

# grace notes

June/July 2022

Dear People of Grace,

As I think about our time together, I am overwhelmed by all that has transpired and the obstacles that we have faced, and also so filled with gratitude for God's presence, for being brought together in ministry, and for the love I have experienced.

This morning as I spent time in devotion, I listened to the first chapter of Philippians, a letter written by Paul to the people of Philippi. A letter we will study throughout June. Paul writes as a pastor and leader in the faith to a beloved people, just as I am to you. He gives thanks and encouragement and then he reflects on his own experience. Here he is in prison, writing to his people and yet he feels the obstacles he has faced are only vehicles for the Gospel to be proclaimed.

Before Pastor Maria had her stroke, we would sometimes reflect on all the things that we have endured together as people at Grace. COVID, the death of Pastor Hahn, COVID (I mean it keeps being a burden), racial tension and the burning of Minneapolis, our staff transitions and the various illnesses and hardships for our own staff. I will admit that Pastor Maria's absence is one that has really hit me. I realized over the last couple of days, why her being gone is so difficult. It's not only everything she does, which is a lot, but the fact that I have lost my partner in ministry for a little while. I have always known how lucky I am to have such a gifted colleague and a wonderful friend. Her absence is felt.

As I spent time in centering prayer this morning, one of the songs from the musical Dear Evan Hansen suddenly invaded my brain, a simple refrain: "You are not alone. You are not alone. You are not alone." This was the word I needed to hear this morning. This was the reminder and promise that will allow me to keep moving, keep going. The concluding words from my time in centering prayer were these by Thomas Keating:

*Powerlessness is our greatest treasure. Don't try to get rid of it. Everything in us wants to get rid of it. Grace is sufficient for you, but not something you can understand. To be in too big a hurry to get over our difficulties is a mistake because you don't know how valuable they are from God's perspective for without them you might never be transformed as deeply and as thoroughly.*

Dang. It's not that I didn't know this. But I will confess that I would like the path to get clearer, I would like the obstacles to disappear. I would like the road to be easy. And yet, God's presence is with me. I feel it. I know it. I see it in you.

I don't know what obstacles and hardships you are facing today. But I do know that it is easy to wish the troubles away. I do know it is easy to feel as if God has abandoned you when life is tough. Listening to Paul's words reminded me (once again) that a life of faith doesn't free us from difficulties, it frees us in love to live boldly, to face difficulties in obstacles, always being held with the promise that indeed: You are not alone. Thanks be to God!

Blessings and thanksgiving,  
Pastor Joanna Mitchell



## Building Task Force

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### Building Task Force

Thanks to all that participated in the annual meeting of May 22. The votes cast gave the Building Task Force direction on the church facility this congregation wishes to see when we cut a ribbon showing the world our mission on Round Lake and Bunker Lake Boulevards.

The votes cast were 4 for the original Plan B from the Transforming Inside and Out and valued at \$2.2M and 73 votes for Plan B2 which modified the original Plan B to include a larger, renovated kitchen and an expanded narthex. Though suggested, there were no additional proposals from the floor.

Since the annual meeting, the Task Force has met with the architects focusing on improvements to the sanctuary. This will include sound, visual projection, acoustical improvements, lighting and the overall appearance of the space. We are also investigating whether any of the improvements to the sanctuary can happen in 2022.

We have sent out Requests for Proposals (RFP's) for Surveying. We need to have all the corners of the lot identified, the building defined and all the natural and introduced features located. From this baseline information, improvements that will be changed in our facility can be located correctly.

Aside from the possibility of any sanctuary improvements this year, the general schedule of this building process has design following the survey and completed by November 2022. Construction documents including project specifications and plan sheets and details will be assembled into an RFP for bid by contractors through December and into January. Proposal reviews should be complete roughly three weeks after receipt of the bids and contract negotiations complete in another two weeks. By the first of March a contractor will be on board and pressing ahead to begin construction by the first of April. New footprint work, daycare and narthex expansion, will likely go first before revisions to existing interiors. The exception could possibly be sanctuary revisions if they are not performed this year. Beyond the footprint of the main building, the portables will likely go after we have the new working toilet facilities. Landscaping and parking lot improvements will follow the removals of the portables. One caveat on this schedule- the contractor chosen will provide us their schedule which will become a contract document and it may differ from what is mentioned here.

