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Grace Notes – February 11, 2018

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Transfiguration of Our Lord

Ash Wednesday Service

Grace will be holding an Ash Wednesday Service with Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion on February 14 at 7:00 p.m.

Before the Fast Come to the Feast

Our youth will be serving a pancake dinner once again to fundraise for our Grace food pantry. Please come on February 13 from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. and support our ministries as we prepare for the start of the Lenten season.

Preparing for Lent Sunday School Program on February 11

On February 11, Grace will hold a multigenerational Sunday School program on preparing for Lent between services. We hope everyone can come!

Midweek Lenten Services Begin February 21

With Ash Wednesday on February 14, midweek Lenten services begin on February 21. The Taize evening prayer service will start at 7:00 p.m. and is preceded by a Soup Supper in the Narthex which starts at 6:00 p.m. Sign up for the Soup Suppers on the sheet in the Narthex.

Confirmation on Hiatus

Just a reminder that confirmation class will be on hiatus during Lent. All students are encouraged to come to the Wednesday night evening prayer service.

Thank You, Chet!

Thank you, Chet, for leading the 10:30 choir this week in Jon's absence.

Lenten Devotionals

This year, Grace will be providing *Finding Peace in Lent – Reflections on the Saint Francis Peace Prayer* by James E. Adams as our Lenten Devotional. Look for them in the Narthex.

The Letters of Paul

The Adult Sunday School Class will survey the letters of Paul on the Sundays in Lent. Each session will begin promptly at 9:15 a.m. with an introductory video that lays out the main themes of the letter. We'll read a few selected passages and then discuss how the issues of the earliest church are still relevant to us today.

Schedule:

February 18 – 1 Thessalonians

February 25 – Galatians

March 4 – 1 Corinthians

March 11 – Philippians

March 18 – Philemon

March 25 – 2 Corinthians



Food Pantry Update

The food pantry continues to serve an average of 50 families every Thursday. Thanks to the generous support of the GLC family, we are able to provide this ministry of emergency food support. Last year the food pantry received approximately \$23,000 in donations and spent a little over \$22,000 in purchasing food. Your support makes a difference in our community. Thanks you!

Your Pantry Board – Kathy Bowersox, Karen Krusa, Carol Shupp, and Royce Wilken

Dynamic Father-Son Duo Concert

Hans Peterson (of Dakota Road Music) and his son, Nelson Morlock are passing through the area as part of their Something So Beautiful, CD release tour. They will perform Dakota Road songs as well as songs off their new CD where rockin' fiddle tunes, creative originals and clever covers meet. They will be at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church at 4:00 p.m. on February 11.

Bach Cantata Series

The School of Music at the University is offering a series of five Bach cantatas. All are on Wednesdays at McKinley Presbyterian Church, at 12:15 p.m., and are free. The second in the series is on Wednesday, February 14, and will be conducted by our Music Director Jon Arnold. He will lead "Gottes Zeit ist die allerbeste Zeit" (BWV 106), "God's time is the very best time".

Other cantatas will be on February 28, March 14, April 4, and April 18. All are welcome to attend!

One-to-One Mentoring – Last Call

There is a great way to connect with your community called Champaign Urbana One-to-One. This is a mentoring program that matches one adult with one child age 8-12 to share games for about 40 minutes once a week during the school year. These consistent visits create a trusting relationship in which both people benefit. You can be part of a child's school success! We can work around your schedule of work and/or travel. New mentors must attend one 2-hour training. There is one more training opportunity in February:

Monday, February 12, 11:30-1:30 p.m., at Unit 4 Office: 703 S. New St, Champaign
More information: www.cu1to1.org

Trivia Night

Grace Youth will be hosting a Trivia night on February 25, from 5:00-7:30 p.m. to fundraise for trips including the National Youth Gathering. Enjoy a night of food, fellowship, and fun while competing to see which team has the most trivia knowledge. This event will be open to the community, so please invite friends! Suggested donation will be \$10 a person.

Mega Work-A-Thon

With the support of numerous churches in our community, Empty Tomb has the following goals:

- Feed 500 families in our community
- Raise over \$60,000 for operational support

On Saturday, March 3, Grace Lutheran will gather with other churches in our community in prayer and celebration prior to delivering large grocery boxes to families signed up through Empty Tomb.

Our goal is to gather enough food for at least 20 families, and enough volunteers to help deliver the food, decorate the boxes, and pray for/with the families.

We are collecting the following items during the month of February. A table will be set up in the Narthex to drop off items and to sign up to volunteer on Saturday, March 3, ~ 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon.

Each Grocery box will contain:

All Purpose Flour, 5 lb
Corn Meal, 5 lb
Veg. cooking Oil, 48 fl oz
Sugar, 4 lb
Quick Oats, 42 oz
Ramen Noodles, 12 Pack
Black Pepper, 4 oz
Salt, 26 oz
Spaghetti Pasta, 48 oz (could be multiple packages)
Pinto Beans, 2 lbs*
Peanut butter, 16 oz*
Rice, 5 lb bag/boxes*

**Thanks to the Grace Food Pantry for contributing these items.*

Monetary donations also accepted. Dave Bagger would be happy to shop for you. Also thanks to our Social Ministry committee for already designating funds toward Empty Tomb's financial goal.

Volunteer time is flexible: you can make arrangements to deliver in the afternoon; there is a "Mega-Church gathering" to start the morning and not everyone needs to be there

Our youth will help decorate the empty boxes during Sunday School in February.

If you have any questions or wish to help but can't on March 3, please contact Dave. Thank you!