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Renewal and
Grace*

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—Proverbs 4:25–27

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Welcome to Amazing Grace Connections,
Grace Lutheran Church of Lily Lake's
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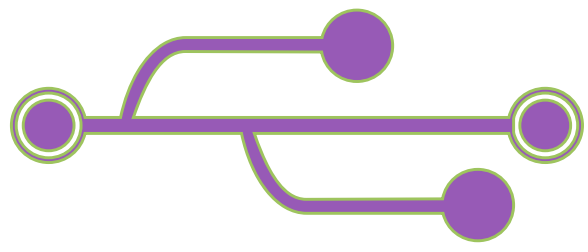
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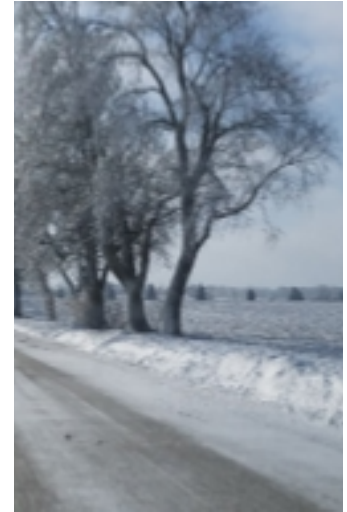
WRITTEN BY PASTOR DAWN ROUCKA

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Dear Grace Faithful,

I want to thank all of you for all the roads I got to travel with you as your pastor. I will fondly remember our journey together; I hope you will also.

A year plus ago we had the pleasure of celebrating our Anniversaries together Grace's 125th and my 25th Ministry Anniversary. (Goodness we are old!) The Anniversary bulletin listed the pastors who have served Grace since 1894 most of whom served longer than the 5 years I have with you. I wondered what their roads looked like here? I wondered about the people they journeyed with? What did their passion for Jesus Christ look like?



In my time with you I've watched children grow up and welcomed new people. I've baptized, performed marriages, performed some funerals. I've visited hospitals and shut-ins. Together, we realized a few dreams, shared some crazy adventures and experiments, lived through a few trials, and persevered. It has been a good and beautiful journey.

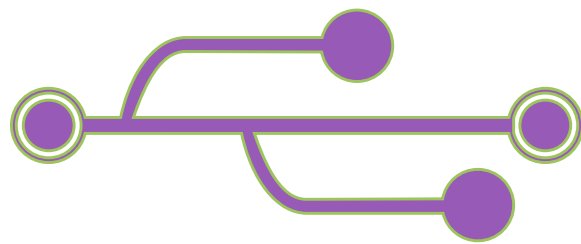
While I am leaving you, consider the one who remains constant: Jesus Christ. Jesus has been here from the beginning, and will be with you for all time. If through the power of the Holy Spirit you allow Jesus to guide you, Grace will always have a mission path. It may not look like the road we are on or church we have today. There may be difficult decisions which need to be made. But a passion for our Lord and Savior will see you through all your future trials and adventures. This passion guided the earlier faithful followers at Grace and their Pastors and helped them navigate their troubles and trials. They managed and flourished; so can you.



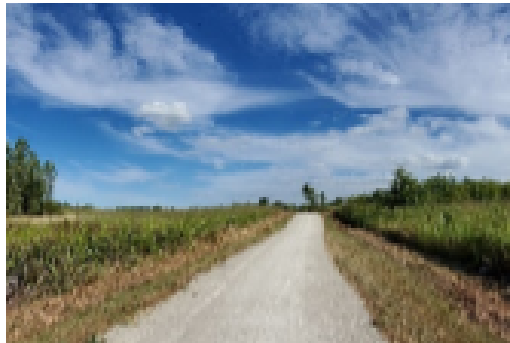
The Bible is full of stories about people who faced difficult roads. A few times the people of Israel were exiled from their land; every time they returned. You will fully return when it is safe from Covid. Moses led a quarrelsome and crabby people for 40 years and never got into the Promised land. He still trusted and knew God was with him. You too will get where you are going. Let God lead, no matter what. Saul turned to Paul on a stormy road and when he was up against the wall, in prison or facing angry people, he looked to God knowing,

"Since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. 8 We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; 9 persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. 10 We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. 11 For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may also be revealed in our mortal body. 12 So then, death is at work in us, but life is

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at work in you. Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.”



