



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.

Congratulations to our students in Grades JK-4th on an outstanding performance of Oh, Jonah! Thanks to all of our teachers and parents who contributed to the show!

Next Friday is our walkathon, with early dismissal at 2:15pm. We have surpassed the \$10,000 mark in pledges but need a big push this last week to reach our goals of \$25,000 and 100% participation. Typically lots of pledges come in the last week, so it is not too late to set up Pledgestar to send out requests through email, or call a few friends or family members for support. Pledges may be brought in at any time, but must be received by Thursday to be considered for prizes. Just \$25 in pledges gets your family into the raffle for an iPad, and \$100 a free scoop of ice cream at Brown Cow. The class with the highest participation will get a pizza lunch during the last week of school. So far, JK leads with 50% participation. We need 40 wagons for food collection during the walk. If you have one we can use, you may bring it in any day next week. Thanks for your help at making this event a great success!

Bill Koehne, Principal

May 18, 2017

Week of May 21-27

- Sunday** Church Services, 8:30 and 11:00 am
Sunday School and Confirmation classes at 9:45 am
Grace School art show continues in the gym until 12:30pm
- Monday**
- Tuesday**
- Wednesday** Chapel service, 8:30 am, led by 8th grade
Early dismissal, 2:15 pm
- Thursday**
- Friday** Walkathon, School will dismiss at 2:15

Childcare will be available during Parent Teacher conferences. There is no charge, but children must be signed in and out. Childcare will be held in the extended daycare classroom (next to Jr. Kindergarten).

There is an abundance of items in the lost and found. Clothing will be put on tables by the school office during conferences and jackets are hanging in the coat room. Please look to see if anything belongs to your child. **Any items left at the end of the school year will be given to the rummage sale.**

School will dismiss at 2:15 pm on the day of the walkathon. There will be extended daycare for those families who need it.

Grace School families... Walk with Grace Walk-a-thon is Friday, May 26. Our goal is \$25K and 100% student 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. All of the information is also available on the website or [here](#). 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.

U2 Can Walk with Grace Raffle

Are you a fan of the band U2? Want tickets to the sold-out show at Soldier Field on Saturday, June 3rd? Enter your chance to win 2 VIP tickets in our **U2 Can Walk with Grace Raffle**. One lucky winner will be drawn at 1pm at our 5th annual Walk with Grace event on Friday, May 26th. Raffle tickets are \$20 each and can be purchased at Grace School through 12pm on Friday, May 26th. You do not have to be present to win. All ticket sales will benefit Walk with Grace and the students of Grace Lutheran School.

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.

The final daycare bill for May and June will be sent out the week after school lets out. Please take care of all outstanding balances by June 20.

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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