

grace notes

September 2022

What's Next?

Today at staff meeting (August 23rd), we spent our devotional time sharing two words for where we are at today. Numerous people on our staff claimed the same word: Hopeful! We are hopeful! Thanks be to God. For a long time, words like overwhelmed, tired, uncertain would have likely been our chosen words, but as we look into fall for 2023, hopeful is the word that is felt in our bodies, minds and spirits at Grace, and I hope that is true for you too.

This week I will celebrate my three-year anniversary as the Senior Pastor at Grace. What a whirl-wind, wild, Spirit-filled three years it has been! We have been brought together during a time of trauma for our whole world, and we have lived in faith together. I feel I know some of you so well and some of you, I know are missing from Grace. As I drove to work this morning, the words: You matter at Grace, flooded my head. This is the message I want to give to you all. **You matter at Grace!** Whether you have been super involved over the past few years, or whether or not you have slipped away silently and feel unnoticed. I want you to know that you matter to God and you matter to us! I would love to welcome some of you back to Grace so that we might turn the page in this next chapter together. A chapter that indeed I am hopeful for and believe that God will continue to lead us in growing together in faith.

So what's next? We have been blessed this summer to have Pastor Christine to help out while Pastor Maria was out on medical leave. Pastor Maria is planning on making a transition back to work starting in September. We will be figuring it out as we go. She will be working part time, taking breaks as needed and returning to us in some capacity. I am hopeful and excited about her return.



We have hired an Interim Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministry, Molly Schroeder, (see page 2). Molly will be working with Kelsey Russell in leading our children and youth, and helping us to listen to the needs within our families. Needs that we know have changed over the last few years. She will help us in crafting a job description that meets the desires of Grace to find the person who will help lead our children, youth and family into the future.

We are also welcoming Tracie Russell, as part-time Church Administrator, to the staff. She will be working in collaboration with Frances Fernandez in making sure that all of our building needs and management are covered. I am so excited to welcome her to our team.

There are so many possibilities and opportunities for us to connect, reach out to new people and to grow in faith. I hope that if you haven't attended worship in a while, you will come and join us. I hope that if you have, that you will invite a friend because God's Spirit is moving at Grace.

It has been a hard summer. Our staff has undergone many difficulties, hiccups, and medical needs. They have been hard and God has been faithful and so have you. I am grateful to have you all as companions in faith. I am hopeful indeed about what's next. Hopeful about where God is leading us and looking forward to living out God's call together at Grace.

Blessings,
Pastor Joanna Mitchell

Staff Update

Meet Molly Schroeder

Interim Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries



Hello new friends! A little about me, my husband Clayton and I both grew up in the northern suburbs, Coon Rapids, and Ham Lake. We moved to Big Lake in 1996 and have raised our three children, Tanner (27), Meghan (25), and Parker (18) there. We also have three furbabies (dogs) ranging in size from 4 pounds (full grown) to nearly 100. I have worked all of my adult life with children of all ages, and find pure joy in those "light bulb" moments when something clicks for them upon discovering something new and watch their faith grow. I love to nurture relationships and connect people and see their relationships develop, especially between those in different stages of life. I am committed to helping

youth thrive and grow in relationship with Jesus, know they are loved, and a valued part of faith communities. I have worked in the full spectrum of Children Youth and Family ministry throughout my career and have loved every moment. I have a Master's degree in CYF Ministry, a Master's of Theology degree in Congregation, Mission, and Leadership from Luther Seminary and I am more than half way through my Doctorate in Transformational Leadership.

I have mentored and coached students at Luther Seminary and have worked alongside professors to assist students in their final thesis projects. I also worked as the team lead of education and small groups for the Multicultural Youth Leadership Event (MYLE) for the ELCA. I have also founded two nonprofit's, the most recent a youth center in Big Lake in 2019. I love to spend time with my family, volunteer in the community, kayak, run, and go hiking at State Parks.

