

AMAZING GRACE CONNECTIONS

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*Under
Re-Construction*

MARCH 2021

As we have bid Pastor Dawn and Ken Roucka farewell, we at Grace have work to do. "ReConstruction" of sorts in our searching for a new Pastor. Vision Team began discussions with our Synod in seeking out a new Pastor. If you wish to be involved on the Call Committee, please contact Nick Rex (president@graceoflilylake.com), as this Committee needs to have 5 people, as soon as possible. This is a short-term commitment - we need your assistance!

We will be starting back to indoor worship on March 7th @ 9:00a.m. We do have visiting Pastors and a Vicar scheduled to lead our indoor worship at Grace during the month of March. Grace will continue to provide on-line worship services that you can view from the comfort of your homes. In the next several weeks, please view our website or bulletins for upcoming worship information for Holy Week.

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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

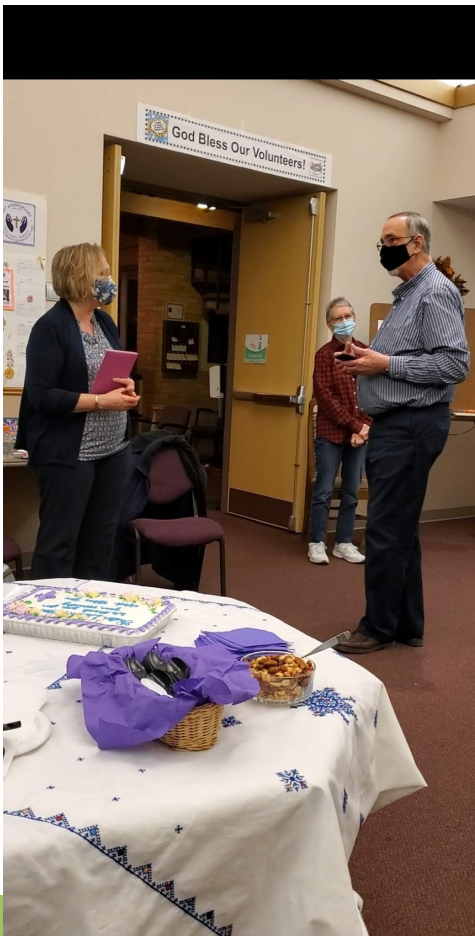
Under Re-Construction

By Tricia Painter

On February 25, the Worship Team had a small farewell celebration for Pastor Dawn and her husband, Ken, after our weekly service recording. She was pleasantly surprised as the Team presented her with a lovely cross, roses, Heidi's cake and a gift card from the Worship Team. We are thankful for Pastor's 5+ years of dedication and service to our congregation and send her and Ken our best wishes and prayers in their next journeys.

You can send your notes and cards to: Pastor Dawn and Ken Roucka, see Rebecca's Circle article for their address.

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GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF LILY LAKE

VISION TEAM 2021

Holds Up Vision
Provides/Attends Trainings

Defines or Clarifies Vision as Needed
Prays for Grace

DRIVES teams and members toward continued growth and action through our Mission and Vision

Helps Form Mission Teams as Needed

Plans for Annual Congregational Mission Vision Event

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- Evangelism
- Outreach
- Volunteer Coordinator

FAITH & PRAISE

- Services
- Altar Guild-POWER*
- Communion
- Assistance
- Special Services
- Music Program
- director

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- VBS
- Sunday School
- Youth Group
- Confirmation
- Bible Studies

FINANCE

- Memorial team
- Counters
- Budget
- Stewardship
- Finance team
- Treasurer
- Audit

BUILDING/GROUNDS

- Memorial garden
- Sextons
- Lawn Maintenance
- Grounds
- Farming Hope

COMMUNITY CONNECTION

- Marketing
- Groups Using Church
- Events
- Website
- Technology
- Rebecca Circle
- Road Runners
- Adopt Highway
- Rummage Sale event
- Food Pantry
- Shoe Box Coordinator
- Boy/Girl Scouts
- Thrivent
- Supercharged Sunday

CHURCH FACILITIES USE CONTACTS

If you want to use Grace's Facilities or you are here and someone comes and says they are set up to use the Grace facilities, these are the people to contact.

