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### FROM THE PASTOR:

Google “Millennials” and you’ll find a host of articles about the characteristics of this demographic—folks born between 1980 and the early 2000’s. This age group is the one most congregations want to bring in to membership. To be brutally honest, this is

mainly because Millennials are most likely out of school and earning an income, and of an age to start producing kids for the Sunday School program.

One truth about Millennials is that they are categorically sick of being categorized. (See what I did there?) But as you read all the articles about Millennials, you’ll find one characteristic that appears almost everywhere—and which my own personal Millennials will attest to as truth. Millennials don’t trust the institutions that have long been regarded as “the pillars of society.” Whether it’s government, political parties, banks, corporations, media, organized labor, the police, healthcare/insurance systems—or religion. Millennials as a group have very little interest in joining or belonging to established institutions because they simply don’t trust them. Which is why so many mainline churches fail so completely in reaching out to Millennials—we keep wanting them to come “join us.” (This may be exacerbated by the painful truth that churches too often want Millennials to join so they can help carry the financial burden of keeping the institution going for a few more years. Millennials, not being categorically stupid, usually pick up on this quite quickly.)

There are some other characteristics that are pretty common to Millennials—and which I’ve never heard a young person in that age range quibble with. Millennials tend to care about community more than wealth/status. (And by community, I mean community where people can be their true and authentic selves—not community where you look good to impress others with how well you’re doing.)

And while Millennials are extremely reluctant to affiliate with an institution, they are *very* ready to affiliate with a *cause*. This group evinces a strong desire to make the world a better place, and a sense of personal responsibility for being part of making that happen. Far from being selfish and narcissistic, Millennials in general act on an understanding that working for the “bigger causes” is an integral part of daily life.

So, Beloved, think on that a bit. Many congregations have written this group off in their outreach efforts. But this demographic is the largest in our population—or will be in 2019, when Millennials *will surpass Boomers* with estimated numbers of 73 million people.

Shall we try to keep our institution going by reaching out to people who don’t trust, much less care about, institutions?

Or, more realistically, and in keeping with our actual calling from Jesus, shall we be clear about the *cause* of our being here? How should we manifest a Gospel that is transformative in ways people can actually see and be part of? How can we be a Reforming Church for this day?

*Pastor Melody*

# GRACE TO YOU

*Proclaim, Build, and Serve*



## "DINNER CHURCH" OCTOBER 14, 10:15AM

Faithful in God's...  
**CALLING**

### Where is God Calling Grace?

There will be one service on this date as Grace worships in the Gym on Sunday, October 14th to explore the question, "Where is God Calling Grace?" We will use the discussion time during the meal to explore the idea of new ministry opportunities, and thoughtful, prayerful contemplation of where God is calling Grace to be in ministry for the future.

### MUSIC FOR THE LESSONS & CAROLS SERVICE

Any students that would like to present an instrumental solo or duet are invited to share their talents during our Lessons & Carols Service on December 6th during the 10:15am Service. Please let Becky Ficarella know if you are interested!

### COMING UP IN THE ADULT FORUM IN OCTOBER

#### 10/7 - Intergenerational Event!

#### 10/14 – Dinner Church (no Faith Formation classes)

Ever wondered why we bother identifying as Lutheran? Does it really make any difference?

**Beginning October 21** we will take a look at some of the things that Lutherans bring to the faith mix. This is a great series for people considering Grace as a faith home. (Read: You can count this as your New Member classes!) It's also a great exploration for everyone who has been here for a while but never had a chance to talk about this stuff. There will be lots of questions and great conversation!

#### 10/21 – What is a Lutheran, anyway?

Hint: We've moved way beyond the old, 1950's-inspired "How we don't agree with the Catholics!" There is some very powerful, hope-driven theology in our teaching that goes far beyond "Baptism as Fire Insurance." You probably want to know this about yourself!