My work here at Grace is to serve alongside the congregation as you experience times of transition and change in your children's and youth ministry leadership staff. Together we will discover possibilities and goals for the ministry, work through current needs and changes, and come alongside students, parents and volunteers to dream, create and implement a viable, Christ-centered children's and youth ministry built from the congregation up. Therefore, my role here is two-fold. First, to be responsible for the maintenance of the current children's and youth programming. Second, to help the church evaluate, discern, and strategize for the future of the children's and youth ministry program and leadership. This is an exciting time and I can't wait to meet you!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 2nd—Church Office Closed

Sept. 5th—Church Office Closed

Sept. 7th—6th Grade Catechism Preview Night

Sept. 11th—Rally Sunday/Blessing of the Backpacks/Kindergarten Pins/Own Your Faith

Sept. 14th—Catechism Kick Off Night

Sept. 18th—God's Work. Our Hands/Family Table/Financial Peace University

Sept. 25th—Grace4Rakai Luncheon/Sunday School Kick-Off

Vision Board



Renewal

I often find autumn to be a time of change, renewal and fresh starts. The busy summer is coming to a close, school is starting back up, and the natural world is morphing around us as the colors and seasons change. In our July Vision Board meeting we opened with a discussion about Matthew 5, the beginning of the Sermon on the Mount. Similar to the change of seasons in the fall, I feel a sense of renewal when reading Matthew 5. It reminds us that we are blessed in times of difficulty and change, because when we have less, there is more room for God and we can be embraced, cared for and renewed. It also reminds us of our role as Christians – to be light, to show the way for others, to love our enemies, to be open, to keep our promises, to give our best to everyone, and to live generously and graciously toward others. So, Grace family, this fall as we enter a new season in life, let's live out our name. Let's give grace to ourselves and others. Let's be the light and live generously in love.

Prayer For Our Community, from Richard Rohr's Daily Meditations (July 23, 2022)

God, Lord of all creation, lover of life and of everything, please help us to love in our very small way what You love infinitely and everywhere. We thank You that we can offer just this one prayer and that will be more than enough, because in reality every thing and every one is connected, and nothing stands alone. To pray for one part is really to pray for the whole, and so we do. Help us each day to stand for love, for healing, for the good, for the diverse unity of the Body of Christ and all creation, because we know this is what You desire: as Jesus prayed, that all may be one. Amen.

Chrissy Gast, Vision Board Member

Rally Sunday



RALLY SUNDAY

September 11, 2022

Rally Sunday is on September 11, 2022 from 9:30am-12:30pm and we plan to have fun activities for kids through adults (weather dependent) including Bounce House, face painting, outdoor games, etc. as well as food, music, a ministry fair to check out and sign up for all of the ministry opportunities that abound at Grace, blood pressure screening, a 9/11 remembrance and more.

We will also be collecting food for the Grace All May Be Fed food pantry.

We will be collecting books of all genres for a Girl Scout Gold Award project in conjunction with Hope 4 Youth. Project is being conducted by Olivia Surratt.

Red Cross Blood Drive



Red Cross Blood Drive coming to Grace Tuesday, October 25th, Noon-5:30pm. To sign up to donate blood, go to www.redcrossblood.org and enter Grace Andover. Your donation could save a life.

Gods Work. Our Hands.



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September 18th at 9am-1pm

God invites us to love by serving and caring for our neighbors. On Sunday September 18th we will have one unified worship service followed by a morning of service events. Some activities will be at Grace, while other activities will have us travel around Anoka and Andover to partner organizations or the homes of neighbors. We will return to Grace at noon for a congregational meal.

If you would like to be a part of the leadership team, please contact Scott Christensen at scottc@nuaire.com

Hope 4 Youth

Hope 4 Youth now includes 50 young families. To help meet their needs we are asking for the following donations that can be placed in the container in the narthex marked HOPE 4 Youth. We plan to package bags of support on Sept. 18, God's Work, Our Hands Day. The following items are needed: Diapers, Baby wipes, Baby powder/lotion, Story or coloring books, Crayons, Simple puzzles, New toys, Baby bottles, Pacifiers, Bibs, Baby body wash. Thank you for your generosity. If you have questions or would like to join our team, contact Jan Anderson at 763-712-7415 or jmanders79@gmail.com.



