



# **NEWSLETTER OF GRACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

God's work. Our hands.

## **GRACE LUTHERAN'S MISSION STATEMENT**

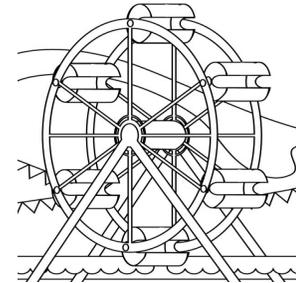
*As disciples in Christ, we support our faith community, encourage spiritual growth in everyone, and serve all creation with Christ-like love.*

*We accomplish this by:*

- spreading God's Word,
- building relationships,
- serving the community
- reaching out to those in need



# **July August 2022**



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Whether Jesus and the disciples were on the move or settled in, there was always more work to be done. Jesus also knew there was need for sabbath. **Grace Lutheran Church is claiming July 2022 as sabbath rest:** we worship (9:15am), fellowship (summer brunches inside when Sangamon County is Medium risk or lower), and feed (food pantry 11:00am-1:00pm Mon, Tues, Thurs). We forgo business. July fellowship opportunities include:

Fri, July 1 @ 6:30pm Lucky Horseshoes baseball game

Sat, July 8 @ 8pm JB in 'Company' Theatre in the Park

Fri, July 15 King Pin bowling with youth and young families

Sat, July 30 pool party Hyde Park near Galloway's

Our Growing Young (GY) TEAM has begun developing events for our youth and young families, as has our Fellowship Committee. While it is wonderful that these working groups are focusing on opportunities, it will take an entire congregation to create a vibrant and supportive youth ministry. Therefore, every committee and ministry is asked henceforth to keep this question before us every time we work together and make plans:

**"How can youth be a part of it?"**

Sometimes the answer will be that they really can't. But sometimes the Spirit will show us that there is a way that youth can be a part of it (following Jesus), and we will all be the better for it.

with Grace,  
Pastor Krieger



**Join us for worship online:  
FACEBOOK, YOUTUBE, OR BY EMAIL**

You can go to either our website at [www.gracelutheran-springfield.org](http://www.gracelutheran-springfield.org) on Facebook to *Historic Grace Lutheran Church* or to our YouTube Channel: Grace Lutheran Church Springfield IL and you will be taken to a link that will allow you to view the video of the services for the weekend.



Sunday morning of our recent vacation found us at St. Gregory of Nyssa Episcopal Church in San Francisco. There are many interesting things about this unusual congregation about which I could write, but today, I'm thinking about the artwork which surrounded us.

On the eight walls of the octagonal worship space (that's a baptism reference), there are painted icons of no fewer than 90 saints. These are not tiny pictures, they are life-sized! The icons go all the way up to the tall ceiling. You recognize Jesus at the center, not standing still, but dancing, with one leg up in a kick! Then you realize the 90 saints are all in the same pose, touching each other's shoulders, and standing on their left foot while kicking the right. There are some saints who look like you expect icons to be, two-dimensional representations of old men with beards in first-century clothes, but women and people of color are well represented throughout. Mary Magdalene, Julian of Norwich, and Desmond Tutu. There are some surprising saints too, maybe because, according to St. Gregory's brochure, "Of course, God works with more than Christians, and more than Christians are saints." So, we also see images of Malcolm X, Gandhi, and Anne Frank. They are all part of the dance as well.

The form of the liturgy would be familiar to people at Grace, even if some of the individual songs would not be. All were sung a cappella; the only instruments used were our voices. As the Communion Liturgy began, we all processed to stand around the altar, but not in a straight-line, formal procession. We danced! Just like the 90 saints in the icons above us, we danced. At the conclusion of Communion, we danced again in a circle around the altar to "Open Your Ears, O Faithful People." Now, not only in hearing the word, responding in song, and receiving the Lord's Supper had we joined with the saints before us, but even in our very bodies in dancing in heavenly celebration around the Throne.

Don't start getting worried. I know this isn't for everyone or for every congregation. My 18-year-old son said, "That was a little *too* participatory." But the idea that we are part of something cosmic when we gather, and that we participate by our simple actions, songs, and meal—that's pretty cool. The artist of the St. Gregory icons, Mark Dukes, has this to say: "I see my personal and liturgical work as a calling, and a form of prayer and communication with God." God give us eyes to see our own callings in this light.