#### 10/28 – What do we believe in the Bible?

"Is the Bible true or not?" This one is complicated—even for people who have explored this before. Come back in for another conversation about how scripture has authority—and how it gets misused.

### HELP NEEDED FOR PADS THIS YEAR!

We would like **you** to be a part of the PADS community to help the homeless. This only requires a couple hours of volunteering the evening of the first Thursday or morning of the first Friday of the months between September and May at First Presbyterian on Main street in Glen Ellyn. We have four types of shift that you can volunteer for. This volunteer time is especially useful for kids or for adults needing community service hours.

You can volunteer for our Dinner shift to set-up, serve, and clean up between 6pm to 10pm. If you are a night owl we have a 10pm to 2am shift or 2am to 5am shift. These generally quiet shifts consist of being there to provide any assistance or making sandwiches for the guests that they will receive in the morning when they leave.

If you are an early bird the 5am to 7am shift includes setting-up and making breakfast, serving breakfast, and cleaning up. This is a difficult shift to find volunteers for and we would really appreciate you spreading the word.

If you do not have time to volunteer for any of these shifts you can always cook or buy drinks and foods. We assign a type of food that may be for dinner, breakfast, or lunch and you can request if you want to cook or just buy something.

Any little bit of time can help our church sustain our contribution to this program.

For questions or sign up please contact the appropriate person below:

About shifts please contact Joe Jacobo by phone, 630-740-4527, or email at [jl1jacobo@yahoo.com](mailto:jl1jacobo@yahoo.com).

About food please contact Donna Jacobo by phone, 630-740-4542 or 630-790-1612, or email at [donnahjacobo@yahoo.com](mailto:donnahjacobo@yahoo.com).

#### James 2: 14-17

<sup>14</sup>What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? <sup>15</sup>If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, <sup>16</sup>and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that?

<sup>17</sup>So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

## FAMILY MINISTRY PAGE

### SUNDAY MORNING FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE

**Spark (Preschool-K), Shine 1&2(1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grades):** 9:15-9:45am Class Meets, 9:45am-10:00am Music in the Gathering Room with Mrs. Drager\*

\*Please note that students must be picked up at 10:00am in the Gathering Room or they will be brought to the Quiet Play Area at the back of the Sanctuary.

**Ignite Confirmation (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grades):** Class meets 9:15-10:00am in the Ignite Room

**Fusion High School:** Study meets in the Fusion Lounge 9:15-10:00am.

There will be no Faith Formation classes on October 7<sup>th</sup> or October 14<sup>th</sup>.

We will see you in class on October 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>!



### SPECIAL MUSIC PRESENTATION OCTOBER 28<sup>TH</sup>, 10:15AM SERVICE

Spark and Shine 1 will present music at the very beginning of 10:15am Service. Spark 2 students are welcome to serve as helpers to the younger children during this music time.

### IGNITE CONFIRMATION WEDNESDAY NIGHTS IN OCTOBER

Ignite Confirmation will meet from 6:00-7:30pm on October 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>. See you in the Narthex!

### NEW GLC FUSION HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY POP UP!

We would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to Dominic LoGalbo for the creation of this new ministry.

What is it?

A Pop Up Opportunity to meet in a student's home, at Starbucks, Grace; wherever our students happen to be. Dominic will be reaching out to High School family's to look for a place to host a 45 minute Bible Study as it works that particular week with a student's schedule. If even only two students can attend, it is still worth our time to gather and keep focused on our faith in the midst of our week. Friends are definitely welcome as always.

Be on the lookout for an email invitation each week from Dominic. Come join for a moment of reflection and faith.

### ALL AGES BARN DANCE OCTOBER 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2:00-3:30PM

Come join in the fun of the Barn Dance, featuring live music and a caller in the gym. This is a great event for all ages to participate. Dance or just sit and enjoy the music; either way you will be sure to leave with a smile on your face!

