



# Grace Notes

September 12, 2021

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## Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

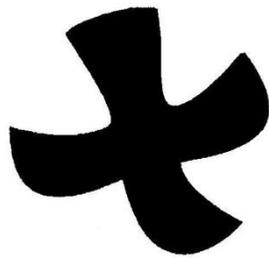
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### Farewell for Caitlyn this Sunday

Join us for farewell reception today after the service. There will be a basket for cards. If you feel so inclined as to make a monetary gift, please make your check out to Caitlyn Reinders and not Grace. Caitlyn has accepted a position as Youth and Family director at Faith Lutheran Church in the Des Moines suburbs.

### Taizé Prayer Returns

Our second-Sunday Taizé Prayer services returns today at 5:00 p.m. Masks and physical distancing are required. This is an hour-long service with lots of contemplative singing, a brief reading, a brief meditation, prayer, and an extended period of silence for prayer, meditation, or just enjoying a few moments without the usual daily distractions. It will also be live-streamed.



### Volunteers Needed

Help wanted! We need volunteers to work on the Nominating Committee. The task of this committee to reach out for people to fill the council, church officers, and delegates to the Synod Assembly. Please contact Claire Vail.

### Coffee Hour

Due to a rise in Covid cases and break-through infections, Coffee Hour is on hold until further notice

### Fundraiser for the Food Pantry

Help the Food Pantry by attending the Mary Kay event on September 19th in the Narthex at 11:00 am. Guaranteed fun! See and try new products. 40% of the profits will go to help our Food Pantry! Besides helping the food pantry, you can get any item for half price with a \$50 purchase! Look forward to seeing you! (We will be masked except if you are trying our skincare)

### Strategic Planning Team Update

The Grace Strategic Planning team met with the Council at their retreat this past Labor Day weekend. The team was represented by Linda Laugges, Pastor Repp, Chris Skaar, and Jim Anderson. They reported to the Council on the progress towards a Strategic Plan for the next 5-10 years. The report included a statement of core values, a mission statement, and the subjects for a set of Ministry Result Areas. The nine subject areas presented were: Youth, Growth, Building Community, Music, Stewardship, Diversity, Shared Leadership, Service, and Care for Creation.

The plan should have Smart Goals that lead to measurable changes. Those present at the retreat were asked to rank the subject area so that Smart Goals could be developed for the top five areas. Council members and team members not able to be present are being asked to rank the importance of each of these nine subject matter areas. The retreat ended with each person writing out short sentences that could be used to replace the single word subject areas and by a brainstorming session of ideas for smart goals that might be nested within these areas.

## Champaign/Urbana CROP Hunger Walk 2021



The CROP Hunger Walk will take place this year on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 2 p.m.! The Social Ministry committee hopes that you will prayerfully consider supporting this mission to help alleviate hunger in the CU area. Grace Lutheran has participated for many years, and it is as important as ever to raise money to help our vulnerable neighbors. You can help by being a walker, a donator, or both! Here's how:

### Walkers:

1. Visit Grace Lutheran's Facebook page and find the Crop Walk post, or visit the link below. From there, you can click "Join the Team." You can also create your own FB post to help raise awareness and money – just make sure you are a member of the Grace Lutheran Church, Champaign team!
2. Send or deliver offline donations to the church, clearly marked for CROP Walk.
3. The CROP Walk is scheduled for October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2 p.m.
4. Since we will be walking as a group this year (unless guidelines change!), we may need to gather participant forms, but we will do this on the day.

### Donators:

1. Visit Grace Lutheran's Facebook page and find the CROP Walk post, or visit the link below. From there, you can click the "donate" button and support the Grace Lutheran Team.
2. You can send a donation to the church. Please make checks out to Grace Lutheran Church and write "CROP Walk" in the notes field.

Here is the link to our team page: [Team Grace Lutheran Church, Champaign](#)

Let's enjoy an outdoor activity together and raise awareness and funds for hunger issues. If you have questions, please contact Helen Repp.

## Invitation for Choir and Bells

Dear Friends,

I wanted to invite you to participate in the music program this fall! This is a great time to join, because we're all basically starting fresh again! While reading music is helpful, it's not required. All are welcome! We have specific needs for sopranos and tenors in the choir, but would certainly welcome anyone! I can promise to give you my absolute best for a safe and meaningful experience. See below for when, where, and what these will look like:

### CHOIR:

Rehearsals Wednesdays from 7:30-8:30PM (these actually may be shortened as we emerge from this pandemic), beginning September 1 in the sanctuary. Masked and distanced of about 3 feet.

### BELLS:

Rehearsals Mondays 7-8PM, beginning September 13. Masked.

Please reach out to me with any questions, and especially if you are joining for the first time so I can be prepared for you! I hope you will join us as we proclaim God's Story through music!