As in years past, each committee and/or group at church takes a Sunday to host a fellowship time of great food following our 9:15 a.m. Sunday worship. To help with the Summer Fellowship time, we are also including a weekly sign up to those who are not on committees, but would like to bring something. Check out the white board for the weeks to sign up today.

**The Prayer Ministry**, with the support of the Stephen Ministers, is working to grow and strengthen our prayer life at Grace. Each week we will be sharing the names of people that we are praying for (with their permission) in the bulletin. We invite each of you to pray for those on the list. Not sure about how or what to pray for? The Holy Spirit does and will offer our prayers for us.

*Pray, not because people are doing it, but because it's the least you could do for all those who are affected. Pray for everyone. God listens. God cares.*

Romans 8:26 tells us, "*Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words.*"

If you have a specific prayer request that you would like added to the Prayer Chain or if you would like to be added to the Prayer Chain email list please contact Kim, in the office, [k.gietl15@yahoo.com](mailto:k.gietl15@yahoo.com), Pastor Krieger, or Sara Oehlert.

**New WORD IN SEASON** devotional book for July, August and September are available at the church in the narthex or call or email Kim in the office and one can be mailed to you!

*"THERE ARE NO LIMITS TO WHAT GOD CAN DO THROUGH THE PERSON WHO IS FREE FROM PRIDE...." ROY LESSIN*

**MEMBERS LIMITED MOBILITY/ HOMEBOUND**

DIXIE ALVIES  
DOROTHY BAHRE  
GLENDA BOWLES  
GEORGIANN BREDEHOFT

GLORIA GAGNON  
MARGE HANNER  
ELEANOR SAKRIS  
ANN SCHLICHT

Thank you to Mary Jo "Josie " Anderson for delivering flowers and lovely muffins to me. The flowers were so beautiful and the muffins nicely filled an empty space in my tummy. Mary Plymire

Thank you to Ed and Judy Wollet for the beautiful altar flowers—to Charlotte for thinking of me and to Marilyn and Gene Blade for delivering them.  
Sincerely Lyn Kennedy

I want to thank everyone in Grace Circle for the thinking of you card and their prayers. Thank you for the lovely altar flowers and to Toni and Anna Mae for delivering them. Best wishes, Marcella McGowan

Great BIG THANK YOU to those Food Pantry volunteers who have worked so far this summer in the extreme heat!

Thank you to Cindy Anderson for the new panels made for behind the choir (reredos) and for the altar for our "ordinary times" of green in our worship space.

Thank you to Jack Wheaton for the beautiful holder for our brochures for tourists to Lincoln Home area. Thank you to Sharon Knop and Ed Wollet for help with insulation.



\*\*WITH APOLOGIES...Christopher George also graduated from Springfield High School last month—Congrats!

**ATTENTION:** If entering the hospital, please let them know that you are affiliated with Grace Lutheran Church so that Pastor or a member of the Parish Nurses may call upon you, or at least Kim will know that you are in the hospital and can get prayers out for you.

### **Servant Opportunities**

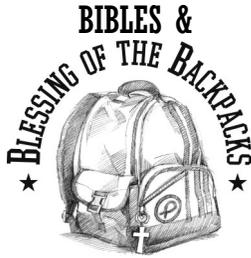
Deliver the altar flowers

Provide food for summer Fellowship hour

Consider teaching a Sunday School or Adult Forum class

**ALL YOUTH AND FAMILIES** are encouraged to join us for bowling **July 15 at 5:30 pm** at King Pin Lanes. As well as a **pool party** at Hyde Park pool **July 30 from 1:00–4:00pm**.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!!**



**August 21, 2022** during worship time. Kids and teachers bring your backpacks, lunch boxes, computer bags and the like. They will be blessed for the new school year. Also if your child has not received a Bible from Grace, please let Kim in the office know and we will have those ready for that weekend as well.

**Rally Day** for the Sunday Church School is tentatively set for **September 11th** at 10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.

