

grace notes

June & July 2017

VBS at Grace



VBS 2017

June 12th - 16th, 9:30am -Noon
For ages 3 years - 5th Grade (completed)
\$25.00 per child

At Gadgets & Gizmos Vacation Bible School, children will learn how they are:

- MADE by God
 - MADE for a relationship with Jesus
- And MADE to love others

It's going to be an incredible way to show off **God's power by using the special way He made us** to make a difference! So register now for this fun filled week!

We'll be learning about how God made each of us in HIS image and unique at the same time! Kids will also discover how the Creator of all things created us to know and love Him, and that we are uniquely wired for one reason -- we were wonderfully made in the image of God!

Can I Still Register my Children or Kids in my Neighborhood?

It's not too late to register for *Gadgets & Gizmos*

How Can I help?

- Pray for the Lord to bless our VBS Outreach.
Pray for health, good weather, and for the Spirit to grow faith in the lives of the students and staff!
- Donate items from our VBS Craft Board in the Narthex.
- Donate food and craft items or financial gifts to help underwrite the cost of our biggest outreach ministry to our community – contact the church office.
- **VOLUNTEER!** No matter how many days you have available, there's a place for you!

Register on *GraceLink* or at graceandover.org. If you need assistance, please call the church office.

Thank You

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Doug Hanson	Alden Riley
Deb Stang	Johnna Rohmer-Hirt
Scott Christensen	Lynn Noren
Deb Shepard	

If you would like to contact any of the Vision Board members, please visit graceandover.org and click on leaders

Dear Grace Members, - My wife and I would like to thank you for keeping us in your thoughts and prayers this past winter. We are very grateful for your generosity while I was fighting cancer and my wife was getting ready to have our baby. We are glad to share with you that everyone us doing well right now! We wish everyone the best!

With love and sincere appreciation,

Jamie, Nicole & Brianna Vadner

Dear Friends of Grace - There are not enough words to thank you for the love, kindness and support you have shown to me during my years at Grace. You and your families have been monumental as God created who I am today. I will miss all those smiling faces and hugs each Sunday morning- it brought so much joy to my life.

Thank you for allowing me the privilege of caring for your children. It has been a true blessing to be able to watch them grow up over the years.

"Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it."

Blessings, *Kim DeVries*

A big thank you goes out to all the volunteers working with the Garden Ministry and Mowing teams who are keeping our grounds looking great. Thank you to the GRAMPS team for all their hard work around the building. We appreciate all they continue to do here at Grace.



Vision Board Message

Recently I ran into a former student's mother. (I haven't seen her since I met with her at school more than ten years ago when her son was in third grade.) I was given the two minute update on her son (now a sophomore in college). „Bradley has been trying to contact you...he has something to share,” she said before we departed. My curiosity was peaked, so I messaged him on Facebook. I wrote, “Bradley, here's my email address, I heard you are trying to contact me.”

The very next day I received a message from him that not only shocked me, but filled my heart with joy. He told me that he wanted to thank me for “saving his life” when he was in elementary school. Apparently, whatever I said/did to him AND his mom impacted him so much that he wanted to find me some 11 years later! His words melted me to my core.

I called his mom and told her about the messages Bradley and I shared. She already knew about them because he called that morning to say, “I found Mrs. Odell (my former last name)!” Bradley's mom then shared that he had written a college entry paper about me when he was in high school. Just 2 hours later, I received a copy of that paper! You can bet I made copies and filed one in my “Smile File.”

This experience is a perfect example of what Pastor Mark, in a recent sermon, referred to as “a divine appointment.” I also refer to it as “a God Wink.” It's the coming together of people who come together, not by coincidence, but rather because it was part of God's plan. You may not have recognized it at the time, but possibly later you are able to see why that person became part of your journey. My husband Ed and I met, not just because our neighbor introduced us, but because God made an appointment for us, knowing we would be happy together. I was put in Bradley's life for a reason that changed his life!

Who is in your life right now, not due to anything you planned, but has impacted your life for the better? Have you thanked them? Have you shared your gratefulness? On the flip side, think hard...has God placed you in someone's life for a reason you may not even be aware of? Have you thanked God for his “divine appointment?”

As summer arrives and you are attending many social events, take time to acknowledge the people who have made your life richer. What's in your head and heart will certainly make another person's heart swell with joy!