Financial Peace University

Financial Peace University Course Will Be Offered at Grace This Fall

Tell your money where to go instead of wondering where it went! *Financial Peace University* is a nine-lesson class designed to help you build a budget, dump debt, grow your wealth, and leave money stress behind. Each lesson is based on biblical wisdom and common sense.

The class is taught using videos, small group discussions, a helpful workbook, and leveraging many other tools provided by FPU. Doug and Angie Hanson will facilitate the class through the 9 week journey. We took the same course through Grace around 5 years ago and we are so excited to share this great program with others.

There is a fee for the class. You can choose from three options. The fee will provide you access to materials needed for the class, online budgeting and tracking tools, free group coaching with FPU professionals and access to more courses.

3 month access for \$59.99

6 months access for \$99.99

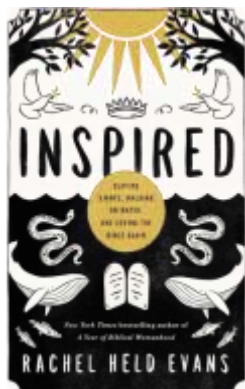
12 months access for \$139.99

When we took the class, we paid off so much debt that the fee was well worth it. It also gave us a common financial goal and taught us how to work together to reach it.

Sign up for this class and start your 14-day free trial of Financial Peace at fpu.com/1152048. Class starts **Sunday, September 18, 2022 at 6:30pm** and will go for 9 weeks and will be held at the church.



Book Study



Adult Wednesday
Evening Book
Discussion: Starting
Wednesday
September 14th in
Room 105/107

If the Bible isn't a science book or an instruction manual, then what is it? What do people mean when they say the Bible is inspired? When Rachel Held Evans found herself asking these questions, she began a quest to better understand what the Bible is and how it is meant to be read. What she discovered changed her and it will change you too.

Drawing on the best in recent scholarship and using her well honed literary expertise, Evans examines some of our favorite Bible stories and possible interpretations, retelling them through memoir, original poetry, short stories, soliloquies, and even a short screenplay. Undaunted by the Bible's most difficult passages, Evans wrestles through the process of doubting, imagining, and debating Scripture's mysteries. The Bible, she discovers, is not a static work but is a living, breathing, captivating, and confounding book that is able to equip us to join God's loving and redemptive work in the world. – taken from amazon.com

Join us on Wednesday evenings from 6-6:50pm as we discuss Rachel Held Evans' book Inspired. We will have copies on hand to use and purchase. Discussion will be led by Pastor Joanna Mitchell or Pastor Maria Markman. No prep work will be required. Come ready to learn and ask questions. Sign up on Realm today!

Music Ministry



Music Ministry

Music is alive and thriving here at Grace! There are changes ahead, but changes that will allow us to do so much more than we already are. It truly is exciting. We welcome anyone who wants to make music to praise God, to join us!

GRACE CHOIR starts up again on **TUESDAY AUGUST 30 at 6:45pm**. The choir serves at our traditional service and sings 2-3 Sunday's a month. Rehearsals are on Tuesday evenings at 6:45pm in the sanctuary. There are always extra chairs for anyone who wants to join. Haven't sung in a choir before? No problem!

PRAISE TEAM continually rehearses and sings throughout the year. The team rehearses on **THURSDAY evenings at 6:30pm** in the Sanctuary for the Contemporary service on Sunday morning. It's a lot of good music, with a LOT of good musicians, and we are always looking for new singers/instrumentalists. Not just drums/bass/guitar either! Do you play a brass/woodwind/string instrument? All are welcome to come and make music together.

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP: Over the summer we officially began our Wednesday Night Worship service. A contemporary service similar in content to the Sunday contemporary service, but with just a little more music added in. We are always looking for musicians to join us in any group, and we know two different time commitments is tough. **Our Wednesday praise team rehearses at 6pm for 7pm worship.** One night, One service. If you're looking to get involved, but can't give a lot of time, this might be a good place to start!

