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### FROM THE PASTOR:

**“What does this mean?”** is a question that should be very familiar to anyone who completed Confirmation back in the days when that meant memorizing and reciting Luther’s explanations to the Creed, the Lord’s Prayer and the Ten Commandments. The question popped back up for many of us when we heard that the Glen Ellyn Food Pantry was exploring an opportunity to develop a new site.

**What does this mean?** Just like for Luther, the answer to that begins with familiar words: “We are to fear and love God, so that...” Whether we’re asking, “What does this mean for our mission?” or “What does this mean for our budget?” or “What does this mean for our future?” the answer will still begin with, “We are to fear and love God.”

**We are to fear and love God** so that we rejoice with the Food Pantry in this opportunity, *if* it all comes to pass. (Which it might not.) The fact that they even need to consider a move means that their mission has grown steadily, and that is an amazing gift!

**We are to fear and love God** so that we trust in God’s call to us and seek our next mission—so much so that the budget isn’t our concern, but the people who need God are. To put it bluntly, not worrying about ourselves, but being concerned for the people who haven’t *really heard* the Good News yet. I know—if we don’t meet our budget, we won’t be here to reach those

people. But the fact remains that *the mission brings the resources*, not the other way around. (The Food Pantry is a good example of this!) The mission comes first, and the resources will follow.

**We are to fear and love God** so that we ask not for what *we* want, but for what God wants. Not, “How can we keep going?” but “How can we be obedient?”

**We are to fear and love God** so that we throw ourselves on God in the midst of change, unfamiliar territory, risk and uncertainty—and do so laughing and dancing with the joy of new possibilities.

**We are to fear and love God** so that we are delighted when God says to us, “I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.” (Isaiah 43:19) *Delighted!*

**We are to fear and love God** because God already has our future held lovingly and graciously in strong hands and a passionate heart. We can trust God’s love, and God’s faithfulness.

**What does this mean?** Beloved, no matter where the next years take us, if we are turned to God in heart and mind and soul, it means new possibilities, new mission, new proclamation, new commitment, new partners in our work. It means everything good.

Pastor Melody

# GRACE TO YOU

Proclaim, Build, and Serve



## COFFEE WITH COUNCIL IN SEPTEMBER

Please join the Council members for coffee and discussion on September 16, 23 and 30th at 9:15 am in the Fellowship Room to discuss opportunities to expand the mission outreach for our congregation. We will review where we have been, where we are now and where we should focus our future efforts. These three sessions will help prepare us for a fall 'Dinner Church' up in the gym on October 14, where we will discuss the future of Grace's outreach ministry. Please join us with your ideas!

## HELP WANTED! PART TIME! NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED!

Grace is looking for a third member for our **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**. We currently have Robert Dieter and Sue Pagnoni serving. One member rotates off each year, and you do not serve for more than three years. If you are member "who knows others" you would be perfect! Please notify the church office or contact a council member to offer your services to serve!

## WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We would like to extend an invitation to all interested members to join the **WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS** ministry. If you would like to help serve communion or be a Lector at either service this fall please contact Susan Jacobson at [susan.lb.jacobson@gmail.com](mailto:susan.lb.jacobson@gmail.com); contact Mark Drager at [mdd4loans@aol.com](mailto:mdd4loans@aol.com) if you would like to be an usher; contact Cathy Milleville at [jmilleville@comcast.net](mailto:jmilleville@comcast.net) if you would like to be a welcome minister, work with altar care, or coffee hour; contact Becky Ficarella if you would like to be a crucifer. **All ages welcome for all positions!**

## GRACE'S ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC SUNDAY, AUGUST 26 AT GRACE

We will begin with worship in the sanctuary followed by the picnic in the parking lot. There will be lots of good food on the grill, a jumpy house for the kids, games and great fellowship for all!! Come join in the fun. Meet new friends and catch up with old friends. Look for the sign up sheet in the Narthex so we know how many to plan for.

## ARTISAN BIRDHOUSE AND FEEDER FUNDRAISER FOR THE GLEN ELLYN FOOD PANTRY

Thank you to everyone who participated in this fundraiser for the Food Pantry. They raised \$7,500 which more than doubles the amount they made last year. Thank you to Marcia Lamoureux "*The Birdhouse Lady*" for her generous contribution to the Glen Ellyn Food Pantry.



## A GLEN ELLYN FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Recently the Food Pantry received an opportunity to consider moving to a larger site in the former parsonage of Faith Lutheran, on Park Boulevard, in Glen Ellyn. This unique opportunity could allow them to develop a larger space for significantly less money than trying to build a new building and addresses several significant obstacles to their growth in their current location at Grace Lutheran. While the Board of the Food Pantry has voted to explore this possibility, neither the Food Pantry nor the congregation of Faith Lutheran Church has decided upon, or agreed to, a definite plan. They are all in a discernment process to see if this is a viable option for them. If Faith and the Food Pantry decide to move forward, the process of design, permits, building and transition would likely take around three years. But again, no final decisions have been made.

## NEW WORSHIP TIMES AT GRACE BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 9, 2018

Council met and has announced a new worship schedule for Sunday mornings. Worship will be held at 8am and 10:15am with Faith Formation meeting from 9:15am - 10:00am.

**Important Notice**

## FAMILY MINISTRY PAGE



Welcome Back to Faith Formation! We have some important events coming up in September that you won't want to miss!

