

May 2022

Grace Notes



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Add your voice to the “Alleluia!”



by Pastor Troy Medlin

The joy was deep and palpable. The moment will forever be etched in my heart. In many ways it was a year and a half in the making. When I first came to Grace, we were worshiping completely online, and last year we were in person for the first half of the year — but not singing. So, when the procession began on Easter Day and the

familiar words of “Jesus Christ is Risen Today” began to fill the sanctuary I could not help but feel overwhelmed. I was overwhelmed by the truth that the song proclaims and by the gift it was to proclaim that truth to one another through song. Each of you adding your voice to the heavenly chorus that forever

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praises the triumph of the Lamb. What a sight to behold. What a sound. The risen body of Christ gathered in worship. There is nothing like it!

In the coming weeks the promises of Easter will unfold before us. We will continue to encounter Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, and alive in our midst. And he will continue to give himself to us and raise us from our deaths. Just as he came to the disciples, he will come to us. Walking through our locked doors he brings us freedom and life that never ends. We will find Jesus at breakfast on the beach, and he will offer us reconciliation and forgiveness. We will see Jesus once again as our Good Shepherd who leads us through every dark valley. We will hear about how in Christ, God will one day make all things new. And Christ himself will pray for us, that we might be one just as he and the Father are one. And, throughout these fifty days we will continue to sing all those beloved Easter hymns we know so well as we revel in Christ's victory over sin and death. Alleluias will abound.

I invite you to continue to worship in person with us throughout these fifty days of our paschal rejoicing. Easter continues at Grace. Just as this season is at the heart of our faith, so is our gathering together. Everything we do as church flows from the God of the cross and of the empty tomb who meets us Sunday



after Sunday. Through bread and wine, water, word, and the real presence of our neighbors we receive the fullness of Jesus Christ. I am so grateful that we can be together this year to celebrate all that God has done for us.

I hope you will continue to add your voice to the church's great confession: Alleluia, Christ is risen. He is risen indeed, alleluia!

Scripture for the Sundays of Easter

Sunday, May 1

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Holy Communion at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Acts 9:1-20, Psalm 30, Revelation 5:11-14, John 21:1-19

Sunday, May 8

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Holy Communion at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Acts 9:36-43, Psalm 23, Revelation 7:9-17, John 10:22-30

Sunday, May 15

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Holy Communion at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

Acts 11:1-18, Psalm 148, Revelation 21:1, John 13:31-35

Sunday, May 22

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Holy Communion at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Acts 16:9-15, Psalm 67, Revelation 21:10, 22--22:5;

John 14:23-29

Thursday, May 26

ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

Holy Communion at 7 p.m.

Acts 1:1-11, Psalm 47, Ephesians 1:15-23, Luke 24:44-53

Sunday, May 29

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Holy Communion at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Acts 16:16-34, Psalm 97, Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21;

John 17:20-26

Grace Notes is published monthly by Grace Lutheran Church and School, 7300 Division St., River Forest, Ill. It is mailed to Grace members, parents of students at Grace School, and friends of the congregation. This issue was mailed via U.S. Postal Service Bulk Mail on Friday, April 29, with the hope that it will arrive in your mailbox no later than May 6. Copies are also available at Grace.

Deadlines and submissions. The June-July issue of Grace Notes will be mailed on May 27. The deadline for copy is Wednesday, May 18; the issue covers events through mid-July. Send news to ggotsch@graceriverforest.org. Please limit submissions to news relating to Grace Lutheran Church and School, its mission, ministries, and the benevolences the congregation supports. Articles should be no longer than 500 words. Submissions may be edited for length, clarity, and relevance.

GLOW comes to Fellowship Hall in May

Connect with others in the Grace faith community at GLOW — Grace Lutheran on Wednesdays

Creating and deepening meaningful relationships is central to a healthy life of faith. We come to know and love God better through knowing and caring for one another. During the pandemic, it has been difficult to maintain connections with one another. Now that restrictions have been fully lifted, it's a great time to begin investing our time in one another.

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During May, you are invited to join us on Wednesday nights for GLOW, a time created and curated to help us grow together in faith. This is for people of all ages and stages of life;

children are especially welcome!

What is GLOW? For the past few years, Grace members of all ages have gathered outside for summertime GLOW (Grace Lutheran on Wednesdays). Last summer's gatherings, centered on a meal followed by a casual time of worship and conversation.