Deb Stang, Vision Board Member



The Annual Congregational Meeting of Grace was opened Saturday, May 20th after the 5:00 service and closed Sunday, May 21st after the 10:30 service. President Greg Ackerson presided over the proceedings. The church voted for three members to replace outgoing board members, Greg Ackerson, Jessie Crooks and Neil Hawkinson.

The vote tally was as follows:

Johnna Rohmer-Hirt - 143
Alden Riley - 130
Lynn Noren - 108
Chad Hadler - 104
Sheryll Bombard - 74
Jordan Foschi - 44

Johnna Rohmer-Hirt, Lynn Noren and Alden Riley received the most votes and will begin a three year term as of May 31st 2017, through June 2020.

Respectfully submitted by

Jessie Crooks, Vision Board Secretary.

Outreach Ministries



SERVE with Habitat for Humanity . . . be the hands & feet of Jesus!

Your willing hands and feet (and heart) will be a blessing to others as we serve with Habitat for Humanity on Friday, July 21 at a home construction site in Blaine, MN. We hope to gather a team of 20 Grace volunteers to serve onsite from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. You do not need to be an experienced carpenter, just a willing servant, as the Habitat site supervisor will give a brief training before we begin our work day. By serving with Habitat, a local family will be truly blessed with a place to call home!

And if you prefer a spatula over a hammer, we'll welcome your willing hands and feet (and heart) to prepare a hearty lunch for the volunteers on July 21.

For more information, please contact Terry Kornberg terry.kornberg@centurylink.com, 763 202-1700



There will be a 'GRACE PARTY' at FMSC each Wednesday in July as we put God's grace into action! Bring everyone you know to our Grace food-packing parties this July. Please join us at any (or all) of these shifts as we pack meals and send hope to starving children around the world!

Wed. July 5	6 - 7:30 pm
Wed. July 12	12- 2 pm and 6-7:30 pm
Wed. July 19	12- 2 pm and 6-7:30 pm
Wed. July 26	12- 2 pm and 6-7:30 pm

Register online at fmcs.org, call church office, or contact Jeannie Hellmann.

GRACE QUILTERS "2"

The Grace Quilters ministry is expanding!

There's a growing interest in quilting at Grace –due largely in part to Jan Margotto's passion and patience in teaching others to quilt. AND there's a growing need for quilts as we will send quilts to the children in Rakai, Uganda before their new School-Home opens next February.

As you may know, we currently have the ever-faithful Grace Quilters who meet each Wednesday morning at church. And now, we will offer another quilting opportunity – entitled **Grace Quilters "2"** – who will meet on the last Tuesday of each month during the summer. Literally, no experience is necessary – all are welcome to join these fun days of tying knots and growing friendships. And all experienced seamstresses and quilters are always welcome too!

PLEASE join the camaraderie and the purposeful work as we make quilts for African children during these special opportunities with **Grace Quilters "2"**:

Time: 9 am – 2 pm *Please bring your own lunch *Feel free to participate in just a few hours of the day if you'd like

Date: Tuesdays - June 27, July 25 & August 29

Place: Room 105/107 at Grace

RSVP: Please RSVP to Jan Margotto so we may plan accordingly

Our friend from Feed My Starving Children, Ann Hill, has agreed to hand deliver these quilts to Uganda next January. And as you may remember, the Grace mission team who travelled to Uganda last October took over 40 Grace quilts to our ministry partners there, African Children Today. We know these quilts will truly bless young children in Rakai, Uganda . . . and what a wonderful and tangible way to share God's grace around the world!

For more information, please contact Jan Margotto, margotto@msn.com, 763 434-4617 or Jeannie Hellmann, jeannieh@graceandover.org, 763 421-6520, ext. 109

Women's Ministries



Ladies, please join us as we go **'Around-Town'** exploring & eating, chatting & connecting, enjoying & embracing the fun & fellowship! Feel free to come to just one - or all - of these adventures as we go Around-Town this summer, connecting with women of Grace!