Registration through Realm is requested for everyone interested.

WORSHIP TECH We are always looking for persons interested in assisting worship by running our technology. PowerPoint, YouTube Stream, or manning the soundboard. With a short training session, anyone can do it. However, our Worship Technology is changing! We are upgrading all of our equipment behind the booth and are looking for volunteers to learn the new system, and then run it during worship! When everything is said and done, we will have one computer that runs both the in-person slides, and the livestream to YouTube. (As well as a new soundboard) More information will come when we have everything installed and ready to go.

Children's Ministries



Sunday School

This year we are using a new curriculum, "Grow." We are super excited about the wonderful content and the ability to help grow our kids in faith and life.

Blast off with us this September as we kick off the Sunday School year with a four week lesson on Spiritual habits.

September Schedule

-Join us on Sunday, September 11th for registration and games at 8:45am and 10:30am

-On Sunday, September 18th we will have a large group learning time at 9am.

-Large and small group Sunday School will officially begin on Sunday, September 25th at 8:45am and 10:30am

Our Sunday School is for children from 3 years old to 5th grade. Kids begin in worship and are dismissed after the Children's Message to go to their classrooms.

Please register on Realm.

We are also looking for Sunday School special event helpers. Please contact Pastor Joanna Mitchell at joannam@graceandover.org.

Children's Choir

CHILDREN'S CHOIR – Yes, you read that right. We will be starting a Children's Choir this year! We will gather on WEDNESDAY evenings from 5:45-6:00pm before Kid's Night Out. The first "season" will run from September 14 to December 14, and the group will sing on October 23, and December 18. The goal is to sing in at least two parts and have a lot of fun making music together! **Please register on Realm.**

Please contact David Phelps at davidp@graceandover.org with any questions.



Children's Ministry Volunteers



There are many ways that you can volunteer to grow our kids in faith. You can volunteer in our nursery and care for our youngest members and attenders. You can be a substitute leader for a small group for Catechism on Wednesday nights. If working with middle school kids is your jam this is the spot for you. Our youth need caring adult leaders. Prayerfully consider if this might be a gift you have to share with Grace. Or perhaps you are better behind the scenes or for one time events. We need your help with lock-ins, retreats and other Children, Youth and Family activities.

On September 7th at 5:30pm we will be gathering for a Volunteer Kick off. This is for both Catechism and Sunday School and Kids Night Out helpers. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30pm and then break out into groups at 6pm for more specified instructions pertaining to various age groups. Mark your calendars and join us with this wonderful opportunity to grow our kids in faith. Please contact Pastor Joanna Mitchell with any questions or **sign up on Realm.**



Kids' Night

Out 2022-23

Kids' Night Out is our Wednesday evening programming for Kindergarten through 5th graders. Kids play games, learn through bible study and have the opportunity to connect with one another. This is less structured than Sunday school but does involve a lesson and a means to grow in faith. Occasionally kids will have malts and do special faith formation events. Then join us for Wednesday Night Worship at 7pm.

Youth Ministries

Own Your Faith

9th Graders and guardians, we hope you can join us for an overview and orientation for your final year of Catechism at Grace Lutheran Church. After 3 years participating in small groups and events at Grace on Wednesday nights, our 9th Graders final year of catechism is to work one-on-one with a mentor. Together they will be discussing questions of identity and faith and doubt. These one-on-one conversations happen on your own time, and we provide all the materials you need to have these important conversations.



This year we are starting something new and inviting our Own Your Faith students to gather once a month for a shared event where we can have a time of fellowship and connection. We are very excited about the upcoming year and all that it will bring. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Joanna Mitchell at joannam@graceandover.org. Please sign up on REALM.



Catechism

Attention 6th Graders and Families. On **September 7th at 5:30pm**, we hosting an open house and overview of our Catechism program. We hope you will come and join with us as we share calendars, events and the vision behind our program.