**Grace Forum** will resume on **September 18th** at 10:30 am in the Fellowship hall.



**Brown Bag Bible Study TBD.**

**Weekly attendance**

<b>Weekend</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>YouTube</b>	<b>Facebook</b>
Easter 7	5/29/2022	87 In-person	
Easter 7	5/29/2022	17	49
Pentecost	6/5/2022	53 In-person	
Pentecost	6/5/2022	31	83
Trinity	6/12/2022	58 In-person	
Trinity	6/12/2022	24	55
Pentecost 3	6/19/2022	78 In-person	
Pentecost 3	6/19/2022	22	46
Pentecost 4 Fellowship Hall Lightning strike	6/26/2022	65 In-person	



pain on the inside, help is available. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care. They will listen, care, encourage, and pray with and for you. Stephen Ministers have been specially trained to meet your emotional and spiritual needs. If you or someone you know is hurting, find out more about Stephen Ministry by talking with one of our Stephen Ministers. **Our Stephen Ministers are there to care!**

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## **Grace Place Task Force (GPTF) Summary To Date:**

Last year, the GELC church council hired Berners-Schober Inc. (aka B-S) to perform a complete building inspection that included Architectural, Structural, Plumbing, Mechanical, Electrical, and Stain Glass aspects. The full report is in this year's annual report and is available at the church office.

The Grace Place Task Force (also known as GPTF) was created by the GELC Council at the March 22, 2022 meeting. The Task Force is made up of committee representatives from all aspects of our church community. The GPTF was charged with reviewing the assessment and summary from the Berners-Schober Assessment in areas identified as 3 to 10-year building needs [and present a plan long-term implementation plan for these actions.](#) GPTF is also charged with obtaining bids and presenting them to Council for their review and determination of the next actions.

After an overview of the Berners-Schober inspection report was given, the committee members were asked to review the report before the following meeting. During the next two meeting (April 7 and 28) 3 groups of 3 members each were asked to identify and rank the 5 most important issues with which to begin during the next 3-10 years to upgrade various aspects of the Grace's physical plant.

Each group discussed and prioritized tasks identified as High Priority (3-10 years) on B-S's summary. All groups identified the same five tasks, but not in the same order of need. After discussion, it was agreed that a representative from Berners-Schober be asked to attend the GPTF meeting to review the items identified as high priority, to include stained glass windows, and provide additional supporting information to help the group properly prioritize each task.

Darren Johnson of B-S attended our June 16 meeting and reviewed the assessment and GPTF's work so far. He agreed with GPTF's priority list of projects with the suggestion to move an electrical item to the top of the list as a life safety issue. Darren had no other suggestions for the Task Force. [The next step for the Task Force will be to prepare an implementation plan for Council approval.](#)

The June Council meeting was held on June 28.

- **Sabbatical for July.** Council will meet if needed for specific items.
- **MOTION** to receive Kristen Edwards into membership at Grace Lutheran Church. **Approved unanimous**
- Finances strong at 47.54% (41% by this time normal). Parking Lot income 1351.64 half to Grace Trust and half to
- Pastor Krieger access to financial records as to gain knowledge of happenings in peoples lives. Trends in giving
- Synodical Mission Trip Sept 3 & 4 in Olney IL. Maybe Saturday all day as Schnirring farm worship is Sunday.
- Grace Place on top 5 priorities. Creating Temple talk.
- Evangelism looking into online church directory
- Lightning strike—progress is being made fencing around church so that the street is usable. Worship will be in fellowship until safe for sanctuary. All our neighbors have been gracious and welcoming. St. John's, First Pres and Temple B'rith Sholom said we are welcome to use their worship spaces as needed. Pipes and organ seem to be ok so far.
- **MOTION** from Property for phone/internet—**TABLED** due to lightning
- **MOTION** from property for Fehring Ironworks to install iron railing on the staircase from fellowship hall to basement not to exceed \$1000.00. For Ferhring to install a ladder and hinge on the grate at the Food Pantry landing at a cost of \$969.87. **Both approved unanimous**
- **MOTION** from Worship and Music pertaining to organ repairs—deferred until August meeting
- Phil Galloway has been accepted for Seminary at Wartburg Theological Seminary and will begin September 5!

