

AMAZING GRACE CONNECTIONS

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MARCH 2022

Spring has sprung and Grace is buzzing with activity! With additions to our Grace family, Lent, and many things happening at the church, we're ready for a very exciting season of life! Read more inside about the happenings at Grace and what's going on around the church.

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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



Spring Has Sprung



Dear Grace Family & Friends,

Happy March to everyone! We're slowly beginning to welcome in spring and with it, the warm weather and sun we've so been missing. This spring brings many, many changes to our Grace family, including both a new pastor and a new Vision Team president!

Last month, we said goodbye to Nick Rex for his service as Vision Team president. Thank you to everyone who wrote up their individual thank yous for Nick. We're sad to see him go, but we're also incredibly happy to bring in Marty Bradley as our new Vision Team president! Marty has been doing great work already in this role and we're so glad to have her, as well as the rest of our amazing Vision Team. We're very thankful to have them.

Additionally, as all of you know, we have welcomed Pastor David Mercurio into Grace. Pastor Mercurio joined us in January of this year. After a long search, we're pleased to have him preaching with us. You can see Pastor Mercurio every Sunday at our traditional 9 AM service. Thank you to Pastor Mercurio for joining us.

As things open back up, Grace plans on continuing our in person services and events. Things are starting to return to normal and we all have an exciting spring ahead of us. Please stay tuned for more events and announcements, and have a blessed day. Celebrate spring with Grace!

Amen,

Cheyenne Watkins
Church Secretary



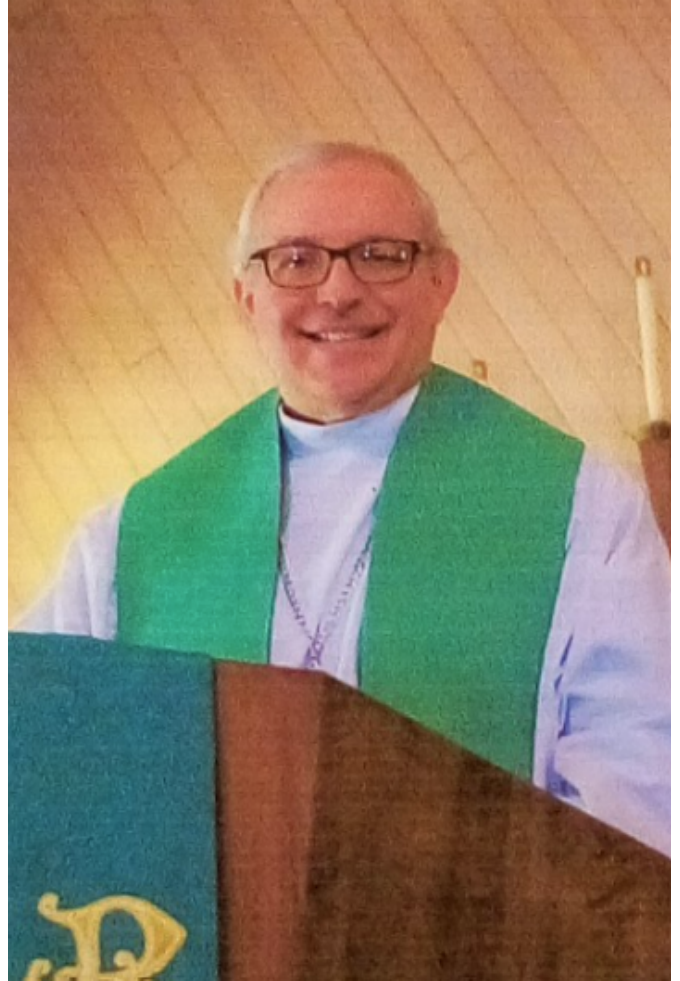


(From the Daily Herald 2/19/22, [follow this link to read it on their site](#))

Grace Lutheran Church of Lily Lake recently welcomed their new pastor, Pastor David Mercurio.

Born and raised in Chicago, he graduated from Loyola University, DePaul University, and Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary. He was ordained at St. Paul Thai Lutheran Church in Chicago, Illinois.

Pastor David lives in Naperville with his wife and their 2-year-old son. He enjoys playing competitive badminton and reading the works of theologians across all ages, from Augustine to C.S. Lewis.



Join Sunday worship and meet the pastor at 9 a.m. at the church, 5N600 Hanson Road, just east of Route 47 and north of Route 64 in St. Charles.

For information, call (630) 365-6751 or visit www.graceoflilylake.com.
Follow www.facebook.com/GraceOfLilyLake/.

PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 – 9 pm

Saturdays from 8:30 am to noon

Sunday mornings

You may contact him by phone: 847-946-8925

Or email: pdpdirector@gmail.com

SECRETARY OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 6 PM - 8 PM CST

Please email churchsec@graceoflilylake.com

Request phone number via email or leave a message at church phone



A NOTE FROM THE VISION TEAM

Dear Grace family,

I wish to thank you for the support you have already shown me as I accept the position of President. I hope that together we can build upon the ministry that God gives us and take his message to more people and more places. If you would like to contact me about our ministry, have prayer requests or other concerns, the best way to reach me will be by text to 630-777-1074. I am very much looking forward to working with Pastor Mercurio, the rest of the Vision Team and all of you. From one of my favorite hymns, Here I am, Lord: "I will go Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart."