6th-8th Graders: Catechism will officially kick off on **September 14th at 6pm**. Large group, small group and worship will run from 6pm-8pm. We encourage parents/guardians and siblings to join us for Wednesday night worship that begins at 7pm. This worship does count for worship attendance in order to fulfill Catechism requirements. It is also created with youth in mind.

Save The Date: November 11th-13th for 6th- 8th graders

Grace Youth are going back to Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp this November for their "All In! Retreat!". At the "All In" recharge, campers will join an eccentric expedition team seeking a treasure worth more than gold. Campers will walk away with practical tools on how to keep God at the center of everything they do. Stewardship is often a word associated with money, but it is so much more than that. Everything you have is from God, and is God's. How can you take care of it and invest it for His Kingdom and His glory? You can use your time, talents, treasure, and so much more. Are you "all in" for God? Camp costs are \$99 plus travel. We have 30 spots reserved. Sign-up while you can. We will depart after school on Friday and return Sunday evening. We will also be looking for adult volunteers to drive and participate. Please consider if you might go to this faith filled event. Contact Pastor Joanna Mitchell at joannam@graceandover.org for more details. Please register your child on Realm so that we can plan for this upcoming year.



High School Ministry

Starting September 25th! Calling all High School youth: Join us this fall on Sunday Mornings with donuts and dreams in the youth room. We will gather at 10am in the youth room for a half hour time of connection and planning for our upcoming year. We want to hear your opinions about service projects, fun social events, upcoming summer trips, retreats, lock-ins and more.

Grace 4 Rakai

Grace4Rakai Celebration Luncheon



The Grace4Rakai Ministry Team would like to invite **EVERYONE** to the **Celebration Luncheon on Sunday September 25** after the 10:30 service in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited – from ACT child sponsors to those who just want to know more about our wonderful Ministry Team and what we are doing in Rakai, Uganda.

This will be a time to gather as a church community to do 3 things:

SHARE stories, pictures and updates of our outreach ministries in Rakai, Uganda

CELEBRATE how God is doing “immeasurably more” in and thru us as a congregation at Grace Lutheran Church

DREAM about future possibilities for African Children Today (ACT)

We will begin our Celebration Luncheon at 11:30am (after the 10:30 service concludes) in the Fellowship Hall where everyone is welcome. We will begin with a free pasta and dessert lunch followed by a time of sharing stories, pictures, celebrating the partnership with ACT and the Grace4Rakai Ministry Team and discuss opportunities and dreams for the future. The Team will provide the meal free of charge, so please simply come and enjoy the day of celebrating all the ways God’s grace is stretching across the ocean from our faith community to the people in Uganda.

If you currently sponsor a child(ren) in Rakai, we welcome you to bring and share stories, letters and pictures of your sponsored child(ren) to the luncheon. If you have any questions regarding what our Ministry Team does or if you would like to sponsor a child yourself, please attend this luncheon – it is for you!

Contact Stacy Surratt at stacysurratt@yahoo.com or Scott Christensen at scottc@nuaire.com – Co-leaders of the Grace4Rakai Ministry Team if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you on Sunday September 25th!



Grace4Rakai Ministry Team

The Grace4Rakai Ministry Team is excited to be highlighting **Sunday November 13 and Wednesday November 16, 2022** at Grace Lutheran Church to lift up our friends and colleagues at **ACT (African Children Today)** who live in Uganda, Rakai. Many of us in this congregation sponsor children there, and we want to continue to provide updates and critical support for ACT’s outreach efforts. During this weekend at Grace, we will provide you with updates on our sponsor children and the ACT Junior School; have an opportunity to purchase items made by the Hope Again Women from Rakai and learn more about what amazing and exciting things are happening there. We will provide updates on the ACT Junior School and the new High School, the Medical Clinic, the Amazing Grace Bakery, the Milling Operation and much more. We will also highlight the scholarship fund that the Grace4Rakai Ministry Team has established to provide financial support as needed for children sponsored by the Grace community. Also stick around between services on Sunday morning, November 13, as we will be hosting another “Live From Rakai” event from the Grace Worship Center. During this event, Ann Hill and Richard Mutaawe, Director of ACT, will bring us up to date with the various ministries over in Rakai and take your questions! We want to celebrate the generosity that the Grace community has provided over this past year, so please plan to join us. We look forward to seeing you. It will be an exciting event, so plan to be a part of it. If you have any questions regarding this event, please reach out to anyone on the Grace4Rakai Team—led by Stacy Surratt & Scott Christensen.

