Mondays at 7PM, *Feb. 22, March 8, 22, April 5, 19 and May 3, 17*

Choir Zoom is on Wednesdays at 7:30PM, *March 3, 17, 31, April 14, 28, and May 12, 26.*

A Special Opportunity for Lent:

A Little T-N-T* Can Make a Big Difference

Ideas and projects need energy for their development. A very important component of buying an ELCA Good Gifts Farm is that it includes Tools and Training. Livestock and seeds and not just handed out, but tools and training are included to help a family break the cycle of hunger and poverty - for good.

Please consider making a donation to ELCA Good Gifts this Lenten season. The Social Ministry committee has a congregational goal of \$715 for the purchase of a family farm. Donations can be made at: [:Grace Lutheran Church - CU | ELCA Good Gifts](#) or by check to Grace Lutheran Church / Memo: ELCA Good Gifts.

Children's Bulletins Available!

We now have our children's bulletins from Spark House available online! Each week we provide links for the two different options for the children's bulletins, for both readers and pre-readers. Links are available in email version of Grace Notes.

Zoom Links Box are available in email version of Grace Notes

Readers for Sunday Service

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

Stitch & Craft Zoom Meetings

Stitch & Craft meets at 7PM on Friday, March 5, 19. Join via Zoom link in Zoom link box

Ladies Craft Night

All ladies are invited to join us for a craft night! This will be on February 23rd at 7PM and we will meet via Zoom. For our craft we will be making some string art! If you are unfamiliar with string art, here are some examples from Pinterest - - [https://www.pinterest.com/search/pins/?q=string%20art&rs=typed&term_meta\[\]=string%7Ctyped&term_meta\[\]=art%7Ctyped](https://www.pinterest.com/search/pins/?q=string%20art&rs=typed&term_meta[]=string%7Ctyped&term_meta[]=art%7Ctyped)

Caitlyn will take care of getting all the materials for the craft, but will just need anyone who is interested to fill out this form if you plan on joining so that materials can be distributed properly -

<https://forms.gle/ETX16bdu4HDqCw6TA>

We will also use the Grace meeting zoom link. If you have any questions, please contact Caitlyn.

Grace 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.



Online Giving

Thank you to everyone who has continued to give to Grace through our online platforms! During this transition, we have heard of some issues with the various ways you can give online. To properly address these issues, we would like to hear from you! If you have noticed anything, please contact Caitlyn at gracelife@glccu.org

Daily Bread Yoga Announcements

Daily Bread Yoga is still on ZOOM! Go to www.dailybreadyoga.life to see the calendar of weekly classes being offered on ZOOM. If you have questions or would like to receive the weekly newsletter from Rachel, email her at dailybreadyoga@gmail.com. ZOOM is a great way to try yoga from the comfort of your own home, but with a live instructor and real community. Please join us!

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, glccu.org/livestreams

Help With Zoom

We're using the Zoom (zoom.us) for meetings and classes at Grace during this time of physical-distancing. If you need help setting up and using Zoom, 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: February 21, 2021 – February 28, 2021

<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sunday, February 21, 2021		
Coffee Hour	8:45 AM	Online (Zoom)
Worship (glccu.org)	9:30 AM	Live Stream (Sanctuary)
Confirmation Class	10:45AM	Online (Google Meet)
Adult Sunday School	10:45AM	Online (Zoom)
Monday, February 22, 2021		
Food for Seniors	10:00AM	Fellowship Hall
Bell Choir Practice	7:00PM	Online (Zoom)
Tuesday, February 23, 2021		
Food for Seniors	6:00AM	Fellowship Hall
Ladies Craft Night	7:00PM	Online (Zoom)
Wednesday, February 24, 2021		
Bulletin Deadline	5:00 PM	
Midweek Lent Service	7:00PM	Live Stream
Thursday, February 25, 2021		
Food Pantry	10:00 AM	Fellowship Hall Hoffmeister Room
Sunday, February 28, 2021		
<i>World Hunger Sunday</i>		
Coffee Hour	8:45 AM	Online (Zoom)
Worship (glccu.org)	9:30 AM	Live Stream (Sanctuary)
Confirmation Class	10:45AM	Online (Google Meet)
Adult Sunday School	10:45AM	Online (Zoom)

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 Office Hours

Unless otherwise announced, a staff person will be in the building from Tuesdays through Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. for deliveries, inspections, and other essential functions.