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Grace Notes – March 10, 2019

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First Sunday in Lent

Lenten Soup Suppers and Service

An annual tradition at Grace is to have a Midweek Lenten service preceded by a soup supper. The supper will start at 6:00 p.m. in the Narthex. There is a sign up for bringing soup and bread. The service will start at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The first Midweek service will be this week on March 13.

Easter Vigil Adult Actors

The last few years we have our youth act out the readings we hear during the Easter Vigil. We will continue this tradition at this year's Vigil on April 20, but we will also be adding a scene with adults! If you are interested in participating, or have any questions about this, please contact Caitlyn.

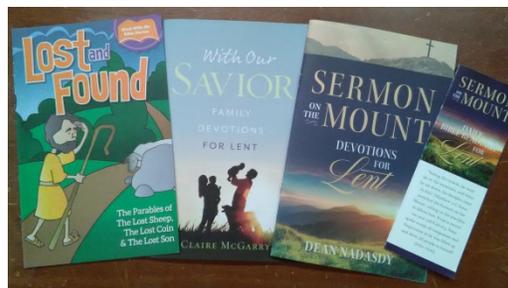
VBS 2019

This year, we will continue our collaboration with Good Shepherd and St. Matthew for VBS. However, we will be changing it up and rather than doing a full week either in the morning or evening, we will be hosting weekly events on Wednesday nights in June. Grace will host on June 5 and 12, and then Good Shepherd will host June 19 and 26. We will have a community meal each night, and will be using the "Who is My Neighbor" curriculum provided by ELCA World Hunger. Look out for more information in the coming weeks!

WHO IS
my neighbor?

Lenten Resources

This year we have four different Lenten Devotional materials available. *Lost and Found: The Parables of the Lost Sheep, The Lost Coin & The Lost Son* is geared towards families with young children. *With Our Savior: Family Devotions For Lent* by Claire McGarry is for families with older children. *Sermon on the Mount: Devotions for Lent* by Dean Nadasdy is aimed at adults. There is also a related *Sermon on the Mount: Daily Bible Readings for Lent* bookmark for those who would like suggested passages from the bible without the commentary. All are available to be picked up in the Narthex.



On The Way Returns

On The Way resumed on February 28. It is meeting from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. on Thursdays through April 4.

Who is On The Way for? It's for all adults: members of Grace, potential members, and those just interested in exploring the Christian faith.

The first half hour of each session is a time for entertaining any and all question. The second half hour of each session is spent engaging a passage of the Bible, often the Gospel reading for the upcoming Sunday. This is not traditional Bible study. Each session ends with directed individual prayer (silent), followed by a corporate prayer taken from the resources in our hymnal.

I invite you join us for On The Way in the coming weeks. + Pastor Repp

Worship Readers

We have not recruited new readers for some time and would like to hear from those of you who might be interested in signing up. You may choose between 8:00 or 10:30 services, and also at special evening services during certain seasons. You will be sent copies of the readings from the church office in advance. Please indicate your interest and/or questions to Carolyn Pater.

Food Pantry Update



The pantry board appreciates your financial contributions that help us continue to provide emergency food. We also

appreciate your plastic bags and egg cartons. If you would like to make a tangible donation of a food item, please consider 15-oz. cans of fruits. Our clients especially like peaches.

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

Women's Clothing Drive

Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes or daily food. If one of you tells them, "Go in peace, stay warm and well fed," but does not provide for them, what good is that? James 2:15-16

Men and women in prison struggle with feelings of sorrow, isolation and despair. The realization of returning home brings doubts about acceptance or rejection by family and friends

Grace members were abundantly generous last year in donating clothes for the Decatur Women's Correctional Center. The Social Ministry Committee is again asking for clothing donations for women during the month of March. Items accepted: pants, blouses or tops, coats or jackets, shoes or boots, and new socks. Please place donations in the bin provided in the narthex. Thank you! Any questions, call Tina Fehrenbacher.

Workroom Mailboxes

It's a huge help to Caitlyn and Virginia to have notes or items for us left in our mailboxes in the workroom rather than on our desks as things on our desks can get covered up or overlooked. Thanks!!

Mega Work-A-Thon

The local Christian mission organization empty tomb, inc., is asking for our help for its annual combo fundraiser and "Week of Grace" delivering one week's worth of groceries to help local people in need. The event will take place April 1-6.

The event's purpose is two-fold:

- ❖ To raise \$15,275.14 for empty tomb's No-Late-Bill Reserve Fund to even out cash flow when donations are low. Empty tomb provides food and other helps to local families and individuals free in Jesus' name all year long.
- ❖ To deliver one week's worth of groceries to people who have indicated they need food. The community goal is 500 families.

Grace will be serving 25 families or more. Can you donate some food or help with delivering to these families? Some of the suggested food items include cans of chili, Chef Boyardee, Spaghettios, cereal, breakfast bars, granola bars, mac & cheese, ramen noodles, side-dish noodles, rice-a-roni, tuna, jelly, butter or margarine, juice, V8 Splash, cans of fruit, Spam, salt & pepper, sugar, vegetable cooking oil, 24-48 fl oz Pam spray, ketchup, mustard, mayo, milk, American cheese, fresh fruit or veggies, and bread.

The Grace Food Pantry will be providing each family with rice, spaghetti, pasta sauce, pinto beans, cans of soup, peanut butter, cans of peas, baked beans, & diced potatoes, canned chicken, flour, bologna, and pork sausage roll.

Financial donations are also welcome.

Together, we can make a difference! Please sign up in the Narthex. Let's have fun serving in Jesus' name!

If you have any questions, contact Dave Bagger.

Office Volunteers

Chris Alcorn is looking for subs for Thursday, June 13, Thursday, August 15, and Friday, August 16, so she can take her daughter to college orientation and college move-in. The main duties are to answer the phone and to greet people who come to the office. If you can help or have questions, please contact Chris.