



Grace Notes

August 01, 2021

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Web Edition

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Parking Lot Communion Distribution

Pastor Janet Lepp will distribute Communion in the parking lot in drive-thru fashion after the service, from 10:45 to 11:15 a.m. Drive over to church following the end of the live-stream, entering the back lot from Union Street (to the west of the building.) Then drive around to the front lot. If you can't make it by 11:15 but still want to come, please give a call to Pastor Janet Lepp.



Interfaith Alliance Picnic This Sunday

August 1,
4:00-6:00 PM
in the Large Pavilion in
Hessel Park



Come join your friends from the interfaith community in C-U as the interfaith Alliance of Champaign County hosts their fifth annual picnic. This is a potluck picnic featuring food, great conversation, and lots of fun! We will welcome back Joyful Bubbles and Kona Ice again this year as well! For more information please visit www.facebook.com/pg/InterfaithCU/events

In-Person Worship: Updated Mask Guidelines.



According to new CDC recommendation, we are asking everyone to wear a mask at all times and to keep physical distance from others who are not in your "bubble" (e.g. family.)

Help Receiving Communion



If you are attending our communion services online but have trouble getting to church to receive communion, we can arrange for someone to bring the communion elements to you. Contact Kathy Bowersox

River of Life VBS

VBS begins this coming Sunday in August 1st, from 3-5pm, we will be exploring the different ways God uses water as a source of life in the Bible, while also learning about ELCA World Hunger. During each day, participants will learn through games, crafts, music, and more! All children from Pre-K through 5th grade are welcome to participate! To register, go to <https://glccu.org/vbs/>. Volunteers can sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080f4ea4ac2aa5f94-vbsvolunteer>. For any questions, contact Caitlyn Reinders or Adele Miller.

God's Work; Our Hands



Building on over 75 years of experience, Lutheran World Relief tackles global poverty by helping people adapt to the challenges that threaten their livelihoods and well-being. Lutheran World

Relief works with people based on need, regardless of race, religion or nationality and does not evangelize. LWR provides aid in emergencies and helps families restore their lives. LWR partners with communities to build and grow rural economies. LWR breaks the cycle of poverty, so families and communities can thrive. Their goal is to help people build self-sufficiency and create new community-owned approaches to problem-solving that will last long after the projects end.

Today, Lutheran World Relief operates in East and West Africa, Latin America, Asia and the Middle East, helping some of the world's poorest communities build the resilience they need to thrive. In November 2020, LWR was in Honduras when 2 hurricanes hit the country within two weeks. LWR responded with emergency aid, including personal care kits, and long-term support to rebuild homes and livelihoods. LWR school kits helped displaced children in northern Iraq and Syria continue their education in areas where school supplies were limited. To read more about Lutheran World Relief go to: lwr.org.

At Grace, we support Lutheran World Relief with our donations of school and personal care kits. In 2020, we sent 60 school kits and over 100 face masks to LWR. This year our goal is to send 75 school kits and 30 personal care kits. You can help by donating selected items (See Lutheran World Relief Kits in the Grace Notes or August newsletter) or by making a financial donation to Grace Lutheran Church; memo: LWR.

Lutheran World Relief Kits

School Kits: To help the Social Ministry Committee meet their goal of sending 75 school kits to LWR, we are asking for financial donations to Grace Lutheran Church, memo: LWR or donations of the specific school supplies listed below:

- Four 70 - 80 sheet spiral-bound notebooks of wide or college ruled paper (approximately 8" x 10 1/2 ").
- One 30 centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other.
- One pencil sharpener.
- One pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well).
- Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers.
- Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink).
- One box of 16 or 24 crayons.
- One 2 1/2" eraser.

Please drop off your donations in the LWR box located by the front doors of the church from August 1st through August 15th. School kits will be assembled during our Sailing the "C's" of Caring, Community, and Celebration event on Sunday, September 12th. Thank you for your help with this project.

Personal Care Kits: To help the Social Ministry Committee meet their goal of sending 30 personal care kits to LWR, we are asking for financial donations to Grace Lutheran Church, memo: LWR or donations of the specific supplies listed below:

- Bath-size bars of soap, 8 to 9 oz. any brand, in original wrapping; no mini or hotel size.
- One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging.

Please drop off your donations in the LWR box located by the front doors of the church from August 1st through August 15th. Personal care kits will be assembled during our Sailing the "C's" of Caring, Community, and Celebration on Sunday, September 12th. Thank you for your help with this project.

Grace Meeting Zoom Link and Web Pages and Access Links and passwords are available at Email version of Gracenotes.