We have bolstered the Task Force with the addition of Kathie Karsnia and Aria Hanson and sadly say goodbye to Neil Hawkinson, who we thank for his service.

Charlie Wold

 Transforming  
INSIDE + OUT

## Building Task Force



**Option B<sub>2</sub>: Budget \$3 Million**

**- Expanded Kitchen, Food Shelf and Narthex**



## Vision Board

### Handing Over the Responsibilities



So many thoughts are going through my head as I reflect on the last three years when I began this first time journey on the Vision Board. I was scared, had no confidence, but I felt God leading me to say yes, listen to God, ask for guidance and do the best I was capable of doing.

It's been filled with many challenges and joys from new pastors, Covid, new sign, land sale, building project, capital appeal, just to name a few! Most of all I want to say "Thank You" for your support and appreciation for all YOU have done for Grace. People who give of their time, donate, and give to the church deserve gratitude and appreciation. Throughout the Bible, God calls us to be thankful and grateful to those who help us. 1 Thessalonians 5:18 "Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." I thank ALL for their support, especially Pastor Joanna, fellow Vision Board members, Grace staff, and friends/family here at Grace.

I've learned a lot about Grace, about our wonderful people at Grace, the generosity of Grace, the HOPE for Grace. When we engage in listening to our members, the community, and especially God, we invite in other perspectives. It can change us for the better. Change in the church is vitalizing and grows deep roots. God is inviting us into a different perspective and to humbly open ourselves up to the opportunity of change. God is calling us into the world and out of our comfort zone. God of change, direct us on a pathway of new possibilities; fill us with your compassion and healing presence; Holy Spirit embolden us to understand. If I were to give you a handful of hundreds of different seeds, chances are you would not be able to tell what kind of plants most of them would grow into. Think of yourself as one of those seeds, be innovative and diverse leaders who are using your gifts and talents to grow in faith and trust to step forward. You have the potential, go for it, let God work on you to grow and blossom. I ask all to listen for what God has in His vision for Grace and what is important. Listen for His still small voice to whisper to your heart through His Word. Answer Jesus' knock, open the door, and experience a real relationship with Him. Let our light shine within our walls and outside into our community. Thank you for giving me the opportunities to share with you.

As I hand over the responsibilities in June to your incoming Vision Board President, Brook Vanderleest, you will be in great hands with someone who loves the Lord, loves Grace, and will lead you through more changes and wonderful opportunities!

Ann Lange, Vision Board President



### Welcome Rev. Christine Belfrey!

Rev. Christine Belfrey is our Interim Associate Pastor while Pastor Maria Markman is healing. She is a 2020 M.Div. graduate of Luther Seminary, and recently served as Interim Associate Pastor at Christ Lutheran Blaine as of December 2021'. She previously served as Intern Pastor at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Mahtomedi. Christine has served as a Global Musician Educator for the ELCA Churchwide for several years and is a recipient of the Fund For Leaders scholarship along with the Leadership scholarship awarded by Luther Seminary. She has led worship as a musician

and served as a Sunday School Minister at Redeemer Lutheran in north Minneapolis and Key of Faith Pentecostal church. In Addition, Christine has served as a Diversity Coordinator at Luther Seminary. Prior to attending seminary, Christine had a career in education and holds a Master's degree in education from St. Mary's University, along with a Post Graduate in K-8 Communication Literature Arts from Concordia St Paul and a Bachelors in Mass Media Arts from Clark Atlanta University. In addition, she is a songwriter, author & owner of Belfrey Books.

