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Grace Notes – September 9, 2018

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Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Two Services Begin on September 16

Summer is over, and fall is here. This means it is time to switch back to two services at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. The first two-service Sunday will be September 16.



Bubbling Over with Love and Service Is Here!

It's here! Attend our congregation-wide celebration – Bubbling Over with Love and Service – today immediately after service.

Social Ministry and Christian Education have put together a full set of activities. We will have bubble blowing, make your own bubble wand, numerous games, and **four** service projects that include making peanut butter sandwiches, writing thank you notes to first responders, and putting together our school kits and personal care kits. And of course, fun tasty refreshments provided by the Hospitality Committee. Come for the fun and service!

Meals on Wheels

Grace has agreed to provide volunteers to deliver meals for Meals on Wheels October 1-5. To help, sign up in the Narthex through September 16 or contact Julie Johnson.

2018-2019 Youth Program Starts

This week the youth program kicks off. Confirmation for 6th-8th graders has its first meeting this Wednesday, September 12, at 6:00 p.m.

Youth Sunday School for Kindergarten through High School will start September 16 at 9:15 a.m. Classes will be split K-4 (meeting in the green room), 5-8 (meeting in the rainbow room), and 9-12 (meeting in the youth room).

Youth Group for 8th-12th graders will also have its first meeting on September 16 at 6:00 p.m.

If you have any questions, please ask Caitlyn.

Food Pantry Update

Please consider saving those plastic grocery bags and bringing them to us! We use dozens every Thursday to help people get their food to their vehicles, and we do not have a good supply right now.



If you are looking for a tangible item to donate, please keep an eye out for good deals on (15 oz.) canned whole kernel corn. It's hard to imagine that we are having trouble getting this product, but we are!

Your financial support is essential to our efforts as we shop at Eastern Illinois Foodbank. Every dollar YOU give us can purchase at least \$5.00 worth of food that you might purchase at your local grocery store. So YOUR dollars give us real PURCHASING POWER on behalf of others.

Your Pantry Board,

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

Communion Bread Volunteers Needed

Looking for a way to volunteer with worship? Providing communion bread is a great way to help on Sunday mornings. Bread volunteers provide communion bread on a rotating schedule. It is just a couple of Sundays a year. No baking experience is required as loaves may be store bought. We are especially in need of volunteers for the 8:00 a.m. service. If you are willing to be put on the bread list, please let Ruth Anderson know. Thanks!

Musicians Need for the Fall

As the Summer special music ends, the 2018-19 season begins. Jon is back and he is ready to go. Choir practices at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays; new voices are welcome. Bell choir practices at 7:00 p.m. on Mondays and is also seeking new members. If you are interested or have questions about either choir, please see Jon Arnold or email him at music@gracelutherancu.org

Lay Ministry Card Making

It's time for another round of making birthday and anniversary cards for Lay Ministry on Monday, September 24, from 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. in the Hoffmesier Room. As always, no experience necessary...fellowship and fun are a part of the creative endeavor. Just bring your lunch and a smile!

Faith Circle Bible Study

Faith Circle meets on the third Tuesday evenings of each month, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the narthex. September 18 will be the kick-off for 2018-2019 program year and is "Bring-a-Friend" night. All participants are encouraged to invite a friend to join us.

We usually begin with coffee and fellowship. The hostess provides coffee and light refreshments, and the lesson leader presents the Bible study. We use the monthly periodical "Gather," a publication of the WELCA organization. (You may order "Gather" at 1-844-409-0576.) Questions? Contact Kathy Bowersox. All women of the church are invited to join us!

Hops and Hymns

The next Hops and Hymns will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 30, at Riggs Beer Company (1901 S High Cross Road, Urbana). Drinks are available from Riggs with food available from the Thai-Lao Cuisine Food Truck. This is a family friendly event, so those of all ages are welcome to come.

Since there is a Hops and Hymns planned this month, there will be no Pub Theology.

If you have any questions, please contact Caitlyn Reinders at gracelife@gracelutherancu.org.

Looking for a Few Cooks

One of St. Andrew's ministries is "Chat and Chow" on Wednesday evening where people gather for a meal followed by a rotation of Bible study, discussion, and worship. While Pastor Amy Thoren and students will be cooking some of the Wednesdays, they are looking for cooks from Grace to provide the Wednesday night meal a couple of times this semester. Pastor Amy writes, "It would be a *great help* to our ministry. ... People are welcome not only to cook but also to eat with us to experience a little of St. Andrew's life as well." If you are interested in cooking a meal (or two) for St. Andrew's, or need more information about what this entails, please contact Pastor Amy Thoren (pastor.amy.salc@gmail.com).

Concert for Youth Group – RSVP Today

On September 23, we have the opportunity to attend the Danny Gokey: Hope Encounter Tour. The event begins at 7:00 p.m., so this event would be later than our regular youth group. However, this would be a great event for our youth since one of the performers that night will be Tauren Wells. Wells performed during the ELCA Youth Gathering and was a favorite of the group. If we go as a group, each youth could go for \$15 (however if there is a strong desire to go to the next ticket level the price would increase to \$20). Parents, if your student wants to go and you haven't already told Caitlyn, please let her know TODAY, September 9.