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Grace Notes – July 8, 2018

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Summer Adult Forum

The Sunday Adult Forum is meeting at 10:45 a.m., after the service. The topic 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](#).

Hops and Hymns

Join us for a good ole fashion hymn sing! The area ELCA churches are hosting Hops and Hymns on Sunday, July 22, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Rafters Draft and Dough (1906 W Bradley Ave). All are welcome to come (It's a full service restaurant). We will provide music and song leaders, and Rafters will be happy to sell you food and drinks. If you have any questions, please contact Caitlyn at gracelife@gracelutherancu.org.

Mission Endowment Fund Committee

A committee is being formed that will make recommendations to the Council for establishing a Grace Lutheran Church Mission Endowment Fund. If you are interested in being considered for the committee, please get in touch with Dave Larson.

Fishing??

Anyone interested in a fishing expedition to Lake of the Woods this summer, please sign up in the Narthax. The date is yet to be determined; it could be a Sunday after church or a Sunday evening, or you can suggest some dates. We are hoping to schedule the event at the end of July. Bait will be provided and there are extra rods available. Please contact Andrew Anderson with questions. All ages welcome!!

Food Pantry Update



We are very fortunate that we have such a dedicated team of volunteers covering various tasks to make the pantry run pretty much like a "well-oiled machine." On Thursdays, we have volunteers who do a variety of jobs:

1. Record the client's visit for EIF data gathering
2. Help the clients move around the cupboards and select their food, then package it
3. Restock as needed
4. Assist in getting the food to vehicles as needed
5. Clean up the kitchen and Fellowship Hall

One of the pantry board members serves as the leader of the day in an effort to provide continuity in the program. There are also volunteer families who restock the cupboards from the warehouse area EVERY WEEK, and one of board members usually does the weekly shopping at EIF to supplement our products. The weekly shopper is usually looking for bread, dairy, and produce. Several volunteers also help receive the monthly truck delivery from EIF on the third Wednesday morning of the month. We are so grateful for the faithful volunteering of both time and effort, and of course for the financial support of the Grace Lutheran Church family. Your monies go directly toward the purchase of food for those in need. We are loving others in Jesus' name, thanks to you!

If you'd like to make an offering of a food product, please consider corn. If you see a really good deal at your grocery store, we would appreciate the contribution.

Your Pantry Board,

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

LWR School Kits for Bubbling Over with Love and Service Day

The Social Ministry Committee is once again asking the congregation to provide school supplies for Lutheran World Relief School Kits. We do this in July and August each year to take advantage of the wonderful sales available before the school year begins. Our plan is to gather the supplies in July and August and then put 60 kits together on *Bubbling Over with Love and Service Day*, September 9. (The Social Ministry Committee will provide the cloth bags, purchased from fair trade makers.)

Each kit contains;

- 4 (70 page) spiral bound notebooks
- 1 (30 cm) ruler
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 1 (blunt tip) scissors
- 5 pencils (unsharpened with eraser)
- 5 ball-point pens (black or blue)
- 1 box crayons (16 or 24)
- 1 eraser (2½")

Please bring all supplies to the Narthex by Sunday, September 2, 2018, and place them in the large gray plastic tub labelled "**LWR School Supplies**". Thank you!

Questions? Please check with Grace Schoedel.



LWR Personal Care Kits

We will also be assembling personal care kits for LWR in the early fall, so if you see any of the following items on sale, please pick some up for our project!

1 light-weight bath-size towel (between 20"×40" & 52"×27"), dark color recommended

2 bath-size bars of soap equaling up to 8-9 oz, any brand, in original wrapping

1 adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging

1 sturdy comb

1 metal nail clippers (attached file optional)

Questions? Please check with Grace Schoedel.



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. Grants made by the Fund are used to help with rent or utilities. These grants can help a family stay in their apartment or keep the electricity on. We receive a number of requests each week, so there is an ongoing need for donations so that we may continue to help those in need. Once the dedicated funds run out, we have to turn down requests as Pastor's Discretionary Fund does not receive any general fund support.

Look for more information on Bubbling Over with Love and Service Day to come. We need your help on September 9.