



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, Thursday, and Friday next week, Bonnie Brae will be closed between Thomas and Augusta Streets for the construction of a crane that will be used during Concordia's building project. During morning drop-off, the handicap lot by our playground will be kept free for cars to make a U-turn. This will allow you to get back to Division Street. Cars heading south can take Thomas to Harlem and turn right to go south on Harlem. This turn around can also be used for end of day pick up.

Beginning next week, through the leadership of Mrs. Fleisch, Ms. Washburn, and our teachers, we will be introducing academic goal setting to our students in Grades 2-8. Students will work at developing three goals and action steps to achieve those goals. We are excited about developing this practice which will help students identify areas for growth and take ownership in their progress.

Bill Koehne, Principal

March 3, 2017

Week of March 3-10

- Sunday** Church Services 8:30 and 11:00 am.
Sunday School and Confirmation classes at 9:45 am
- Monday**
- Tuesday**
- Wednesday** Chapel service led by 6th grade, 8:30 am
Early dismissal, 2:15 pm
Last day of Multi Sports camp
Last day of Improv Class
Lenten supper served, 6:00 pm
Lenten Service, 7:00 pm 5th-8th grade choir sing
- Thursday** Girls Basketball skills camp, grades 5-7, 3:00-4:15 pm
- Friday** Room Parent mtg. 8:30 am
Hot Lunch
Chili Cook Off and Family Fun Night 6:00-9:00 pm

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.)

Lutheran Schools Week is being celebrated at Grace the week after next, March 13-17. 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)

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

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>

Hear Bach's cello suites at Grace, Sunday, March 12, 3 pm

J. S. Bach's six suites for unaccompanied cello, BWV 1007-1012, are considered to be among the most profound of all classical music works. One musicologist described them as "music wherein a man has created a dance of God." With a single musical line, Bach achieves the effect of three or four parts working in harmony.

You can hear all six cello suites on Sunday, March 12, in a **free concert** presented here at Grace. The concert begins at 3 pm., with Suites 1 through 3. There will be refreshments and a talk at 4:30 p.m., followed by Suites 4 through 6 at 5 p.m. Six cellists are participating in the performance, which is sponsored by the Chicago Cello Society.