

Weekly Announcements

April 21, 2024



This Sunday, April 21, at 3:45 p.m.

Bach Cantata Vespers BWV 12

Weinen, Klagen, Sorgen, Zagen

Weeping, wailing, fretting, fearing

Bach Cantata Preview at 3:00 p.m. in the Seminar Room.

Find more at <https://bachvespers.org/season/april/>

New Members Class

Join the New Members Class in Pastor Lyle's office each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. as we discuss what we at Grace believe, how we worship, and how we can help you grow in your faith. All are welcome. Contact Esther Armstrong at earmstrong@graceriverforest.org or call 708-366-6900 to sign up — or just come!

Position Opening at Grace: Parish Nurse

Grace Church is looking for a new Parish Nurse. You can find the full job description at graceriverforest.org/home/employment. Applicants should contact Pastor Dave Lyle at dlyle@graceriverforest.org.

Sponsor Altar Flowers

Now that Lent is over, we once again enjoy weekly altar flowers. Consider sponsoring flowers to celebrate a special occasion or to honor the memory of a loved one. Contact the front desk for details and to sign up.

Grace Notes Mailing Crew Reminder

Join the mailing crew on Thursday, April 25, at 9:30 a.m. in the church library as they prepare the Grace Notes copies to be mailed out. Questions? Contact Esther Armstrong at earmstrong@graceriverforest.org.

Faith Formation Schedule

The new spring Bible Study and Adult Education schedule is available online at graceriverforest.org>gracelinks. We gather each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. in the Seminar Room. Copies of the Bible Study guides are available each Sunday and can also be picked up ahead of time at the front desk.

Rummage Sale

This year's Grace Rummage Sale is on June 7 and 8, and donation dropoff begins on Friday, May 31. To learn which items we will accept, go to graceriverforest.org>gracelinks.

Vacation Bible School at Grace

Register your children for VBS from June 17 to June 21, 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Children will dive into friendship with God and discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life. Register at graceriverforest.org>gracelinks>VBSregistration. Questions? Contact Julie Modrich at jmodrich@graceriverforest.org.

Migrant Need- Grocery Fund

The migrants who came to Oak Park and are now being resettled in more permanent housing. This time, their main need is money for groceries. Many of these new neighbors are in the process of receiving SNAP and other benefits but need grocery money to hold them over. You can drop off cash donations at the front desk at Grace or make an online donation through the Oak Park-River Forest Community of Congregations (linked on Grace Links). Click on donate at the top of the page, then click on "donate with credit or debit card, then on the next page where it says "add special instructions..." select "groceries." Thank you!

Celebrating the Center for Christian Education

Come to Fellowship Hall Sunday, April 28, for an evening with CCE co-founders Bohdan Hrobon and Adrian Kacian. Festivities begin at 4:30 p.m. with a cash bar, an array of Slovak-inspired appetizers, and conversation with our Slovak guests. Dessert and coffee follow, with an update on CCE's programs and progress. Tickets: \$40/person. Buy yours in the atrium today or go online to Grace Links no later than April 26.

Upcoming Chicago Choral Artists Concerts

On May 4, at 7:30 p.m. and May 5, at 3:00 p.m. the Grace Sanctuary will once again host the Chicago Choral Artists. Join us to hear inspiring music about love by many of today's leading choral composers, including Margaret Burk, Michael Bussewitz-Quarm, Dominick DiOrio, Dan Forrest, Jocelyn Hagen/Timothy C. Takach, Levina Kell Parker, Jake Runestad, and Mari Esabel Valverde. You can purchase tickets at www.chicagochoralartists.org/events.

Prices: \$45/adult, \$35/senior, \$20/educator with ID, \$10/student with ID. Free for children 12 and under.

Fellowship Groups

Cornerstones Bible Study

Bible study for seniors on Wednesdays. The next meeting is April 24 at 10:00 a.m. in the church library. Contact Esther Armstrong at earmstrong@graceriverforest.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. The last class before the summer break is May 9.

Theology on Tap

Come for community and monthly conversations about faith and life. The next meeting is Friday, April 26. 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.

Knitting Group

The next meeting is May 21, 1:00–2:30 p.m. in the church library. Beginners are welcome! Email Karen Eckstein (ecksteinkaren2@gmail.com) with questions.

Dads of Grace

The Dads of Grace gather offsite for evenings of fellowship on the fourth Monday of every month. The next meeting is April 22, 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.)

Finding Hope

The support group for people with chronic illness meets on the second Friday of the month. The next meeting is May 10, 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, May 14, at 10:00 a.m. in the church library. For more information or to be added to the email list, contact John Halvorson at johnhalvorson@yahoo.com. All are welcome!

Religion in Literature

The Religion in Literature group will meet May 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the home of Barbara Hofmaier and David Heim, 210 S. Elmwood, Oak Park. **Please note the change in the reading for that evening.** Roger Ferlo will lead a discussion of the second half of Dante's Inferno, picking up from his fascinating talk on the first half during the March meeting. He will concentrate on the following sections: Cantos XIII, XV, XXVI, XXXII, XXXIII, XXXIV. To be added to the email list please contact jill.baumgaertner@wheaton.edu. All are welcome!

Last Sunday's Attendance: 263