



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.

Next week we begin our final round of MAP testing for this school year in grades 2-8. This is the most important round as it will show progress made throughout the year and gives a year end benchmark for each student. Please share with your student the importance of doing their best, and help them with getting proper sleep and nutrition in preparation for their exams. The schedule is provided [here](#) and on our website so that you know when your student will be testing.

Bill Koehne, Principal

April 28, 2017

Week of April 30- May 6

Sunday	Church Services, 8:30 and 11:00 am, Confirmation at 11:00 service Sunday School and Confirmation classes at 9:45 am
Monday	8 th gr. field trip to Robert Crown Center Track Practice, 3:00-4:00 pm
Tuesday	Parent Prayer group meets, 7:45 am 5 th -6 th gr. field trip to Robert Crown Center Track practice, 3:00-4:00 pm
Wednesday	Chapel service, 8:30 am RFPD Safety Talk, Sr. Kindergarten 6 th -8 th gr. field trip to Lyric Opera Early dismissal, 2:15 pm
Thursday	7 th -8 th gr. service project field trip to Feed My Starving Children Girls Basketball Skills Camp, 5 th -7 th gr. 3:00-4:15 pm Track Practice, 3:00-4:00 pm
Friday	Room Parent mtg, 8:30 am 7 th -8 th gr. field trip to Chicago History Museum
Saturday	Mass Band Concert, 7:00 pm Walther Christian Academy 900 Chicago Ave. Melrose Park St. John Invitational Track meet, St. John 215 Lincoln St. Lombard

Grace School families...Walk with Grace Walk-a-thon is Friday, May 26. Our goal is \$25K and 100% student participation! On Wednesday we talked to students after chapel about our school-wide goal of 100% participation. If each student could strive for \$100 in pledges, we will easily make our goals! But if that seems too high, even \$25 in pledges from each family gets us closer to our goal and shows everyone is committed to making our school stronger. To help make that happen, we are asking you to get involved by pledging donations, donating money toward student prizes, and reaching out to your circle of influence. Information was

sent home in Tuesday folders (or with your middle-schoolers). Student incentives and a sense of school pride are only part of the equation. We need you too! Read over the info and get involved any way you can. Every student. Every Class. Every family. Let's make our 5th Annual Walk-with-Grace a huge success. All of the information is also available on the website or [here](#).

The third parent teacher conference of the school year will be held on Thursday, May 18. The form can be found [here](#) or on the school website. Please note, this conference is optional for 8th graders.

Invoices for the first half of the materials fee for the 2017-18 school year have been mailed out. If you have not paid these fees, please do so as soon as possible. If you have any questions, contact the school office at 708-366-6901.

Grace School will again host SCAMP, our recreational day camp for children age 3-5. The camp will be Monday through Friday, June 19 through June 30. Campers must be three by June 1, 2017 and potty trained. Cost is \$150. The registration form can be found [here](#).

Vacation Bible School

ROME Paul and the Underground Church [Register NOW!](#)

Monday-Friday, June 12-16 8:30-Noon

Step back in time with the Apostle Paul and experience what life was like in first-century Rome.

There's lots that's new about VBS in 2017!

New time- VBS is in the morning, 8:30 a.m. to noon, with drop-off from 8–8:30 a.m.

New all-day option- An extended care option is available from noon–5 p.m. each day.

Expanded age group- VBS is for children from age 3 through current 5th graders.

Confirmation 2017-2018 and Summer Intensive [Register NOW!](#)

Current 6th and 7th graders- Monday–Thursday, June 12-15, 5:30–8:30 p.m.

Contact Julie Modrich, Children's Ministry Coordinator, at jmodrich@graceriverforest@gmail.com with questions.

Grace Youth are raising money for the Slovakia Mission Trip this summer.

Please help support us, our discipleship and service by donating your used items. Pass the word along to your neighbors. Come and participate in the 2017 Rummage Sale!

Youth Rummage Sale

COLLECTIONS

Boxed/bagged donations to the Atrium- May 29-June 3

Bring all items directly to the gym - Saturday, June 3, 8:30am-1pm, Sunday, June 4, 2-5pm,

Monday-Wednesday, June 5-7, 9am-3pm, 5:30-8pm

LARGE ITEM PICK UP- Saturday, June 3

SALE- Friday, June 9, 9am-6pm

Saturday, June 10, 8am-1pm

Schedule Large Item Pick Up or Sign-up to Volunteer:

Julie Modrich, 708-366-6900 ext. 229

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