## Vision Board

### Accepting Responsibilities

When I originally accepted the position on vision board, I didn't give it much thought. I knew right away it was the right decision. I was very excited and also very scared by the proposition. But wow, did it feel great. Well I didn't know what I was getting myself into, but I knew that there were wonderful people at Grace that would help me along the path. I felt a call to serve, I knew this was a wonderful opportunity to help grow my faith. I wanted to be more involved, and become closer to the family at Grace.



It has been a wonderful two years working with some amazing people. I feel good about all that we have accomplished. From getting through COVID, and all the stresses that went along with it. The installation of the new sign, the sale and tithing process of the Nightingale property, and a very successful capital appeal campaign leading up to what will be an unbelievable building project. The Lord has blessed us in many ways. I am incredibly grateful for the support and trust from the community of Grace

As we look forward into the future, there are many more challenges that we will face. So where do we find the strength to make the hard choices that lay ahead? Proverbs 3:5-6 says *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and learn not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him and he will make your path straight."*

For me it's hard to read this and not feel courage. To know that you are not alone. That God is always with you. It's OK not to have the answers. It's OK to make mistakes. No one is perfect. God is here to guide us, we just need to listen.

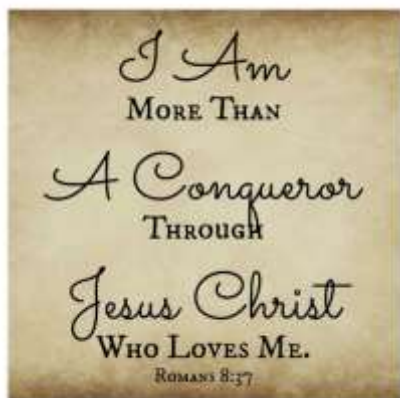
As we get ready to start a new year, I would like to thank all of you for the support and kindness you have shown to the Vision Board and myself. I am absolutely blown away by how this congregation continues to "show up". By all the service opportunities, how we continue to support and love each other in times of need, the stories that have been shared through the Transforming Inside and Out Campaign, and the response to the building project. I can't tell you how honored I am to be the voice for the next year. It is an incredibly humbling experience.

Ann Lange has done a wonderful job showing us what leadership should look like. She has done a great job of preparing us for the future. I for one would like to say thank you to Ann for all the hard work and dedication she has put into a very successful year. And thank you so much for showing me the ropes.

I feel very confident in this congregation and its ability to succeed. And I am very much looking forward to another successful year at Grace

Brook Vander Leest, Vision Board Vice President

### More By Nancy Jenkins



I have two friends at church who saw "more" in me. I would prefer to start this sentence with the phrase "at first" but in reality, it took me a long time to understand what they were trying to tell me and show me. When I would talk with them, I would have this sense of a "gap". What did they see in me that I couldn't see in myself? Often this gap felt like failure or not measuring up or not being good enough. Somehow, after many conversations, it *finally* made sense. There was nothing I needed to do or become. I didn't need to be better or perfect (even though I do have lots of room for improvement!). The gap was what I couldn't see about myself, my innate belovedness. This is what my friends were trying to tell me all along: I am loved just as I am.

And so I write this to you, dear friend. Do you see yourself as less than? If so, where? Do you feel like you're not keeping pace? Is there an ache, a gap, or a longing? If so, pay attention to these feelings and sensations. Where do you need healing? Where do you need Love's gentle touch?

## Devotional



### The Master's Quilt

Quilting has been my hobby since 1994. I received one of my grandmother Hattie's quilt tops and wondered how best to finish the quilt. With recommendations from friends, I revised it and made a smaller version. And, my quilting journey continues.

Some time again, I read the poem about God as The Master Potter and, being a quilter, I began thinking about Him as The Master Quilter and I wrote the poem below.

From the beginning, I tried to express how precious each of us is in God's sight. He knows all about us and He has called us by name, reminding us that we cannot be taken from Him. He promises that He will sing with us during times of great joy and He will carry us during those times of deep sorrow. And, at His designated time, He has prepared a space for us in heaven, when we shall see Him face to face.