Join the opportunity this Lent to discover your own “**Road to Renewal**” as you journey with Jesus. (See more details in newsletter or on website). God made a way where there was no way, and God will do it again for all people who have faith. I know you have a wonderful future ahead – it is in God’s and your hands. I hope that under new pastoral leadership you find a way to connect with the neighborhood and invite more people to join you helping Grace be the **Church for the Whole Community**.

I close this with love and with this blessing, from Romans 15:13

13 Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

The pictures are ones I have personally taken on my journey to or from Grace over the past 5 years.



February WEEKLY Lessons

February 7th – 5th Sunday after the Epiphany

Overall themes: God strengthens the powerless, rendering void all forces that diminish human life, and following Jesus, we are also given power to strengthen the powerless.

Readings: Isaiah 40:21-31 & Mark 1:29-39

Sermon Title: “Kingdom Primer on Power and Impotence”

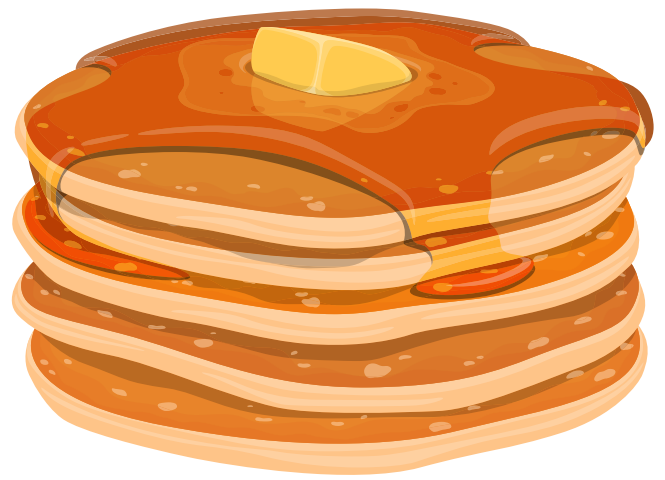
February 14th – 6th Sunday after the Epiphany/ Transfiguration

Overall themes: The stories of Jesus baptism and transfiguration are bookmarked with the same good word from God, that Jesus is “beloved.” The good news is that God’s light shines in us on Christ’s behalf.

Readings: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 & Mark 9:2-9

Sermon Title: “What He Said”

Fat/Shrove Tuesday



Join us for something new this year!!

February 16th at 5:30 PM

FACEBOOK LIVE FAT TUESDAY with PASTOR PANCAKE*!

*(Pastor Dawn used to be known as 'Biscuit Girl' back in the day)

February 16th, the day before Ash Wednesday, is also known as Fat Tuesday / Shrove Tuesday and Mardi Gras.

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday and Christians practice the disciplines of penance, prayer and fasting throughout the 6-week season. when Pope St. Gregory prohibited Christians from eating all forms of meat and animal products during Lent around A.D. 600. Around A.D. 600 Pope St. Gregory prohibited Christians from eating all forms of meat and animal products during Lent. So for centuries, on the night before Lent starts Christians prepared by using up valuable meat and supplies, such as eggs, fats and sweets they would be abstaining from in the days to come. While traditions of Fat Tuesday (most famously known as end of Mardi Gras/ French Tradition) have changed through the ages, many Lutherans have celebrated with the perfect menu of pancakes, bacon, eggs and the like.