### [Register for Faith Formation Year 2018-19](#)

Registration for Faith Formation ages Preschool-High School will occur on Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-10:15am in the Narthex. In addition to paper registration, we will be taking a photograph of each student to be added to our Safety Binder this year. The Safety Binder will include emergency contacts, allergen information, and photographs to ensure all students are easily identified in case of emergency evacuation of our building. We look forward to seeing you for registration. Please reach out to Becky Ficarella with any questions.

### [Blessing of the Backpacks on Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>](#)

All students and adults are invited to bring their backpacks to Grace on Sunday September 9<sup>th</sup> for a special blessing during the service. Plan to attend the 8:00am or 10:15am Service where your backpack will be blessed and you will receive a beautiful luggage tag to remind you each day that "God's Got Your Back!"

### [Confirmation Information Night for Parents and Students on Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>](#)

Parents and middle school students are invited to join Pastor Melody and Becky Ficarella in a meeting about the Confirmation Schedule and Curriculum for the 2018-19 School Year on Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. We will meet in the Narthex area for this discussion. Please plan to bring your calendars as we will have many ministry and parent volunteer opportunities that we will need your help to fill! We look forward to seeing you there. Please let Becky Ficarella know if you have any questions.

### [Attention Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Students](#)

Grace Lutheran Church will present all incoming 6<sup>th</sup> Grade students with a Bible during both 8am & 10:15am Services on Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup>.

### [Fusion High School Pizza Party Kick Off, Sunday September 16<sup>th</sup> 11:45am-1:45pm](#)

Calling all High School students of Grace! Come join us for pizza, "bags", and discussion. Many of you like to demonstrate your faith through acts of service, so let's plan some service events for the school year that we can do together. Let Becky know if you can attend!

### [Women of Grace](#)

Women of Grace will meet at Reserve 22 on Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-9:00pm. Come join the Women of Grace Lutheran Church for fellowship, food and beverage. Friends are always welcome!

Please contact me with any questions!

With thanks! Becky Ficarella  
630-469-1555 x17  
bficarella@graceglenellyn.org

## **FELLOWSHIP ROOM BULLETIN BOARDS HAVE BEEN REDESIGNED!**

Please take a moment to familiarize yourself with the new ministry bulletin boards in the Fellowship Room. You will find many different ways to get involved with ministry at Grace. There will be a rolling six month calendar that will list upcoming events and ministry needs to sign up for. Would you like to start a new ministry or do you need space for your current ministry? Contact Becky Ficarella about creating a space to allow Grace Members to sign up!



**NEED HELP 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 [jj1jacobo@yahoo.com](mailto:jj1jacobo@yahoo.com).

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



**WEEKLY BUILDING USAGE**

Sunday	8:00 & 10:15am	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
Monday	7:15pm	Yoga Class (Lower Level)
Tuesday	1:00-3:00pm	Wooly Knitters
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).

**October Issue      Due September 5**

**NOSES AND NUMBERS**

DATE	ATTENDANCE	OFFERING
	<b>9AM</b>	
7/1	61	\$ 7,222
7/8	85	\$ 4,936
7/15	80	\$ 5,589
7/22	76	\$ 5,265
7/29	74	\$ 3,085

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

## WOMEN OF GRACE September 27 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!!

## CHOIR RESUMES IN SEPTEMBER

Hey y'all!

So here's the thing. We have some absolutely marvelous music ahead of us this Fall! Everything from Bluegrass to Blues to Gospel to Taizé to Spirituals to mind-blowingly beautiful choral music...

Practically speaking, choir/ensemble rehearsals to resume on Wednesday, September 5 at 7:00pm (though we usually begin at 7:03pm). If you can't make it on Wednesdays, that's okay! Feel free to join us at 9:45am for a brief, fun, pre-service rehearsal.

In short, I can't wait, my friends. Let's fill Grace with beautiful music this Fall, what do you say?

Get excited!  
Bradford Thompson  
Minister of Music



## FAITH AND FRIENDSHIP

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 AT 11:15AM**

We will resume our monthly **Faith and Friendship lunches** on Wednesday, September 19. All are welcome to join us for lunch, fellowship and various activities. **This month we will be packing care packages for our college students.** Please bring 12 items (candy, gum, granola bar, etc..) to put into our boxes to be mailed to our students. We gather in the narthex. Come join us!!

## FAMILY BARN DANCE RETURNS TO GRACE



Meg and Jonathan will be returning to Grace on **Sunday, September 23 from 2-3:30pm** for more barn dancing fun so put on your dancing shoes and join us! All ages welcome. October date will be Sunday the 21st from 2-3:30pm.

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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

Norma Petersen, Dolores Nosal,  
Avelina Santiago, Rich Davison, Mark  
Danly, Charles Purcell Ortmann, Noah  
Ankrom, Marty Friend, Eric Scanlon,  
Anne Marie Keenan, Aimee Gerhardt,  
Joan Rosland, Cindy Carlson for healing  
and strength.



Anniversary wishes to Paul & JoAnn Griffin 9/4 (58);  
Bob & Darlene Clauss 9/7 (61); Ray & Bette Dieter  
9/29 (57).

**Prayers for our Homebound Member:**

Florence Kracke - at Laurels Peak in Mankato, MN

## CHURCH PICNIC SUNDAY, AUGUST 26



Picnic in the parking lot following worship. All are invited, bring a friend. Look for sign up sheet in the narthex so we know how many to plan for.