The scripture passages given below follow our life's story from its beginning, as in my poem, The Master's Quilt. Blessings, Shirley J. Christenson

Isaiah 43:1  
Psalm 139:1-5  
John 10:28-29  
Psalm 46:1

Matthew 11:28-30  
Zephaniah 3:17  
1 Thessalonians 5:16  
John 14:1-4

1 Corinthians 13:12  
Romans 3:23-24  
Romans 8:1  
Revelations 1:8

### The Master's Quilt

By Shirley J. Christenson

A one-of-a-kind quilt was created,  
Using fabric crisp and bright.  
The remarkable design,  
Was anything but plain.  
The Master Quilter said it was good.

Care was given the quilt  
To ensure the **foundation** would  
Hold up against long years of  
Fun, stress and hard use.  
The Master Quilter planned it that way.

Refreshing spring moments advance into  
Lazy summer days.  
Brilliant autumn weeks flowed into  
Crisp winter months.  
Please, The Master Quilter kept a vigilant watch.

Advancing in age, the quilt's red colors  
Bled onto whites,  
Creating crimson stains

Which worried loved ones.  
The Master Quilter's tears made the stains white  
again.

Days flowed from months into years.  
The quilt's delicate threads gave way  
And the once lovely pieces  
Separated from one another.  
The Master Quilter's touch blended the pieces.

As one decade followed another,  
The quilt's once sturdy binding began to fray.  
Loving care was greatly needed  
Before it completely lost its self.  
The Master Quilter's quiet words mended the  
worn form.

Eve with The Master Quilter's loving care  
The quilt continued to lose its luster.  
Children still loved its soft warm touch,  
But it was tired.  
So The Master Quilter, making it crisp and bright  
again,  
Held close the one-of-a-kind quilt and took her  
home.

## Devotional



### *Breathe* by Bekah Hirt

Do you remember in the movie “The Lion King” where the wind, the leaves, and the morning dew blows around Simba following his defeat of Scar? This moment of triumph, restoration of the land, and peace have always stuck with me, even as an adult. During times of pain and suffering it is this image that I cling to because I seem to connect myself with Simba and the breath of God as that mighty wind. I know that some have made connections to the Lion King and the presence of the Holy Spirit and for me, I feel it too. This moment of just breathing easy and letting God surround you has always been something I have wanted, craved even.

The image of the breath of God has always been one that has stuck out to me, the image of the most Divine and all powerful, taking a moment just to let go and breathe with me. The past couple weeks have been stressful for me, with Sunday School ending, the school year coming to a close, and thinking about my own academic path. I’m reminded to just breathe, and honestly to just be. These moments of clarity are what I think of as I listen to the story of Jesus in the garden. It is hard to see this moment as one of peaceful connection, given the events that have happened and are to come, but I believe this is when we need those moments the most. Jesus is sitting, praying, and just embracing this fragile time with God. He is embracing the moment, praising God for the future, and acknowledging the journey that led Him and His followers to this moment. Despite the events that will follow, he takes a moment and breathes. He breathes in the presence of God and out the pain, distrust, and sorrow of the moment. Oh, how easy that would be? To breathe and just to know that everything will be okay, but that is not how life works sometimes. Sometimes we need to take a couple breaths, ask for help, and take time to work towards that peace. It might not be an easy path to take but we know that God will be there every step.

Over the past few weeks that life has made it difficult for me to catch my breath. I think about the rose garden that I stood in after my grandpa’s service. After the celebration of life service, I found a garden for those that had passed at the church. The walls were decorated with the different names and dates of people who had breathed their last. In that moment I felt a strong wind blow through the center of the enclosed fountain, rustling the leaves, and filling me with the warm Arizona air. Oh, my goodness, I was finally having my Lion King moment. It made me take time to breathe and think about the times that life had joyfully taken my breath away, times that life made me choke up and needed to breathe through the tears, and moments where fear and pain felt like breath was too far to be found. I found peace in that moment knowing that the same breath of life that lived through my grandpa and all the names that surrounded the garden was in me. So, I invite you to breathe to take a moment in your day to feel that peace surround you like the winds and leaves of Africa or in my case Arizona.