Join the tradition, or create a new one, by joining Pastor Pancake FB LIVE for a pancake recipe, pancake making and even some pancake flipping practice. Leave Pastor Pancake your better recipes or pictures in the comments

ASH WEDNESDAY



The ASH WEDNESDAY key themes and tradition is recognizing our mortality and humbly receiving God. Or to recognize the utter truth – of who and whose we are and from where we come - realign ourselves with the God who made us.

Grace's Tradition includes an evening Ash Wednesday service of ashes and receiving Holy Communion. We intend to honor the tradition as best as possible during Covid time.

On February 17th we will observe ASH WEDNESDAY in 3 ways–

1) Come Drive through at 1 PM and get your Ashes-to-Go. Ashes will have instructions on them for you to self-impose anytime or during our evening service. You will also be able to pick up Holy Communion at that time.

2) A DRIVE-IN (Live) SERVICE begins at 7 PM – come get Ashes (Starting at 6:30 PM) and park in upper front lot for service, experiencing it on radio station 103.1 FM

3) A Recorded Service (with ashes and HC available for pick up prior either time above) that will be ready after 8PM.

The Drive thru service and the recorded service will offer ashes and communion as listed above (1 PM & 6:30-7PM). Those interested in one or both elements pull thru the front driveway from the east and they will be given out in a safe prepacked manner. People can stay, park their cars and worship from the safety of their vehicle tuning in to listen through their car radio, or head home and worship with us in a recorded Online Service. (Information available at our website).



Hopefully you all have received a copy of the Annual Report to review - and have attended the Annual Meeting (of Jan 31) in some way. (It is difficult to comment on the meeting as this writing for the newsletter is taking place before the meeting.)

Thank you to the many that responded with notes or pledges for 2021 - it is very helpful in helping Grace with forward planning in the new year.

Your Giving statements were emailed or mailed during the last week of January. If you have not received your's, please contact Cara Turner at financial.secretary@graceoflilylake.com. Grace is grateful for all of your contributions: time, talents and tithes.

Peace in 2021 ~ Tricia Painter, Treasurer

with the Finance Team: Dottie & Paul Mantsch, Cara Turner



NEW RELEASE



December 2020 marks the release of Pastor Arne Walker's 3rd book (former pastor at Grace Lutheran Church of Lily Lake). The title for this book is "SPIRIT PROMPTINGS". A highlight of this book is photography by nationally famous nature photographer Ken Jenkins of Gatlinburg, Tennessee. Ken shares several pictorial essays as well.

"SPIRIT PROMPTINGS" gets its title because each Public Pulpit (published in THE MOUNTAIN PRESS) grows out of his prayer walk. He never sat down and pondered something to write. The book includes over 150 titles.

"SPIRIT PROMPTINGS" is dedicated to Mary Vance, the first Executive Director of Mountain Hope Good Shepherd Clinic. 100% of the proceeds from this book will go to support the healing ministry of MHGSC which serves the uninsured working poor of the Sevier County, Tennessee Area. Each patient contributes something towards their care. With a small grant from Thrivent Financial, Pastor Walker will assume all remaining costs in support of this project so that 100% goes to the clinic.

All books may be ordered through Pastor Walker at amwsmoky2@icloud.com or (865)607-8636. This includes the previously published books "EVEN I WILL LEARN TO DANCE" and "A TRAIL LESS HIKED".

Pastor Walker has lived in Gatlinburg since 1986 and has served in ministry in 6 states since 1957. He has invested 59 years in an avocation of reaching out to teens removed from their home by the juvenile court. His main area has been the out of doors.

Our prayers support Medical Director Richard Dew and newly hired Executive Director Deborah Murph as this ministry moves forward.

Dr. Richard Dew has been a faithful volunteer and Medical Director at Mountain Hope Good Shepherd Clinic since 2003. He writes:

It is tough to be poor and sick in Tennessee.

We at Mtn Hope have ways to significantly improve not only our patients' survival, but also their quality of life. Too often, however, we are restricted by our patients' lack of insurance as many specialists will not give appointments to our uninsured patients. Medication cost are unaffordable.

