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Grace Notes – October 8, 2017

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Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Reformation Hymn Festival

A Reformation Hymn Festival with traditional and newer hymns by Lutheran composers will be held at Grace on Sunday, October 15, at 2:00 p.m. The choirs of Grace, St. Matthew, and Good Shepherd Lutheran churches will perform two choral works with string ensemble: a Telemann motet on “Ein Feste Burg” and “Verleih uns Frieden” by Mendelssohn. Dana Robinson will perform a larger organ work. Free admission with free-will offering. A reception will follow.

Reformation 500 Banquet

To cap our commemoration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, Grace will be holding a banquet on Sunday, October 29, at 5:00 p.m. We will be dining at the Round Barn Banquet Center (1900 Round Barn Rd, Champaign). The night will include dinner, a cash bar, and Reformation presentations. The minimum commitment is \$5.00 per person. The actual cost to the church is \$25.00 per person. Please pay what fits within your budget. Donations of or above \$25.00 per person to help defray the costs are greatly appreciated. See Claire Vail between and after services to register. The last day to sign up will be Sunday, October 15.

CROP Walk October 8, 2017

The Champaign-Urbana CROP Walk has been moved to the fall this year. The walk will take place on Sunday, October 8, 2017. It's not too late to sponsor a Grace walker!

On The Way Returns

On The Way resumed on October 5. This round is incorporating new member orientation. We are working through the classic booklet *Baptized We Live* by Daniel Erlander for the first half hour of each session, continuing with focused reading of the gospel text for the coming Sunday, and finishing with conversation and prayer. And of course there is a Taizé chant thrown in for good measure. We are meeting in the Hoffmeister Room. Additional meetings in this series are 7:00-8:30 p.m. on the following Thursdays: October 12 & 26 and November 2 & 9. If you've been meaning to come to On The Way, now is your chance. It's a faith-enrichment, new-member-supporting twofer!



Food Pantry Update

This month the Pantry is asking for boxes of cereal (small boxes preferred) and plastic bags. Monetary donations are also appreciated as \$1 donated can buy up to \$5 of food at EIF. Every donation helps make a difference to someone in need. Also, volunteers to help distribute food on Thursday mornings are always welcome. Your pantry board: *Kathy Bowersox, Karen Krusa, Carol Shupp, Royce Wilken* ☩

Bulletins and Grace Notes Online

The Sunday bulletins and the announcements from Grace Notes are available on our church website: gracelutherancu.org. You can access them from the top menu under the worship heading.

If you miss a Sunday, the current week's Sermon text is also posted. Soon we will have the audio archive updated.

Pastor's Discretionary Fund

Thanks to all who have donated to Pastor's Discretionary Fund in the past. The Pastor's Discretionary Fund compliments our work with the emergency food ministry of the Food Pantry. Money from the Pastor's Discretionary Fund is used to provide small grants to clients who need assistance with utility bills and/or rent payments. These clients are referred and screened by local social workers. Pastor's Discretionary Fund is an off-budget fund, in that it receives money only by direct donations made to it. No general funds are used for it. Once again, the fund is depleted, which means we are unable to provide help to those in need. If you are interested in helping to replenish this fund, please make your check out to Grace Lutheran Church and indicated Pastor's Discretionary Fund in the memo line.

St. Andrew's Gospel of Mark Event

St. Andrew's is excited and proud to bring "Gospel of Mark as Living Story," to Champaign-Urbana on October 13-14, 2017. The event consists of a Friday night live performance of the entire Gospel of Mark told from memory and a half-day conference with the storyteller and others on the Gospel of Mark, storytelling, and accessibility. Proceeds of the events will benefit Courage Connect, a local organization that supports victims of domestic violence, and the St. Andrew's Campus Center Accessibility Project. For more information, contact St. Andrew's.

Confirmation Class Attending Gospel of Mark

For this month's Friday class, the Confirmation Class is attending the Gospel of Mark at St. Andrew's.

National Youth Gathering Fundraiser

The youth will be selling notecards as a fundraiser for the National Youth Gathering. They come in packages of 5 and cost \$10 per package. Since the cards were donated, 100% of the money goes to the youth trip.

High School Youth Group

This week is the high school youth group meeting, starting at 5:00 p.m.

National Youth Gathering Sign Up

A sign up for the National Youth Gathering is posted on the bulletin board by the Rainbow Room. The \$150 deposit is due by November 5.

Come Stamp with Meg for Lay Ministry

Another session of stamping cards for Lay Ministry to send on birthdays and anniversaries will be held Monday, October 23, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Hoffmeister Room. No experience necessary! Please feel free to bring a lunch.

Calling All Thrivent Members

Are you a Thrivent Member? If so, have you applied for a Thrivent Action Team? Every year, each Thrivent member is allowed to apply for two Thrivent Action Teams, in which Thrivent will award \$250 in seed money to help with a project. These projects can be fundraisers, educational activities, and service projects. Talk with Caitlyn today if you would like to help with projects around the church.

Faith in Place

Faith in Place empowers Illinois people of all faiths to be leaders in caring for the Earth, providing resources to educate, connect, and advocate for healthier communities.

Since 1999, Faith in Place has worked with over 1,000 houses of worship throughout Illinois to protect our common land, water, and air. With outreach staff working across the state and offices located in Chicago, Lake County, and Central Illinois, Faith in Place inspires faithful people to care for the Earth through our four program areas: Energy & Climate Change, Sustainable Food & Land Use, Water Preservation, and Advocacy.

Faith in Place is very active in the Champaign-Urbana community. The Green Team Summit on October 15. Bus transportation is available from Champaign. Join Faith in Place for a day of learning about climate justice and connecting with people of faith from across the state. For more information about this and other events, check out the website: www.faithinplace.org.