

Weekly Announcements

November 5, 2017

Today at Grace

Benevolence

In our prayers this morning we remember New Moms, a grass-roots agency in Northwest Chicago which serves at-risk adolescent parents and their children.

Education hour at 9:45 a.m.

Sunday School students (grade 1–4) meet in the third-floor school commons for opening worship. Preschool and kindergarten students meet in the JK classroom on the lower level. Pre-Confirmation students meet in their classrooms. Confirmation students meet with their mentors. Teen Talk meets in the Youth Room for conversation on faith and life.

Music and the Reformation, with *Carl Schalk in the Seminar Room*. Luther's ideas continued to influence church musicians in the centuries following the Reformation—from Johann Walter, the first Lutheran cantor, to J. S. Bach.

Living Faithfully: Beer and the Reformation, with *Erika Lyle in the 7th grade/German classroom*. Guests at the *Lutherhaus*, the home of Martin and Katarina, were served home-brewed beer. Erika Lyle introduces us to this master brewer.

The **Bible study group** meets in the lower-level conference room.

In the atrium

Operation Deluge has a table in the atrium this morning. Please sign a card of encouragement for Barbara Bunjes. Donations of cards (Get Well, Thinking of You, Blank) and stamps are always appreciated.

Slovakia Mission Trip, June 28-July 7, 2018. Plans are underway for Grace Church's 2018 mission trip: teaching Vacation Bible School at the Center for Christian Education (CCE) in Martin, Slovakia. More than 55 members of Grace have served in Slovakia over the past two decades. Is this the year you'll join us? For a descriptive brochure and to ask questions, visit the display in the atrium.

Thomanerchor—the St. Thomas Boys Choir of Leipzig Concert on Monday, November 20, 7:30 p.m.

Grace Church and the Bach Cantata Vespers are hosting the Thomanerchor of Leipzig, Germany, in concert on Monday, November 20, at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. The program of sacred music includes Bach motets as well as works by Heinrich Schütz, Johann Hermann Schein, and Felix Mendelssohn.

Tickets for the concert are selling quickly. Tickets (\$12-\$45) are available online at www.ticketor.com/grace, or click on the link at GraceRiverForest.org. If you need assistance with your ticket purchase, call Grace at 708-366-6900, ext. 210.

A Jewish-Lutheran Conversation about Israel and Palestine Sunday, November 12, 7 p.m.

On Sunday, November 12, at 7 p.m., join Pastor Lyle, Rabbi Max Weiss of Oak Park Temple, Dr. Peter Pettit of Muhlenberg College, and Rabbi Yehiel Poupko for a discussion of various perspectives on the State of Israel. David Heim moderates. The program takes place in the sanctuary, with a reception afterward in the atrium. Pastor Lyle is looking forward to sharing stories from his August trip to Israel, sponsored by Interfaith Partners for Peace.

Shop and Share at Alioto's Gifts with Women @ Grace Friday, November 17, 10 a.m.–7 p.m.

Stop by Alioto's Gifts, 1118 Chicago Ave. in Oak Park, on Friday, November 17, to shop, socialize and raise money for The Night Ministry.

- All-day refreshments: snacks in the morning, sandwiches at lunchtime, wine and cheese in the afternoon.
- Wine-tasting, with quality, reasonably-priced wines available for purchase.
- Complimentary half-pound of chocolate almonds.
- Special prices on many items in the store, plus free engraving
- *AND* a special Grace Church Christmas ornament for sale.

Ten percent of all sales will be donated to The Night Ministry, which serves vulnerable youth and adults in Chicago, through street outreach, youth shelter and supportive services.

Start your Christmas shopping, support The Night Ministry, and enjoy the company of Grace friends!

Grace News

Christmas gifts for people in need

The Social Ministry Christmas Giving Tree is up in the atrium. Take a tag (or a couple) and follow the instructions for providing a gift to brighten the holidays of clients of local social service organizations. Don't wait—some items are due back as soon as November 22.

Do you know a vet who would appreciate a letter?