For instance, good control of diabetes lessens the chance of heart attacks and kidney failure. Unfortunately, the costs of insulin and other newer diabetic medications run from \$300 to \$1000 a month. Fortunately, through our patient assistance program, we have been able to obtain from the pharmaceutical companies, these, and other medications at minimal cost to our patients. Last year the retail value of these medications was \$800,000.

We have another less well-known service that substantially improves the quality of their lives – an active office surgery program.

I recently received a price list for a local outpatient surgery group. This list was to show how much more economical their fees were compared with other similar clinics. The fee for removing a simple cyst started at \$500. A small skin cancer could easily pass \$1000. For our patients, being treated at that clinic would be a fantasy.

One such patient was a woman who came to Mountain Hope Clinic for a respiratory infection. She had bronchitis, but the most striking thing about her was a skin cancer the size of a large olive on her upper lip.

NEW RELEASE



"You have a skin cancer on your lip," I told her.

"That's what they said when they biopsied it" she said.

"When was that?"

"About two years ago," she replied?

"Why haven't you done anything about it?"

"My doctor and the dermatologist told me they couldn't help. I had to see a plastic surgeon. We called four, they all said the same thing – The first visit was \$500. After that they would tell me how much it would cost to remove."

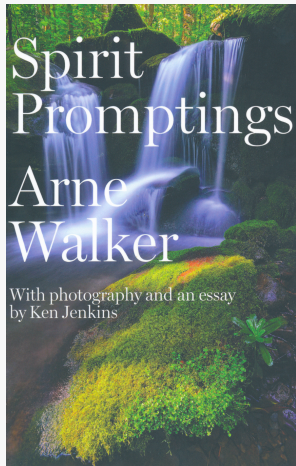
She teared up. "We don't have \$500." She wiped her eyes. "Can't you do it?"

I reluctantly agreed to try. I explained to her that she would have considerable disfigurement, but if she ever got insurance a plastic surgeon could repair the scar. When we finished an hour and a half later, I'm not sure who was the most traumatized: the patient, me or the medical student who assisted me. I charged her the most I have ever charged a Mountain Hope patient at the time, \$75. It turned out better than I thought. She was ecstatic with the results. It has been five years and the cancer has not returned.

We remove four or five skin cancers a month in addition to abscesses, warts, cysts, and numerous suspicious moles that we send out to labs to be examined to be sure they are not melanomas. We substantially reduce many patients pain by injecting carpal tunnels and arthritic shoulders and knees. Except for the melanomas, none of the things we surgically treat would be fatal. But we do improve their pain, their view of themselves and their quality of life.

Perhaps this is what Jesus was speaking of when he said, "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

Our Clinic continues to provide quality medical, dental, and behavioral care to the uninsured. All services are possible through community support; we genuinely appreciate your heartfelt giving.



Blessings to you, Richard Dew, MD (Medical Director)

Deborah Murph, MBA, RN (Executive Director)

Cards Received



Dear Church Family and Rebecca,

The Poinsettia is beautiful and adds to our Christmas cheer. So miss everyone at church and the feeling of being in church. Hope it ends soon.

Thanks for the get-well cards and good wishes for George. Hip surgery was a success, and he is getting better each day -slow but sure. Thank you for the flower and your thoughtfulness.

To wish you a blessed Christmas

And a New Year of much Happiness

In God's Love, George & Eileen Morris



Thank you so much—

Dear Grace Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for your generosity of the Blue Goose gift cards. Every year you continue to support our families here and we are truly blessed and grateful!

