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# Grace Notes – June 10, 2018

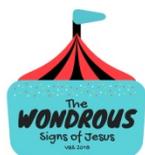
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## Third Sunday after Pentecost

### Summer Adult Forum

The Sunday Adult Forum will meet at 10:45 a.m., after the service. The topic for June is the Draft Social Statement on Women and Justice by the ELCA. For a link to the website, check out the Grace website blog or [click here](#).

### VBS 2018



### The Wondrous Signs of Jesus

June 11 – 15 we will be hosting both Good Shepherd and St. Matthew for a CU-ELCA VBS. The theme of the week is The Wondrous Signs of Jesus and we will be exploring the seven signs as told by the Gospel of John. Registration, volunteer sign-ups, and more information are available in the Narthex. You can also sign up online! For participant registration go here: <https://goo.gl/forms/SYCyhYXOFiMUsE7G2> and to volunteer, sign up here: <https://goo.gl/forms/3CBCWliVxbz8Bcd11>

A VBS open house will be held on Sunday, June 10, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Children can be registered at that time. Grace VBS volunteers are encouraged to help with the open house.

### Agape Notes

As many of you know, this month we will have six youth and three adults go down to Houston for the ELCA Youth Gathering. Before we leave, we ask that you write them Agape Notes. Each student will have an envelope in the Narthex with their name on it, and you can take one of the index cards provided to write a note, prayer, advice, or any other form of encouragement. The students will have them to read throughout the week as a way to stay connected to the congregation while they are on this trip.

### Food Pantry Update



We cannot say often enough what a privilege it is to be a part of a community of faith that places a high priority on serving the community. Our client families are very thankful for our efforts, and every GLC Pantry volunteer is grateful to be able to help provide emergency food to those in need. We simply could not do this without the financial contributions that YOU make for this ministry.

If you would like to donate a food item, please consider canned fruit. This product is quite expensive to buy and sometimes you can find deals at the grocery store. Thank you for your commitment to helping others.

*Your Pantry Board,*

*Kathy Bowersox, Jim Fleming, Karen Krusa, Carol Shupp, Royce Wilken ☩*

### Pastor's Discretionary Fund

Many thanks to those who have contributed to this fund with the current appeal. Because of your generosity we are again able to respond to requests for help each week, vetted by area social workers. The number of requests is great, so there is an ongoing need for donations so that we may continue to help those in need.

### Thank You Jack, Dave, Michael, Parker and Claire!

The guitar service is now on hiatus for the summer; it will return in September. Many thanks to Jack Wilkie, Dave Brown, Michael Miller, Parker Mosher and Claire Vail for their faithfulness and enthusiasm during the year in providing the service music once a month at the early service.



## Iris Lundin's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party

Iris Nigg Lundin turned 100 on June 9. Iris's family held a birthday party reception June 9.

If you couldn't make it to the June 9 party, or you just want to celebrate with Iris again, Grace will be holding a celebration on June 24 during the Coffee Hour following the service.

## Grace Gardeners Are Back to Work

Garden volunteers are very much needed and very much appreciated. Whoever can donate an hour whenever possible, please meet up at Grace on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m., weather permitting. A sample of needed tasks:

- Planting and maintenance of the Union Street perennial garden.
- Planting and maintenance of raised planter along Springfield Avenue.
- Planting of perennials along east entry to the sanctuary.
- Ongoing weed removal, application of shredded hardwood bark, and trimming of shrubs.

Alternatively, if you would like to volunteer to assist in gardening/maintenance tasks at other times of the week, that would be fantastic! If you're not sure how you can assist or where to start, please contact Susan Monte.

## Hospitality Chair

For the 2018-2019 year, Claire Vail is taking over as Hospitality Chair from Linda Laugges. Thank you Linda for your service and Claire for your willingness to serve. If you want to get involved with the Hospitality Committee, please contact Claire.

## Pub Theology in June

There will be another round of Pub Theology on June 21. Look for more details in upcoming Grace Notes, on the website, or on Facebook as they become available.

## Noticed New Music?

If you noticed some new music on May 27, it's because we are using Setting 2 from the ELW hymnal for second service style worship over the summer.

## Favorite Hymns Requests

Worship and Music is bringing back Favorite Hymns for summer worship. You can submit your favorite hymns for Worship and Music's Hymn Selection group to consider for inclusion in services. Remember the committee tries to vary hymns, so those that have not been used recently in services are greatly appreciated suggestions.

## Lost and Found

MEN'S RING – a men's ring was found in the men's first floor restroom on April 8.

KEY – a key was found on the church parking lot on April 29.

If either of these items belong to you, please contact the church office.

## Empty Tomb Parking Lot Project

The Empty Tomb parking lot at 301 N 4<sup>th</sup> St in Champaign has not been sealed for several years, and the striping is getting hard to see as it has faded and deteriorated over years of use.

A group of volunteers from Good Shepherd plan to seal and re-stripe the Empty Tomb lot on Saturday, July 7. Good Shepherd is looking for additional volunteers to help with the project. They plan to start work at 1:00 p.m. and hope to have the job completed by evening. A machine and paint to stripe the lot have been donated. Brooms and other application material have also been committed. Sealant is expected to cost approximately \$600. A Thrivent grant has been received to cover a portion of needed funding.

If you have interest in volunteering to help on the project, contact Good Shepherd. Financial support would also be welcome. Checks may be made payable to Good Shepherd with Empty Tomb noted on the memo line. Any funds received exceeding project needs will be used to purchase food pantry items.