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Welcome to Amazing Grace Connections,
Grace Lutheran Church of Lily Lake's
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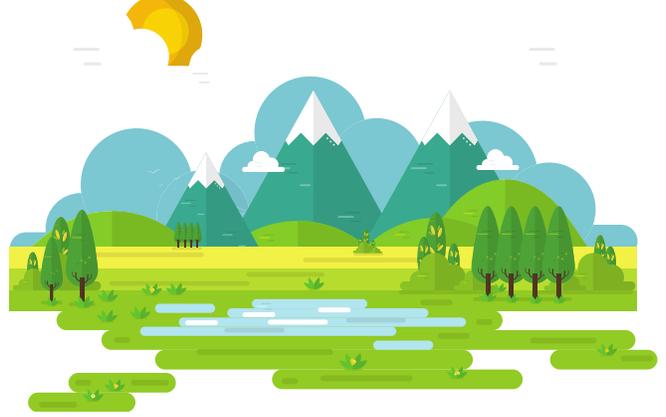
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please email your submission to
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VIRTUAL OFFICE HOURS

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| Monday | 4 PM - 7 PM |
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The Season of Creation

By Marty Bradley



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On Sunday, September 19th the confirmation class and other youth will be leading the worship service using Creation as the theme. This is a time for renewing, repairing and restoring our commitments to God, to one another and to all of creation – our discipleship. It is also a time for deepening and expanding our work and witness for climate justice and environmental care. And also a celebration of the many wonders of creation.

As I sit here listening to a beautiful rain fall, I pray: Loving God, we thank you for the gift of life in all its diversity and beauty. Lord Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, we praise you that you came to redeem all of creation. Holy Spirit, we rejoice that you breathe in the life of the world. Grant us faith and courage to deny ourselves, take up our cross and follow Jesus as caretakers of, and justice-seekers for your beautiful and bountiful creation. For the blessing of your people, the sustaining of the earth and the glory of your name. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

For more information you can search “Season of Creation” on the web and find devotions, history, worship ideas, etc.

Please be sure to join us for worship on September 19th.

Blessings, Marty Bradley

FINANCIAL MATTERS



Again, August is another month to catch-up and reflect on the first portion of our year 2021.

Nancy Schnaitman has skimmed through some of our past stewardship programs, and is interested in a theme. We need a couple of more volunteers to assist Nancy, as we do not have a Pastor to provide some guidance and assist on this Team. Would you please pray and consider your role as a volunteer to assist in this Stewardship Team? The Stewardship Team will set the timeframe. The Team can also engage visiting Pastors to convey some message(s) during their sermons. Guidelines and materials are provided, and the program will be focused (busier) this autumn, and then reflected throughout 2022 . Again, we need volunteers to step up and assist in this program. We sound like a broken record -- "Please pray and consider what role you could assist in, on Grace's Stewardship Team." Please contact Nancy Schnaitman, Nick Rex or Tricia Painter.

Member's Giving statements were sent in July, via email or USPS. If you did not receive your's, please leave a message for Cara Turner (cell # 630-291-6896). Please review your personal financial giving for the first half of 2021. Any questions on your statement, please contact Dottie & Paul Mantsch (home# 630-584-5388).

And "Thank You" to those that have responded / followed up with Cara already.

Also, August could be a time to reflect on your talents and time and what you can provide on behalf of Grace. - in this last quarter of 2021.

Grace has received an updated IL Sales Tax Exemption letter. If you make purchases on behalf of Grace, please obtain a copy of this document for your purchases, and capture some savings. Copies of this document are above the copier in the office work room, or please contact Tricia Painter for a copy.

AmazonSmiles is a program whereby Grace can capture some funds from your purchases on Amazon. Please sign onto AmazonSmiles to access your Amazon account and choose "Grace of Lily Lake" as your charity of choice. A direct link is: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/36-2806605>.

Note: Please ensure your charity designation appears as "St. Charles, IL" as there are many organizations that will be closely named to our's.