Our May GLOW gatherings will take place indoors in Fellowship Hall, and they'll feature a healthy meal prepared by Grace members. During supper, you'll have the opportunity to connect with other members of the Grace community. Themes introduced over supper will carry over into our time of worship. We'll be exploring appearances of the risen Christ during this Easter season, wondering together just how it is that Jesus continues to show up in our lives today.

Expect to hear a brief, relevant message followed by time to dive into conversation with one another. There will be songs to sing, accompanied by guitar. You may even find yourself clapping along — unless the songs have other actions!



Wednesdays in May 6–7:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Healthy meal prepared by Grace members
Casual worship and faith conversations for people of all ages
Children are especially welcome!

I truly hope you will join us on any or every Wednesday in May, from 6 to 7:30pm. In the middle of your week, take time out to eat a great meal, connect with friends, and grow in faith. Look for a link to sign up each week in your email — so that we know how much food to prepare.

Come GLOW with us!

Pastor Dave Lyle

Last summer people of all ages gathered for GLOW outdoor worship. They shared a simple meal and conversation. This year GLOW moves to Fellowship Hall for the month of May. Come for a healthy meal and heart-felt, faith-filled Easter conversations about where we see the risen Christ in our lives today.



Thanksgiving for Ministry celebration on May 22

Worship services on Sunday, May 22, will include a special thanksgiving for the ministry of three Grace staff members who are retiring in May and June. There will also be a reception in Fellowship Hall between services.



Eileen Maggio is retiring from her full-time position as School Administrative Assistant at the end of the school year. Eileen has served Grace School for 19 years, managing endless forms, fees, attendance figures, lunch money, milk orders, busy teachers, anxious parents, and the occasional ill or injured child. She won't be entirely gone from the building — she will continue to work part-time at Grace as a front-desk host.



Gwen Gotsch, Grace's Communications Coordinator, is retiring on June 30 after 15-plus years of preparing Grace newsletters and email communications, managing the website and social media, and publicizing Grace activities to the community. Through the years she has also directed Grace School dramatic productions and conducted the Joyful Voices choir.



Pat Gulik, Parish Nurse, will retire as of May 15. Pat has been managing health and wellness programs at Grace since February 2019, providing particular care for Grace's aging members. She also organized much-appreciated COVID vaccine clinics in early 2021. (Read more from Pat on page 9.)



May 22, 3:45 p.m.

**Erschallet ihr Lieder, erklinget ihr Saiten!
BWV 172**

Ring forth, you songs, resound, you strings!

Homilist

Ingrid Schalk, Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church,
Loudon, Tennessee

Prelude

Molter: Sonata Grossa in D Major

Preview Lecture

Mark P. Bangert, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago

Motet: Paul Bouman: Peace I Leave with You

Susan Nelson, soprano

Thomas Aláan, countertenor

Ryan Townsend Strand, tenor

Douglas Anderson, baritone

Bach Cantata Vespers Chorus and Orchestra,

Grace Cantor Michael D. Costello, conducting



Adult Ed in May

Adult Education classes meet at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday mornings in the lower-level Seminar Room as well as on Zoom. You'll find the Zoom link at GraceRiverForest.org. Look for Faith Formation > Adult Ed.

Classes are led by Grace members and guest speakers. If you have suggestions for Adult Ed programming, please contact Ted Anton of the Adult Education Committee (tanton@depaul.edu).

May 1

"What the Earth Knows" with Benjamin M. Stewart, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago.

How the Bible's wisdom tradition ponders death to appreciate life.

May 22

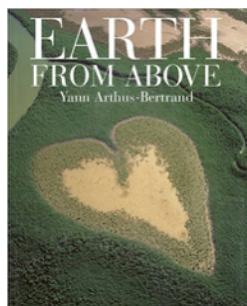
"Green Initiatives" with Charlotte Meyer

A Grace teen speaks on her involvement in environmental advocacy.

Earth Day in the church library

How sweet this warmer weather feels in the church library!

The Grace Church Library – always a cozy place in the cold weather – is open and welcoming in the spring as well. We are still working on the schedule for cookies and Sunday morning hosts – so stay tuned for that. But the lights are on, the doors are open, and all are welcome to stop in while waiting for family to arrive, to chat with a friend before worship begins, or to scan the shelves to pick out an interesting book to borrow.