Andy Bruhn

[music@glccu.org](mailto:music@glccu.org)

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

## Treasurer's Report, August 31, 2021

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Revenues	22,786.61	172,716.37
Expenses	33,030.15	242,281.92
Net	-\$ 10,243.54	-\$ 69,565.55

## Spotlight: Habitat for Humanity



Over the past 30 years, Habitat for Humanity of Champaign County has built over 115 homes with local families in need of safe, decent, and affordable housing. Each home built has been the realization of a family's dream and the foundation for transformational, generational change. Recipient families are selected based on their level of need, willingness to partner with Habitat, and ability to repay a zero percent interest mortgage. These are families whose incomes don't allow room for a conventional down payment and an interest-bearing mortgage. Habitat homebuyers and community members work on the building projects together, creating a sense of empowerment and accomplishment. Volunteers provide the labor on the build sites and assist in the ReStore, where used household goods, appliances, electronics, and home improvement items are sold to the community at convenient prices.

The 2021 Faith Build, sponsored by Thrivent Financial, will begin this month. This building project requires extra considerations, planning, and funding for this year's recipient family due to a physical disability of one of the parents. Grace has been an active participant in Habitat for Humanity of Champaign County for many years, providing donations, labor, and meals. The Social Ministry Committee will be donating \$1,000 from our congregation to support this current building project. If you would like to become involved in this service project you can contact: Kim Gollings at [kgollings@cuhabitat.org](mailto:kgollings@cuhabitat.org) to work at the build site on September 23rd, September 24th, November 6th, or November 13th. Additional donations can be mailed to Habitat for Humanity of Champaign County, 119 E. University Ave. Champaign, IL 61820. Checks can be made out to Habitat for Humanity of Champaign County with memo: 2021 Faith Build. Donations, information, and volunteering opportunities can also be made online at: [Habitat For Humanity of Champaign County – Building Futures \(cuhabitat.org\)](https://www.cuhabitat.org).

## Adult Sunday School Returns Sept. 19

Join next Sunday at 10:45 as we discuss chapter 12 in the book *Practicing Our Faith: A Way of Life for a Searching People*. Watch for further details in next week's GraceNotes.

## 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!

## Daily Bread Yoga Announcements

Daily Bread Yoga is still on ZOOM! Go to [www.dailybreadyoga.life](http://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](mailto: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!

	Worship Support - September			
Worship Support	<u>September 12</u>	<u>September 19</u>	<u>September 26</u>	<u>October 3</u>
<b>Assisting Minister 9:30AM</b>	Helen Repp	Claire Vail		
<b>Reader 9:30AM</b>	Tina Fehrenbacher			
<b>Deacon 9:30AM</b>	Van Bowersox	Art Traugott	Steve Blanke	Gail Hug
<b>Greeters:</b>	Tina Fehrenbacher	Dennis & Allison Archer	Joe Meyer & Erika Bilger & family	Wally & Sally Duchow
<b>Offertory</b>	Church Choir			
<b>Piece Name</b>	Christ is Made the Sure Foundation arr. Dale Wood			
<b>Video Technician</b>	Dave Brown	Ruben Vipinraj	Michael Miller	
<b>Flowers:</b>	Jim and Ruth Anderson	No Flowers		
<b>Reason for Flowers:</b>	To the Glory of God			No Flowers

### 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](mailto: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 continue to go [GraceLife@glccu.org](mailto:GraceLife@glccu.org) which will be monitored by Grace staff.

## This Week at Grace: September 12, 2021 – September 19, 2021

<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
<b>Sunday, September 12, 2021</b>		
Worship (Hybrid)	9:30 AM	Sanctuary & Live Stream
Caitlyn's Farewell Reception	10:30AM	Fellowship Hall
Women's AA	12:30 PM	Hoffmeister Room
Taizé Rehearsal	3:00PM	Sanctuary
Taizé Prayer	5:00 PM	Sanctuary & Live Stream
<b>Monday, September 13, 2021</b>		
Food for Seniors	10:00AM	Fellowship Hall
Hymn Selection Committee	1:00PM	Online (Zoom)
Worship & Music	2:00PM	Online (Zoom)
Bell Choir Rehearsal	7:00PM	Sanctuary
<b>Tuesday, September 14, 2021</b>		
Food for Seniors	6:00AM	Fellowship Hall
Council	7:00PM	Hoffmeister Room
<b>Wednesday, September 15, 2021</b>		
Food Pantry Truck Delivery	7:00AM	Fellowship Hall
Comrades of Arts	10:00AM	Narthex
Bulletin Deadline	5:00 PM	
Choir Practice	7:00PM	Sanctuary
<b>Thursday, September 16, 2021</b>		
Food Pantry	10:00 AM	Fellowship Hall Hoffmeister Room
Parish Life Committee	6:00PM	Online (Zoom)
<b>Sunday, September 19, 2021</b>		
Worship (Hybrid)	9:30 AM	Sanctuary & Live Stream
Reserved by Sue Kozlowski	12:00PM	Narthex
Women's AA	12:30 PM	Hoffmeister Room