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| Thurs, June 22 | <p>Stay the Day in Stillwater 10:15 am – 4 pm</p> <p>Meet at Grace parking lot at 10:15 am to car pool to Stillwater.</p> <p>Lunch at The Dock Restaurant, then enjoy Shopping and a Street Trolley tour of Stillwater (\$13.50/person for trolley, this is optional).</p> <p>We will return to church about 4 pm.</p> |
| Wed. July 19 | <p>Serve & Supper in Coon Rapids 6 – 9 pm</p> <p>Meet at Feed My Starving Children to pack meals from 6 – 7:30 pm.</p> <p>Then enjoy Supper at a nearby restaurant, The Muddy Cow, which is located at 133 Coon Rapids Blvd.</p> <p>Feel free to join us for one or both parts of this Serve & Supper event.</p> |
| Sat., August 5 | <p>Walk & Talk in Anoka 10 am - ?</p> <p>Meet at 10 am at Rum River Library parking lot (corner of 7th and Bunker)</p> <p>We will explore the Rum River Walking Trail which leads into Anoka.</p> <p>No set timeline or distance – we will honor participants' preference.</p> |
| Tues., Aug. 15 | <p>Lunch Adventure in Minneapolis 11 am – 3 pm</p> <p>Meet at church at 11 am, we will car pool to Betty Danger's Country Club.</p> <p>This unique restaurant includes a putt putt golf course and ferris wheel (for extra fee, it's optional). Located at 2501 Marshall St. Minneapolis NE</p> |

H.O.W. (Hans On Wednesday)

Gather at Hans Bakery in Anoka at 10 am each Wednesday during the summer, beginning June 21. This is a casual gathering with easy conversations – all ages welcome (including your kids). Hans Bakery is located at 1423 Fifth Ave. in Anoka

What is Going On at Grace



Summer Program

Are you wondering how to keep your children busy **this summer**? If you want to avoid a case of, "I'm bored! There's nothing to do!" then Golden Rule is the place for you! We have a summer that is bursting with fun, friends and faith!

Our theme this summer is

"Let the Good Times Roll".

Summer camp begins the week of June 12th. The first week all of the children will be participating in Vacation Bible School. Kim and her team always do an amazing job and our children always have so many fun songs to share with us. This is one of our **children's favorite activities of the summer.**

Our Camp is designed for children 3 – 11 years of age. Every week is a new adventure! In June we are going to The Sea Life Aquarium at the Mall of America where we will get up close to a four foot alligator, nine foot sharks and 350 pound sea turtles. In July we are heading to Stages Theatre to see their performance of "Shrek". Then it is off to the Children's Museum to experience their all new renovated exhibits. There will also be outdoor adventures to "Chutes and Ladders" and the "Tamarack Nature Center." We will have some splashy, splashy fun at Andrews Park Splash Pad and Central Park in Maple Grove. Our complete summer itinerary can be found soon on our Golden Rule website www.goldenruleandover.org.

If you would like your child to share in the fun and excitement this summer please contact Tami Mielke at tamim@graceandover.org or 763-421-1996.



Grace Garage Sale June 8-10

All proceeds will help Grace youth in going to Bible Camp and Mission Trips this summer.

You can drop off your gently used items in Portable

2. *NO electronics/TV's/computers/monitors/exercise equipment. Large items will need to be approved by Tom Baker prior to drop off.

tomb@graceandover.org

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Connect Barbecue

Tuesday, June 27, 6-8pm

If you are interested in becoming a member of, or learning more about Grace, we ask that you attend the Connect Barbecue. This is the time to ask questions, hear about Grace's history and connect with other new people like yourselves. Families are welcome. Meal will be provided. Register on Gracelink or call the church office.



Graceful Seniors

meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 8:30am for breakfast and Bible Study at the Farmstead across from Grace. Cost is \$7.00 and you must make a reservation. If you would like to attend, contact Phil Knutson at 763-757-3242



Farmers Market

The Farmer's Market will be in the Grace parking lot Tuesdays through the month of October. Hours are 2:00pm-6:00pm during the growing season. Come out and support our local farmers by purchasing their very fresh vegetables and products.

G.R.A.M.P.S.

(Graceful, Resourceful, Able, Men, Performing Service)
Property Team Men meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 9am at the church to do light maintenance as needed.



Connection Sunday Team

is looking for help serving coffee and treats the first Sunday of the month after our Worship Services. **They are also looking for more baker's to donate** treats on a rotational basis. If you are able to help, sign up on the blue sheets or contact Dennis & Di-anne Grabowski at 763-427-4024.



