



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.

Our celebration of Lutheran Schools Week begins on Monday with an all-student photo (please wear red or white) and a special lunch provided by the school. The menu includes pasta with marinara or meat sauce, bread, apples, and a cookie. Students are welcome to bring their own lunch if they wish.

A Graceful Evening is just one week away. Tickets remain on sale through Sunday only, so don't delay. We hope you can join us for this wonderful event that celebrates and supports Grace Lutheran School. With almost \$20,000 in sponsorships and an additional \$15,000 already given for the Fund-a-Need, we are off to an amazing start. Check out some of the student projects which will be auctioned off, they are in the display case across from the school office.

Bill Koehne, Principal

March 10, 2017

Week of March 12-18

Sunday	Church Services 8:30 and 11:00 am. Sunday School and Confirmation classes at 9:45 am
Monday	All-school picture day Chapel Partner Hot Lunch Track practice, 3:00-4:00 pm
Tuesday	Favorite sports team day Chapel partner service project Track practice, 3:00-4:00 pm
Wednesday	Class choice theme day Chapel service, 8:30 am led by Mrs. Hammer Early dismissal, 2:15 pm Lenten supper served, 6:00 pm Lenten Service, 7:00 pm, Tuneful Tuesday choir sings
Thursday	Class choice color day Class competitions and Faculty/student volleyball game 2:00 pm Girls Basketball skills camp, grades 5-7, 3:00-4:15 pm Track practice, 3:00-4:00 pm
Friday	Mr. Mortensen day All-School Assembly 2:00 pm
Saturday	A Graceful Evening, Oak Park Country Club, 6:00 pm

Chili Cook Off / Family Fun Night, TONIGHT, 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! 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.)

Book Discussion Group: There is still time to join the book discussion on racism led by Pastor Dave Wegner. The group will meet on Thursday evenings at 7:00pm in the Seminar Room at Grace, March 16-April 6. More information is available on the church website. Contact Gwen Gotsch ggotsch@graceriverforest.org to reserve your place in the group.

A Graceful Evening- Last Chance to Get Your Tickets

A Graceful Evening is next Saturday, March 18th! The deadline to buy your tickets is this Sunday, March 12th, so don't miss out! It is a great night of fun, food, fellowship and raising funds for Grace School! Don't delay, buy your tickets today and you'll get to hang out with other parents, alumni and church members, bid on amazing auction packages, get to experience some fun surprises and enjoy the after party with Kinslahger Beer and food from Gene and Jude's and Jim and Pete's!

Fund-A-Need During Lutheran Schools Week

Next week is Lutheran Schools Week at Grace. You have all gotten information about the fun activities each day, but during the week we will also be raising money for the Fund-A-Need portion of A Graceful Evening! If your child hasn't already told you, ask him/her about chapel on Wednesday, they're sure to tell you about the excitement, and the amazing performance by 4th grader, Charles Stark. The Fund-A-Need initiative this year is for Fine Arts items. These items will touch every single student at the school and will enhance the well-rounded education they receive at Grace. We have already had several donations, but now it's the kids' turn. Last year they helped "Beaker Fill the Beaker," this year our theme is "MAY THE FINE ARTS BE WITH YOU," and there will be a spirited competition between classes to raise the most money. Last year (our first year doing this) the kids completely surprised us by raising \$500 in just one week, so this year we actually gave them a goal of \$600. If the goal is met, everyone in the school will get a treat on Friday. The class that raises the most will get an additional treat AND the opportunity to throw paint-filled balloons at a canvas as well so that class can design their own work of art! Start collecting your coins now!

Lutheran Schools Week is being celebrated at Grace next week. Each day will feature a special type of dress for students and a special activity during the day. Check out this [link](#) for dress up and activity information.

Grace Track- 3rd through 8th grade track practice begins Monday March 13th! Next week, please stop by Mrs. Maggio's desk to:

1. Fill out a sign-up sheet.
2. Pay \$25 sports fee
3. Turn in athletic physical (if not already on file)
4. Complete Concussion information Sheet

Practice is 3pm-4pm Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. The two weeks before Easter break will be general running and conditioning for ALL track athletes. We coaches look forward to seeing your kids. This will be a special season for Grace Track and Field. --Rich Brooks

Hey Grace Boys and Moms- Don't miss the Moms-'n-Sons-Super-Awesome-Mega-Glow-in-the-Dark-Bottle-Flippin'-Laser-Hide-'n-Seek!

Friday, April 7 - from 6:30 - 9:00 PM

It's the event everyone's talking about! Play Hide 'n Seek in Grace School—with the lights out!!

There will be lasers, bottle flippin' fun and food your parents won't normally let you eat—Walking Tacos, anyone? Look for more info soon. And remember, no GIRLS allowed... except for Mom!

If you have not yet turned in your basketball uniform, please return CLEAN uniforms to the school office as soon as possible. Thank you.