

Weekly Announcements

June 4, 2023

Meeting of the Congregation

The Meeting of the Congregation is next Sunday, June 11, after the 10:00 a.m. worship service, in Fellowship Hall. Food and drinks will be served. All are welcome. Copies of the FY24 budget can be picked up at the front desk this week.

Prayer shawls

The newly-blessed prayer shawls will be on display in the atrium, as well as on the railings at the front part of the sanctuary. Please feel free to take one for yourself or as a gift after the service.

Summer worship with coffee hour

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.

Youth Ministry Rummage Sale

We are looking for volunteers to help receive, unpack, sort, price and display donations!

The sign up link with more information is on the Grace Links page on our website.

Donation dropoff ends Wednesday, June 7.

The sale dates are Friday, June 9 and Saturday, June 10.

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.

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.

Glow 2023

This summer’s Wednesday services begin June 14, at 6:00 p.m. We will gather on the Bonnie Brae lawn. We hope you join us for supper, faith conversation, and worship. For supper signup, RSVP by 9:00 p.m. each Tuesday and make a selection on the menu. No signup is needed otherwise. Find the link for weekly RSVP and food selections under “GLOW RSVP” on Grace Links.

Fellowship Groups

Cornerstones

This group for seniors meets Wednesday mornings for fellowship at 9:30 a.m. and Bible study at 10:00 a.m. in the Church Library. On Wednesday, June 7, there is a Cornerstones picnic in the atrium at 11:30 a.m. Please note that there is no morning Bible study on this day. 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. Email Pastor Troy (tmedlin@gracriverforest.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. This group is on a break for the summer. 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 31, 2023 \$1,752,000
(48 Sundays, \$36,500 per week)

Church actual contributions

July 1, 2022 – May 31, 2023 \$1,433,000
(Last year at this time: \$1,520,000 through May 31)

Church giving is \$319,000 (18%) behind budget, and \$87,000 (6%) behind last year. The General Fund deficit on May 31 was \$50,000 (\$121,000 last year through May 31). The deficit includes everything except the month-end adjustments.

**Last Sunday's
Attendance**

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