

Weekly Announcements

January 22, 2023

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Ich steh mit einem Fuß im Grabe, BWV 156

I am standing with one foot in the grave

3:00 p.m. Cantata Preview Lecture (in-person only)
Mark Peters, Trinity Christian College, Palos Heights

3:45 p.m. Bach Cantata Vespers (in-person and
online)

Prelude: Kontras Quartet

Motet: Dieterich Buxtehude, *Herzlich lieb hab ich dich, o
Herr*, BuxWV 41

David John Hailey, First Baptist Church, Oak Park,
Illinois, homilist



Nathalie Colas, soprano
Thomas Aláan, countertenor
Ryan Townsend Strand, tenor
Douglas Anderson, baritone

Bach Cantata Vespers Chorus and Orchestra
Grace Cantor Michael D. Costello, conducting

Adult Education, Sunday, January 22

"Why Read Dante's Inferno in These Times of Fire?"

The Rev. Dr. Roger Ferlo, who has a PhD in the English Renaissance (Shakespeare) from Yale and taught there as well, will take a look at the *The Divine Comedy*, completed in 1321, and why it still is relevant. The speaker is President Emeritus of the Bexley Hall Seabury Western Theological Seminary Federation, an Episcopal seminar in Hyde Park. He is a Scholar in Residence at the Newberry Library, and priest associate at the Church of St. Paul and the Redeemer in Hyde Park.

You can find the winter Adult Ed schedule at graceriverforest.org. Look for Faith Formation > Adult Ed. Join Adult Ed on Zoom: meeting ID: 528 427 6033. Passcode: C9Y0qs

**Last Sunday's
attendance:**

8:00 a.m.: 78
11:00 a.m.: 153

Sunday School, Confirmation and Teen Talk begin today, 9:45 to 10:45 a.m.

Children age 3 through kindergarten meet in the Nursery. Grades 1–4 meet in the Third Floor Commons. Pre-confirmation and confirmation students (grades 5, 6 & 7) meet in Fellowship Hall. Grade 8 confirmands and mentors meet in the School Library.

Grace School open house THIS AFTERNOON

Families are invited to visit our school on Sunday, January 22, between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. If you know someone who might be looking for a great school community, feel free to join us and bring friends!

Congregational meeting

The annual meeting of the congregation is next Sunday, January 29, after the 11:00 a.m. worship service. We will be electing officers and reviewing financial reports. Lunch will be provided. Please come!

Faith Promise Sunday, January 29

The Stewardship Committee invites you to make a Faith Promise for the 2023 calendar year. Faith Promise Sunday is January 29. Our offerings are an expression of faith and a response to all that God has given. Through faithful giving of our time, our talents and our treasure, we become partners in changing lives here in our community and around the world. Please consider making a pledge to help sustain our church, our vision and our benevolences. More information will be available in your mailbox this week.

Refugee Ministry need

Our newest family needs a mobile phone. As we all know, life today cannot run smoothly without one. Due to the latest 5G systems, the phone must be an iPhone 8 or newer. Please ask friends and neighbors, older kids and co-workers if they have a phone they would be willing to donate. We will take care of wiping the phone and purchasing a new sim card. Contact Linda Street at kentuckystreets53@gmail.com if you are able to help. Thank you!

New GriefShare Seminar Series

The sessions happen from Friday, January 20 to April 14. We will meet from 9:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. All sessions will be in the Church Library. Your bereavement experience may be recent or not so recent. You will find encouragement, comfort, and help in grieving the death of a spouse, child, parent, sibling, grandchild, other family member, or friend. No matter what the cause of your loved one's death, this is an opportunity to be around people who understand what you are feeling. The course also includes online information and a workbook. Go to GriefShare.org and click on Find a Group. Use the River Forest zip code (60305) to locate the group and to register. For further questions contact Barbara Hofmaier at bjhofmaier@comcast.net or Linda Bernard at 773-259-4720. This event is open to the community. You can join at any point!

Fellowship Groups

Yoga at Grace

Join Yoga with Ackli on Thursday evenings, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Bring a yoga mat, a towel, and a yoga block, if you have one. The next class is on January 26. Classes are free with a goodwill offering to Grace. Previous experience with yoga is not a requirement! Everyone is welcome.

Religion in Literature

Following the January 20, 7:30 p.m. meeting, the next Religion in Literature meeting is Friday, February 17, at the same time. For more information and to be added to the email list, please contact Jill Baumgaertner at jill.baumgaertner@wheaton.edu.

Cornerstones

This group for seniors meets Wednesday mornings for fellowship at 9:30 a.m. and Bible study with the pastors at 10:00 a.m. in the Church Library. The next meeting is January 25. Contact earmstrong@graceriverforest.org for more information.

Knitting Group

The knitting group meets on the third Tuesday of every month in the Church Library. The next meeting is on February 21, 1:00–2:30 p.m. Beginners are welcome! Contact Karen Eckstein (ecksteinkaren2@gmail.com) with questions.

Theology on Tap

Come for community and monthly conversations about faith and life. The next meeting is Friday, January 27. Email Pastor Troy (tmedlin@graceriverforest.org) for details.

Moms of Little

Mothers of children age infants through teens meet in person on the first and third Thursdays of the month, 6:30 p.m. Contact Sabrina Maggio (sabrina.maggio713@gmail.com) to be added to the email list or learn more about the group's updated meeting schedule.

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

Pastor Lyle and other dads gather for evenings of fellowship once a month. The next gathering is Monday, January 23. Email Pastor Lyle for more information (dlyle@graceriverforest.org).

Men of Grace

The Men of Grace group meets on the fourth Saturday of the month at 9 a.m., in the Youth Center. The next meeting is Saturday, January 28. 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 on Wednesday, February 15, at 10 a.m. in the lower level Conference Room and on Zoom. Ken Trainor, Wednesday Journal chief columnist will talk about the present and future of community journalism.

Finding Hope

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

Reminder: the deadline for announcement submissions is 10:00 p.m. each Wednesday. Requests submitted after the deadline will be added to the next week's announcements. Send submissions to bklaus@graceriverforest.org