Ministries



When to call 911 or 988?

Have you heard about the new 988 suicide and mental health crisis phone line? This number, like 911, is intended

for mental health crises and emergencies and became available to everyone in the US in July 2022.

988 is more than just an easy-to-remember number—it's a direct connection to compassionate, accessible care and support for anyone experiencing mental health-related distress – whether that is thoughts of suicide, mental health or substance use crisis, or any other kind of emotional distress. People can also dial 988 if they are worried about a loved one who may need crisis support.

The 988 dialing code is just a first step toward strengthening and transforming crisis care in this country. It serves as a universal entry point so that no matter where you live, you can reach a trained crisis counselor who can help. When people call, text, or chat 988, they will be connected to trained counselors that are part of the existing National Suicide Prevention Lifeline network. These trained counselors will listen, understand how their problems are affecting them, provide support, and connect them to resources if necessary.

Sources: Vicki Elliott, Executive Director, Mental Health Connect and <https://www.samhsa.gov/find-help/988>

OK@Play

(Old Kids @ Play is a group of newly or soon to be retired folks who meet for fun and fellowship). Meets for events throughout the year within the church or outside. The next events coming up are:

- October - Date TBD - Halloween potluck and bonfire at Joel and Becky Anderson's.
- December 16 - Sing Along Christmas Carols at Heart of the City Music Factory in Anoka. More details to come.



Empty Nesters/ Parents of Independent Children

Are you looking to add some fun to your life because your teenage and twenty-something kids have their own social lives? If so, the "Empty Nesters" is a group of middle aged folks who like to have fun conversations and build connections. Our next event is on Thursday, October 27th at 6:30pm–Bon fire at Doug and Angie Hanson's. Drinks provided. Bring your own snacks.

If you have any questions about whether this group is for you, please reach out to either Nancy Jenkins



Spring Forest Qigong Practice Group

Spring Forest Qigong practice group led by Randy Sparer meets at Grace the 1st & 3rd Mondays of each month at 2:30pm. Through gentle, yet powerful healing movements and meditations, you will learn how to heal yourself. Questions, contact Randy Sparer 612-812-2392. Please note: Due to September 5 being Labor Day, Qigong will not meet until September 19th.

ACBC Fresh Produce Event



Join ACBC for a fun free community event at Coon Rapids Regional Dam, 9750 Egret Blvd NW Coon Rapids; Pavilion 3 (Follow the Signs). **On Friday, August 26th & Friday, September 23rd from 10am-12pm.** Fresh produce give away. For more information contact the ACBC Food Shelf at 763 -422-0046

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Love of Grace Bazaar



Saturday of November 12, 2022 from 9:00am to 3:00pm. This event is open to vendors within our congregation and outside in our community. All are invited to register. We accept registrations from all vendors on a first come basis.

We will be asking our Grace people to sign up for donations of food and supplies for the bazaar breakfast and lunch we serve. We will also need man power to move furniture, set up tables, chairs, etc. in the late afternoon/evenings of Thursday and Friday Nov. 10-11. Vendors begin their set up on Fri. Nov. 11 from 7:00-8:30pm or Sat. morning prior to the event. Sat. afternoon after the bazaar, we will need help to take down and get everything set back up in the sanctuary, narthex and classrooms for Sunday morning. Contact Ann Lange at ann.lange@comcast.net or 763-438-6868 for information.



