

Weekly Announcements

May 15, 2022

Service project in the gym at 9:45 a.m.

Join Sunday School families, Confirmation students and Grace youth in the gym this morning to pack lunches for The Night Ministry and assemble donations of breakfast foods for clients of Housing Forward. Treats and fellowship, too!

Next week, May 22, in Adult Ed

A Young Activist's Perspective on the UN Climate Change Conference

Charlotte Meyer, a high school senior who attended the 2021 UN Climate Change Conference (COP26) in Glasgow, Scotland, will share her experiences and perspectives on global responses to the climate crisis and how this relates to us on a local level.

Slovak Benefit Dinner

Friday, May 20, 6pm, Fellowship Hall

**Cocktails and an authentic Slovak dinner
in support of the Center for Christian Education in Martin, Slovakia**

Tickets, \$50; table of 8, \$400

Tickets are available in the atrium this morning, or online at GraceRiverForest.org.

The Center for Christian Education in Martin, Slovakia, shares the gospel in this post-communist part of the world via excellent quality education focused on theology, social ministry and mission. 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, its recent work with Ukrainian refugees, and its plans for the future.

Thanksgiving for Ministry on Sunday, May 22

Congratulate retirees at a reception between services in Fellowship Hall

On Sunday, May 22, we will give thanks for the ministry of three Grace staff members who are retiring in May and June: Eileen Maggio, School Administrative Assistant; Gwen Gotsch, Communications Coordinator; and Pat Gulik, Parish Nurse. There will be a reception in Fellowship Hall between services.

If you would like to contribute to a gift for these staff members, you may do so online or by mailing or dropping off a check at Grace. Please use the memo line of your check to specify "retirement gift." Or use Venmo at Grace Lutheran Church/School or @graceriverforest.

News

Rats!

Grace School grades 1-4 present their musical "Rats! The Story of the Pied Piper of Hamelin" on Friday, May 20, at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. in the gym. All are welcome!

Employment at Grace

Grace is seeking candidates for several staff positions: a full-time Communications Coordinator, a full-time Discipleship and Fellowship Coordinator, a part-time Parish Nurse, and a part-time Assistant Cantor. Grace School is seeking a School Administrative Assistant and a Director of Marketing and Enrollment. More information, including job descriptions, is available on the Grace website at GraceRiverForest.org > Home > Employment.

Rummage Sale donation information

Grace Youth are holding a rummage sale on June 10, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., and June 11, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Look for a flyer at the front desk with details about what kinds of donations we are and are not able to accept. Donations may be dropped off at Grace on Saturday, June 4, 1-4 p.m., Sunday, June 5, 1-5 p.m., and Monday-Wednesday, June 6-8, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.

Church Vocations Scholarships

Grace Church Vocations Scholarships offer financial support to Grace Church members pursuing vocational ministry, either within the church or in the secular world. Scholarships are available to full-time students in a graduate program or the last two years of undergraduate work. More information is available at GraceRiverForest.org. Or email Esther Armstrong (earmstrong@graceirverforest.org) for a copy of the guidelines and application. Applications for the 2022-23 academic year are due on June 15.

Fellowship

Pilates class at Grace

Andrea Pfeiffer teaches a Pilates class on Tuesday evenings, 6:15-7 p.m., in the third-floor school commons. Free, with a goodwill offering. Please bring a yoga mat and a towel.

Yoga classes

Ackli Howell teaches a yoga class on Thursdays, 6:30–7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Bring a yoga mat and a blanket or large towel. Please wear a mask; the instructor requires proof of vaccination. Free, with a goodwill offering. Call Ackli at 708-516-2701 with questions.

Cornerstones

Bible study for Grace seniors meets in person in the church library, Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. On Wednesday, May 18, there is Morning Prayer at 11 a.m., followed by lunch. The last Cornerstones Bible study for the year will be on May 25, with the annual picnic on June 8,

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 are available in the church library. Contact jill.baumgaertner@wheaton.edu to be added to the email list.

Knitting Group

The knitting group will resume meeting on May 17, 1-2:30 p.m., in the church library, and will continue meeting on the third Tuesday of every month. Beginners are welcome!

Theology on Tap

Come for community and monthly conversations about faith and life. The next gathering is on Friday, May 27, 7 p.m. Email Pastor Troy (tmedlin@graceriverforest.org) for details.

Moms of Littles

Mothers of children age infants through teens meet in person at Grace on the first and third Thursday of the month, 6:30 p.m in the Youth Room. Contact Sabrina Maggio (sabrina.maggio713@gmail.com) to be added to the email list or learn more about the group.

GLOW with us during the Easter season!

Wednesday evenings in May, 6–7:30 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

Dinner, Christ-centered conversation, and a casual worship experience. Sign up at the front desk this morning, or online at GraceRiverForest.org.



Moms of High School Teens and Young Adults

This new fellowship group 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.

Dads of Grace

Join Pastor Lyle and other dads on Monday, May 23, at 7:30 p.m. in the Youth Center here at Grace for an evening of fellowship.

Men of Grace

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

Retired Leaders

This group of retired Christian men and women in former leadership positions in the church or community meets June 14, 10 a.m., in the church library and on Zoom. The presenter will be Dr. Kathy Albain, oncologist at Loyola Medical Center.

Finding Hope

The support group for people with chronic illness meets on the second Friday of the month. The next meeting is on June 10, 10 a.m. Contact Judie McDonnell (judie.mcdonnell@att.net) for more information or if you need to arrange a ride.

Volunteer to host in the Church Library on Sunday mornings

If you are interested in greeting people in the church library on Sunday mornings, please contact Linda Street (kentuckystreets53@gmail.com). You may host from 9:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m., or any part thereof, and sign up for the Sundays that suit your schedule.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 13-17, 8:30–11:30 a.m.



A southwest adventure for children age 3 through current 4th graders.

Register at GraceRiverForest.org > Faith Formation > Children's Ministry