

Coffee hour

This morning's after-worship coffee hour is hosted by Bonnie Shaner and Amy Claud. Enjoy a treat and conversation with fellow worshippers!

Focus group meeting for principal search

11:30 a.m. in the Seminar Room

Grace's Elementary Education Committee is working with the search firm Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates (HYA) to assist in securing a new principal for Grace Lutheran School. HYA is hosting a focus group meeting, open to all, after worship today at 11:30 a.m. in the Seminar Room. The school is an important part of our ministry here at Grace Lutheran Church. Please come and participate!

Complete the search team's survey

A link to a survey about the principal position was sent to members of the church and school community by email earlier this week. You have until Monday, July 15, to complete the survey. Find the link at Grace Links on the church website.

Report on the 2023-24 fiscal year

Final details are not in yet, but Jim McClanahan, Grace's Director of Administration and Finance, reports that we ended the 2023-24 fiscal year on June 30 with a surplus. Thank you for your support of Grace Lutheran Church and School. Please continue to support God's work here at Grace!

Last Sunday's Attendance: 185

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. Go to GraceRiverForest.org and click on Grace Links at the top of the page to sign up.

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

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.

Save the date: 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 for the dinner may be purchased 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. Please purchase your tickets by September 15.

Fellowship Groups

Cornerstones Bible Study

Cornerstones Summer Fellowship meets Wednesdays at 10:00 am in the church library. Gick Schmidt leads a hymn sing this week, on July 17.

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 to be added to the email list (sabrina.maggio713@gmail.com) and 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*. Contact jill.baumgaertner@wheaton.edu to be added to the mailing list.

Tune in to Lutheran Summer Music concerts

Lutheran Summer Music (LSM) is underway at Valparaiso University, welcoming teen-age musicians to a four-week program embracing musical excellence, Lutheran faith, and nurturing community. Two Grace School graduates, Andy Leininger and Brianna Wurpts, along with 8th-grader Eden Ling, are attending LSM this summer.



Faculty and student recitals are live-streamed from LSM throughout the week. Go to LSMacademy.org and click on the Livestream button at the top of the page to listen live or to hear music from the archive.