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### FROM THE PASTOR

A few weeks ago Marty and I watched *A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood* for the first time.

That's the movie based on a reporter's relationship with Fred Rogers, of *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood* fame. Mostly based on fact, slightly fictionalized, absolutely wonderful.

At one point I realized that I was smiling. Like, really smiling broadly. I looked at Marty, and he was smiling too. We weren't laughing at anything. We were just *smiling* because the movie was making us feel so *good*. When the movie was over, I immediately looked up the real-life reporter (Tom Junod) and the feature article he wrote about Fred Rogers ("Can you say...Hero?"), and I read that too. Still smiling.

You may know that Fred Rogers was a man of deep faith. You may also know that he was an ordained Presbyterian minister who maintained his status as a minister throughout his life; he saw his work on behalf of children through television as a calling.

One of the most profound impacts of this man was the incredible sense of *peacefulness* he radiated. Sometimes he was so peaceful it made people... twitchy. Not everyone knew how to react to someone who was constantly so centered. But even if people didn't understand it, his presence ultimately reassured the people around him. It wasn't a front. His kindness and genuineness didn't get turned off when the cameras did (as we hear too often of celebrities

we have admired without knowing what they are really like). Mr. Rogers was every bit as kind and compassionate and filled with love as he appeared.

And although he didn't talk about it on his program, that kindness and compassion and love came from God. Every day, Fred Rogers took time to center himself in that love from God, and it showed. Every day, he took time to pray for people. Every day, he took time to care for his own body and soul. And then he went out into the world and before the cameras and he created peace.

It has been a weary and stressful couple of years. But there is always peace and hope and compassion to be found. As people of Jesus, we find it in his promise. But it's easier to find if we make sure to leave space in our lives for that promise. This month, as we continue with questions about Covid and politics and war and the economy, try to find time to center yourself in joy. In love. In compassion. In God. If you need a little help or inspiration, look up Mr. Junod's article about Mr. Rogers, or find the movie on Netflix, or do both. Don't forget to look for the wonder where you are now. Don't forget that you are beautiful and strong, no matter what other people think or see. Don't forget that you are beloved.

Look for and find a little wonder, a little peace, a little beauty in yourself. And then feel free to get out there and pass it along.

*Pastor Melody*

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*Proclaim, Build, and Serve*



## SUNDAY WORSHIP AT 9AM

Join us for worship with communion followed by coffee and fellowship in the Fellowship Room.

## ZOOM WORSHIP

We will continue to offer a Zoom link for our 9am Sunday worship service for those who are continuing to participate from home. If you need a bulletin, remember you can view (on another device) or download/print a bulletin from Grace's website. Just click on *Quick Link to Worship*.

### Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89031586315>

Dial In: 1 312 626 6799

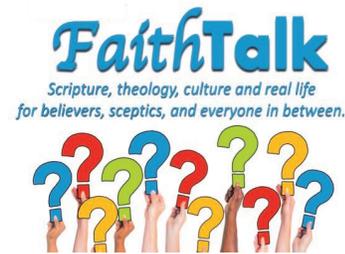
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Please remember your offerings to Grace. You can mail them to the church, have your bank mail them to the church, or contribute through our website, [www.GraceGlenEllyn.org](http://www.GraceGlenEllyn.org).

## GRACE FUTURE PLANNING

Hello Grace parishioners and friends. We have a planning group of members that are working to help guide the ministry of Grace forward as we transition from housing the Glen Ellyn Food Pantry in our building. After reviewing many options, we are focusing our efforts on finding senior care ministries that would like to partner with us to share space in our building and coordinate their services in Glen Ellyn. The agencies that we are exploring partnerships with are focused on health, aging in place, socialization, meals and support for families caring for the elderly.

We are now reaching out to the rest of the congregation to see if you have any thoughts on who would make a good ministry partner with Grace. Please feel free to contact anyone on the committee if you have contacts with any local agencies or ideas about who we should reach out to. Committee members are: Cathy Milleville, Barbara Sudds, Sue Pagnoni, Karin Slenczka, Susan Jacobson and Pastor Melody.



**THURSDAY, JUNE 2**  
**12:30-2:00PM**

*FaithTalk* is an informal, open, spirited conversation for people with questions and a desire to dig deeper into faith, the world, God, and all matters spiritual. We love new ideas and working through tough issues, and we love one another even though we think about things differently.

It's not a closed group—you are welcome to join us at any time! We meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month in the basement kitchen/group room (formerly called the Youth Room). Discussion runs from 12:30-2:00pm. If you have attended one of the Senior Center classes that ends at noon, you are welcome to bring a brown bag and eat your lunch before our "official" conversation starts.

## GRACE GIVES IS AT RAISING CANES JUNE 15<sup>TH</sup>

Come support Grace Gives with our next restaurant fundraiser at Raising Canes located at 499 Roosevelt Rd in Glen Ellyn from 4:30-7:30pm on Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>.

## DRIVERS NEEDED

We have two Grace members who need a ride to church on Sunday mornings. One from Beacon Hill in Lombard and one near President Street and Geneva Road in Wheaton. Do you think you could help out with this? Your commitment would be once every 5-6 weeks. They are so thankful to be able to come to worship.

If you think this would work for you, please call or email Cathy Milleville at [jmilleville@comcast.net](mailto:jmilleville@comcast.net).



