

Holy Week and Easter Worship at Grace

Sunday, March 24: Palm Sunday

Service of Holy Communion at 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, March 28: Maundy Thursday

Service of Holy Communion at 7:00 p.m.

Friday, March 29: Good Friday

Journey to the Cross at 8:30 a.m., Adoration of the Cross at 12:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 30: Easter Vigil

Service of Holy Communion at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday March 31: Easter Festival Worship

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

Thrivent Choice Dollars

Don't forget to designate Grace as your Thrivent Choice Dollars recipient before the deadline of March 31, 2024. Thrivent Choice is a charitable grant program that gives eligible Thrivent clients with membership the opportunity to influence where Thrivent distributes some of its charitable funds each year. To learn more, access <https://www.thrivent.com/about-us/membership/thrivent-choice>.

Social Ministry Drive

Grace's Social Ministry Committee will collect toilet paper, diapers for babies and feminine hygiene products from Sunday through April 14. Items will go to New Moms and the Harmony Community Food Pantry. Toilet paper rolls must be individually wrapped. New Moms is in particular need of diapers in sizes 4 and up. Please drop items in the bin in the atrium. Thank you. Any questions, please contact stephwilkening@gmail.com.

Seminex Panel Discussion and Lunch

In honor of the 50th anniversary of Seminex, join us on Sunday, April 14, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall for a panel featuring a 20-minute presentation by The Rev. Dr. Kurt Hendel, the Bernard, Fischer, Westberg Distinguished Ministry Professor Emeritus of Reformation History at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. The panel will be followed by a discussion featuring Dr. Hendel, The Rev. Bruce Modahl, The Rev. Karl Reko, and Ruth Reko. All four of these people were directly a part of the events surrounding Seminex. Join us for this conversation and a light lunch. There will also be a time for Q and A.

Hymn Festival

Join us for a hymn festival on Wednesday, April 17, at 7:30 p.m. at Grace. The hymn festival will feature the Grace Choir and a program developed with commentary assembled and written by Martin Seltz. Musical leadership will include Robert Buckley-Farlee, Grace Cantor Michael D. Costello, Anne Krentz Organ, and Daniel Schwandt.

For more information about other events that week at The Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago please select “Hymn Festival” on Grace Links.

Slovak Benefit Celebrating the CCE

Grace Church will host a benefit on Sunday, April 28, celebrating the Center for Christian Education in Slovakia. Come to Fellowship Hall and meet CCE co-founders Bohdan Hrobon and Adrian Kacian. Festivities begin at 4:30 p.m. with a cash bar, delicious Slovak-inspired appetizers, and conversation with Bohdan and Adrian. Dessert and coffee follow, with an update on CCE’s programs and progress. Tickets: \$40/person. Reserve your space online at Grace Links.

Fellowship Groups

Cornerstones Bible Study

Bible study for seniors on Wednesdays. Each week during Lent, Bible Study is followed by Morning Prayer at 11:30 in the sanctuary. In honor of Holy Week, Cornerstones will not meet on March 27. Contact Esther Armstrong at earmstrong@gracriverforest.org for more information.

Yoga at Grace

Yoga with Ackli meets on Thursday evenings, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., in Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome. Bring a yoga mat, a towel, and a yoga block if you have one. Classes are free with a goodwill offering to Grace. There will be no class on Thursday, March 28. Classes will resume on April 4.

Theology on Tap

Come for community and monthly conversations about faith and life. Email Pastor Troy (tmedlin@graceriverforest.org) for details or to be added to the email list.

Moms of High School Teens and Young Adults

This fellowship group fosters community among women whose children are growing up into adulthood. Contact Beth Reynolds (beth.reynolds@insight.com) to be added to the group email list.

Dads of Grace

The Dads of Grace gather offsite for evenings of fellowship on the fourth Monday of every month. This group will meet on March 25, at 7:30 p.m. Email Pastor Dave Lyle for more information (dlyle@graceriverforest.org).

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.

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 group will meet again on April 27. Email Pastor Troy for more information (tmedlin@graceriverforest.org.)

Knitting Group

This month, the group will meet on March 19, 1:00–2:30 p.m. in the church library. Beginners are welcome! Email Karen Eckstein (ecksteinkaren2@gmail.com) with questions.

Religion in Literature

The Religion in Literature group will meet on Friday, April 19, at 7:30 p.m. to discuss Steven Peck's *A Short Stay in Hell*, a novella which envisions hell as a vast library which one can escape only by finding the book that contains the story of one's life. Liz Hanson will lead the discussion which will meet in the home of Jeff and Claudia Wood, 1027 Thatcher Ave., River Forest. All are welcome. To be added to the email list please contact jill.baumgaertner@wheaton.edu

Finding Hope

The support group for people with chronic illness meets on the second Friday of the month. The next meeting is April 12, at 10:00 a.m. in the church library. Contact Judie McDonnell (judie.mcdonnell@att.net) for more information or if you need to arrange a ride.

Retired Leaders

The Retired Leaders group meets on Tuesday, April 9, at 10:00 a.m. in the church library. For more information or to be added to the email list, contact John Halvorson at johnlhalvorson@yahoo.com. All are welcome!

GriefShare Seminar Series

Our current GriefShare seminar series is being held on Thursdays through April 11, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. in the church library except as noted below. You can join the course at any point, and all are welcome. To register, go to GriefShare.org, click on Find a Group, and use the River Forest zip code (60305) to locate our group; call 708-366-6900; or email gracechurch@graceriverforest.org. For further information, contact facilitator Linda Bernard at 773-259-4720. GriefShare schedule:

March 21: Questions for God (conference room)

March 28: Stuck in Grief

April 4: Hope & Resilience

April 11: What Do I Live For Now?

Last Sunday's Attendance: 228