As we wrap up all the Earth Day/ Month activities, it seems appropriate to feature the best "earth books" in the church library: "Earth from Above," by Yannis Arthus-Bertrand, and the "Earth from Above" Junior version.

To say these books hold an awesome collection of photographs is a vast understatement. And in this case, a picture is worth way more than a thousand words. All the photos are

taken from the air. If you have ever enjoyed views of the Earth while flying overhead in an airplane – this book is that experience ramped up to the max. Some expected sites include the Grand Prismatic Spring in Yellowstone and an Autumn Forest in Canada. But many of the photographs will take your breath away as you ask, "Where in the world is THAT?" Informative text accompanies each photograph.

Technically this would be called a coffee-table book. So stop in at the Church Library and check out what is on our coffee table sometime. Other nature-themed books available for check-out will be featured in the atrium display case.

P.S. Please remember to sign out the wonderful books you borrow from our library. Instructions are on the check-out desk under the clock. Return books to the shelf below the check-out desk.

Employment at Grace Church and School

Communications Coordinator

The Communications Coordinator has the primary responsibility to create, coordinate, and drive communication and publicity for Grace Lutheran Church and School to inform and educate church members, school families, and the community in support of Grace's mission. Interested candidates should send a cover letter, resume, and a portfolio of their work to Grace's Senior Pastor, David Lyle (dlyle@graceriverforest.org). Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

Discipleship and Fellowship Coordinator

This new, full-time staff position will have the primary responsibility to connect members to members, members to ministry opportunities, and the congregation to the community, empowering Grace to better live out its ministry among its membership and to connect with the community for the sake of the gospel. Essential duties include supporting committees, recruiting and training volunteers, creating fellowship opportunities, and reaching out to the community. Interested candidates should send a cover letter and résumé with references to Pastor Dave Lyle at dlyle@graceriverforest.org. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

Grace Church is also seeking **a part-time Parish Nurse** and **a part-time Assistant Cantor**.

Grace School is seeking a **Director of Enrollment and Marketing** and a **School Administrative Assistant**.

More information about all of these positions is available at GraceRiverForest.org > Home > Employment.

Kids and parents gather for fun ... and contemplation



Wearing rolled-up jeans, crinolines and ankle socks, parents and kids ate drive-in style burgers and fries for dinner and then danced the evening away at an old-fashioned Sock Hop in the Grace gym on Friday, April 22. Two days later, during the Education Hour on Sunday, April 24, families, confirmands and youth gathered to "Journey With Jesus," retelling the story of Jesus' Passion and death at different locations throughout the building.

Vacation Bible School 2022

- ☐ Five mornings full of stories, songs, crafts and games "Celebrating God's Greatness"
- ☐ For kids in 3-year-old preschool through 4th grade during the 2021-22 school year
- ☐ Register now by clicking on the link at [GraceRiverForest.org](https://www.graceriverforest.org) or in emails from Grace
- ☐ The VBS fee is \$35/child, or \$65/family

Vacation Bible School

MONUMENTAL

CELEBRATING GOD'S GREATNESS

Monday–Friday, June 13–17, 8:30–11:30am

YOUTH MINISTRY RUMMAGE SALE



FRIDAY, JUNE 10
8am–5pm

SATURDAY, JUNE 11
9am–1pm

DONATION DROP-OFF DATES

Saturday, June 4, 1–4 p.m.

Sunday, June 5, 1–5 p.m.

**Monday–Wednesday, June 6–8,
9 a.m.–7 p.m.**

Donations we will accept

Arts and crafts, jewelry
Books, records, CDs, videotapes, and DVDs
Clothing, shoes and boots
Collectibles, antiques and knickknacks
Dishes, glassware and kitchen utensils
Games, toys and puzzles
Hand tools and small power tools
Hats, gloves, mittens and scarves
Holiday items
Lamps and small appliances
Linens, curtains, blankets, etc.
Sports equipment
Small furniture: chairs and stools, nightstands, coffee tables, side tables, chests of drawers, small desks and bookcases

Donations we will not accept

Electronics: monitors, TVs, hard drives, laptops, cell phones, VCRs, DVD players, etc.

Appliances: stoves/ovens, washers, dryers, refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, exercise equipment, etc.