The Lily Lake School Staff



Margaret & Prayer Shawl Ministry,

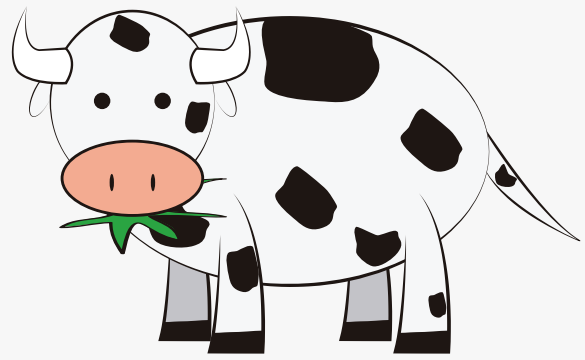
It was such a comfort to Glenn to have the Prayer Shawl, you lovingly crafted, in his hands and by his side as he neared his calling to be with our Lord. He was able to communicate until the very end of his earthly life and told me to make sure the shawl was sent with him as he went on his path to heaven. It is a powerful symbol of our faith and trust in our Lord. The Shawl was lovingly tucked beside him in his final resting place.

Thank you for all your prayers and thoughts.

Kathy Fritschel

2020

Rebecca Circle Barnyard Project



Our donations this year for the Rebecca Circle Global Barnyard Project totaled \$4000.00. Truly awesome!

Our heartfelt thanks go out to all our donors and to those who supported us. These ELCA Good Gifts help make a difference in the lives of so many families and help break the cycle of hunger and poverty—for good. We were blessed to order 11 chicks, 3 roosters, 5 goats, 8 piglets, a cow, one fish farm, 3 honeybees,

a community vegetable garden, seeds and gardening tools, a fruit tree farm and 3 family farms.

Many, many thanks to our donors. In alphabetical order.....

Jan and Jack Docherty - "In honor of our children, grandchildren, and greatgrandchildren"

Lee Gerke - "In honor of Diane & Roy Lilly. Josh & Lara, Austin & Kyra Lilly"

Suzanne Girsch

Cathy Gjerde

Marge Granquist - "In memory of Dave Granquist"

Kathy and Kirk Hooey

Kay and Paul Kinsel

Marlene Klingner

Carol and David Langseth - "In honor of Aili Marta Langseth"

Vicki Linden - "In memory of Chad and Hunter Johnson"

Pat and Chili Lindgren

Dottie and Paul Manstch - "In memory of Paul's sister, Kathryn Davis, who recently passed away"

Eileen and George Morris

Cheryl Nelson

Karen and Ken Patterson

Tricia Painter

Dawn and Ken Roucka - "In honor of our loving families - whom we miss"

Nancy Schnaitman - "In memory of James Schnaitman"

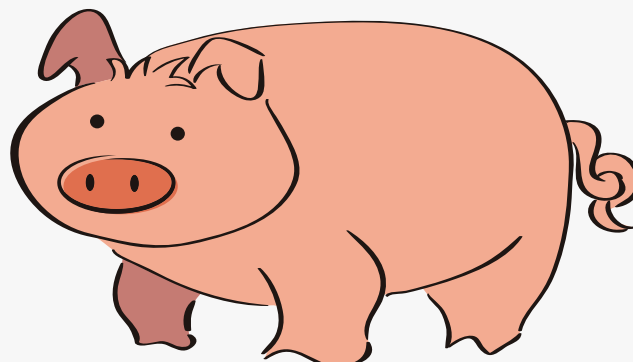
Linda Smykowski - "In memory of John T. Smykowski"

Margaret Swanson -

Gloria and Geroge Theros

Shirley and Norm Turner - "In honor of our grandchildren and greatgrandson"

Cathy Whiteside



POINSETTIAS



And a huge thank you also, to the many who purchased and donated poinsettia plants for our holiday sale. We were able to donate 15 lovely bright red poinsettias to some of our church members and friends, sharing our love and God's blessings at Christmas time. And a special thank you to those who took the time to deliver those plants: Suzanne Girsch, Lee Gerke, Helen Gruber, George and Gloria Theros, Tricia Painter, Jan Docherty and Kathy Hooey.



Dear Grace Friends, Thank you for the beautiful poinsettia. It was very thoughtful and greatly appreciated.

We miss going to church. We hope next year will be better and we can get back to our

Normal lives.