### WOMEN OF GRACE

Women of Grace will meet on Thursday, October 25th from 7:00-9:00pm at Reserve 22 in Glen Ellyn. Come gather with women from Grace Lutheran Church for snacks and refreshments. Friends are always welcome!

### UPCOMING SERVICE PROJECTS

**PADS Service Project: October 7<sup>th</sup> 9:00-10:00am in the Narthex**

Grace received a donation of 100 hard cases that are going to be donated to PADS. They still have the company's logo on them, so we need to remove these before donation. Please plan to come join us in this removal on October 7<sup>th</sup>. Younger hands are invited to create uplifting cards to place into the cases for the PADS clients. Please let Becky Ficarella know if you have any questions.

### NOVEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> IS "UNDIE SUNDAY"

Grace will be hosting an undergarment drive for DuPage PADS clients during Services on November 11<sup>th</sup>. All sizes of men's and women's undergarments, especially sports bras are desperately needed. Please consider bringing items to help our neighbors in need.

### THE BOOK FAIR

Adult & Children's Book Fair will begin September 30<sup>th</sup> and run through October 28<sup>th</sup> in the Narthex of Grace. We will place the order by November 2<sup>nd</sup> to ensure delivery for the Advent Season. Please see Becky Ficarella with any questions.

With thanks! Becky Ficarella

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**“SERVING GOD IN WORSHIP TODAY”**

**Worship Assistants:** *It takes almost 20 volunteer lay ministers to make worship happen every single Sunday.*

Every worship service at Grace relies on many people to run smoothly. Did you know it takes around **20 volunteer lay ministers** to make worship happen every single Sunday? (And that's *not* counting the musicians and choirs!)

And remember--the pastor doesn't make worship happen. **The worshippers do.** All of the roles in worship--lector, communion server, greeter, altar care, usher, whatever--are worship in themselves. Our worship is strongest when we share this leadership. You don't have to have special gifts for any of these roles. If you aren't sure what to do but are interested, let us know! We'll make sure you have a mentor to guide you and work with you till you're comfortable.

And there are no age restrictions. If you can lift the cross, you can be an acolyte. If your six-year-old wants to be an usher, then sign up and let them serve with you. (You can let us know on the sign up sheet so we can include them in the list of worship assistants for the day.)

Best of all? You can schedule yourself! By going to the bulletin board in the Fellowship Room on the Worship Assistants schedule you can coordinate schedules, so your family or your friends serve together. (This is a *lot* of fun!)

Helping lead the worship of the people is a wonderful way to gain a deeper experience, and a tremendous gift to the entire community. Thank you for helping make our worship deep and rich!



**WEEKLY BUILDING USAGE**

Sunday	8:00 & 10:30am	Grace Lutheran Worship
Sunday	9:15am	Faith Formation - All Ages
Sunday	5:00-6:00pm	Support Group (WOW)
Mon-Fri	9:00-1:00pm	Senior Service Center
3rd Monday	9:00-11:00pm	Food Pantry Board of Directors
Monday	11:00-12:30pm	Sr. Center Exercise Class
Monday	1:00-3:00pm	Food Pantry for Clients
Monday	4:15-8:15pm	Bright Lights Theatre
Monday	5:30-8:30pm	Thistle & Heather Highland
2nd Monday	6:00pm	Finance Ministry
3rd Monday	7:00pm	Grace Church Council
Monday	7:00pm	Bible Study
Tuesday	1:00-3:00pm	Wooly Knitters
Tuesday	6:15pm	Grace Yoga with Becky (Narthex)
1st Tuesday	9:30am	Social Ministry
1st Tuesday	11:00-12:30pm	Sr. Center Exercise Class
2nd Tuesday	11:00-12:30pm	Sr. Center Exercise Class
3rd Tuesday	10:00-Noon	Sr. Center Book Club
4th Tuesday	11:00-12:30pm	Sr. Center Exercise Class
Tuesday	1-3pm & 5-7pm	Food Pantry for Clients
Tuesday	3:00-7:00pm	Parish Counselor
Tuesday	6:00-7:30pm	Pill Bottle Project
1st Tuesday	7:00pm	Property Ministry
Wednesday	7:30-8:30am	Bible Study
3rd Wednesday	11:15am	Faith & Friendship
4th Wed.	10:00-Noon	Sr. Center Movie
Wednesday	1:00-3:00pm	Food Pantry for Clients
Wednesday	1:00-7:00pm	Parish Counselor
Wednesday	8:00-10:00pm	Support Group (WOW)
4th Thursday	7:00pm	Women of Grace (offsite)
Thursday	1:00-3:00pm	Food Pantry for Clients
Thursday	1:00-7:00pm	Parish Counselor
Thursday	4:15-8:15pm	Bright Lights Theatre
Friday	6:30-7:45pm	Support Group (WOW)
Saturday	8:30-11:00am	Sunflower Dancers
Saturday	9:00-1:00pm	Slancholedi Language School