Furniture: couches, sectionals, loveseats, mattresses, bed frames, desks, other large office furniture, kitchen or dining tables, dressers, large bookcases, entertainment centers, pianos, etc.

Baby items: cribs, car seats, walkers, or other products that do not meet the current safety standards of the US Consumer Product Safety Commission

NEW Pilates class

Andrea Pfeiffer will teach a Pilates class at Grace on Tuesday evenings, 6:15-7 p.m., beginning May 3, in the third-floor school commons. Pilates mat work consists of several systematic exercises that progress to harder movements. Movements are modified to suit the individual. The class is for people of any age who are able to transfer from being on the floor to standing up. Free, with a goodwill offering. Please bring a yoga mat and a towel.



Knitting group returns

The knitting (and crocheting!) group will resume meeting on May 17, 1-2:30pm, in the church library. They'll continue meeting on the third Tuesday of every month. Beginners

Support ministry to refugees at the Slovak Benefit Dinner

**Friday, May 20, 6 p.m.
Fellowship Hall**

Cocktails and dinner in support of the Center for Christian Education in Martin, Slovakia
Tickets, \$50; table of 8, \$400

Go to GraceRiverForest.org to purchase tickets.

The Center for Christian Education is a place where people of all ages can learn and experience the love of Christ. The CCE shares the gospel in this post-communist part of the world via excellent quality education focused on theology, social ministry and mission.

The CCE is currently responding to the needs of Ukrainian refugees who have sought safety in Slovakia in the past two months. Ukrainian students have been admitted to the school and are learning the Slovak language. People from the CCE community are also assisting with settling refugees in Martin and finding them the things they need: clothing, housing, healthcare, and other assistance.

Come to the dinner and learn more as Bohdan Hroboň, President of CCE, and his colleagues describe the growth of the CCE's elementary and high school programs and plans for the future.



MEMORIAL SERVICES

Evie Tiemann

The memorial service for Evie Tiemann, who died in January, will be held here at Grace on Saturday, May 7, 10:30am. Lunch follows the service in Fellowship Hall.

Gloria Hillert

The memorial service for Gloria Hillert will be held on Saturday, June 4, 11 a.m. here at Grace. A reception follows the service in Fellowship Hall.



THANK YOU

Dear Grace Friends,

I have moved back to my home in Willmar, Minnesota. It is another adjustment, but my family and friends here have welcomed me back with open arms. I want to thank each of you who supported me in the last several years during Jerry's journey with dementia. Your prayers, your visits, your flowers, your phone calls, your cards, your meals, and your love for both Jerry and me meant so much to us. I truly felt God was working through each and every one of you. Keep doing what you do so well which is sharing God's love through your actions. May God grant us peace all the days of our lives.

Sincerely,

LaNell Mahler Koenig
jylmahler@yahoo.com

Walking together in good times and bad, writes Pat Gulik, we live out our faith

It is with a mixture of excitement, sadness and relief that I write my last Grace Notes article. I am retiring, and my last day at Grace will be Wednesday, May 18.

Sadness, because I will miss the people that I have come to know and care deeply about over the past three years. It has been my great pleasure and honor to share good times with you — trips, programs and groups to promote community, and to be part of the difficult times — to provide information and support, to advocate for you and to be a caring presence. Members of this congregation truly live out their faith, both by caring for each other and in service to the larger community. Grace members have provided professional services, such as counseling and dental care, at no charge, when a request was made.

Working with the staff, Health Cabinet and congregation members to navigate the past two years during the coronavirus pandemic was a particular joy and challenge. The Grace community really pulled together during this time. Grace members made and donated masks to low-income communities early in the pandemic. They also made regular phone calls and did shopping for isolated and high-risk members. Staff and members of the Health Cabinet came together to enable our seniors, high-risk members and our school staff to get vaccinated in February and March of 2021, when it was so difficult to obtain the vaccine. (A special thanks to the pharmacists at Osco, who supplied and administered vaccines at six clinics at Grace.)

Excitement, because retirement will give me more time to visit with my children and grandchildren. Also, my husband and I



love to travel and look forward to doing that, now that the craziness of the past two years seems to be winding down. I also look forward to trying something new — just not sure what that is yet.