Part-Time Communications Coordinator

We are seeking someone who is skilled in print, web-site and video production. If you are interested, please contact Kate Morphew at 763-421-6520 or e-mail your resume to katem@graceandover.org

Children's Ministries



Musical Adventure Camp

Join us July 24 – July 30 for a 7-Day Adventure as we prepare the musical, *Once Upon a Parable*. Together, we explore and present our favorite Bible parables ending with a dramatic of Jesus death and resurrection. This musical is designed to be presented by an ensemble cast, so there are opportunities for EVERYONE!

Musical Adventure Camp is for kids and youth, who will enter 3rd – 9th Grade, fall of 2017. We will meet M-F: 9-12:30 pm, Saturday, July 29 at 9-11 am, and perform at the Saturday Night 5 pm worship, Sunday at 8:30 and 10 am.

Register on Gracelink. Please check our website for more information,

Baptism Workshop

Saturday – Saturday, July 8 at 9 am

Baptism is an important step in the life of a family. During the workshop, we learn how God is at work in baptism. Baptism is welcoming your child into the family of faith. We will also share insights to help you as you raise your child to know and love God by creating habits, traditions, and making God a part of everyday life.

Upcoming Baptism Sundays are June 18, July 16, and August 20. Families can schedule baptisms at the 8:30 or 10 am worship services in June, July, and August. Baptisms can also be scheduled for most Saturday 5 pm Worship services as well. The next baptism class will be September 16, at 9am. You may register on line through Gracelink or contact Monica Allen at monicaa@graceandover.org or the church office to sign up for the workshop.

Birthday Offerings

We have 9 Flocks - \$184.92

This year, we collected with our birthday offerings enough money to buy 9 flocks of chicks! That is a potential of 450 chicks to bless 9 families around the world. Want to learn more about chicks?



Children's Summer Worship Bible Time

Summer Bible Time will begin June 4. Children will be in church with their families, come forward for the **Children's Message with the pastors, and then they will be dismissed for a lesson in the Fellowship Hall.** Children will return to worship after the Sermon. Our lessons will continue the Gadgets and Gizmos theme from VBS with videos and a short activity. We need many enthusiastic, willing hearts and hands to help with this adventure. If you can help, contact Monica Allen. We will not have Summer Bible Time on Memorial Day Weekend, July 2, and Labor Day Weekend.



Follow us at [graceandoverkids](https://www.facebook.com/graceandoverkids) to see how to apply our Theme and Bottom Line in Summer Bible Time to your families daily life!

Summer Nursery Help is Needed

Nursery, this summer, will be offered at all services, 5pm on Saturday, 8:30 and 10am on Sunday. We have a fantastic group of volunteers who have served so faithfully all school year. Please show your appreciation of our volunteers, by signing up for a service. If families could sign up for one worship service, what a blessing that would be! To be a blessing, sign up on the blue sheets, or the signup sheet outside the Nursery.

Congratulations Confirmands & Graduates!

Congratulations to Grace's 2017

5th grade SONday School graduates

Confirmands

All High School & College Graduates.

Many prayers and blessings on your bright future!

5th grade SONday school graduates

Mason Alberg
Jake Arnold
Bennett Behnke-Nead
Ben Dauman
Blake Degrote
Deacon Diedrich
Pete Gandah
Allie Gfroerer
Madalyn Gibson
Aurora Grembowski
Josie Haag
Lauren Hansen
Ella Haugh
Allie Hawkinson
Alyssa Jacobs
Nicholas Jandro
Alyssa Kamman
Samantha Karsnia
Cecelia Kostick

Ella Lewis
Greg Mitlyng
Mackenzie Morgan
Grace Morpew
Brooke Moses
Isaac Newcomer
Sadie Norman
Mallory Olson
Abby Plumbo
Cody Ramirez
Ava Randall
Austin Siedow
Lauren Russell
Brody Ruud
August Schlosser
Hanna Schulz
Gracie Sperlich
Evan Tallent
Alex Taylor



Confirmands

Britta Ahlstrand
KayLee Ball
Samantha Bangert
Liam Carlson
Jade Cregan
Ellie Dikken
Grant Evans
Sydney Farber
Jack Gerdes
Kaylee Haggerty
Aria Hanson
Peyton Hibbard
Emma Hoffmann
Noah Krom
Grace Leger
Derek Lenz

Mackinzie Lucas
Connor McGowan
Clayton Molitor
Emma Moe
Lily Nadeau
Elizabeth Perra
Charley Perry
Samuel Petersen
Blake Rademacher
Brenna Russell
Isaac Sand
Lauren Satek
Finn Sheils
Benjamin Slavik
Joseph Steiner
Bailey Stromberg



