

keeping pace with
Grace

THE NEWSLETTER OF GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

***The Bell
Is
Ringing***

I had the pleasure of growing up, back in the 1960's, in a neighborhood that had lots of children my age – give or take two or three years. This meant that afternoon play outdoors would have perhaps a dozen or so of us gathered together, moving through the neighborhood or the woods that bordered our homes, playing whatever game seemed most important for us to play for that given day. Outdoor play would usually continue until dinner time approached, and then we would hear it – we would hear the brass bell mounted near the side door of the Tuttle's house ringing. Other parents didn't need to call us in – all families knew that the Tuttle's bell would ring at the appropriate time to call us home from our adventures, where we would once again receive the nourishment of table, and the warmth of family.

Well the bell is ringing. Throughout the summer, we at Grace have taken a break from many of our ministry activities, and some of us have been off on adventures on some or most summer Sundays – or perhaps have simply been claiming some Sunday morning down-time. But September is here, we are within sight of Autumn, and the bell is ringing – calling us to the nourishment of table, and the warmth of church family, which we find in our times of worship, fellowship, and ministry activities.

This is always an exciting time for congregations as the worship space fills a bit more and we reengage the mission of Jesus. Once again this year, we will begin with a Regathering Sunday on September 17. The day will include outdoor worship, weather permitting, a picnic meal following worship, and games for all. More information can be found inside this newsletter.

The bell is ringing, calling us to our church home, and to the One who meets us there with grace, joy, and peace for the nourishment of our body, mind, and spirit.

Peace in Christ,
Pastor Steve

Some Recent Glimpses of Grace



The Ladies Guild Ice Cream Social



Ice Cream for Breakfast!!!



Some of This Year's Harvest for the Food Pantry



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Jesus Knows You're Here

A burglar broke into a house one night. He shined his flashlight around looking for valuables when a voice in the dark said, “Jesus knows you’re here.” He nearly jumped out of his skin, clicked his flashlight off, and froze. When he heard nothing more, after a bit, he shook his head and continued. Just as he pulled the stereo out so he could disconnect the wires, clear as a bell he heard, “Jesus is watching you.” In a panic, he shined his light around frantically, looking for the

source of the voice. Finally, in the corner of the room, his flashlight beam came to rest on a parrot. “Did you say that?”, he hissed at the parrot. “Yep” the parrot confessed, then squawked “I’m just trying to warn you that he’s watching you.” The burglar relaxed. “Warn me, huh? Who in the world are you?” “Moses,” replied the bird. “Moses?” the burglar laughed. “What kind of people would name a bird Moses?” “The kind of people that would name a Rottweiler Jesus.”

Some Things on the Horizon



PARC Walk – October 14 – Join the Team!

Our Annual Tag & Fritter Sale
is Right Around the Corner!

This year's Tag & Fritter Sale is set for October 21. Please be thinking about gently used items you can donate – consider helping out with the work and fun of the event – and how much you're looking forward to enjoying the fritters and a bit of shopping.



We continue to pray,

Gracious God, you are our refuge and strength, a very present help in time of trouble. Continue to strengthen and sustain all those impacted by Hurricanes Harvey and Irma, floods in Nepal and India, wildfires and other natural disasters. Reveal to all your healing hope and love. As one community on earth bound together by your grace, inspire us to pray, serve, and help all those who suffer. Compassionate God, hear our prayer.

And Another Pic from the Past



Fred Friedmann and Art Woerz
Set the Cornerstone – 1959

Regathering Sunday – September 17

Once again this year, we will move from our summer rest and relaxation at Grace into the restart of our various ministries by gathering for the outdoor worship, picnic meal, and games and activities of Regathering Sunday. Worship will be outside – weather permitting – in our 1st Sunday style. Please bring along a lawn chair, if possible. A picnic meal will follow worship. Hot dogs will be provided – but the grill will be available to those who choose to cook some other meat instead. If you're bringing a dish to share, please remember the picnic theme – salads, fruits, etc. Things will wrap up with activities for all. Adults and youth that want to join in will be playing a really fun game called 'Spoons'. The Fall is looking busy at Grace – so hopefully we'll see you at this day of fun, food, and fellowship to kick it all off.

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Hope to see you there!!!

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