### **FINANCIAL/ATTENDANCE REPORT**

#### **May 2022**

Income: \$33,228  
Expense: \$37,111  
DEFICIT (\$3,883)

#### **YTD 2022**

Income: \$181,612  
Expense: \$166,046  
SURPLUS \$15,566

#### **May 2021**

Income: \$35,270  
Expense: \$32,848  
SURPLUS \$2,422

#### **YTD 2021**

Income: \$147,793  
Expense: \$159,663  
DEFECIT (\$11,870)

Diana Weyhenmeyer June 28 –July 2, July 18–23

JB George already taken, but to Valparaiso IN  
for AOC July 18–23

Pastor Tom Krieger July 7-12, July 17- 25, August 7, 11-12

Kim Gietl July 14-15, July 31–August 7

*of  
Travels!*



Happy 4th of July!

BEFORE SLEEP, WALK BACK THROUGH THE DAY, GIVING GOD  
THANKS FOR EACH MOMENT YOU RECOGNIZED HIS HAND OF  
BLESSING." NANCY RAPP E

## MEALS WHEELS

We will be delivering Meals on Wheels in July.

Home delivered meals help to ensure that an individual's needs are met, allowing them to remain as independent as possible within their own home. Grace has been asked to assist with the meal delivery in July. There is a list of the dates and routes that need volunteer drivers in July. If you are able to assist with this effort, please contact: Robin Mahnken at (217) 638-1779 or Kim Gietl at the Grace office: (217) 522-3965. Thank you for considering participating in this ministry.

### DATE      ROUTE

July 7            1

July 14          1

At this time, **Route 1** includes six addresses for delivery:

1109 E. Mason; 1824 E Cornell Ave; 1829 M.L. King Jr. Drive;

69 Alken Ct; 2165 Yale Blvd; 2455 S 4<sup>th</sup> St.

### DATE      ROUTE

July 21          6

July 28          6

At this time, **Route 6** includes six addresses for delivery:

811 Reisch St; 606 W. Carpenter; 612 S. 5<sup>th</sup> St; 937 S College St;

1116 Johnson Lane; 97 Dawn Drive

### DATE      ROUTE

July 26          9

At this time, **Route 9** includes eight addresses for delivery:

1419 N 7<sup>th</sup> St; 2120 Kaskaskia Drive; 1604 North 19<sup>th</sup> St;

2213 E. Black Ave.; 2521 Somerton Rd; 3500 N Dirksen Parkway Lot

14; 3501 Ridgely Rd. Lot 76; 3617 North Grand Ave. East,

*As Christ fed the multitudes, the mission of the Historical Grace Lutheran Church Food Pantry is to feed the hungry.*

Client numbers at the Grace Lutheran Food Pantry continue to surge. While we have drawn down our account balance somewhat this year, we continue to meet client needs thanks to donations that increased significantly during the pandemic and gave us a platform from which to handle this increase, while also offering more fresh food, dairy products and personal items.

During the month of May we served 651 client households and 1,594 individuals compared with 275 clients and 660 individuals in May of 2021. Our numbers also were higher than pre-pandemic May of 2019 when we served 579 households.

For the year, we now have served 2,673 households and 6,812 individuals, increases of over 80 percent compared with the same period last year.

With the arrival of summer we once again are blessed to be receiving weekly donations of produce from the Farmer's Market through a partnership with the downtown YMCA, whose "pop-up produce van" delivers surplus produce from the market to us on Saturdays. We also receive produce from the heirloom garden next door at the Lincoln home site.

We greatly appreciate that with Jim Hobbs' leadership, several members of Grace are helping plan a second annual golf outing to benefit the pantry. The event will be held at noon, Sunday, Sept. 18 at Piper Glen Golf Club. If you are interested in contacting potential event sponsors or golfing, please contact Jim or the church office.

Looking ahead, we are considering a trial later this summer of Saturday hours to accommodate those who may find it difficult to get to the pantry during our normal weekday hours.

Our income and expenses were about balanced for the month of May, thanks in large part to a donation which covered the cost of our new double-door, stainless cooler. We ended the month with an account balance of \$72,466. Your continued support and any suggestions for businesses and organizations we might try to connect with are always appreciated and will be key to maintaining our current level of service in light of our client numbers.