### **A verse for us to hear as we take a moment to breathe: Romans 8:14-17, 34-39**

This resurrection life you received from God is not a timid, grave-tending life. It’s adventurously expectant, greeting God with a childlike “What’s next, Papa?” God’s Spirit touches our spirits and confirms who we really are. We know who he is, and we know who we are: Father and children. And we know we are going to get what’s coming to us—an unbelievable inheritance! We go through exactly what Christ goes through. If we go through the hard times with him, then we’re certainly going to go through the good times with him! The One who died for us—who was raised to life for us! —is in the presence of God at this very moment sticking up for us. Do you think anyone is going to be able to drive a wedge between us and Christ’s love for us? There is no way! Not trouble, not hard times, not hatred, not hunger, not homelessness, not bullying threats, not backstabbing, not even the worst sins listed in Scripture: They kill us in cold blood because they hate you. We’re sitting ducks; they pick us off one by one. None of this fazes us because Jesus loves us. I’m absolutely convinced that nothing—nothing living or dead, angelic, or demonic, today, or tomorrow, high, or low, thinkable, or unthinkable—absolutely nothing can get between us and God’s love because of the way that Jesus our Master has embraced us.



## Ministries



**Come join us  
for our  
OK@Play June  
Event!**

**When: Thursday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m.**

**Where: Ticknor Hill Bed and Breakfast  
1625 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Anoka, MN**

Come and tour the famous Ticknor Hill Bed and Breakfast in Anoka. We will meet with, owner/innkeeper Debbie Wallace (a long time Grace member) for facts and stories from the Queen Anne Victorian home built in 1867.

We will visit with our OK@Play friends outside at the B&B and then you may choose to join others by walking to 2 Scoops on 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue for ice cream! We hope for a beautiful summer evening of fun.

No cost, except for your ice cream. No sign up needed. No lawn chairs needed unless you want to bring a special one for yourself. We are very gracious and give thanks to Debbie for giving us this opportunity to see and enjoy their beautiful B&B atmosphere! All are welcome!



### Empty Nesters

Our next event will be on Thursday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at the home of Doug and Angie Hanson. Their address is: 15102 152nd Terrace NW, Ramsey. This event will be a bon fire. Please bring a lawn chair and BYOB. The Hansons will provide snacks.



### Graceful Seniors

#### Date Change

Graceful Seniors will be meeting on Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 8:30am. This is due to Vacation Bible School occurring from June 13<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>. Please join us on June 21<sup>st</sup>! Graceful Seniors is a group of mostly retired folks who meet the second Tuesday of each month (May 10<sup>th</sup>) in the Fellowship Hall for breakfast and a Bible study (8:30-10:00 am).



### Our Children Are Not For Sale

Would it surprise you to know that at least 5,000 young people in Minnesota have traded sex for such things as money, food, drugs, or a place to stay?

This statistic came from the Minnesota Student Survey – a tri-annual census of young people in Minnesota's schools. The 2019 survey included a new question for 9th and 11th graders on this topic. This number is also estimated to be under rated due to the fear and shame in answering Yes to this question.

Human trafficking is in our community. What can we do about it? The answer is, I don't know. But with God's help, I think we can make a difference.

I would like to form a committee or Ministry team interested in exploring what Grace can do to combat human trafficking in our community. My vision is to offer a series of educational opportunities and come up with service projects. I am open to other ideas and to where God leads us. But, I will need help to make this happen. If you are interested in this mission, please contact the Grace office, or Angie Hanson at [aj\\_peacock@yahoo.com](mailto:aj_peacock@yahoo.com)

### Dakota Sacred Sites Tour



**Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup> - 10:00 am to 2:00 pm**  
**Led by Rev Jim Bear Jacobs**  
**Minnesota Council of Churches**

From the Healing Minnesota Stories website, of which this tour is a part; "The tour offers an opportunity to learn about Minnesota history from a Native perspective through story-telling and experiencing the sites in silence/meditation/reflection."

