

AMAZING GRACE CONNECTIONS

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JANUARY 2022

“But just as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us ... see that you also excel in this grace of giving”
(2 Corinthians 8:7).

We are pleased to share with you that on October 24, 2021, we began a three-week stewardship program titled “Excel in the Grace of Giving.” This is an enriching time for our congregation. As we grow in the grace of giving, we will develop an even closer relationship with our Lord. Our faith will deepen, both as individuals and as a congregation. For some of us, the lack of faithful giving continues to be an obstacle to our spiritual growth. Growing in our giving deepens our trust in God.

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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 New Year!

Hello Grace Family,

We kick off January 2022 with a new pastor. We welcome Pastor David Mercurio to Grace Lutheran Church. He is currently on a 6 month contract for both himself and us to make sure this is the right fit. If the Call Committee, Vision Team, our members, and Pastor David feel it is a good fit, we will permanently call him as our pastor later this year! We've been able to have him preach for us several times and join us in worship a few times as well. Check out the website for our worship service recordings to see him preach if you have not made it in person in November or December.

Now... 2021... what a year. We have expanded our technical abilities during worship and with recording worship. We've continued to stay safe and keep our doors open for most of the year. While we are not back to having all our events, gathering for fellowship every Sunday, and keeping our office open, we have continued to survive, and even thrive in some areas.

2022 will be a time of new beginnings and growth at Grace. At least that's what I see. From livestreaming worship service, a new pastor, new worship pieces with pastor's help, and new friendships. We look to hopefully hire a new office admin in 2022 to be at church for some hours each week, keeping the office open. That comes once we have a new pastor in place and we can safely have our office open.

Cheyenne has continued to serve as our office admin through this pandemic 100% remotely. She's living in California now! She has been able to take some

of the load off George's shoulders as he continues to be the reason we have in-person and online worship every Sunday!!!

Cheyenne will continue to serve Grace as long as she is able or we hire someone local, whichever comes first. But as my time as president comes to a close, I wanted to make sure you all understand just how great and crucial she has been to all we have done through this pandemic.

I've got one more of these newsletter covers to write in February to bid adieu to you all as president one last time. There is sure to be many changes in 2022, but I know we will take those changes in stride, embrace them, and continue to grow in Jesus Christ.

Peace Be With You All

Nick Rex
Vision Team President



FINANCIAL MATTERS

We are thankful for your prayerful consideration in the Excel in the Grace of Giving stewardship program for 2022. Faithful stewards returned 36 commitment cards, of which 33 monetary pledges have been made. With the submittal of these commitments, we are able to deepen our trust in God, as an individual and as a congregation, as we move into planning and budgeting in 2022. Please thank your Stewardship Team members for their efforts when you see them: Nancy Schnaitman, Cathy Whiteside, Margaret Swanson, Kay Kinsel and John Verner.

We propose to have the 2021 year-end giving statements emailed/mailed out to you by mid-January 2022.

If you would like to make a contribution towards the “Keep the Church Warm” (fund of sorts), please indicate this on your contribution check. This will go into our General Fund and to date, we have received \$600 earmarked for this tally. At our Congregational Meeting on Dec. 19, members approved the heating addition to our current HVAC system for the sanctuary (cost \$11,650) - anticipate that installation in Feb 2022.

If you would like a copy of any monthly Treasurer’s Report, please contact Tricia Painter. These are usually available by mid-month of the following month.

... just a brief recap as my time and energy are being spent on year-end reports, 2022 budget prep, annual meeting prep, etc. More Finance details will be found in our Annual Report -- Please plan to attend our Annual Meeting on Jan. 30 after 9am worship.

Peace in Our New Year 2022!! Tricia Painter, Treasurer



LINE DANCE LESSONS



What: Line Dance Lessons

Who: Beginner & seasoned dancers welcome, teen to adult

When: Wed. Jan 12, 6-7pm, every Wed. for 2mo. (or more)

Where: Elburn Community Ctr. 525 N Main St. (a.k.a. Rt.47)

Why: Fundraiser for local family

Cost: Free, except, accepting free-will donation for Peterson Family Medical Relief Fund

Contact/Instructor: Nancy Corbige 847-212-0237 www.facebook.com/rtdfj

This started as an idea to raise money for a local family struggling, but there are so many other benefits.

We need this for exercise, community, camaraderie, mood, memory, and fun!

The Peterson Family is in need of funds due to medical needs. They are family of long-time members of Grace Lutheran Church of Lily Lake. An individual/anonymous donor said they would match up to \$5,000 if we as a church also raised up to that amount. I am doing this class for free. I will not be paid to run the class. The rental of the room is \$35/hr. I will pay that. However, I will take any cash donations at the door to help me off-set the cost of the rental, and all the rest will go to the family. Or, if you'd like, go to the link directly and donate. Please put in the notes GLOLL and then let me know you did and the amount. I will keep track and update notes at each line dance class so you can see our progress.