On behalf of the Finance Team, Tricia Painter, Treasurer

BRIDGE TO LIFE DONATIONS



The Bridge to Life Group at Newlife Covenant Church in Elgin collects and on Sunday takes a small bus out in the Elgin community to minister and distribute the donations to the Elgin homeless people. Grace will continue to collect the donations for Bridge to Life.

Please mark the items with Cathy Whiteside's (630/605-1096 or Cathy@imotay.com) name and she will pass them on to Bridge to Life on a regular basis.

Thank you all , for the generous donations!

As of August we are Collecting Fall & Winter Items

WOMEN- jeans (small size 8-14), t-shirts, jackets & warm clothes (sweaters) for winter. Sizes small-medium-large. Shoes/boots. New underwear and gently used socks, & Blankets

MEN- t-shirts, warm shirts, jeans (sizes 32-38 waist X 30-34 length are REALLY needed but they will take other sizes of men's jeans), Coats, Sweaters, warm long underwear, Shoes/boots. New underwear and gently used socks, and Blankets.

ELBURN DAYS PARADE 2021



What a day, sunny and hot and so many people. Looked like everyone was having a good time and our mascot Oden was wearing his dad's "Hulk" mask and superman cape. He was such a hit with the crowd especially the kids. Oden was wondering why we didn't hand out any candy. Unfortunately, we were trying to play it safe with the Covid by not handing out candy, maybe next year. Our "walkers" Helen Gruber, Nancy Corbige and Nancy Schnaitman did hand out all of our pencils with an attached church card. John Verner drove the pretty red pickup truck graciously loaned to us for the parade by Kelly Diehl. Cara Turner, grandson Oden and her son Miles and Miles' friend rode with us on the trolley. Also joining us on the trolley were Karen Patterson, Norm Turner and Cathy Whiteside. Many thanks to Bruce Sims for letting us use his "Golden Shoe Trolley." Mark & Heidi Anderson didn't actually get to ride on the float during the parade but spent a lot of time getting it transported here and back home again and decorating it. Everyone gathered at Cathy Whiteside's house before the parade. She lives on West Reader Street where the parade starts, and she also had ample parking for the trolley riders. Thank you everyone, for making it a real pleasure to wave to all the people that came to watch the parade.



THRIVENT ACTION



Once again, we are partnering with Dennis Finney from Bethlehem Lutheran and his Thrivent Action Team for a work day at Northern Illinois Food Bank (NIFB) Saturday

Oct 16st 2021 arrive around 8:15 AM to Noon.

Sign-up forms will be outside at Worship and posted in the Narthex starting September 5th.

If you have any questions please contact George Theros at 630-461-0376(cell) or email george.theros@ameritech.net or Music-n-tech@graceoflilylake.com.

Thank you,

George

RUMMAGE SALE



We have just announced Rummage Sale dates are Oct 1 and 2 -- and I know many of you are anxious to drop off your donations. Please NOTE - and we need everyone's cooperation on this.... Please be mindful that if you are donating items - please ensure that they are "sellable" items (i.e., ask yourself : would I buy this item? in its present condition? does it work/operate?) If your answer is no, please dispose of this yourself. We find that we go through some donations and volunteers have to take more time and effort to go through it and have to throw it out - broken, extremely dirty, does not operate as it is intended, etc. Be mindful, that the church is being used by small groups, Rebecca Circle, Boy and Girl Scouts, etc. If you have many items to drop off - they will need to go into the garage (and also not dropped right at the entrance to garage as we still need ample access to lawnmowers); if it is clothing, materials or textiles - please take to the back SS room on the left (with pool table). (*The first Sunday School room is used by the Boy Scouts - no storage there please). It is very helpful to mark/identify the box or bags as "Rummage Sale". If you are only leaving 1-2 boxes, please cart it (many carts available!) to the back SS room that has the exit door - please do not block the exit door or a walkway to that door - as it is a fire escape door. Again we need to note that we cannot accept any TVs, nor any TV cabinets - Salvation Army doesnt even accept any "entertainment-type centers", and we have to pay to have these electronics dropped off at recycling. With everyone's cooperation there will be less labor expended upon our volunteers. If you have questions about items you are wanting to donate, please email me at trishe60@gmail.com or send me a text on my cell 708-624-0400 (I'm sorry I do not have cell reception for calls during daytime/workdays) . Ideally, donations would be best dropped off after September 15th. My thanks for everyone's cooperation to keep the church in some organized condition - Tricia Painter, Rummage Sale Coordinator