Doug McFarlan, Director

- Boys and Girls Club, 300 S. 15th, Springfield, IL 62703. Meal served M-F 8am-9:30am and 12pm-1pm.
- Brandon Court, #9 Brandon Dr., Springfield, IL 62703. Meal served M-F 9am-10:30am and 12pm-1pm.
- Springfield Junior Police Academy, 3501 Color Plant Rd., Springfield, IL 62702. Meal served M-F 7:30am-8:30am and 11:30am-12:30pm.
- Springfield Park District, Nelson Center, 1601 N. 5th St., Springfield, IL 62702. Meal served M-F 11:30am-12:30pm.
- Springfield Park District, Erin's Pavilion, 4965 S. 2nd St., Springfield, IL 62703. Meal served M-F 10:30am-11:30am.
- Springfield YMCA Downtown, 601 N. 4th St., Springfield, IL 62703. Meal served M-F 7am-8:30am and 11:30am-12:30pm.
- Springfield YMCA Camp Wa-Kon-Tah, 6602 Iron Bridge Rd., Chatham, IL 62629. Meal served M-F 7am-8:30am and 11:15am-12:30pm.
- Springfield YMCA Kerasotes (Matthew Project) - 4550 W. Iles, Springfield, IL 62711. Meal served M-F 11:45am-12:45pm.

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## **DRIVE OUT HUNGER GOLF OUTING**

**At Piper Glen Golf Course, Springfield**

**Sunday, September 18, 2022 beginning at 12 noon  
to benefit Grace Food Pantry.**

**Think about a foursome for golfing or if you are part of  
a business that may want to be a sponsor.**



**July 2**  
Amy Harshman

**July 3**  
Ashley Streck

**July 4**  
John Rigg

**July 6**  
Jennifer Derlitzki  
Tucker Luckey

**July 9**  
Nicole  
Brockmeyer  
Georgia Luckey

**July 11**  
Adam Hobbs  
Hailey Schlicht

**July 12**  
Stephen Christell  
Kathy Kreutzer  
Carter Streck  
Julie Thompson

**July 13**  
Gary Courtwright  
Crystal Shadid  
Diana  
Weyhenmeyer

**July 14**  
Salli Shields

**July 15**  
Karen Clark  
Kyle Gietl

**July 16**  
Carolyn Nelson

**July 17**  
Marilyn Dees

**July 18**  
Rosie O'Fallon  
Don Thannen

**July 19**  
Randy Krone  
Jackie O'Fallon

**July 20**  
Dr. Agnes Wood

**July 21**  
Chris Thompson

**July 22**  
Emma Harshman

**July 23**  
Velma Lawson

**July 24**  
Addison Christell

**July 25**  
Margot Galloway

**July 26**  
Jackson Coombe

**July 27**  
Corrine Kircher  
Jean Scherer  
Jennifer Weakly

**July 28**  
John Weakly

**July 29**  
Larry Garrison

**July 30**  
Addison Downey  
Benjamin Gonzalez  
David Gonzalez  
Mark Thannen

**July 31**  
Carolyn Sandidge

**Aug 5**  
Owen Hobbs  
Ann Jakowsky  
John Klint

**Aug 8**  
Collin Hermon  
Meghan Lane

**Aug 9**  
Melissa Best  
William Heidorn

**Aug 10**  
Oliver Janssen

**Aug 11**  
Jessica Loyd

**Aug 12**  
Seraphina  
Galloway  
Brenda Poston

**Aug 15**  
Ozzy Von  
Holten

**Aug 16**  
Lydia  
Cummings  
Gabriel (Max)  
Gonzalez  
Frances Valenti

**Aug 18**  
Ryan Bonnet

**Aug 19**  
Kathy Carnduff  
Jim Monahan  
Bonnie  
Schattschneider

**Aug 20**  
Loretta Irwin

**Aug 22**  
Beth Ann Butler  
Erica Christell

**Aug 25**  
Carol Shipman

**Aug 27**  
Chip Christell  
Bryan Nelson

**Aug 28**  
Brady Kepler  
Mark Wilson

**Aug 30**  
Savannah Downey

**Aug 31**  
Karen Nation

Summer  
Birthdays 

***God's blessings!***

This month will show the forms and how to fill them out for a Power of Attorney for Health Care. The most important part in choosing someone to care for you when you are unable to care for yourself. You want someone who knows your wishes and what you would want done in case you were unable to make your own decisions. The first part lists things you want your health care agent to know about you. The next part lists decisions your health care agent can make for you. If your health care agent is unable to make a decision, you can list two other people called successors who can make decisions.