Participants drive on their own or carpool to where the tour begins, in the Church of St Peter parking lot and then we go from there to 3 sites: Fort Snelling State Park, the Dakota Internment Camp (after the U.S.-Dakota War) Site and Pilot Knob Hill, a traditional burial ground. One of the sites involves standing so you are welcome to bring a lawn chair. Bring a bag lunch, water, and dress for the weather.

Space is limited and registrations are being taken via email or phone. To register, email Barb Anderson at: [jbbdanderson@msn.com](mailto:jbbdanderson@msn.com) or call her at 763-360-2906.



## Ministries



### Luther Point

July 17th-22nd

Current 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders! Are you ready to go to CAMP this summer?! Spend a week at camp where campers spend time learning more about God through worship, Bible studies, games, swimming in the lake, meeting new friends, and hanging out with cool counselors. Participants will experience an Outpost adventure (we will be sleeping in our regular cabins), service project, low-ropes course, and more! Check out the Grace Lutheran Youth Website for more information!

### Middle School Montana Trip



We still have room for our current 7th and 8th grade students to join us in Montana at Christikon from July 8th – 16th! Kids will spend their week mostly on-site (sleeping in a cabin) where they will belong to a “family group” with seven other campers and a counselor and spend time hiking, doing service projects, Bible study, and other activities. You also get to spend a night camping out away from the main site. You will meet kids from other places, enjoy some free time, eat great food, and play games. Check out the youth website at [www.graceandover.org](http://www.graceandover.org) to register and for more information!

### Grace Quilters

Summer

Schedule



Grace Quilters will NOT be meeting on July 4th and September 5th. Grace Quilters meet on Monday mornings at 9am. All are welcome!



### Ruth Circle

#### Summer Dates

Ruth Circle will be meeting this summer on Monday, July 11th, Monday, August 1st and Monday, September 12th from 12:30-2:00pm. Come join this group of retired ladies for fellowship and bible study.

### Wednesday Night

#### Bible Study and

#### Worship

With Wednesday Night Worship at 7pm starting again, there is also a Wednesday Night Bible Study group. The Bible Study group meets at 6:00pm and then move into the Sanctuary for Wednesday Night Worship. All are welcome!



### High School Bonfire!



Join us on Wednesday, June 29<sup>th</sup> for worship and a bonfire. Worship begins at 7:00pm, the bonfire is from 8:00-9:30pm. Bring a lawn chair and dress for the weather! We will have hot dogs and S'mores to roast over the fire! All 9<sup>th</sup>– 12<sup>th</sup> grade students are welcome!

#### Jan. 1 to May 31, 2022

Current & Capital Offerings \$367,861.00  
Other Income \$16,450.96  
Expenses \$360,075.71  
Building Project Offerings \$268,081.27  
Dedicated Offerings \$25,034.34  
Dedicated Funds in Balance Sheet \$86,971.44



#### Jan. 1 to May 31, 2021

Current & Capital Offerings \$368,354.53  
Other Income \$68,322.41  
Expenses \$416,831.45  
Building Project Offerings \$0.00  
Dedicated Offerings \$40,855.26  
Dedicated Funds in Balance Sheet \$111,481.22

## Children & Youth Ministry



### Welcome Kelsey Russell

The staff at Grace would like to welcome Kelsey Russell to our team! Kelsey has joined the staff as the part-time Assistant Children's Ministry Director.

Hi Grace family! My name is Kelsey Russell and I have been attending Grace ever since I was a kid in Sunday school. I became a member here in 2016 after I finished catechism. Growing up I had the most loving parents, Mike and Tracie, and two sisters, Brenna and Lauren, who are my built-in best friends. I also have 2 crazy golden retrievers named Bear and Ivy. I graduated from Andover High School in 2019, where I played soccer and cross-country skiing. Outside of school activities I was a catechism leader for 3 years. Currently, I work full-time as a Team Lead at Andover Target. In my free time I enjoy watching Minnesota sports, going up north to my family's cabin, and spending time with my boyfriend, family, and friends. I am so excited to be a part of the amazing staff here at Grace!