8-17-2021 REBECCA CIRCLE PICNIC & BINGO



A scrumptious picnic and a fun Bingo game was enjoyed by 27 people in the Fellowship Hall at Grace. The Picnic/Bingo meeting is a yearly tradition by the Rebecca Circle. This year we bypassed the “potluck” part of the picnic due to increased restrictions due to Covid. We had catered food to eat, served by members of Rebecca. Our Bingo with White Elephant prizes was as interesting as ever. Once the prizes had been won the item has to be put in front of the player, making it available for another winner to take.

There was a lot of exchanging of prizes, especially puzzles, a leather mini skirt and a very pretty Christmas decoration. It was so good to meet with our friends and have fun.

Jan Docherty led the group in Prayer and also held a small business meeting. Karen Patterson and Cathy Whiteside were hostesses for this event. Everyone pitched in to make it a successful event. Attending were the following people: Delores Anderson, Russ Bolin, Nancy Corbige, Jan & Jack Docherty, Suzanne Girsch, Helen Gruber Kay & Paul Kinsel, Marlene Klingner, Pat & Chili Lindgren, Vicki Linden, Cathy Lindquist, Adrian Mikrut, George & Eileen Morris & friend Jenny, Jan Myers, Cheryl Nelson, Karen & Ken Patterson, Nancy Schnaitman, Linda Smykowski, Margaret Swanson & friend Char, and Cathy Whiteside,.



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ROAD RUNNERS



Grace Roadrunners will be traveling again this fall! Our trip will be to French Lick, Indiana Monday, September 20th and returning Thursday, September 24th. Some things we plan on doing are visiting the French Lick West Baden Museum, a Scenic Railway ride, Wilstem Wildlife Park with animal encounters, Kiss the Bricks and Indy 500 Museum. Registration is going on now with a \$200 down payment. The trip will be about \$500. Forms are in the church office or contact Suzanne Girsch. The first 40 people signed up are guaranteed a seat on the motor coach and then a waiting list will be started.





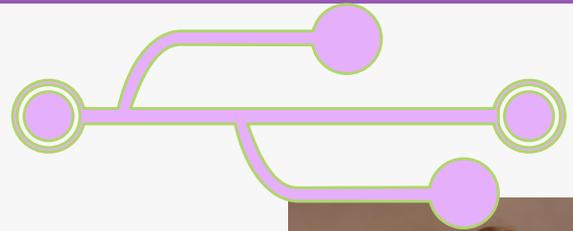
Thank you Nancy Corbige for the time, effort and teaching some of us to Line-Dance @ the event on July 31. A gathering under the pavillion provided an awesome venue. Thank you for coordinating the event and inviting others from your previous classes to join us at Grace too. Thank you also to Danny/Nancy, who provided some refreshments in their yard with goodies off the grill too!

While the Pastor's office is vacant, Cathy Whiteside, Linda Smykowski and Cathy Lindquist coordinated getting a facelift of the office. Minor repairs and holes filled, fresh coat of paint, new chair mat, and thanks to everyone's donations towards the project, possibly a new office chair. Thank you ladies for taking on this task - a wonderful idea! Looks beautiful (stop by and take a peek!)