## GRACE LUTHERAN'S CHILDREN, YOUTH, & FAMILY MINISTRY

### SUMMER PLAY GROUP BEGINS AT LAKE ELLYN PARK IN JUNE!

Join Grace members at Lake Ellyn for a play group gathering on Mondays, 9-11am. We meet up at the park and let the kids play!

Birth –Elementary age students with an adult are welcomed to join. We will meet each Monday in June except for June 20th which will be our Vacation Bible School gathering that week at Faith Lutheran Church in Glen Ellyn.



### COMMUNITY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Registration is now open for volunteers and participants.

*2022 Community VBS is a partnership of the following congregations: Grace Lutheran Church, Faith Lutheran Church, First Congregational Church Glen Ellyn, First United Methodist Church Glen Ellyn, & St. Paul Lutheran Church Wheaton*

June 20-24, 9:00am-12:00pm Monday – Friday located at Faith Lutheran Church, 41 N. Park Boulevard, Glen Ellyn. Check Grace's website to register!



### UPCOMING FAITH FORMATION CONFIRMATION 7<sup>TH</sup> & 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE THIS SUMMER

**June 2022:** Community VBS is a fun way to help others and have fun! Dates run 6/20-6/24 9:00-12:00 but there are many opportunities to help with prep before and after the event. Let Becky Ficarella know if you are interested to help!

Faith Formation will begin again in September with Wednesday night programming taking place at Faith, 7-8:30pm. More details to come later this summer!

### CHILDREN & YOUTH FAITH FORMATION TEACHERS 2022/2023 SCHOOL YEAR

Do you love helping/teaching children and youth? We would love your volunteering heart and spirit to join our Faith Formation team! We are looking for support to offer monthly and weekly faith & fellowship opportunities for our youngest toddlers, preschool/K, elementary, Middle, & High School students.

Middle School Confirmation (7 & 8 Grade) will be meeting at Faith Lutheran in September; however, we can always use the support of an adult leader for small groups on Wednesday evenings (7-8:30pm September-April with a long winter break that resumes the last week in January). Pastor Joe Yucha from Faith Lutheran Church leads this group with games and large group, and Becky Ficarella leads in small group.

Opportunities include music, crafts, small group leadership, storytelling, games, community service projects, and worship support. Let Becky Ficarella know if you would like to serve in this area. We will have opportunity to rotate offerings if a weekly commitment is not possible! The more people that can offer help, the more variety and fun we can offer our students. Please consider serving our youth this year! We begin again in late September.

Peace Be Upon You Grace Family and Friends.

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### EASTER EGG HUNT AT JACOBO WOODS



### SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE HOUR

An easy way to help out at church is to help out with Sunday Morning Coffee Hour. It involves making coffee and setting it out in the fellowship room along with coffecake cut up to serve for 45 minutes after worship. We have a few people already volunteering, so if we get a few more, the commitment would only be once every other month. If you are interested, please talk to Becky Ficarella.



### SAVE THE DATE! PROGRESSIVE DINNER! SATURDAY, JUNE 11

We are planning on restarting the Progressive Dinner on Saturday, June 11th. **We will have two options for sign up. "Appetizers Only" or "Appetizers and Dinner."** We are planning on the Appetizer House to be held outside for those who still are uncomfortable eating inside but would like to re-connect with your Grace family. Appetizers will start at 5:30pm, with dinner houses to follow at 7pm. Please sign up on the poster in the Narthex for a great evening. Questions, please call Susi Nelson at 630-297-3620.



**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Dorothy Tracy, Dolores Nosal, Norma Petersen, Brittany Huizenga, for healing and strength.

The families of Ukraine who are being displaced and separated by war.

Anniversary wishes to Chuck & Jan Miller on their 60th anniversary on 6/16 and to Tom and Elaine Roete on their 54th anniversary on 6/22.

**Prayers for our Homebound Members:**

Dolores Nosal, Carol Petersen, Norma Petersen

**WOMEN OF GRACE**



Join us for *Women of Grace* on the second Thursday of the month at 7pm for food, drinks, and fellowship. Please RSVP to Becky Ficarella if you can attend and she will make the reservation. Reserve 22 in Glen Ellyn is currently our go-to location.

**MEN OF GRACE**

*Men of Grace* meets on the third Thursday of the month at 7pm for food, drinks, and fellowship. Please contact Jeff Nelson for additional information as the location for this group changes every month.



**QUILTING MINISTRY**



This ministry meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month from 9-10am. Everyone is welcome, bring a friend!

**SR. CENTER CHAIR EXERCISE**



The exercise class meets Mondays at 10am, Tuesdays at 10am, and Thursdays at 11am. Registration is required as the number of attendees will be limited. Please contact Sue Davison at 630-858-6343 to register.

**PADS MEAL PACK AND DELIVERY**

Meet in the Sunday school classrooms at Grace on the first Tuesday of the month at 2:30pm to assist with this ministry.

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**Every Member: Minister & Missionary!**

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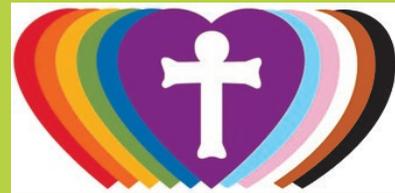
Barbara Sudds, Office Manager

Bradford Thompson, Minister of Music

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

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

Tuesday and Thursday 1:00pm - 3:00pm



**ATTENDANCE**

DATE	IN-PERSON	ZOOM
4/3	37	16
4/6 (Wed)	10	
4/10	51	19
4/14 (MT)	25	
4/15 (GF)	23	
4/17	126	27
4/24	44	19

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