### **WHAT DO I DO WITH THIS FORM ONCE I COMPLETE IT?**

Follow these instructions after you have completed the form:  
Sign the form in front of a witness. See the form for a list of who can and cannot witness it.

Ask the witness to sign it, too.

- (iii) Give a copy to your agent and to each of your successor agents.
- (iv) Give another copy to your physician.
- (v) Take a copy with you when you go to the hospital.
- (vii) Show it to your family and friends and others who care for you

Go through the form and check the boxes with what you want done in medical treatment. Write in names of successor agents. Don't forget to have someone witness your signature.

If things change, you can always redo the form and update to your wishes.

These forms can be done online in a step by step process and answer their questions. See the form on the website. It can be found on the ***newly updated Health at Grace*** page.



Hope everyone has a safe summer.

In Christ's love, Diana

**REMEMBER TO HAVE YOUR BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKED  
THE THIRD WEEKEND OF EACH MONTH!**

The Fellowship Committee is planning a family baseball night to see the Springfield Lucky Horseshoes at Robin Roberts Stadium! **July 1 at 6:30 pm.** Ticket prices are \$10 each which can be purchased at the gate. This is a special giveaway night with children receiving a Knights Action Park Pass giveaway with paid admission to the game.



JB George is in the production of "Company" at Theatre in the Park in New Salem. This production will be the week of July 6—9. Fellowship Committee is planning an outing to for the production on **Friday, July 8 at 8:00 pm.**

**A Fellowship Pool Party** is scheduled for Saturday, **July 30 from 1:00-4:00 pm** at the Hyde Park Subdivision (located just off Toronto Road). A sign-up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall providing details. Everyone is welcome!



## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**September: Labor Day Picnic – Sunday, September 4th**  
Possibly following service if at Schnirring Farm

**Evangelism** In Chapter 6 of *The Invitational Christian* the author, Dave Daubert, suggests that business cards are an easy way to equip members of a congregation to easily invite others. He explains, "Give each member cards and ask them to use them. When opportunities come up, they can simply pull a business card out of their purse or wallet, say a little something they find meaningful about the congregation's role in their lives, and give their friend or colleague the church's card. This may or may not include a concrete invitation, depending of the circumstances, but it is an excellent way to ensure that intermediate opportunities are not missed." To implement this idea, the Evangelism Committee has designed a business card with both church and food pantry information. You can get as many cards as you choose when you pick up your Sunday worship bulletin or by contacting the church office. Let's get some business

<b>SUNDAY 9:15 AM</b>	<b>July 3</b>	<b>July 10</b>	<b>July 17</b>	<b>July 24</b>	<b>July 31</b>
Reader	Rosie O'Fallon	Verne Nelson	Katherine Galloway	Roberta Volkmann	Diana Weyhenmeyer
Acolyte	<i>ALL Youth are welcome to be an acolyte a week they are here at Grace. Please come to church by 9:00 am and see Pastor. If you know ahead of time you will be here to serve, please call or text Kim or Pastor Krieger during the week.</i>				
Altar Guild	Brenda Poston	Deb Smith	Debbie Rigg	Toni Klit	Pat Ekle
Communion Asst.	Diana Weyhenmeyer	Kim Gietl	Sara Oehlert	Judy Wollet	
Greeters	Jim & Maurine Orr	Laurie Farrell	Gari Hurst & Arlene Honeycutt	Pat Casper	Josie Anderson
Ushers	Chris & Mary Schofield	Ed & Judy Wollet	Frank Beckman & Paul Derlitzki	Kim & Pam Schlicht	Mark & Cindy Anderson

<b>SUNDAY 9:15 AM</b>	<b>August 7</b>	<b>August 14</b>	<b>August 21</b>	<b>August 28</b>
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Greeters	Laurie Farrell	Clemons Family	Jean Scherer	Mark & Cindy Anderson
Ushers	Frank Beckman &	Joe & Kim Gietl	Galloway Family	