Fondly, Nancy and John Schaeffer



A word about Carl..... Thank you deeply for sending Carl Ekstrom the Christmas Card, book of daily devotions and the beautiful poinsettia. It made his day! And he was so proud to share his poinsettia on the dining room table for the other residents to enjoy. It is so encouraging to see Christ's love, alive and well and active in the world. Karen DeMarco, Life Enrichment Coordinator at River Glen





2021

Lent



ROAD TO RENEWAL: JOURNEY WITH JESUS

Grace continues a Lenten Midweek tradition with ROAD TO RENEWAL: JOURNEY WITH JESUS "Gathering" via Zoom each Wednesday evening from February 24th through March 25th. Meet with your Grace family from the comfort of your home at 6:30 PM – eat soup or not as you choose(Pastor Dawn shares her favorite Lenten Lentil in this newsletter.) Bring your bible, weekly bulletin and share your insights on the weekly lessons and how they impact our walk with Jesus. All sessions will include prayer, sharing, and will be lay-lead.



Thank you
← FROM GRACE

"I do not cease to give thanks for you..." *Ephesians 1:16*

God's blessings to all of you!– THANK YOU! It has been an honor to serve with you. We will never forget your generosity and care, and your love of God and others. Pastor Dawn and Ken

Happy Thanksgiving, Advent, & Christmas, 2020

Dear Ones,

As you know, we send a Greeting and Update every 2nd year! This is the year! Much has happened!

Daughter Aili Langseth (age 45), her husband Rob Mullen, and son Ernie (8) are settled in their home in Minnetonka, MN. Aili works from home for Margaret A. Cargill Philanthropies. Rob teaches Pre-School and Ernie attends 2nd Grade in the same school.

Daughter Lizbet (47), her husband Kristian Ronning, and children Julia (14), Linnea (12), Tor (9), and Espen (4) live in Hastings, MN. The children are in four different schools! Lizbet is a Family Practice Physician with Allina Clinic. Kristian is Chief Cook, Driver, Schedule Maker, Sunday School Teacher, etc.

Daughter Anna-Kari (49), her husband Kristian Johnson, & children Hope (16), Emanuel (14), & Xavier (10) live in Chicago. Hope & Emanuel attend Lane Tech H. S. College Prep. Xavier attends Pilgrim Lutheran School. Anna-Kari has a new job title: Associate Director for Congregational Vitality in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) & now works from home. Kristian is Pastor of Pilgrim Lutheran Church & School.

Carol (78) and David (80) have now been retired for 14 years. While the Illinois "shelter in place" orders have been quite stringent, it has afforded us the opportunity to tackle some long-range projects. Carol has been very diligent at writing family histories, labeling photos, and organizing everything into binders for distribution to our Grandchildren.

David has fabricated 5 complicated "We Three Kings" Advent calendars for this year. Now he has started going through his files, where he has saved almost everything in the first 80 years! He is also trying to get up the energy and courage to clean the garage.

We are all hopeful that the newly-elected President Biden and Kamala Harris will be able to provide a measure of new ideas to tackle the COVID – 19 pandemic, to build a measure of unity among divided peoples and groups in our country and in our world, to visit anew the hard questions of our environment, and to face all with new ideas, new honesty, and new energy.

Best wishes to everyone in the name of Jesus Christ, who has faced challenging times before, who understands the challenges we now face, and who has promised to be with us always!

With love, David & Carol Langseth



19 Sept 2020 - Langseths', Huntley, IL. Very happy to finally be together for a few hours after about 9 months due to COVID-19! (l-r) - Back: Anna-Kari, Lizbet and Aili. Front: David and Carol



Thank you for participating in Christmas GIVING
OPPORTUNITIES

Giving Tree

ELCA Barnyard (Update from Jan D.) before Christmas total was
near \$3500, highest total ever. Thank YOU!