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**ARTICLE SUBMISSION SCHEDULE**

Submit articles and photos to the church office at [info@graceglenellyn.org](mailto:info@graceglenellyn.org).

**November Issue Due October 3**  
**December Issue Due November 7**

**NOSES AND NUMBERS**

DATE	ATTENDANCE 8AM	OFFERING
8/5	71	\$ 6,996
8/12	83	\$ 7,826
8/19	88	\$ 5,162
8/26	90	\$ 2,331

You can make a difference in closing our Grace budget shortfall. Please make sure you are current on your giving and thank you for your continuing generosity. Any questions or concerns please contact me. Thank you. Council Treasurer, Joe Jacobo

## GRACE YOGA WITH BECKY! TUESDAYS 6:15-7:15PM



Do you need to unwind from the hectic pace of life? Looking for a way to stretch and build muscular strength? Searching for a yoga class that offers a biblical view?

**Grace Yoga with Becky** will begin on **Tuesday, October 2nd from 6:15-7:15pm**

in the Narthex. This six-week session will run from October 2nd-November 6th, with a cost of \$8 per class when purchased in a six-week bundle. Walk-in's are welcome at \$10 per session. Please reach out to Becky Ficarella with questions and more details.

## WOMEN OF GRACE

**Thursday, September 27 and October 25  
at 7:00pm**

**Women of Grace** is a monthly evening gathering open to all women of Grace Lutheran Church. We meet at **Reserve 22** (Village Links Golf Course) in Glen Ellyn for drinks, appetizers, and/or dinner! Join us!!



## FAITH AND FRIENDSHIP

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17 AT 11:15AM**



Join us for our monthly **Faith and Friendship Luncheon**. Everyone of any age is welcome to join us for good food and good fellowship. We gather in the narthex for lunch and various activities. Come join us!!

## FAMILY BARN DANCE OCTOBER 21, 2-3:30PM

Put on your dancing shoes and join us for more barn dancing fun. All ages are welcome.

The barn dance will not be held in November or December but will return January, 2019!



**AVELINA SANTIAGO** sends a heartfelt thank you to everyone for their prayers, visits, phone calls, and cards during her recuperation following her car accident. She feels great and is happy to be back at Grace.

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## Every Member: Minister & Missionary!

Melody Eastman, Pastor

Bradford Thompson, Minister of Music

Barbara Sudds, Office Manager

Becky Ficarella, Ministry Associate

Carole LoGalbo, M.S., LCPC Parish Counselor

## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:30am - 3:00pm

Tuesday and Thursday 1:00-3:00pm

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Dolores Nosal, Rich Davison, Dorothy Tracy, Farrel Benefield, Marty Friend, Joan Rosland, Anne Marie Keenan, Aimee Gerhardt, Cindy Carlson, Zachary Gallian for healing and strength.



Family of long-time member Florence Kracke who passed away on September 4th.

## Prayers for our Homebound Member:

Anita Blakemore

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