



Grace Notes

October 10, 2021

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Web Edition

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Livestreaming Help Needed

Anyone interested in being one of our live streamers, please let Dave Brown know (or Michael, Ruben or Andy). Now that our services have become hybrid, the process for the live stream has been quite simplified. You could observe a Sunday, and then let us know if that is something you would like to do for our church community. Our four live streamers have been very faithful for over a year now; we could use another one or two. A live streamer is usually scheduled once a month for a Sunday morning, with an occasional special service (Christmas Eve, funeral, Advent/Lenten services). Thanks for considering this!

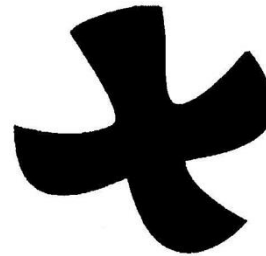
Sunday School

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** continues today via. Zoom or in-person (masked) at 10:45 using the Grace Meeting link. We'll discuss Chapter 14 in *Practicing our Faith* this week: "Practicing a Way of Life."

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.

Taizé Prayer This Sunday



Our second-Sunday Taizé Prayer services is on this coming Sunday October 10. 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.

New Mobile Giving App



As of the end of the year, the Give Plus app will no longer work to make mobile contributions to Grace. Please download the "Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement" app from the Apple App store or the Google Play store. Your old Give Plus login information should work for the new app. Please report any problems using the app to office@glccu.org.

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

Update from St. Andrew's:

Help needed with Wednesday night meals for the campus ministry

Greetings in Christ, everyone!

Thank you, cooks of our Wed night meals at St. Andrew's! We are so grateful for your time and efforts, and this support is a great blessing to our ministry. **This fall, we have leaned fairly heavily on only a couple of sources for these meals, and we would love to spread the work out a bit, so this burden is shared among a bigger group of folks.** If you've not provided a meal or signed up to provide for one, and if you're able, might you prayerfully consider doing so? If you're unable, might you bring word back to your congregation that we are in need of this support to see if there are others who would have the time and willingness? **It looks like we still need a meal on Wednesday, October 13, one week from tomorrow.** The next open spots start in November. You can sign up at this link: <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/4wmkg5>

We will be happy to reimburse the cost of ingredients if you provide receipts. You can just drop a meal off, or you are more than welcome to stay here and eat with us, and/or attend the activities that follow (either contemplative worship, a service project, more fellowship, or some kind of study or discussion). Our students enjoy getting to know people from our area churches.

This is one of the foundational programs of our week at St. Andrew's, and your help helps us feed students in more ways than just the physical!

Peace and blessings, Pr Amy

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.

"God's Work; Our Hands"

For over forty years, the Refugee Center has been providing services essential to refugee and immigrant resettlement in East Central Illinois and aiding in the



exchange and preservation of other cultures. The Refugee Center assists all immigrants, political asylees, and refugees, regardless of their religion or country of origin. It helps those new to our community to settle and acclimate to our American culture. It provides three main areas of assistance to those relocating to our area:

1. It helps with Social Services by advising on available community services, providing family health education, and tutoring and socializing opportunities to help children prepare for school.
2. It helps with Mediation Services by helping with appointments and situations that may require an interpreter.
3. It helps with Language Assistance by helping with paperwork and translations.

Grace Lutheran is an annual contributor to this organization in our community. This fall, the Social Ministry Committee, on behalf of the congregation, has contributed \$1,000 to The Refugee Center. Volunteers are an integral part of the work at The Refugee Center. Volunteers may be involved with translating, interpreting, tutoring, teaching, and planning events. If you would like to be involved in this organization, you can get more information at www.therefugeecenter-cu.org. You can also make donations at this website or mail a check to The Refugee Center, 201 W. Kenyon Road Suite 4D, Champaign, IL 61820.

The Refugee Center is anticipating five to ten Afghan families immigrating to our community within the next three months. The Social Ministry Committee will post updates on special events and other opportunities to help The Refugee Center.

Birthday/Anniversary Card Stamping



A Birthday/Anniversary Card Stamping Session will be held in the church narthex on Monday, November 15th from 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM. All

participants will be asked to wear masks and socially distance as we work together to create beautiful greeting cards with the help of Meg Loven, who generously contributes her expertise and materials. Anyone interested with helping are invited. For questions or concerns, please contact Kathy Bowersox.

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!



Treasurer’s Report, September 30, 2021

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Revenues	35,386.28	208,105.55
Expenses	31,221.54	273,700.46
Net	\$ 4,164.74	-\$ 65,594.91

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 continue to go GraceLife@glccu.org which will be monitored by Grace staff.

	Worship Support –October			
Worship Support	<u>October 10</u>	<u>October 17</u>	<u>October 24</u>	<u>October 31</u>
Assisting Minister 9:30AM	Helen Repp	Claire Vail		Helen Repp
Reader 9:30AM	Steve Blanke	Kathy Eckstein	Cindy Grigorescu	Nanette Groskreutz
Deacon 9:30AM	Susan Monte	Nancy Marshall	Jim Anderson	Kathy Bowersox
Greeters:	Jim & Jo Fleming	George & Bev Kieffer	Sue & Michelle Kozlowski	Dave & Carol Larson
Video Technician	Dave Brown	Ruben Vipinraj	Michael Miller	Dave Brown
Flowers:	Sydney Bianchini	Brian and Gloria Rainer		
Reason for Flowers:	To the Glory of God	In memory of our nephew and godson, Brent Mathison	No Flowers	Bill and Grace Schoedel

This Week at Grace: October 10, 2021 – October 17, 2021

<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sunday, October 10, 2021		
<i>Grace Food Pantry Sunday</i>		
Worship (Hybrid)	9:30 AM	Sanctuary & Live Stream
Adult Sunday School	10:30 AM	Hoffmeister Room or Zoom
Confirmation Class	11:00 AM	Google Meet
Women's AA	12:30 PM	Hoffmeister Room
Taizé Rehearsal	3:00 PM	Sanctuary
Taizé Prayer Service	5:00 PM	Sanctuary
Monday, October 11, 2021		
Food for Seniors	10:00 AM	Fellowship Hall
Bell Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM	Via Zoom
Tuesday, October 12, 2021		
Food for Seniors	6:00 AM	Fellowship Hall
Council	7:00 PM	Via Zoom
Wednesday, October 13, 2021		
Bulletin Deadline	5:00 PM	
Choir Practice	7:30 PM	Sanctuary
Thursday, October 14, 2021		
Food Pantry	10:00 AM	Fellowship Hall Hoffmeister Room
Hymn Selection Committee	10:00AM	Zoom
Worship & Music	11:00AM	Zoom
Sunday, October 17, 2021		
Worship (Hybrid)	9:30 AM	Sanctuary & Live Stream
Adult Sunday School	10:45 AM	Hoffmeister Room or Zoom
Confirmation Class	11:00 AM	Google Meet
Women's AA	12:30 PM	Hoffmeister Room