

Weekly Announcements

July 7, 2024

Thank you!

Thank you for your support of Grace Lutheran Church and School and especially for generous gifts made in May and June, at the end of our 2023-24 fiscal year. More information about our congregation's financial picture will be available in a few weeks. Please continue to support God's work here at Grace!

Sign-up for GLOW on Wednesday evening, July 24

The last of this summer's GLOW gatherings takes place on July 24 in the backyard of the Augustine family. Dinner starts at 6 p.m., with worship at 7. Got to GraceRiverForest.org and click on Grace Links at the top of the page to sign up and let the organizers know you're coming.

GLOW stands for Grace Lutheran Outdoor Worship, an opportunity to gather for midweek worship in an informal, summer setting. All are welcome, especially children.

Coffee hour today

This morning's after-worship coffee hour is hosted by Julie Hinz, Grace's staff Coordinator of Discipleship and Fellowship. Enjoy a treat and conversation with fellow worshippers in the atrium.

Looking to get more connected at Grace? Julie would love to talk with you!

Last Sunday's Attendance: 211

New art in the atrium

Ronald Felt, an ecclesiastical wood artist, has presented the congregation with a new piece entitled “Festival Cross.” The 10-foot sculpture celebrates the five great festivals of Christianity: Christmas, Good Friday, Easter, Ascension, and Pentecost.

The sculpture is displayed on the wall at the bottom of the atrium stairs. It was given to Grace, said Ron, “in memory of our parents who enrolled my brother, Russ, and me at Grace school.”

Position openings at Grace Church

Communications Coordinator: Grace Church is looking for a new Communications Coordinator to oversee the website and social media as well as write and edit newsletters. Contact Pastor Lyle at dlyle@graceriverforest.org for more information.

Parish Nurse: Grace Church is looking for a new Parish Nurse. You can find the full job description at GraceRiverForest.org > Home > Employment. Or contact Pastor Dave Lyle at dlyle@graceriverforest.org.

Fellowship Groups

Cornerstones Bible Study

Cornerstones Summer Fellowship meets Wednesdays at 10:00 am in the church library. The topic on July 10 will be “Reading Biblical Literature: Jeremiah on Anguish & Compassion.”

Knitting Group

The next meeting is July 16, 1:00–2:30 p.m. in the church library. Beginners are welcome! Email Karen Eckstein (ecksteinkaren2@gmail.com) with questions.

Theology on Tap

Community and conversations about faith and life. This group is currently on summer break. Email Pastor Troy (tmedlin@graceriverforest.org) to be added to the email list about monthly get-togethers in the fall.

Moms of High School Teens and Young Adults

This fellowship group fosters community among women whose children are growing up into adulthood. Please 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. The next meeting is July 22. 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 next meeting is July 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 July 12. 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 the second Tuesday of the month, at 10:00 a.m. in the church library for presentations on a variety of topics about faith, life, and current events. This group is currently on summer break. Meetings will resume in September. Email Gwen Gotsch at gwengotsch@gmail.com to learn more or to be added to the email list.

Religion in Literature

The Religion in Literature group is currently on summer break. The next meeting is September 20. We will discuss, under David Heim's leadership, James Baldwin's *Go Tell It On the Mountain*. To be added to the email list please contact jill.baumgaertner@wheaton.edu.

This Fall: Dinner Celebration for Pastor F. Dean Lueking

Grace's Pastor Emeritus, F. Dean Lueking, is celebrating the 70th anniversary of his ordination in 2024. A dinner in his honor will take place in Grace's Fellowship Hall on Sunday, September 29, at 6:00 p.m. following the Bach Cantata Vespers and reception that afternoon.

Tickets are required for the dinner and may be purchased until September 15 at GraceRiverForest.org > Grace Links or by calling Grace at 708-366-6900. Ticket cost is \$50 per person and \$450 for a table of ten.