Family Table

Imagine coming home and finding no food to prepare dinner for your family. Imagine being alone and never having friends to share a meal with. Imagine how you would feel and what you would do. Family Table is an outreach program sponsored by several churches in the area including Grace. It is an opportunity for us to help our neighbors, if even for only one meal. On the 3rd Sunday of each month, we are privileged to put together meals for our guests. As gas prices rise and inflation goes up, we see our numbers ticking up also. And for the first time since COVID, we have opened our doors so friends can grab their meal and share good conversation. If you are looking for a way to help, please check out the Sign Up Genius link. The calendar is posted thru December so you can do some planning. We know summer is a tough time, but imagine if you had no food on your table? Come help us help others! You are such an important part of our outreach programs! If you have questions, you can contact Lynda Wilde at lrwilde@comcast.net or call/text 612.418.6444.



WOW 2022

Women On Wednesday (WOW) has been a ministry of Grace for many years. Its format brings women the opportunity to laugh, study and pray together. Every year is fresh and new. WOW might be for you if:

- You are newly retired and you could use some social time and some stimulating conversation.
- You are a full time mother of young children and you might be blessed by time spent with women of all ages and diverse experiences, women who hold decades of wisdom in the care of children and family. Childcare is even provided!
- You are a quilter and find your Wednesday mornings free.
- You are working from home now and you suddenly have the option of meeting with a group of women.
- You have a friend or neighbor that you would love to get to know better who might just need that invitation to join a group.
- You find yourself seeking to deepen your understanding of the Bible or to deepen your relationship with your Creator and your sisters in faith.

You are invited to join WOW starting September 14th at 9:30am-11:15am at the church. As groups are formed, according to the level of interest, there may be Zoom groups as well as in person groups. Our calendar year goes along with Anoka Hennepin School District schedule. We hope to see you there. For more information please contact Anne Weikle at weikle3@msn.com.

Flu/Covid Shot Clinic

Flu/Covid Shot Clinic sponsored by HyVee Pharmacy happening at Grace on Sunday, October 2, 9:30am-12:30 pm. No need to sign up, just come to Worship, then get your Flu and Covid shots on your way out in the Fellowship Hall. Its FREE with insurance.



Ministries



Graceful Seniors

Graceful Seniors is a group of mostly retired folks that meet the second Tuesday of each month starting at 8:30am in the Fellowship Hall. We begin with a donut and coffee breakfast and at 9am we continue with Bible Study and a presentation and/or discussion of a topic that is of interest to our group.

On Tuesday, September 13th Kay King from NAMI MN (National Alliance on Mental Illness) will be presenting on the topic of Anxiety. For more information, please contact Kris Miller in the church office.



Worship Nursery Helpers

Do you like playing with little children (infant to three years old)? Volunteer in the nursery during worship on Sunday! Volunteers must be high school students or adults. Middle School students are welcome to help with an adult volunteer. Interested? Reach out to Pastor Joanna Mitchell at joannam@graceandover.org

New Church Directory Coming Soon!



Mark your calendars and plan to have your family photo taken for our new Church Directory. Photography dates are October 27, 28 & 29 as well as November 17, 18 & 19. More information coming soon about how to set up your photography appointment. Thanks to Deb Stang and Deb Corey, who have agreed to be our Volunteer Directory Coordinators.

Projection And Streaming



We are in search of volunteers to help on Sunday mornings, and Wednesday evenings with our projection and streaming. It is not a large commitment, nor is it difficult to learn. One Sunday or Wednesday evening 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.)

Finances

Jan. 1 to July 31, 2022

Current & Capital Offerings \$558,311.00
Other Income \$31,020.32
Expenses \$531,539.75
Building Project Offerings \$345,876.8
Dedicated Offerings \$35,970.43
Dedicated Funds in Balance Sheet \$100,791.50

Jan. 1 to July 31, 2021

Current & Capital Offerings \$483,969.85
Other Income \$71,546.74
Expenses \$613,732.04
Building Project Offerings \$0.00
Dedicated Offerings \$54,684.24
Dedicated Funds in Balance Sheet \$100,812.95



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Sundays

8:45am-Traditional

10:30am-Contemporary

Wednesday

7:00pm-Contemporary