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Grace Notes – May 19, 2019

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Summer Services

Grace will once again be going to a single service at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays from May 26 through September 8.

We are bringing back Favorite Hymns for the summer. Fill out a card listing favorite hymns that you would like to sing this summer. The Hymn Selection group will do their best to get as many favorites in as they can.

Summer Music

Do you sing? Do you play a musical instrument? Would you like to contribute to the summer worship experience? With the choirs taking a break over the summer, vocalists and instrumentalists are again needed to provide special music for the summer Sunday services. Contact Ruth Anderson to get on the schedule.

Annual Meeting of the Congregation

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held in the Sanctuary at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday, May 19, 2019. At this meeting we elect the Secretary, Treasurer, five Council members, and the Nominating Committee as well as receive annual reports from staff, Council, and Committees. If you receive Grace Notes electronically, you received an email with a link to the pdf version of the annual report. Please view it on your favorite device in order to help us conserve resources.

This year we will also be holding a ministry fair as part of the meeting. Each of the committees will be highlighting its activities. There will even be some interactive presentations. The ministry fair will be in the Narthex. Come learn new ways you can be engaged at Grace.

On The Way

On The Way continues this week on Thursday from 7:00 -8:30 p.m. in the Hoffmeister Room. The focus in these sessions is on vocation, the “so what?” or “now what?” of baptism. Now that we have reaffirmed our baptism at the Easter Vigil, we focus on our individual and collective calling in the world and in the life of the church. Come join us!

Food Pantry Update



Monetary donations are very much appreciated, but if you are looking for a tangible donation to provide, please consider cans of peas.

This particular product is currently not available at EIF. Thank you in advance for your consideration and support!

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

Calling All Graduates

Are you graduating from college, high school, or 8th grade? Do you know someone who is graduating from college, high school, or 8th grade? If so, please let Virginia Lehmann (communications@gracelutherancu.org) know, as we would like to highlight our Grace graduates in the June Newsletter.

Mission Endowment Fund

Setting up a Mission Endowment Fund for Grace is on the agenda for the Congregation meeting next month. The draft Bylaws for the Fund will be voted on. Copies of the draft Bylaws are available in the Narthex. Please contact Dave Larson with questions.

Community Foundation Grant

During the May Council meeting, Joan Dixon, President and CEO of the Community Foundation of East Central Illinois, presented a Community Commitment Grant to Grace church in the amount of \$6,500. This grant is to help defray the cost of installing a service door in the south wall of the Fellowship Hall. The door will help make delivery of food for the Food Pantry and Food for Seniors more efficient as well as provide another exit in case of emergencies. Thanks go to Susan Monte, chair of the Property Committee, who was instrumental in submitting the grant application on behalf of Grace church.

VBS Update

Mark your calendars as Grace is hosting VBS on June 5 and 12. Good Shepherd is hosting on June 19 and 26. Dinner will start at 5:30 p.m. The program will run 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Be on the lookout for the volunteer sign-up.

Faith Circle Bible Study: May

Faith Circle will meet Tuesday evening, May 21, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Narthex. Kathy Bowersox will be the lesson leader. This will be the last study before the summer break.

All are welcome! Questions? Contact Kathy Bowersox.



[Jesus said,] "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." - John 13:34

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José Ángel, author of *Illegal: Reflections of an Undocumented Immigrant*, will give the keynote address, "Beyond DACA and the Border: Undocumented Life as a Daily Crisis."

1ST ANNUAL DINNER GALA

Saturday, May 25, 2019
6:30 pm – 9:30 pm

Illinois Terminal Building, 4th Floor
45 E. University Avenue, Champaign, IL



Hazem Jaber, will lead the Iftar, or the tradition of breaking the fast with the evening meal at sunset during Ramadan.

- Silent Auction
- Updates on CU FAIR activities
- Stories from our immigrant friends
- Live music by Riders of the Golden Maize

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Tickets can be purchased through our PayPal account. Please specify "For Gala Dinner 2019" in the notes. Tickets can also be purchased at the door. Please also send RSVPs to Alejandra Agüero at aaquero@illinois@gmail.com

Adults \$50 * Students \$25 * Children 12 and under no charge
Groups of 4 \$150 Groups of 8 \$250

Letters from the Community

Over the last few weeks, Grace has received a number of different letters from the Community. We have received expressions of condolence for the attacks on churches in Sri Lanka from the Iman and children of the Central Illinois Mosque and Islamic Center. We also have received expressions of thanks from the Iman for our support of the Central Illinois Mosque and Islamic Center.

We have received a letter of thanks from Empty Tomb for our participation in the 2019 "Week of Grace" Mega Work-A-Thon. Our contributions, added with the work of other congregations in Champaign-Urbana, meant that 183 households received a week's worth of food. In addition, Empty Tomb surpassed its fundraising goal.

We have posted all the letters in the display cabinet closest to the water fountain. Please stop by and take a look.