Cathy Whiteside - cathy@imotay.com 630-605-1096

Pastor – pastor@graceoflilylake.com

Office Administrator (Cheyenne Watkins) – churchsec@graceoflilylake.com President – president@graceoflilylake.com

*please try to include all e-mails when you send e-mail. You can always contact the office at (630) 365-6751

Grace Needs Your Assistance - Where Can You Help?

- ~ Vision Team began discussions with our Synod in our search for a new Pastor. We are seeking 5 people to be on the Call Committee, and this needs to be formed as soon as possible. Please contact Nick Rex (president@graceoflilylake.com) for details - this is a short-term commitment - we need your assistance!
- ~ Do you like to work with computers and various areas of technology? We are seeking 2-3 people to assist in our church service recordings, or assisting in the Sunday morning indoor worship services. Your assistance could be weekly, bi-weekly or once a month - but we need your assistance. Please contact George Theros or Nick Rex for details.
- ~ Do you like to read? Do you like to critique or review or edit articles? We are looking for an 'editor' of sorts to review the monthly newsletter for Grace. Please contact Tricia Painter or Nick Rex for details.



Grace Bible Study



Coffee, Tea, Theology and Faithful Conversations Grace Bible Study to continue! Each 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month, join the group at 9AM for faith-filled conversation. Currently the group meets via Zoom but will look forward to getting back to in-person at some point in 2021. Watch for the NEW ZOOM link in an upcoming eblast and via your email. It will be coming from either Nancy Corbige or Cathy Gjerde. Don't miss out on a new year of faith-filled conversation and prayers.





AMAZON SMILE

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) . The AmazonSmile Foundation donated just over \$90 to Grace of Lily Lake last year - in our first year in the program. Haven't joined yet? -- you will need to go to AmazonSmiles.com first, to confirm your purchase is linked to Grace of Lily Lake St. Charles as your charitable recipient - and then shop ! Please share this information with your family, friends, co-workers, etc. Thank you for your participation in this program and in supporting Grace of Lily Lake.

REBECCA CIRCLE

As a parting gift, the Rebecca Circle has presented Pastor Dawn with a wooden memory box.

We would like to invite the whole congregation to send Pastor and Ken a card or note as a remembrance of their time with us, which they could place in the box and read (and remember) as they wish. It could be a thank you note or a memory you might have or even best wishes. Whatever touches your heart.

You can mail it to....
Pastor Dawn Roucka
1862 Golf View Drive
Bartlett, IL 60103

Thanks for helping us in thanking Pastor and Ken for their part in the history of Grace Lutheran Church of Lily Lake.





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. 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.



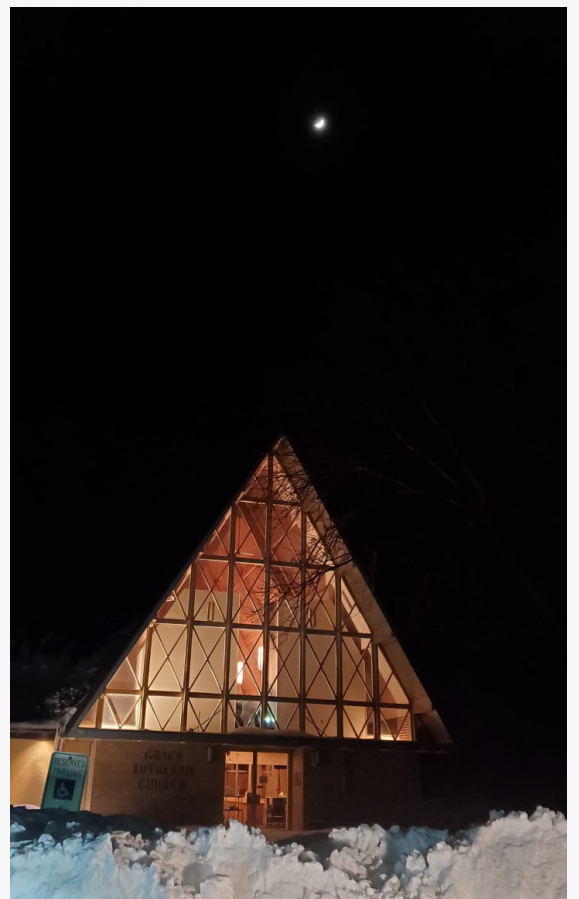
Meeting
Minutes

The minutes for our Annual Meeting are now available upon request and our monthly minutes! Please email churchsec@graceoflilylake.com to request them. They will be sent to you that day or the following day if it is after office hours.

