

Summer worship with coffee hour

Today is the first Sunday of our summer worship schedule followed by our traditional Taste of Grace Coffee Hour. Today's Taste of Grace is hosted by the Grace ushers. Join us for treats, coffee and fellowship by the Bonnie Brae entrance after the service. We will move to the atrium in case of inclement weather.

If you are interested in hosting coffee hour, please feel free to sign up. Anyone can do it! You can find the link to sign up at GraceRiverForest.org>home>Grace Links.

Sunday Schedule: Second Listening Session

A second listening session about Grace's Sunday schedule will be held on Sunday, June 4, at 8:30 a.m. in the seminar room. All are welcome to join and provide input on this important decision. Feedback and comments may be submitted to the Elders via email at elders@graceriverforest.org.

Directory Pictures

Thank you to all those who signed up to have their photo taken for the directory. Unfortunately, if you have not signed up yet, the schedule is full. However, you can still submit a picture of your own. Please send pictures to Julie Hinz (jhinz@graceriverforest.org). They must be in .jpg, .orf, or .eps format with decent lighting. Please send them by June 15 to be included in the directory.

Summer Bible Study

Join us for Sunday morning Bible study beginning Sunday, June 11, at 9:00 a.m. in the conference room. We will spend June through August exploring the text titled "The Righteous Reign of God." We will examine the world of our faith forebearers and their testimony to the wonder and power of God. There is a limited number of participant books available at the front desk. If you would like to join us, please feel free to take one. The study will be led by Scott and Linda Street; and Julie Hinz.

Youth Ministry Rummage Sale

We are looking for volunteers to help receive, unpack, sort, price and display donations! The signup link with more information is on the Grace Links page on our website. Donation drop off begins Friday, June 2 and goes through Wednesday, June 7. The sale dates are Friday, June 9 and Saturday, June 10.

Vacation Bible School at Grace

VBS is for 3-year-old preschoolers through grade 4 in the 2022-23 school year. June 19 to June 23; 8:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.; \$35/child; \$65/family. Register at “VBS registration” on the Grace Links page on our website.

Youth and adult volunteers are needed to help make Grace VBS a success! Volunteer at “VBS volunteering” on the Grace Links page on our website.

Fellowship Groups

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 May 24. On June 7, Cornerstones will have a picnic in the atrium.

Contact earmstrong@graceriverforest.org for more information.

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.

Knitting Group

The knitting group meets on the third Tuesday of every month in the Church Library. The next meeting is on June 20, 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 Theology on Tap is June 2. Email Pastor Troy (tmedlin@graceriverforest.org) for details or to be added to the email list.

Religion in Literature

The next Religion in Literature meeting is on September 15. We will discuss “Crime and Punishment,” by Dostoevsky. Location and details are pending. For more information and to be added to the email list, please contact jill.baumgaertner@wheaton.edu.

Retired Leaders

This group of retired Christian men and women in former positions of leadership. The next meeting is Tuesday, June 13, in the church library.

Moms of Littles

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.

Dads of Grace

The dads of Grace gather offsite for evenings of fellowship once a month. Email Justin Hartung for more information (jhartung@gmail.com).

Men of Grace

The Men of Grace group meets on the fourth Saturday of the month at 9 a.m., in the youth center. Due to the Memorial Day holiday, the next meeting is Saturday, June 3. Email Pastor Troy for more information (tmedlin@gracriverforest.org.)

Finding Hope

The support group for people with chronic illness meets on the second Friday of the month. The next meeting is June 9, at 10:00 a.m. Contact Judie McDonnell (judie.mcdonnell@att.net) for more information or if you need to arrange a ride.



FINANCIAL UPDATE

Grace Lutheran Church General Fund

Church budgeted contributions

July 1, 2022 – May 23, 2023 \$1,716,000

(47 Sundays, \$36,500 per week)

Church actual contributions

July 1, 2022 – May 23, 2023 \$1,415,000

(Last year at this time: \$1,496,000 through May 23)

Church giving is \$301,000 (18%) below budget, and \$81,000 (5%) behind last year. The General Fund deficit on May 23 was \$96,000 (\$121,000 last year through May 31). The deficit includes the May 31 payroll.

Last Sunday's Attendance

8:30 a.m.: 109

11:00 a.m.: 153

Reminder: the June Meeting of the congregation is June 11, following worship.