## Summer Stretch

Are you a current 5th-8th grader and worried you will be bored this summer? Worry no more! Participate this summer in a dynamic ministry that stretches your faith and your friendships at Grace Lutheran Church! **Summer Stretch runs every Thursday (June 23rd – August 4th) from 9:00am – 5:00pm.** Participants should be dropped off and picked up at church.

In the mornings we begin with a devotion or quick Bible Study surrounding our theme: *Our Story, God's Story*. We then load the bus and spend the rest of the morning doing fun service projects around the Twin Cities (Feed My Starving Children, Global Health Ministries, and helping the environment etc.) The afternoons are spent doing a fun recreational activity (Examples: Urban Air, Bunker Beach Water Park, roller skating, Grand Slam, ice skating, an Escape Room, and more!) On August 4<sup>th</sup> we will spend the entire day at Valleyfair!

At Summer Stretch, students will learn about loving God and our neighbor through service. We will spend part of the time in the morning in Bible Study. Students not only spend time serving our world, but will also learn about key social justice issues facing our city, state, and world, such as clean water, global health issues, global and local hunger, and the environment.

Registration is NOW! Transportation to events, admission to all service and recreational activities, guest speakers, admission to Valleyfair, snacks, and a tee shirt are included in the fee. The cost is \$300. See the Grace website for details on this program. Summer Stretch is limited to 50 students who are currently in 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade, so register TODAY so you don't miss out on the fun!

**For more information on pricing, frequently asked questions, or to register, check out the Grace Lutheran website [www.graceandover.org](http://www.graceandover.org) and click on Summer Fun!** Or contact Kristi Larson at [KristiL@graceandover.org](mailto:KristiL@graceandover.org) or 651.230.6057

## Time & Talent Generosity

Grace is starting a new page in Grace Notes and on the web page, called Time & Talent Generosity. On this page Grace will list all the ways you can donate your time and/or talents all on one page!



### What is Altar Guild?

Altar Guild is just fancy words for setting up, resetting and cleaning up on Communion Sundays. It only takes about 30-40 minutes and is a wonderful way to help with Worship behind the scenes. You will be trained on how to set up and clean up the special service elements. Families and adults are welcome (there must be someone over 21 years old dispensing the wine) to join this essential and sacred element of worship. Please contact the Church office.

### PowerPoint and Streaming help wanted!



We are in search of new volunteers to help on Sunday mornings (And Wednesday evenings) with our PowerPoint projection and Streaming. It is not a large commitment, nor is it difficult to learn. One Sunday (or Wednesday) a month! Volunteers will go through a short training session, and then be able to assist. If you are interested, or have questions, please contact David Phelps. (It really is not that hard, and there are detailed instructions for every step of the way.)



### Communion Servers

Communion Servers are needed for all Worship times. It is a simple, yet powerful way to be involved during Worship and takes only 10 minutes! What a fulfilling and quick way to help out at Grace. Training will be provided. Please contact the Church office.

### Ushers

Worship Ushers are needed each and every Sunday! Ushers help with greeting people, helping people get what they need for worship, control traffic flow during communion and other times, make sure that the welcome table is clean and tidy, and that coffee is available for Sunday Fellowship. All you need to do is come a bit early to worship and stay a bit later. Training will be provided. Please contact the Church office.



**Nursery**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

### Worship Nursery Helpers

Do you like playing with little children (infant to three years old)? Volunteer in the nursery during worship on Sunday! Adult volunteers must be high school students or adults. Middle School students are welcome to help with an adult volunteer. Interested? Reach out to Kristi at [kristil@graceandover.org](mailto:kristil@graceandover.org).





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## *Grace Lutheran Church Summer Worship*

*Sundays at 8:30am & 10:00am  
Wednesdays at 7:00pm*