THANK YOUs -

"I do not cease to give thanks for you..." Ephesians 1:16

God's blessings to all of you! – THANK YOU! Thanks for the
Christmas cards sent to me and Ken, thanks to the Docherty's for
the lovely holiday fruit basket. Pastor

Pastor Dawn's

Len-ten Lentil Soup



I love lentil soup, especially during Lent! During Lent I do not add meat to it (a good option anytime though.) Just the name puts me in a contemplative perspective. While preparing it, sometimes I set some lentils aside and meditate on them as one might with rosary beads. It adds to the prep time, but I swear it adds love to the pot. Lentil soup is easy and biblical. Think the red pottage that Jacob gives Esau for his birthright. Next to grain, lentils and other beans are a huge component of biblical folks diets. And pretty healthy. Jewish legend calls the lentil “the mourners’ meal” as it’s little round shape reminds one of the way death goes around and is all around’. A very Lenten theme.

During Lent I serve with flatbread, maybe hummus. Other times, it has meat (ham or beef) with rolls, olives and even a salad as sides. I do not like bland food so I use Mediterranean spices and have started adding lemon juice for a lift.

Also, I am not an exacting cook adding or subtracting to taste. Feel free to play with the recipe as needed for taste or health issues.

TIME: Prep – 10-15 mins/ Cook – 45-55 mins Servings: 4-6

INGREDIENTS

2-3 tbsp Olive Oil

1 med/lrg Onion (white, yellow, sweet)

2-3 garlic cloves or 1 TBS minced - minced

1-2 large Carrots or 1 ¼ cups – coarsely chopped

2 Celery ribs or 1 cup - coarsely chopped

2 Cups of Lentils – use whatever variety at hand or a mix of yellow, brown, green, red (no need to pre-cook or soak lentils)

1 can or 1.25 cups crushed/ diced tomato with sauce/liquid

6 cups/ 1.5 quarts chicken broth (use vegetable if vegetarian or during Lent)

½ teaspoon each of freshly ground coriander, freshly ground toasted cumin

1 ½ teaspoons of paprika

2-3 bay leaves

2-3 tablespoons of lemon juice (if using whole lemon, use medium size and add zest)

Salt and pepper to taste

Pastor Dawn's

Len-ten Lentil Soup

INSTRUCTIONS

In dutch oven or large soup pot over medium heat, heat up olive oil. When oil is hot, add the onion, carrot, celery and salt. Sweat until the onions are translucent (take this slow – 7-10 minutes to create flavor base)

Add in Lentils and stir until coated

Add tomatoes and broth. Let cook ten minutes on medium before adding fresh spices

Add spices and bring to a simmer about 10 minutes.

Cover, reduce heat and cook 20-30 minutes until lentils are tender. You may want to skim the float off the surface as it bubbles up.

Turn off heat. Remove bay leaves.

Serve.

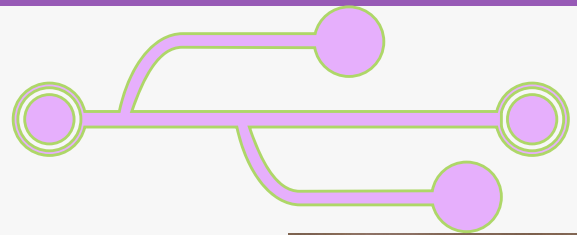
SERVING NOTES:

- Season to taste with salt and pepper. Grate over the zest of the lemon then add a squeeze of lemon juice just before serving. Garnish with parsley if desired and serve with warm crusty bread slathered liberally with butter!
- For thicker or thickest soup:
- For Thicker soup (this is best of both worlds. Gives richer thick soup with bean/ veggie texture) – remove 2 cups and let cool slightly in blender or processor. Use towel or pot holder when holding top to blend. Whirl for 1-2 mins. Mix back into main pot.
- For Thickest soup – using stick blender in pot (or remove after cooling ALL in batches) blend entire pot
- Soup freezes well for at least 3-5 months. But it is too yummy to stick around long