Blessings, Marty Bradley, President



Pictures from 2-8-22 Vision Team.

Nick had served 6 years as VT President and
Mart Bradley is new president as of 2-8-22.



FINANCIAL MATTERS

As we move into 2022, Pastor David has advised he will be personally reaching out to our members to get acquainted. Our goals are to be more diligent about expanding upon some of our ministries that have (unfortunately) been on the 'back burner' for 2 years (!). We will seek out your time and talents, as these are valuable assets to Grace of Lily Lake. Another area in support of our church is with your tithes ~ Luke 12:34: - For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

~ Pray & Consider Giving Gifts from a Retirement Account ~

Giving a gift from a tax-deferred retirement account can be one of the most tax-efficient ways to be charitable both during your lifetime and through your estate. Unlike a distribution to you or an heir, which would be a taxable event, charitable donations from retirement accounts lay no additional tax burden on you or the charity. Estate gifts from these accounts can go directly to charities through a donor-directed distribution agreement or fund named endowments. Contact your financial institute for further information.

~ You are able to make your offering donations electronically -- the Subsplash Giving Link is: - <https://graceoflilylake.com/give>. (On our website) click on the "Giving" link, "Give", scroll down on the populated page and it will guide you to make a one time, or a recurring donation. We are grateful for your support @ Grace of Lily Lake.

~ Thank you for your continued support through your purchases via "AmazonSmiles" link and earmarking Grace of Lily Lake as your charitable organization. "Grace of Lily Lake" link is: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/36-2806605>. Note: Please ensure it says "St Charles, IL" as the location (there are many organizations that will be closely named).

Tricia Painter, Treasurer



Congratulations

Congratulations to our confirmands and thank you to those who have led the class!

Pastor Jane Perkolup, Milo Haaken Karner, Matilda (Tillee) Lee Karner, Evan Robert Deutschmann, Nathan Theodore Anderson, Marty Bradley





Sunday school for three through ten year olds will take place on the following Sundays, March 20, April 3, April 24, May 1 and May 15. It will then recess for the summer. If you have questions please contact Marty Bradley or Pastor. It will meet in the nursery room immediately following the children's sermon on those Sundays.





Thank you to our Christmas clean up team in January 2022! You were a huge help to everyone at Grace!



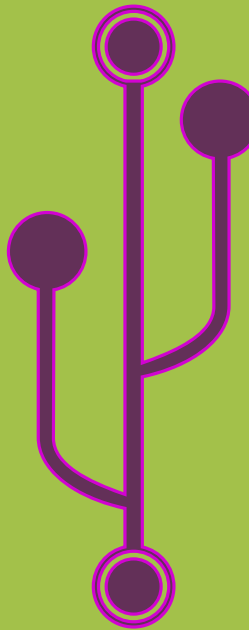
Baptism



On January 16, 2022, Grace had the Baptism of Addison Jo Herwaldt at Grace Lutheran Church by Pastor David A. Mercurio. The parents of the baby are Lindsay (Hansen) and Mitchell Herwaldt. The godparents of the baby are Hannah Nauert and Brett Hansen.



UPCOMING EVENTS

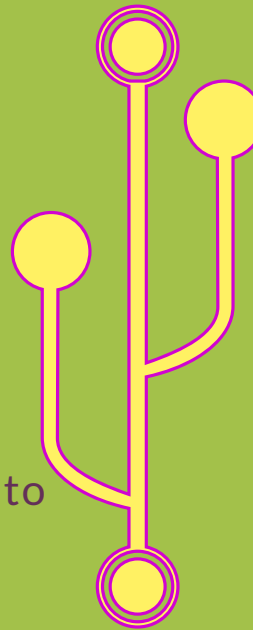


Bible Study is taking place every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at Luau Café in Wasco, IL at 9 AM. Please contact Nancy Corbige for more information.

Sunday School for ages 3-10 will be taking place on the following Sundays, March 20, April 3, April 24, May 1 and May 15. It will take place in the Nursery Room. Please contact Marty Bradley for additional 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

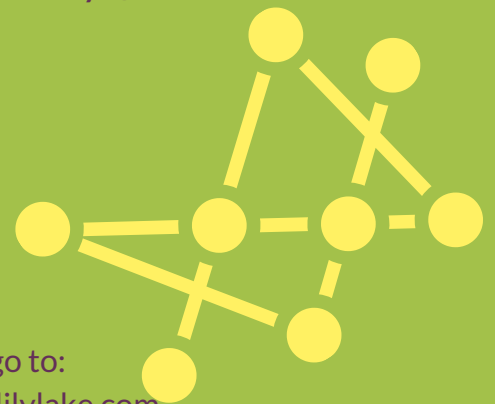
FELLOWSHIP – on Zoom - check weekly eblast for weekly particulars

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, contact Marty Bradley, our congregational president, or call the church phone.

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
MARCH 25, 2022**

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

Submit by emailing your article to
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