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Welcome to Amazing Grace Connections,
Grace Lutheran Church of Lily Lake's
newsletter!

For article submissions and announcements,
please email your submission to
churchsec@graceoflilylake.com by the 15th of
each month to be included in the next
newsletter!

VIRTUAL OFFICE HOURS

Monday	4 PM - 7 PM
Tuesday	4 PM - 7 PM
Wednesday	4 PM - 7 PM
Thursday	4 PM - 7 PM
Friday	4 PM - 7 PM



Happy summer Grace,

While our outdoor worship services, in person, have been so great, we are on the verge of more restrictions as this pandemic continues.

This isn't ideal, but Grace is now well equipped and prepared to continue in person worship regardless of what restrictions and safety protocol may or may not come down. While these steps back may be in our future, the future of Grace is taking great steps forward. Our call committee has made tremendous strides in the completion of our Ministry Site Profile that they synod and ELCA then use to start matching us with candidates for a new pastor. We have a very specific profile that limits our pool of candidates, so finding the ideal one will definitely take time. It is a process, but the process is set up to work and not just blindly or hastily fill an open position.

I have also been working with the synod to find us an interim pastor to serve us during our search. These are usually retired pastors who sign on to be our pastor while we search for a new permanent one. This gives us consistency at the pulpit, provides us pastoral care, and provides us with guidance as we move forward as a church in the unknown of who our next pastor will be. Hopefully by November we'll have someone in place.

Continue to pray for our leadership, our worship team, our call committee, and all of our Grace family as we continue to take strides forward as a congregation.

Nick Rex

FINANCIAL MATTERS



July and August are catch-up and reflection months, with some mid-year tasks.

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 and if you have questions on your statement, please contact Dottie & Paul Mantsch (home# 630-584-5388).

Please pray and consider the role you could assist in on our Stewardship Team. Nancy Schnaitman said she would like to review some of the past programs we have used, but asked if others would be interested to review this as well. This Stewardship Team selects the stewardship campaign and puts the plans into action. We do not have a Pastor at this time to assist in this role, so we are needing several more members to join this Team! It is a short-term commitment and the Team will set the timeframe. Please contact Nick Rex or Tricia Painter for some further details, or speak with Nancy Schnaitman.

We have received a letter from American Eagle Bank that our PPP Loan #2 has been forgiven. This \$5,612 loan, was the 2nd we had applied for, received and loans were 'forgiven'. These funds have graciously assisted our payroll finances during this past year indeed! Our sincere thanks to Barry, President @ the bank, along with his staff, who helped get through the paperwork that needed to be submitted.

Tricia has sent required documentation to the State of IL for our sales tax exemption to be renewed - present one expires in September. For those that do make purchases on behalf of Grace, this document is quite useful in capturing some funds/not paying sales tax. We will keep you updated.

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.



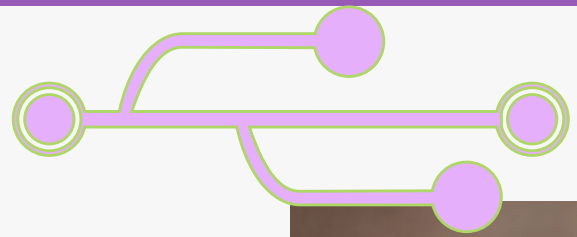


You may have noticed that our church mailbox is newly painted with name and address hand-painted as well. Our neighbor's across the street, Steve and Elyse Albrecht (5N571) painted their's and Grace's. We have dropped off a Thank You note to them for their gracious neighborly gesture for Grace. Keep them in mind if you are needing any powerwashing tasks completed.

We owe thanks also to Danny Lenart (Nancy Corbige) who also mows some of our lawn -- as their property meet up with our far back yard areas, Danny continues through his yard and continues onto Grace's. An extra help to John's weekly tasks. We certainly appreciate all the hands and time allotted that help to keep Grace's grounds maintained.

Getting to Know You

LEE GERKE



I was born and raised on the Northwest side of Chicago in the Humboldt Park area during the Depression of the 1930s. Not that I was aware of any money shortages other than it was now my job to cross my fingers, arms, legs and toes every day while my father called the union office to see if there were any job openings that day. He was a union printer and one of the few (at the time) who knew how to do rotogravure (color) printing.

I remember he even printed the color ration books everyone used to get meat, shoes, tires, etc. During World War II, we were only allowed one pair of shoes per person each year. So, we had to patch the shoes up and put cardboard insoles if they got holes. If the sole got unglued, my Dad would glue them back on but they never held together. So, it would flap on

your feet, and you had to find a new way of walking or running. But nobody cared because everyone had the same problem of bad shoes and hand-me-downs.

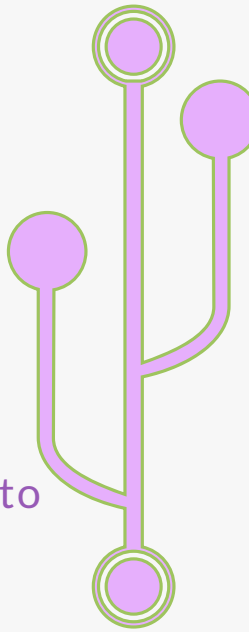
I met my husband, Ralph, while I was in YPS (youth group) at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Humboldt Park. We married in 1953. It's amazing how many of us married within the youth group -- and stayed married. We continued to be active in the choir and church council. We had 5 children, three girls and two boys.

We have five grandchildren, ranging in age from 44 to a brand-new baby girl, as well as two great-grandchildren, now in their teens. Unfortunately, Ralph didn't get to meet his two great-grandchildren, and the new baby grandchild as he died in 2001.

Both Ralph and I have always been choir members at any church we attended. I started choir when I was 13 after my mother died.

We become members of Grace not long after moving to St. Charles in 1972. When we were searching for a new church, the children, born and raised the city, decided it was fun to drive in the country to go to church.

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

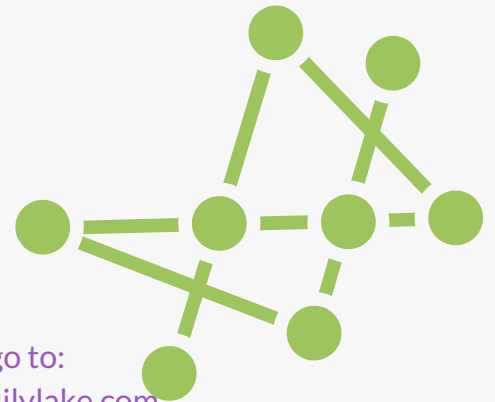
FELLOWSHIP – on Zoom - check weekly eblast for weekly particulars

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 kandkhooey@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

DO YOU WANT YOUR ARTICLE IN THE NEWSLETTER?

**SUBMIT BY
AUGUST 15, 2021**

**YOUR ARTICLE WILL APPEAR IN OUR
SEPTEMBER EDITION!**

Submit by emailing your article to
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