Getting to Know You

CATHY AND WAYNE WHITESIDE



Wayne's job brought us to Elburn in 1961. Wayne grew up in Southern Illinois. I grew up in a German Lutheran community in Central Illinois. I joined Grace Lutheran Church of Lily Lake in 1961 after using my criteria of picking the closest Lutheran Church and Grace fit the bill. I have not been disappointed. We have two sons, Jonathan (Tracy) with two children, Rachel and Connor. Rachel (Brent) have a boy and girl, Shae Mackenzie and Lucas James. They all live close by and that is a big convenience in seeing our great grandchildren. Robert has one daughter, Amanda. She lives across the street from us. Robert retired and moved to a small farm in Missouri. He loves it down there. Both of our granddaughters are schoolteachers, and our grandson works in Marketing.

It doesn't seem like we are old enough to have been married 60 years and have our 81st birthdays last year. Wayne has had some health issues but is still able to get around. I'm able to get around and sometimes have to realize all the things that I want to do are maybe not possible. Bummer! Oh well, that is life.

Over the years I have been on many committees and teams at Grace. The Lord has been looking out for me, especially on my 19-day bike trips with 18+ teenagers. I look back and think how did I do all that? We had to have sponsors for our miles ridden to raise money for special projects. We rode our own bikes packed with sleeping bags and our necessary items. We didn't have a vehicle following us or have cell phones. Each afternoon we stopped at a scheduled church, shopped for food, slept on concrete floors (usually). What an adventure! People were friendly and of course we attracted a lot of attention. I don't believe we could do it now considering how traffic and everything else has changed. Our boys went on many of the trips. I was happy to be able to go with them on a trip around Lake Michigan and then on a trip to Knoxville's World's Fair & back. Another special trip for me was 7 days of canoeing and camping in the Boundary Waters. On all the trips we all learned a lot about each other and about ourselves.

Grace has been a big part of my social life and my children as they were growing up. It is amazing what can be accomplished with God's help and everyone working together. I'm not comfortable speaking in public so I do a lot of my church work behind the scenes.

I retired 20 years ago from a rewarding job as an Occupational Health nurse at Caterpillar Inc. I've spent 20 years volunteering as a CASA/GAL (Court Appointed Special Advocate/Guardian Ad litem) for the Abuse and Neglect Court of Kane County. The work has not always been comfortable but has been totally rewarding. I've been on my current case 10 years and when the child gets adopted, I guess I will retire.

The Covid-19 virus has been a big challenge to everyone in what we are allowed to do. I pray that Lord will bless us with being able to soon go back to church as normal. It has been a long year.

Cathy Whiteside

**Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible,
but not with God; all things are possible with God."**

Mark 10:27

LOOKING FOR WHERE TO FIND US?

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

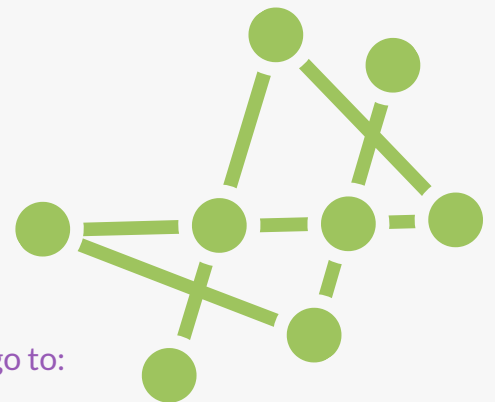
FELLOWSHIP – on Zoom - check weekly eblast for weekly particulars

BIBLE STUDY – Zoom each Tuesday at 9 AM. Contact Pastor Dawn for details.

PRAYER - By appointment with Pastor Dawn 847-331-0373 or reach through Pastor@graceoflilylake.com or each Friday morning with and for others through Zoom meeting - *contact Pastor for details.*

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
Building questions – Kurt Redemann
Other questions - churchsec@graceoflilylake.com



DO YOU WANT YOUR ARTICLE IN THE NEWSLETTER?

**SUBMIT BY
FEBRUARY 15,
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