High School Graduates

Brittany Baker
Dylan Bangert
Raymond Barthel
Grace Coughlin
Amanda Dagostino
Alyse Defoe
Haley Dorumsgaard
Bailey Erickson
Katelyn Gfroerer
Katie Haugh
Lindee Holm
Ashley Jacobson
Jack Jarosz
Alex Klemetsen
Kjersten Larson
Garrett Leverentz
Elizabeth McDowell
Anthony Moe
Mike Noga

Alison Obright
Alyssa Pace
Katherine Perra
Mitchell Petersen
Nicolle Plumbo
Vianna Romo-Burgas
Parker Salmi
Kylie Sand
Benjamin Schmitz
Nicholas Schmitz
Ellen Steiner
Jessica Strand
Leah Thomason
Ellen Vaillant
Tara Westerlund
Travis Wickland
Jeremy Wilker
Gabrielle Winterlin

Lists of known graduates from our database.
We apologize if we missed anyone.

Music News



Come, Hear – “The Noise”

The Noise is a youth performance group that tours every year. They create a show that focuses on hope....loving each other for who they are and embracing who God created us to be. The kids sing...dance...there are some skits and personal testimonies. The Noise will be joining us for worship on the weekend of June 10-11 at all services, and will have the major portion of worship for their presentation. Just a bit of trivia – their director is related to our own Dave Trapp!

Calling All Musicians!

We are looking for people to provide special music during Worship Services this summer. If you love to sing or play an instrument and would like to share that talent with your Grace family, please sign up on the blue opportunity sheets. You can sign up as an individual or get your friends together and provide special music as a group. Contact Jonathan Orwig for more information.



Finances at a Glance

As of Week 20

OFFERINGS	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Operational	\$274,240.18	\$272,834.68	\$269,308.01	\$257,632.52	\$257,642.17	\$289,322.86
Capital	\$36,274.00	\$31,241.50	\$33,876.00	\$28,607.00	\$36,539.16	\$29,332.00
Other (Holiday)	\$26,633.84	\$18,448.12	\$14,709.29	\$13,218.72	\$16,158.48	\$ 17,038.88
Free 2B Grace	\$0.00	\$ 59,158.00	\$79,401.00	\$55,713.50	\$64,733.66	\$ 50,395.00
Total:	\$337,148.02	\$381,682.30	\$397,294.30	\$355,171.74	\$375,073.47	\$386,088.74

YTD Noisy Offerings collected & dispersed = \$13,454.58

YTD Benevolence dispersed = \$22,551.50

YTD General Operating expenses = \$381,921.31

YTD Mortgage paid = \$59,230.00

** if you would like a copy of the current month-end report, please contact Kate Morphew or Beth Clarstrom.*



Consider electronic giving on GraceLink. It's a convenient way to give consistently throughout the year. Check out the website for more information. If you have any questions, contact Kate Morphew or Beth Clarstrom.

Free 2 Be Campaign Update

We are well into the 4th year of our Free2B Grace Capital Campaign. We have been blessed by the generous outpouring of gifts over the last few years. We have painted the building, fixed the roof, replaced the sidewalks, remodeled both of the Golden Rule Daycare bathrooms, and much, much more. Now we are working hard to continue to pay down our mortgage. At the close of April we owed less than \$820,000. It is possible, with your continued Capital and Free2B donations, that we will owe less than \$750,000 at the end of 2017. Praise GOD! We are still working hard to complete our Free2B pledges and promises.

We are grateful for your continued support of our building and grounds. We have made great strides, but we need your continued support as we close the Free2B campaign. We can only meet our current mortgage obligations with help from Free2B donations. If you have questions about your pledge and your contributions to it, please call the church office or log in to GraceLink.

As we near the end of the Free2B Campaign, a team of people are in the early stages of talking about the next steps we will need to take for capital improvements at Grace. They are beginning to make plans for what to do with the portables, fixing the parking lot (which is in terrible shape), and other important improvements, and then, how do we afford to do them. We are excited about this next chapter and how we explore it.



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Worship at Grace this Summer

Saturday - 5pm Contemporary
Sunday - 8:30am Traditional
Sunday - 10:00am Contemporary

Holy Communion at all services
Nursery and Children's Bible Time is offered at all services