

Ministry Fair

This morning in the atrium

- Talk with representatives of Grace's ministries, boards and committees.
- Discover new ways you can participate.
- Come to the gym to help tie fleece blankets and decorate lunch bags for The Night Ministry.
- Purchase delicious baked goods from the sisters of Fraternité Notre Dame.
- Enjoy coffee and hot chocolate outside the Bonnie Brae doors.



Bach Cantata Vespers

This afternoon at 3:45 p.m.

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 61
(Now come, Savior of the nations)

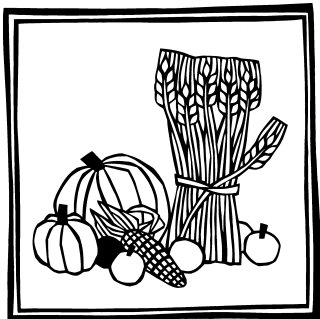
In person and live-streamed on the Bach Cantata Vespers channel on YouTube.

Chad Fothergill, guest organist

Esther Menn, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, homilist

3:00 p.m. Cantata Preview Lecture, with Mark Peters in the Seminar Room

This cantata service has been underwritten by choir members Bill and Ellen Pullin in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary. Please join us in the gymnasium following the service to celebrate.



THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

Thursday, November 25, 10 a.m.

Festival Liturgy composed by Richard Hillert
with organ, brass, and choir.

ADVENT MID-WEEK WORSHIP

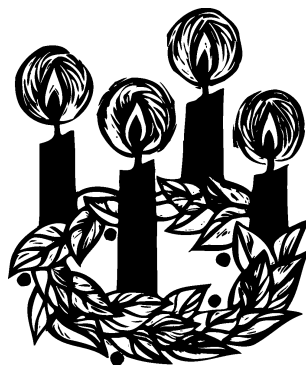
Wednesdays, December 1, 8 and 15

Morning Prayer, 11 a.m.

Lunch is served in Fellowship Hall after worship
on December 1 and 15.

Evening Prayer, 7 p.m.

Supper is served in Fellowship Hall at 6 p.m.
Please sign up for supper at the reception desk.
Or click on the link in your Sunday Is Coming email.



“Advent Surprise” devotions, written by members of Grace

Pick up a copy in the atrium. Or go to www.habitsofgrace.blog to read devotions online.

Next Sunday, November 28, is the first Sunday in Advent. Members of Grace Church have written devotions for this Advent season with the theme of “Advent Surprise!” The daily devotions explore a variety of surprises throughout scripture, seeing how our generous and loving God has and continues to show up in surprising and unexpected ways.

Printed booklets are available at the reception desk this morning. Devotions will also be posted daily at www.habitsofgrace.blog. Scroll to the bottom of the blog page and enter your email address to receive a daily email with a link to the day’s devotion. (If you subscribed to Grace Church’s Lent 2021 devotions, you’re already set up to receive the Advent devotions.)

May your Advent journey be filled with surprise and wonder!

News

The Grace Notes mailing crew needs your help

Grace's monthly newsletter arrives in members' homes by mail each month thanks to a faithful crew of volunteers who meet at Grace one morning to prepare the newsletter for mailing. They'll be at work on Tuesday, November 23, 9:30 a.m. in the church library and would welcome more helpers!

Stockings for The Night Ministry

The Social Ministry Committee is again filling stockings with necessities for clients of The Night Ministry. They're asking congregation members to "adopt a stocking" with a donation of \$20 and committee members will do the shopping. More information in the atrium.

Holiday Food and Gift Basket program seeks sponsor families

The Community of Congregations Holiday Food & Gift Basket program serves members of our community who need assistance during the holiday season. For more information email hfgbholidays@gmail.com or visit the Community of Congregations website at communityofcongregations.org/holiday-food-gift-basket.

Turkeys and pies for Fraternité community dinner

Every year the sisters at Fraternité Notre Dame serve Thanksgiving dinner to hundreds of our neighbors in the Austin area. You can support their work with a check made out to Sue Foran so she can purchase turkeys and pies. Checks may be left at the Grace reception desk this morning.

The Giving Tree

The Giving Tree in the Grace atrium during November holds tags with wish-list items for clients of New Moms, Oak-Leyden and Lutheran Child and Family Services. Take a tag from the tree, purchase the gift, and return it to Grace by December 5.

Employment at Grace School

There are two part-time positions open at Grace School: a director of enrollment and marketing and a school social worker. Job descriptions are available on the school website at GraceSchoolRF.org.

Pastors' emergency phone

Call 708-689-3032 for emergency pastoral care evenings and weekends.

Fellowship

GriefShare

A GriefShare group meets at Grace on Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. in the church library. The current group runs through January 11. GriefShare support groups are open to all. For more information contact Linda Bernard (773-259-4720; lm_bernard_@hotmail.com).

Cornerstones

Bible study for Grace seniors meets in person in the church library on Wednesdays at 9:30am. Cornerstones will not meet on November 24. On Wednesdays in Advent, December 1, 8 and 15, Bible study is followed by Morning Prayer at 11 a.m. Lunch will be served in Fellowship Hall on December 1 and 15.

Religion in Literature

The group will meet on the evening of December 17 for a reading of a dramatic adaptation of Dylan Thomas's "A Child's Christmas in Wales." Please pick up a copy of the play at the reception desk if you plan to join in the reading. Email jill.baumgaertner@wheaton.edu to be added to the group's email list.

Theology on Tap

Monthly gatherings will resume on January 27, 2022. Email Pastor Troy for more information (tmedlin@graceriverforest.org).

Moms of Littles

Mothers with children of all ages, infants through teens, meet twice a month, once in person and once virtually. Contact Ali Carris (312-720-9473; beauvais.carris@gmail.com).

Dads of Grace

Join Pastor Lyle and other dads on Monday, December 27, at 7:30 p.m. for an evening of fellowship. Email Pastor Lyle for the particulars (dlyle@graceriverforest.org).

Men of Grace

Meetings resume after the holidays at 9am on Saturday, January 29, 2022, at Grace. Email Pastor Troy for more information (tmedlin@graceriverforest.org).

Retired Leaders

This group of retired Christian men and women in former leadership positions in church or community meets December 14, 10 a.m., in Fellowship Hall and on Zoom. Pastor Costello is the presenter, leading an Advent-Christmas hymn sing,

Finding Hope

The support group for people with chronic illness meets on the 2nd Friday of the month. The next meeting is on December 10, 10 a.m., at Grace. Contact Judie McDonnell (judie.mcdonnell@att.net) if you have questions or need to arrange a ride.