And relief. Because, although there are many things that I love about this job — being invited into your lives and walking with you during difficult times, sharing information via the monthly “Notes from the Parish Nurse” emails, worshipping with you in church and sharing communion with you at home, and simply walking with you on this journey of life — writing articles (like this one for Grace Notes) is particularly difficult and stressful for me. And this is the last one!

Yours in Christ,
Pat

Healthy Aging Fair

Wednesday, May 11, 11:15 a.m.–2:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Sponsored by Grace Church and River Forest Township

Learn about fall prevention

- How to achieve better balance, avoid falls and gain strength
- What resources are available in the community
- Which medications can affect your risk of falling

Margaret Danilovich, PT, DPT, PhD, will be doing fall risk assessments with physical therapists from CJE Senior Life

Information booths

- Fall risk assessments and home safety tips
- Home handyman services
- Medication safety presentation
- Blood pressure screening
- Township services: transportation, meals, support groups, medical equipment lending
- ID bracelets, street safety information from the River Forest Police Department
- Information on handling emergencies from the River Forest Fire Department



FELLOWSHIP

Grace Notes mailing crew

This newsletter crew will be at work again on Thursday, May 26, 9:30 a.m. in the church library. Contact Marlene Hallman (708-562-5476), or just come!

Cornerstones

Bible study for seniors on Wednesdays. Treats and fellowship at 9:30 a.m. and Bible study with the pastors at 10 a.m. There is worship at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, May 18, followed by lunch in Fellowship Hall.

Theology on Tap

Come for community and monthly conversations about faith and life. The next gathering is on May 26. Email Pastor Troy (tmedlin@graceriverforest.org) for more information.

Moms of Littles

Mothers with children of any and all ages, infants through teens, meet at 6:30 p.m. at Grace on the first and third Thursday of the month for community and support. Contact Sabrina Maggio (sabrina.maggio713@gmail.com) for updates.

Dads of Grace

Join Pastor Lyle and other dads on May 23 at 7:30 p.m. for an evening of fellowship. Email Pastor Lyle for the particulars (dlyle@graceriverforest.org).

Men of Grace

The Men of Grace group meets at Grace on Saturday, May 21, 9 a.m. Email Pastor Troy for more information (tmedlin@graceriverforest.org).

Yoga

Weekly yoga classes taught by Ackli Howell meet on Thursdays, 6:30–7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Bring your own yoga mat and a blanket or large towel. Please wear a mask; the instructor requires proof of vaccination. There is no fee for the class, but a good will offering will be appreciated. Questions? Please call Ackli at 708-516-2701.

Pilates class

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Knitting group

The knitting (and crocheting!) group meets on May 17, 1-2:30pm, in the church library. Beginners are welcome! Contact Karen Eckstein (ecksteinkaren2@gmail.com) with questions.

Religion in Literature

Religion in Literature will meet on May 20 to discuss “The Souls of Black Folk” by W. E. B. DuBois. Amy Merrick leads the discussion. Two copies of the book are available in the church library. Contact jill.baumgaertner@wheaton.edu to be added to the email list.

Finding Hope

This support group for people with chronic illness meets on the second Friday of the month at 10 a.m. The next meeting is on May 13. Contact Judie McDonnell (judie.mcdonnell@att.net) for more information.

Moms of Teens and Young Adults

The new fellowship group Moms of High School Teens and Young Adults fosters community among women whose children are growing up into adulthood. Contact Jessica Bullock (jesbullock23@gmail.com) to be added to the group email list.

Retired Leaders

This group of retired Christian men and women in former leadership positions in the church or community meets May 10, 10am, in the church library and on Zoom. The presenter will be Dr. Douglas Anderson.

PRAYERS

The weekly **Prayer List** can be found in the worship bulletin on Sunday. Contact Esther Armstrong (708-366-6900 ext 207; earmstrong@graceriverforest.org) to be included on the published prayer list. Contact Kathy Lucht (kathy.lucht@gmail.com) or Kathy Garness (KMGfinearts@comcast.net) with confidential prayer chain requests.

WE PRAY for those who mourn the death of Virginia Stewart.

BUILDING HOURS

Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Open evenings for scheduled meetings and activities.

Sundays, 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and for scheduled activities in the afternoon and evening.

The building will be closed on **Monday, May 30**.

