



We, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. *Romans 12:5*

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Our mission at Grace Lutheran Church and School is to bring in, build up, and send out disciples for Jesus Christ. Our school prepares children for a life of discipleship by helping them to grow in faith, knowledge, and character.

On Wednesday next week, we begin the liturgical season of Lent with our celebration of Ash Wednesday. At chapel next week, students will have the opportunity to receive the imposition of ashes either on their forehead or on the back of their hand. This is not a requirement, students may pass on this practice. It may be worth talking with your student in advance so that they understand what is coming. Parents are welcome to join us at chapel on Ash Wednesday, and any other chapel service throughout the school year.

Grace Church holds services at 7:00pm on Wednesday evenings throughout the season of Lent. All are welcome to join us for this service AND a meal that precedes it in Fellowship Hall from 6:00-6:45. Preparing and eating a meal and then getting to church by 7:00 can be a challenge. Please join us as you are able for this food, fellowship, and worship opportunity on Wednesday evenings.

Grace Church is also taking time during Lent to read, reflect, and discuss the issue of systemic racism within our society. You should have received an email yesterday inviting you to join us in this study. More details can be found in that email or on our website.

Bill Koehne, Principal

February 24, 2017

Week of February 25-March 3

Sunday	Church Services 8:30 and 11:00 am, 1 st & 2 nd gr. choir sing at 8:30 service Sunday School and Confirmation classes at 9:45 am
Monday	
Tuesday	Graduation pictures
Wednesday	Ash Wednesday chapel service with communion, 8:30 am Early dismissal, 2:15 pm
Thursday	No before school orchestra or lessons Jr. & Sr. Kindergarten field trip to Dominican Univ. 4 th & 5 th gr. field trip to Oak Park River Forest High School
Friday	No before school orchestra or lessons First day for after school Bug Class, 11:30-12:15

A Graceful Evening- Please mark your calendars and sign up to attend [A Graceful Evening!](#) We will be keeping you abreast of incoming auction items, upcoming events, and details pertinent to the event on the [A Graceful Evening Facebook page](#). Please follow us!

Chili Cook Off / Family Fun Night, March 10, 6-9pm- Come kick off Lutheran Schools Week (March 13-17) and join us for our 4th Annual All-School Chili Cook-Off. This year we are combining this event with Grace church's ever popular Family Fun Friday! Sign up [HERE](#) to bring your favorite chili! Or, for those with culinary challenges, sign up to bring bread, sides, dessert or beverages. Prizes will be awarded for the best chilies!

After dinner, Family Fun Friday activities (all ages) will commence with making your own bird houses and open gym play time. Younger kids, ages 3-5, will have supervised activities in the Extended Day Care room. (Supervision provided by the Grace Church Slovakia Mission Team. Please help support their mission trip through a freewill offering.)

Hope to see y'all there! (Please contact Julie Modrich (jmodrich@graceriverforest.org) or Esther Armstrong (esther.e.armstrong@gmail.com) with any questions.)

Congratulations to Grace alumna Marisa Morella who placed 3rd in Chemistry at the Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering regional competition. Marisa attends Fenwick High School which placed first at the competition. The Fenwick team will advance to the Sectional competition which will be held March 16.

Information for parents who shop on Amazon. Grace Lutheran has an Amazon Smile account. A portion of Amazon purchases comes to Grace from Amazon, if the buyer indicates Grace on their purchase order. This link will take people directly to smile.amazon.com <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/36-2167089>

Reminder: If you are picking your child up early from school, we ask that you come to the school office and sign them out. Thank you.