



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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Grace Notes – October 7, 2018

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Adult Sunday School – Lutheran Hymnody Class

Jon Arnold will lead an adult Sunday School class on the Sundays in October leading up to Reformation. The sessions will explore the hymns of the Lutheran tradition from the beginnings of the Reformation to present day. The class which will include lots of singing and discussion will meet in the Sanctuary. We hope you'll join us!



Embrace Grace

Embrace Grace! We have a new Gifts and Interests Form ready to be filled out. We want to help connect you with activities at church that would interest you as you share your time and talents. Hard copies are available in the Narthex. If you would like to fill one out online, you can access the Google form at:

<https://goo.gl/forms/ZzrmOzXYvrsvyChj1>

Reformation Sunday Single Service



On October 28, Reformation Sunday, Grace will hold a single service at 9:30 a.m. We will celebrate both Reformation Sunday and Affirmation of Baptism for our confirmands on this day.

Following the single service, we will continue the celebration with an all-church potluck. There will be sign up sheets for food in the Narthex so we can have a good variety of things to eat.

On The Way Returns

On The Way has returned. We are meeting on Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Hoffmeister Room. Check out the Newsletter for more info.

Food Pantry Update

Thank you to all who brought in egg cartons and plastic bags! We have a good supply of them now.



Please keep an eye out for good deals on (15 oz.) canned sliced peaches. Canned fruit is always popular with our client families, but it is not always available.

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.

Your Pantry Board, Kathy Bowersox, Jim Fleming, Karen Krusa, Carol Shupp, & Royce Wilken

Schnucks – Bags 4 My Cause Program

Grace's Food Pantry has been chosen as a recipient of the Schnucks – Bags 4 My Cause Program for the Savoy Schnucks (1301 Savoy Plaza Center) for the month of October. For every white Hunger bag purchased during the month, Schnucks will donate \$1 to our Food Pantry.

Grace Gardeners

The Grace Gardeners have been hard at work all year to keep the flower beds around the church looking nice. But they could always use more help. Contact Susan Monte to find out how you can help this fall.



Church Council Vacancy

As Deborah Leckband is stepping down from Council for family reasons, her replacement is being sought to complete the rest of her term through 2020.

If you are interested in filling this vacancy, please contact Dave Larson, Claire Vail, Sue Kozlowski, Kim Johnson, or Pastor Repp.



Crop Walk 2018

The 2018 Champaign-Urbana Crop Walk will be Sunday, October 14, at 2:00 p.m. Grace Lutheran would like

once again to be among the top fundraisers of local churches. Please consider walking or donating to a walker to help end local and world hunger. You can register to be part of Grace's team or donate to the team at crophungerwalk.org. Cash and checks made out to CWS/CROP may be donated in the Narthex at the Crop Walk table.

Grace will also be a watering station the day of the walk. We will need several volunteers to welcome walkers to our church and provide refreshments. Sign up to volunteer or donate food at the Crop Walk table.

If you have any questions about walking or donating, please contact Erick Loven or Ann Marty.

Looking for a Way to Make a Difference?

The GLC Social Ministry Committee has volunteered our congregation to provide 30 PB&J sandwiches on the 2nd Sunday of each month for the Salvation Army Canteen Run.

The Canteen Run delivers these sandwiches to the homeless in our community. You supply 3 loaves of bread and deliver the sandwiches to the Salvation Army on Sunday afternoon.

The church supplies the bags, peanut butter, and jelly. So grab 3 to 5 friends and/or family members to help assemble and individually bag the sandwiches.

Sign ups are in the church narthex. If you have questions, contact Lois Wilken. You can make a difference!



WELCA Retreat

Women from all over our Synod are coming to Champaign-Urbana for our Fall Retreat on October 19-20. This 2-day retreat will be a time to relax, be inspired, and have some fun while getting to know women from throughout our Central/Southern Illinois Synod.

Grace is hosting the retreat on Saturday, October 20, and we are providing lunch. If you would like to participate, please pick up a brochure in the Narthex and find out about what is planned for this fun event. Julie Johnson is looking for help with providing the lunch, so please contact her to volunteer.

Piatt County Hops & Hymns

You don't want to miss this fun event! On Tuesday, October 30, 2018, at Monticello's Monarch Brewing Company from 5:00 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. There will be a (FUN)DRAISER for the "Piatt County Cares Coalition" in the form of a festive and celebratory "Hops & Hymns" Event. Enjoy the historic beauty of the restored 105 year-old building, formerly the United Methodist Church of Monticello, along with some of Monarch Brewery's yummy "Hops" while singing your favorite "Hymns".

Please plan to join us. The cost per ticket is \$25.00 per person, and it includes a Dinner Buffet and one drink. More information about tickets this (fun)draising event will be available very soon.

Pastor's Discretionary Fund

The Pastor's Discretionary Fund provides small grants to clients who need assistance with utility bills and/or rent payments. These clients are referred and screened by local social workers. Once again, the fund is depleted, which means we are unable to provide help to those in need. To help, please make a donation and indicate it's for the Pastor's Discretionary Fund.

Benefit Arts & Crafts Bazaar

On Saturday, October 13, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and Sunday, October 14, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., an Arts & Crafts Bazaar to benefit Children of Hope and Faith will be held at the Holy Cross Parish Center, 405 W Clark St, Champaign. Free Admission. There is something for everyone!