PASTORS' EMERGENCY PHONE

Call 708-689-3032 for emergency pastoral care on weekends, or when the Grace building is closed.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Grace Lutheran Church General Fund

Church budgeted contributions

July 1, 2021 – April 26, 2022 \$ 1,621,000
(39 Sundays, \$37,700 per week)

Church actual contributions

July 1, 2021 – April 26, 2022 \$ 1,386,000
(Last year at this time: \$1,294,000)

Church giving is \$235,000 (14%) below budget and \$92,000 (7%) ahead of last year.

Grace Matters *Today*

Grace School is re-connecting with alumni for online discussions of important topics grounded in the values of faith and service learned in Grace classrooms. These programs kick off in May — and you don't have to be a Grace School graduate to join the discussion.

Go to GraceSchoolRF.org to register for these and future programs organized by the Forward in Faith Endowment Committee.

Sunday, May 15, 4 p.m.

Stories from the Stage

Resilience and Adaptability in Sharing Art with Audiences

With Janet Bouman Peterson, GLS '79, Artistic Director, Acacia Theater, Milwaukee; and Bill Rohlfing, GLS '81, Independent sound engineer and voice actor

Tuesday, May 17, 7 p.m.

Doing Well by Doing Good

Personal Ethics and Social Responsibility in the Corporate Environment

Discussion led by Craig Mindrum, Grace School parent, CEO Mindrum Strategies

Sunday, June 5, 7 p.m.

Family Matters

Parenting, Family Life, Our Kids and Our Future

With David Jezl, Psy.D., GLS '79, Executive Director at Counseling and Diagnostic Center of Woodfield.

News from Grace School

Eighth graders graduate on June 1. After two years of graduation services adapted to COVID restrictions, this year's 8th grade class is looking forward to a traditional Grace School graduation, with a service in church, a choir and a reception following in Fellowship Hall. Watch the [@GraceSchoolRiverForest](https://www.facebook.com/GraceSchoolRiverForest) Facebook page for pictures and profiles of our Class of 2022 graduates.

Rats! Grace's first through fourth grade classes will present their musical production of "Rats! The Story of the Pied Piper" on Friday, May 20, at 9 a.m. and again at 7 p.m. in the Grace gym. So yes — the town of Hamelin is overrun with mischievous (adorable) rats, and it's up to Mayor Dumfreys and the Town Council to figure out what to do about it. But, as the rats themselves will tell you, these folks are "not too bright," and the Pied Piper, meanwhile, is a stickler for a deal. It's a fast-paced show with great songs like "Ain't It Great to Be a Rat" and "No More Rats," directed by Gwen Gotsch and Johanna Johnson, with choreography by Heidi Renteria of Maywood Fine Arts. All are welcome!

Congratulations to Grace grad Tudor Abuzatoaie ('21) for receiving a STEM Award from the American Association of Physics Teachers. This is the second consecutive year a graduate from Grace has earned this award at Proviso Math and Science Academy and recognized our junior high math and science teacher, Mr. Schultz, as the teacher who helped them develop a love for STEM.

Vocations Scholarship application due June 15

Through the Church Vocations Initiative, Grace Church provides support, encouragement, and financial assistance to members who wish to pursue a vocational ministry, either within the church or in the secular world. This may include fields of study related to health, human services, or advocacy, as well as more traditional careers in religious studies and church work.

- Scholarships are available for members of Grace who are full-time students in a graduate program or their last two years of undergraduate work.
- Email Esther Armstrong (eamstrong@graceriverforest.org) for a copy of the application. Or go to GraceRiverForest.org and click on the News story about Church Vocations Scholarships for a link to the online application.
- Applications are due June 15!

Grace Lutheran School Faith ■ Academics ■ Character



Early Childhood age 3 to 5

- All-day kindergarten
- Half-day and full-day programs for 3- and 4-year olds
- We learn about God's love!

Elementary grades 1–8

- Caring, experienced teachers
- Challenging curriculum
- Support for individual learning needs
- Music, art, and sports teams
- Before and after-school care available

Learn more at GraceSchoolRF.org

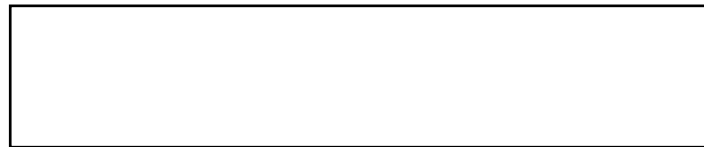
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Or email Tina Baird
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