**All women of Grace are welcome at Circles and all other WELCA events. Note the following happening in July and August**

**July 6th Faith/Grace Circle:** 12:00 noon at Concordia Village

**Ruth Circle** will meet **July 19th at 7:00pm**, we will not meet in August.

**LADIES NIGHT OUT AUGUST 16 AT 6:00 PM AT FINELY'S TAP  
3236 GINGER CREEK. WE WILL ORDER FROM THE MENU.**

Look for the sign-up sheet on the white board. You must turn in a reservation. All ladies welcome and so are friends or relatives!

**Central/Southern Illinois Synod Women of the ELCA  
Biennial Convention September 9-10, 2022  
Grace Lutheran Church, Springfield, Illinois**

**REGISTRATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF  
CHURCH AND IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**DID YOU KNOW???** Scholarship money is available for those who would need this and all are encouraged to join us!

***HOSTS WITH THE MOSTS!!!!***

Thank you so much to the women of Grace Lutheran Church for hosting our Biennial Convention for our Central/Southern Illinois Synod Women of the ELCA. It will be here on September 9 and 10<sup>th</sup>. We are looking forward to good fellowship, worship, Bible study and of course food! We are encouraging ladies to come Friday at 12 noon for a light lunch and then to go to the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum or to visit Lincoln's home. We will start our meeting at 4 pm. We hope volunteers will assist with short tours of our church, food pantry and the meals. We will have Friday evening's meal catered. Deacon Pat Caley will be our chaplain and bring Fair Trade items. Kathryn Harris will be here Friday night to introduce us to Harriet Tubman and Sharon Miner will be with us Saturday to talk about Abe Lincoln and Pastor Springer's connections. Eve Fischberg will instruct us on a short dance/exercise session from the 1800's. Thank you again for your support. Jean Scherer, President Central/Southern Illinois Women of the ELCA



**Daily Grace** is an on-the-go companion for your journey,

first Tuesday evening of the month and have an evening of fellowship and stitching crafts (knitting, crochet, cross-stich, quilting or anything else)

July 5- Sara Oehlert

Aug 2- Barb Hedden

Sept 6 - Helen Appleton

Oct 4- Judy Wollet



**Stewardship stories** are monthly celebrations of what a difference Grace makes in peoples' lives. In this edition of **Grace Notes** spanning two months, we have the pleasure of two reflections from Anna and Dani following their week at Crossways Confirmation Camp @ Augustana College.

*What Camp means to me (Annabelle Clemons):* It made me feel independent. I enjoyed making some new friends and doing fun activities with them. Going into it I did not know what to feel, but I had fun! I am also planning on going again!



*A nightly journal reflection by Danielle Clemons:*

*Day 1: 10:21pm*

- if I'm being honest, my day has been horrible. It's like my sadness about being away from home without mama turns into anxiety and it's just an endless cycle. Plus, the groups and uncomfortable conditions don't make it any better.

*Day 2: 9:28pm*

I feel like today was a little bit better. I felt like I knew my surroundings better and Anna was with me for almost the entire day. I got to pull weeds which was fun, but the entire day my feet hurt so bad. My hind ankle/heel was cut-up so Pastor Krieger gave me a lot of band-aids. I'm happy that this week is getting shorter each day, so soon I'll be home with mama. I had to take a shower and it was ok but I had to wear flip-flops. I hope tomorrow is better.



today was probably the best day of the week. I had more time to talk to my mama and I liked going bowling. I also like the fact that I got to ride with Anna and Kim rather than the color/small groups.

*Day 4: 9:38pm*

today was pretty good. The beginning of the day was kind of boring though (we did the usual worship, did a few activities for theme/small groups, there was a presentation w/ people named Karly, Josie, Lindsey, and

Danielle, we filled out a sheet about our overall week and ate breakfast and lunch). But later was more fun (we got dinner at a pizza place called "Happy Joes," went to mini golf, and went to Whitey's for ice-cream [I got chocolate chip cookie dough]).



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*My soul finds rest  
in God alone.*

PSALM 62:1

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