Students at Grace Lutheran School will be sending thank-you notes to veterans this week. If you know of a veteran or person in the military who would appreciate a letter, please send their address to kwashburn@gracriverforest.org. All we need is a name and address, but if you want to include what branch of the military or a note about them, the students really enjoy making the notes more personal.

Concert at Grace on November 12 celebrates the 50th anniversary of Berghaus Organs
Berghaus Pipe Organ Builders celebrates its 50th anniversary with a concert at Grace on Sunday, November 12, at 4 p.m. The program includes performances by Michael D. Costello, Mark Laubach, Derek E. Nickels, and Jonathan Oblander, Tonal Director at Berghaus. A champagne and punch reception follows the concert in the Grace atrium.

Cornerstones fellowship and Bible study

Cornerstones meets on November 8 in the church library. Come for treats and conversation at 10 a.m. and Bible study at 10:30.

Healthy Brain, Healthy Memory

Join memory expert Dr. Linda Sasser for an educational and entertaining presentation on how memory works, Tuesday, November 7, 1–2:30 p.m., in the church library. You will learn about age-related brain changes, lifestyle practices for maintaining and even improving brain function, and easy-to-use strategies for remembering names, information, and tasks. Seating is limited so please sign up at the reception desk in the atrium, or contact Sue Ames, Parish Nurse (708-366-6900 ext 219; sames@gracriverforest.org).

It's Turkey time again!

Once again, the sisters at Fraternité Notre Dame are making plans for their annual Thanksgiving dinner for their neighbors in the Austin area. They are in need of at least 100 turkeys and 50 pies in order to serve the hundreds of folks who come for dinner. They are so grateful for our steadfast support over the years and would appreciate whatever you are able to contribute. Donate money (and Sue Foran will do the shopping) or the actual turkey (frozen or fresh) or pumpkin pies. Please bring the items to church on Sunday, Nov. 19, or contact Sue to make arrangements for drop-off or pick-up. Please make checks payable to Sue Foran (708-267-1620; sforan4@comcast.net).

Shabbat service at West Suburban Temple with the Grace School 3-4 choir

All are welcome to attend the Shabbat Evening Service at West Suburban Temple Har Zion, 1040 North Harlem Ave., on Friday, November 17, at 6:30 p.m. The Grace School 3rd and 4th grade choir will sing with children from the Temple for the service. Rabbi Adir Glick will present an informal pre-service talk on the highlights of Shabbat at 6:15 p.m. For more information, contact Janel Dennen at jdennen@graceriverforest.org.

Information for families about the Children's Christmas Eve services

Information about participating in the Children's Christmas Eve services has been emailed to parents of children in grades 1–8 who do not attend Grace School and who are registered for Sunday School and Confirmation. If you did not receive the email or have questions, please contact Janel Dennen (jdennen@graceriverforest.org; 708-366-6900 ext. 247). The information, along with the link to an online reply form, is posted at GraceRiverForest.org > Resources > Children's Christmas Eve Service information. The first rehearsal for children in grades 5-8 singing in the choir is next Sunday evening, November 12, 7–8 p.m.

Yoga

The Thursday evening yoga class will not meet on November 9. Class will meet on November 16 and 30 and December 7 and 14.

Want to know more about the new Grace kitchen?

Come to a wine and cheese gathering on Tuesday, November 7, 7 p.m. in the Seminar Room, hosted by Women@Grace. Jeff Cribbs will talk about the plans for the new Grace kitchen.

Harmony Anniversary Gala on November 10

Harmony Community Church will celebrate its 25th Anniversary with a gala dinner on Friday evening, November 10. Proceeds support new seating and flooring for youth programs at Harmony. The suggested donation is \$75. If you are not able to attend, consider sponsoring a member of Harmony. You can donate online at www.hcc1908.org or mail your donation to Harmony Community Church, 1908 S. Millard, Chicago 60623. If you have an item to donate to the auction, contact Sue Foran (sforan4@comcast.net or 708-267-1620).

Family Fun Friday November 17, 6-8 p.m.

- Pizza supper, crafts and open gym. Create a dream-catcher!
- For families with children in kindergarten–6th grade.
- Free will offering (suggested donation: \$5/person or \$20/family).
- Click on the link at GraceRiverForest.org to register by midnight on Nov. 16.