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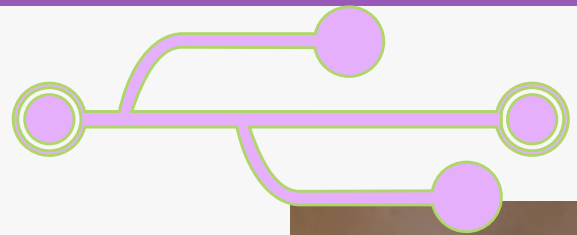
Ash Wednesday

Here are some photos of our drive-in Ash Wednesday service, courtesy of Heidi Anderson and George Theros



Getting to Know You

TRICIA PAINTER



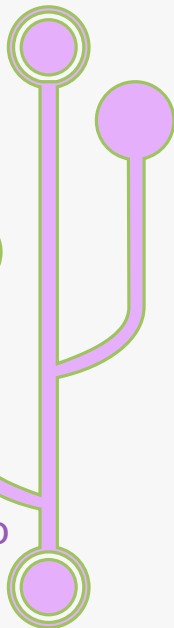
Tricia Painter was born and raised in Hinsdale, IL, and presently lives in St. Charles. She has lived in Illinois her entire life. She is “ #5” of 6 girls in her family. She grew up in a home with one bathroom – but yes, like many of your ancestors, they managed! Her sisters, their families, nieces and nephews live in Illinois, South Dakota, North Dakota, Connecticut, Florida and Tennessee – so that is usually where she finds herself vacationing and thoroughly cherishes spending time with family. She enjoys the outdoors whether it be helping with chores on the farm in SD or sitting on a sunny oceanside beach or poolside spot in FL.

Tricia worked at the corporate offices of Waste Management in Oak Brook for 18 years. In 1993, after moving to the unincorporated western area of Elgin (now Campton Hills) from Hillside, IL, Tricia visited Grace and recalls that George and Eileen Morris were the first ones to greet and welcome her to Grace. Tricia joined Grace late in 1993, her son Jimmy was born in 1994 and Kelsey was born in 1996. Both of her children have been baptized at Grace, and Kelsey was confirmed at Grace. Jimmy and wife, Danielle, have a son, born in 2017 and live in PawPaw, IL. Kelsey and Drake were married in the pandemic year 2020 (unfortunately, nothing like they had planned for their wedding celebration!) and this past December, they announced they are “expecting” in August 2021 - Tricia’s 2nd grandchild! They presently reside in Lawrence, KS (another destination trip for Tricia).

Over the years, Tricia has been involved at Grace in the Nursery, Sunday School and Vacation Bible School. Presently, she is serving as the Treasurer at Grace and ensures the bills are paid and works with the Finance Team to address other financial aspects of the church. She is also a Vision Team member, enjoys singing in the choir, serving as usher or communion assistant and coordinates the semi annual rummage sales at Grace. For the past 17 years, Tricia works full-time as an Executive Assistant/Property Manager/Customer Service rep (lots of variety in her everyday tasks!) while working in the company owner’s home office in St. Charles.

Tricia truly cherishes the many friends she has gained over the years with her ‘church family’ at Grace.

LOOKING FOR WHERE TO FIND US?



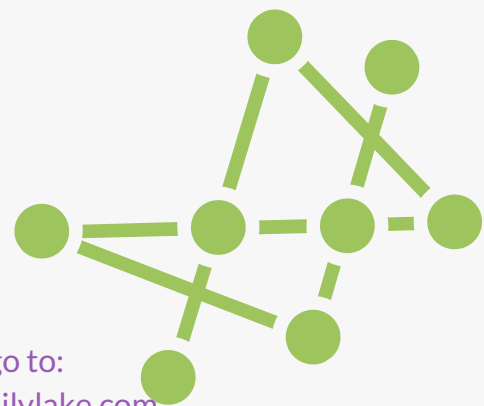
WORSHIP – on our website every week! Click the media tab to find every current and past service!

FELLOWSHIP – on Zoom - check weekly eblast for weekly particulars

BIBLE STUDY – Zoom the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 9 AM. Contact Nancy Corbige or Cathy Gjerde for details.

PRAYER - by appointment via e-mail
pastor@graceoflilylake.com or leaving a message on the church office voicemail

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 15, 2021**

**YOUR ARTICLE WILL APPEAR IN OUR
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Submit by emailing your article to
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