



# Grace Notes

September 19, 2021

Grace Lutheran Church, Champaign Illinois / [www.glccu.org](http://www.glccu.org)

Web Edition

## Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

### Sunday School

Because of the pandemic we are putting in-person Sunday School on hold for now. Plans are in the works for a multigenerational curriculum with online and take-home components. Stay tuned for details. **Adult Sunday School** resumes this Sunday via Zoom at 10:45 using the Grace Meeting link. We'll discuss Chapter 12 in *Practicing our Faith* this week.

### THANK YOU!!!

With your generous donations, our congregation will be able to increase our contributions to LWF (Lutheran World Relief) this year. We will be packaging and shipping 75 School Kits and 41 Personal Care Kits, and we will be increasing our contribution for shipping. Thank you for your donations of school supplies, personal care kit items, towels and monetary donations to LWF.

*The Social Ministry Committee*

### 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 if you are willing to serve.

**Guitar Service**  
**THIS SUNDAY**  
**SEPTEMBER 19 AT 9:30 AM**

### 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)

### Faith Circle Returns!

Faith Circle meets on Tuesday evening September 21<sup>st</sup> at 7PM via Zoom. The group follows the Bible study as presented in the periodical "Gather For Faith and Action," which is a publication of the Women of the ELCA (you can find more information on it online here: <https://www.gathermagazine.org/>). The scheduled lesson leader for September is Kathy Bowersox, and the hostess is Helen Repp.

### New Benches Outside On Union Street.



There is a new place to sit outside and enjoy coffee, conversation, or simply a time to speak with God. Two benches have been donated in

the memory of those that have died of Covid-19 in this time of pandemic. Members of the Property Committee and congregation have laid a paved surface where the benches can sit.

### Coffee Hour

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

## 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.

## "God's Work; Our Hands" – 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 23<sup>rd</sup>, September 24<sup>th</sup>, November 6<sup>th</sup>, or November 13<sup>th</sup>. 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 \(cuhabitat.org\)](#)

## 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.

## 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!

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

## 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.

## 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	<b>-\$ 10,243.54</b>	<b>-\$ 69,565.55</b>

	<b>Worship Support – September - October</b>			
<b>Worship Support</b>	<b><u>September 19</u></b>	<b><u>September 26</u></b>	<b><u>October 3</u></b>	<b><u>October 10</u></b>
<b>Assisting Minister 9:30AM</b>	Claire Vail			
<b>Reader 9:30AM</b>	Dennis Archer	Chet Alwes	Erika Bilger	Steve Blanke
<b>Deacon 9:30AM</b>	Art Traugott	Steve Blanke	Gail Hug	Susan Monte
<b>Greeters:</b>	Dennis & Allison Archer	Joe Meyer & Erika Bilger & family	Wally & Sally Duchow	Jim & Jo Fleming
<b>Offertory</b>				
<b>Piece Name</b>				
<b>Video Technician</b>	Ruben Vipinraj	Michael Miller	Andy Bruhn	Dave Brown
<b>Flowers:</b>	No Flowers	Bill and Grace Schoedel	No Flowers	Sydney Bianchini
<b>Reason for Flowers:</b>		To the Glory of God		To the Glory of God

## This Week at Grace: September 19, 2021 – September 26, 2021

<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
<b>Sunday, September 19, 2021</b>		
Worship (Hybrid)	9:30 AM	Sanctuary & Live Stream
Adult Sunday School	10:30AM	In-person & Online
Reserved by Sue Kozlowski	12:00AM	Narthex
Women's AA	12:30 PM	Hoffmeister Room
<b>Monday, September 20, 2021</b>		
Newsletter Copy Deadline		
Property Committee	5:30PM	Online (Zoom)
Bell Choir Rehearsal	7:00PM	Sanctuary
<b>Tuesday, September 21, 2021</b>		
Faith Circle	7:00PM	Online (Zoom)
<b>Wednesday, September 22, 2021</b>		
Bulletin Deadline	5:00 PM	
Choir Practice	7:30PM	Sanctuary
<b>Thursday, September 23, 2021</b>		
Food Pantry	10:00 AM	Fellowship Hall Hoffmeister Room
<b>Friday, September 24, 2021</b>		
Stitch & Craft	7:00PM	Narthex
<b>Sunday, September 26, 2021</b>		
<i>World Hunger Sunday</i>		
Worship (Hybrid)	9:30 AM	Sanctuary & Live Stream
Women's AA	12:30 PM	Hoffmeister Room