Thank you to Nathan Anderson (along with Heidi & Mark) for setting up and running the technology side of our worship service on August 8. We certainly appreciate the expertise in this endeavor - in George's absence. Anyone interested in learning on how you can assist in the technology side of our worship services, please contact George - as it is important to have back-up persons to keep our worship services. Upcoming plans are to have our service 'live-streamed' and there is more to get acquainted with - please consider what assistance you can provide! Thank you again Anderson's for helping to provide a successful service on Aug 8th.

Getting to Know You

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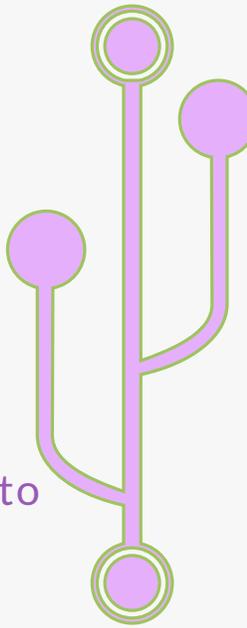
My mother was of Danish and Icelandic ancestry. My father was of German ancestry. I was born in Chicago on 9/15/46-the first of four children for my parents and I was named for two of my grandmothers. As we lived in the Lake View area of Chicago, I attended JG BLAINE Elementary and Lake View High School and then was in college at Northeastern Illinois University.

Bruce and I were married in the church we both attended, Holy Trinity Lutheran, in 1969 after his return from Viet Nam. After college I worked in Chicago for ten years in banking at First National Bank of Chicago--after many changes now known as Chase. I left that career when my first child was born. Chris was born in 1976 and Ryan was born in 1979. My boys are the love of my life--however my grandsons, Cole and Jake definitely come next.

We lived in Lombard Illinois until 1980 when we moved to St Charles. My mother, Alice Schubert and I lived together. She and I joined Grace Lutheran Church in 2002. I connected with Grace because it was the closest church to my home and was very much like our church in Wisconsin. My mother passed away in 2010.

I am now retired and living in Elburn. Whenever possible I enjoy being on Washington Island in Wisconsin on the family farm pulling weeds and watching sunsets from the porch. Reading is my biggest hobby. Things that I am involved in at Grace are the Worship Team, Power Team (Altar), Choir, Rebecca Circle and substitute (electric) piano player for Worship Services.

LOOKING FOR WHERE TO FIND US?



WORSHIP – on our website every week! Click the media tab to find every current and past service! graceoflilylake.com

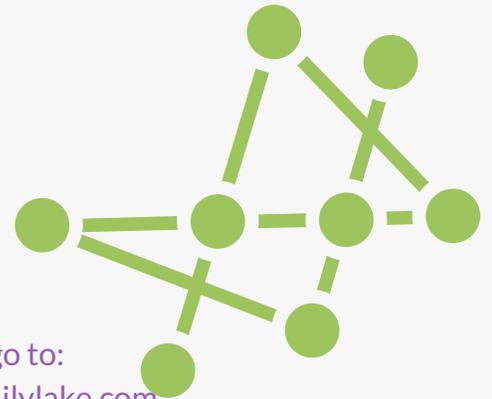
FELLOWSHIP – on Zoom - check weekly eblast for weekly particulars

BIBLE STUDY – Zoom the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 9 AM. Contact Nancy Corbige at 47-212-0237 or Cathy Gjerde for details.

PRAYER - For emergencies, call Nick Rex, our congregational president, at 630-742-5836

For prayer or other needs you can leave a message on Grace's answering machine (it is checked daily at 5pm), or call Kathy Hooey at 630-341-2293 or email her at kandkhoey@aol.com

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING ELSE?



While we are apart and you have a need or a question, here is who to go to:

Financial questions or how to give – Tricia Painter treasurer@graceoflilylake.com

Building questions – Kurt Redemann 630-918-4509

Other questions - churchsec@graceoflilylake.com

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Submit by emailing your article to churchsec@graceoflilylake.com. All submissions welcome. Share your voice with us!



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