Treasurer's Report, June 30, 2021

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Revenues	22,777.55	131,220.56
Expenses	25,440.73	179,658.39
Net	-\$ 2,663.18	-\$ 48,437.83

Summer Sing-a-longs



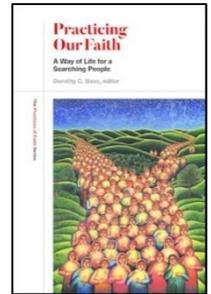
Sun. Aug 1 5-7 PM

Outdoors BYO*
Family-friendly
Details and food truck
schedule @
www.gslc-cu.org

Sing your heart out – safely! Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (2101 S. Prospect Avenue, Champaign; www.gslc-cu.org) will host family-friendly, outdoor sing-a-longs on this summer: Sunday, August 1, 5-7 PM. Favorite hymns, camp songs, silly songs and more will be included and song books will be provided. BYO chairs, food, and beverages. Food trucks are scheduled for each evening, too. (August 1: Brian's Bistro) Musicians are welcome to play along – contact julia.hartman82@gmail.com for more info.

Adult Sunday School on Summer Break

No Adult Sunday School this week. We're on a short summer break now until August 22. Join us then when we'll discuss chapter 12 in the book *Practicing Our Faith: A Way of Life for a Searching People*, edited by Dorothy C. Bass. We meet in-person in the Hoffmeister room, or you can attend via Zoom.



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!

Thrivent Action Teams - Project Ideas

If you are a Thrivent member, one of your benefits is that you can apply for a \$250 Thrivent Action Team card 1-2 times a year. These cards can be used for various projects. The only requirement is that the projects must be used for fundraising, education, or a service project. If you need ideas for how to use your available cards, contact Caitlyn! There are many ways these cards could be used in the coming months as we begin to resume in-person activities

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. Join us!

Coffee Hour

We are always in need of Hosts and Hostesses just like yourself. Coffee Hour is easy and fun. Just make regular and decaf coffee and supply a snack which can be store bought or homemade. You can even fill out the appropriate form for reimbursement. (We ask that your spending not exceed \$30.00) After coffee hour just clean the kitchen. That's it! Slots are open. Please volunteer today by signing-up.

Prayer Requests

We have two formal ways of praying for one another at Grace. One is in the Sunday morning worship service, where we pray for people by name in the Prayers of Intercession. They will also be listed in the emailed and printed versions of GraceNotes, but not in the web version. The other way is the Prayer Chain. This is more private, and prayer requests are shared only with the Prayer Chain team and not listed in GraceNotes.

Please send prayer requests for the Sunday-morning prayers to Lyla at office@glccu.org. We also have a tab on our website for prayer requests that you can access at <https://glccu.org/prayer-requests/>

Prayer requests for the Prayer Chain should go to Caitlyn at GraceLife@glccu.org.

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

New office hours are from 9am to 2pm Monday through Friday.

	Worship Support August			
Worship Support	<u>August 1</u>	<u>August 8</u>	<u>August 15</u>	<u>August 22</u>
Assisting Minister 9:30AM	Claire Vail	Claire Vail		
Reader 9:30AM	Janet Lepp	Art Traugott	Deborah Leckband	Elizabeth Mazurak
Deacon 9:30AM	Jim Anderson	Linda Laugges	Kathy Bowersox	Nancy Marshall
Acolyte 9:30AM				
Greeters:	Van & Kathy Bowersox	George & Bev Kieffer		Kim & Julie Johnson
Offertory	Ruben & Ivanna Vipinraj			
Piece Name	Lord Have Mercy, Steve Merkel			
Video Technician	Dave	Ruben	Michael	Dave
Coffee Hour:				
Flowers:	Brian and Amy Nicely	George and Bev Kieffer	Kevin and Claire Vail	Marlys Scarborough and Chet Alwes
Reason for Flowers:	In celebration of our wedding anniversary	In memory of our son, Craig, and in celebration of our 68 th wedding anniversary	In thanks for our family	In memory of our parents

This Week at Grace: August 1, 2021 – August 8, 2021

<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sunday, August 1, 2021		
Worship (Hybrid)	9:30 AM	Sanctuary & Live Stream
Communion Distribution	10:45-11:30AM	Parking Lot
Women's AA	12:30 PM	Hoffmeister Room
Summer Sing Along	5:00 PM	Good Shepherd
Tuesday, August 3, 2021		
Executive Committee	5:45PM	Fellowship Hall
Sweet Adelines	6:00PM	Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, August 4, 2021		
Bulletin Deadline	5:00 PM	
Thursday, August 5, 2021		
Food Pantry	10:00 AM	Fellowship Hall Hoffmeister Room
Sunday, August 8, 2021		
<i>Grace Food Pantry Sunday</i>		
Worship (Hybrid)	9:30 AM	Sanctuary & Live Stream
Adult Sunday School	10:45 AM	Hoffmeister Room & Zoom
Women's AA	12:30 PM	Hoffmeister Room