I have taught Line Dance for 7 years at Park Ridge Park District and many other special events. To see more, check out my FB link above. Questions? Call or text me at cell above. Thanks!!

[https://www.gofundme.com/f/peterson-family-medical-relief-fund?
qid=f045503068233df22357b53980ed716d](https://www.gofundme.com/f/peterson-family-medical-relief-fund?qid=f045503068233df22357b53980ed716d)

BTW: I will mask. I am triple vaxxed. Asking that no politics be discussed. I will not make people mask. However, I ask that all be mindful of each other, mask or distance as need. If ANY symptoms at all, please don't come. I will have a sign-in sheet each week, asking for name, email, phone number. This way, if class needs to be cancelled due to weather or health, I can inform. These are tricky times. We need this class. Please help me keep it going. Thank you! Bless you!!



BIBLE STUDY

Nancy Corbige will be holding Bible Study at Luau Café in Wasco, IL in 2022! Join us for morning bible study and coffee every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 9 AM! Please contact Nancy via phone or email if you have any questions.

Phone: 847-212-0237

Email: ncorbige@gmail.com

Dates:

January:

1/11

1/25

February:

2/8

2/22

March:

3/8

3/22

April:

4/12

4/26

May:

5/10

5/24

June:

6/14

6/28

July:

7/12

7/26

August:

8/9

8/23

September:

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October:

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November:

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December:

12/13

12/27

Thank you

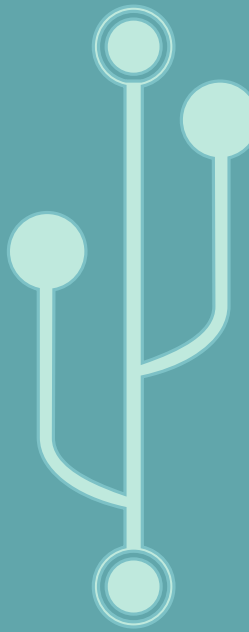


Many thanks to all of you who offered prayers, support and gifts to this year's GIVING TREE. We had 50 children's names from the ELGIN CRISIS CENTER and the Center was very appreciative of your generosity. George and Gloria Theros filled their cars to overflowing with clothes and toys for those in need. Twyla Strom made 50 pillowcases for each child to call "their own". Some of our members have worked for many hours making scarves for this project and we thank all of you again for your support as well as hours of labor. In the latter weeks of December/early January, we will be taking the gloves, hats, socks, and scarves that have been collected, to needy recipients. We are a small congregation but we are mighty. It is very heartwarming to see how God is working through us.

In Love and Service, Helen Gruber

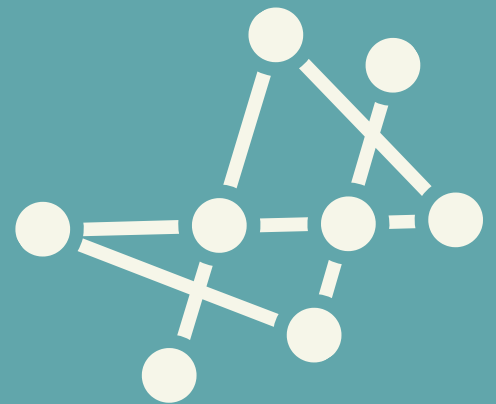


UPCOMING EVENTS



Bible Study is taking place every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at Luau Café in Wasco, IL at 9 AM. The bible study dates for January are 1/11/22 and 1/25/22. Please contact Nancy Corbige for more information.

Line Dancing Lessons start on Wednesday, January 12, 2022 and will continue every Wednesday for 2 months from 6-7 PM at the Elburn Community Center. Contact Nancy Corbige for more details.



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

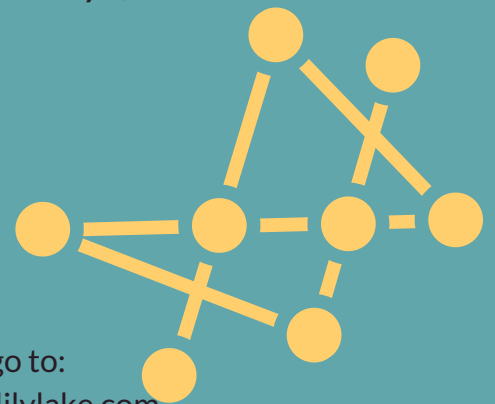
FELLOWSHIP – on Zoom - check weekly eblast for weekly particulars

BIBLE STUDY – At Luau Coffee in Wasco the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 9 AM. Contact Nancy Corbige at ncorbige@gmail.com 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

DO YOU WANT YOUR ARTICLE IN THE NEWSLETTER?

**SUBMIT BY
JANUARY 15,
2021**

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

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



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