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Welcome to Amazing Grace Connections,
Grace Lutheran Church of Lily Lake's
newsletter!

For article submissions and announcements,
please email your submission to
churchsec@graceoflilylake.com by the 15th of
each month to be included in the next
newsletter!

VIRTUAL OFFICE HOURS

Monday	4 PM - 7 PM
Tuesday	4 PM - 7 PM
Wednesday	4 PM - 7 PM
Thursday	4 PM - 7 PM
Friday	4 PM - 7 PM

Summer in Full Swing

By Nick Rex



Hello again fellow Grace members. Summer is in full swing, the garden will be producing soon, and worship numbers are increasing. As guidelines are opening things up to more and more people, we have seen our attendance at outdoor worship increase. The Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts are returning to using Grace for their meetings starting in July as well. These are all much welcomed and good signs for Grace, the community, and our world.

I had the pleasure of meeting with our synod representative again in early June. What she has found is that none of the pastors in our area are currently interested in starting to be the pastor at both Grace and their home church. They are focused on getting their church back open and building up the sense of community and togetherness that has been lost for the past year plus. This is understandable and a bit of a roadblock in our immediate search, however, none of the pastors were a permanent “no”. All have remained open to the idea in the future once they get back to “normal” and can discuss it with their congregation’s leadership.

They synod had a couple of ideas (one brought by a local pastor) to get us an interim pastor. This person would act as our part-time pastor while we continue our search for a permanent, part-time pastor. So she is working to flush out the ideas and then present us with the options that are feasible. In the meantime, pulpit supply is almost fully booked through the end of August, including some new faces (yes, I’m still somehow finding new pastors to come preach even though it seems like we’ve seen every new face available) to go along with some familiar faces.

I want to take this opportunity to commend the Call Committee for all they are doing. They have almost completed our Ministry Site Profile that helps future candidates, other synods, and the ELCA as a whole see what Grace is all about as we continue or pastoral search. This was no easy task, took a lot of research, and a lot of time to put together. The next steps will be the call committee meeting with the synod to get an understanding of how the call process will move forward in the coming months as our search continues to the next steps. While they have done a lot of work already, that doesn’t mean you still can’t volunteer to be a part of the team as they journey to the next steps of the process. If you are interested, please let me know and we’ll get you connected to the team.

I’m hopeful that we get a more steady pastoral presence to give us a more solid footing to stand on as we open our doors to the community again as well as open our hearts and minds to the process of finding our next pastor.

Peace,

Nick Rex

President

FINANCIAL MATTERS

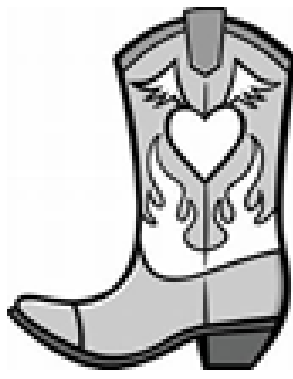


American Eagle Bank has advised that our 2nd (PPP) loan 'forgiveness', is in it's financial approval stage with SBA. We anticipate receiving this final approval within the 3rd qtr 2021, and 'forgiving' the loan.

We propose to send out your Giving statements by mid-July. This will be a gentle reminder to review your personal financial giving for the first half of 2021. This statement will also be a reminder that our offerings usually decline in the summer months, and to prayerfully review your tithes and talents in these upcoming months.

Please pray and consider the role you could assist in on our Stewardship Team. This Team selects the stewardship campaign and puts the plans into action. We do not have a Pastor at this time to assist in this role, so we are needing several members to join this Team and take this task forward. It is a short-term commitment and you will set the timeframe. Please contact Nick Rex or Tricia Painter for some further details.





Grace Lutheran Church of Lily Lake is sponsoring a "Dancing Under the Stars," a line-dancing event held in their outdoor pavilion at 5N600 Hanson Road in Lily Lake on Saturday July 31st, 5 – 9 pm. It will be open to everyone -all ages. If you love to dance, listen to music, love to watch others dancing and be outdoors, please join us. Nancy Corbige (847/212-0237) will be providing the music, demonstrating, teaching and taking requests. A free-will donation will be accepted. Come and celebrate the summer!



**Grace Lutheran Church
of Lily Lake**



****Dancing Under The Stars****

When: Sat. July 31st 2021, 5-9pm
Where: GLoLL Pavilion
Who: All are welcome!
What: Dancing, Music, Socializing,
Exhibition, Fun!

Let's dance, under the pavilion, under the stars!

- *Come all you line dance enthusiasts!
- *Come all you couples dancers.
- *Come all you that love:
 - ** music and love to watch the dancing,
 - ** be outdoors, and
 - ** enjoy a good party and being social!

Yours truly (Nancy Corbige) will be providing the music, demonstrating, teaching, and taking requests...and perhaps some special guest exhibitions. You'll just have to come to find out!

Come and let's celebrate the summer!

Sincerely, Nancy

Free dance, all are welcome! (Free-will donation accepted.)

5N600 Hanson Road
St. Charles, IL 60175
630-365-6751



Questions,
call Nancy
847-212-0237.

ROAD RUNNERS



Grace Roadrunners will be traveling again this fall! Our trip will be to French Lick, Indiana Monday, September 20th and returning Thursday, September 24th. Some things we plan on doing are visiting the French Lick West Baden Museum, a Scenic Railway ride, Wilstem Wildlife Park with animal encounters, Kiss the Bricks and Indy 500 Museum. Registration is going on now with a \$200 down payment. The trip will be about \$500. Forms are in the church office or contact Suzanne Girsch. The first 40 people signed up are guaranteed a seat on the motor coach and then a waiting list will be started.



THANK YOU



Thank you to Kathy Hooey who prints, copies and mails this monthly Grace Connections newsletter to those shut-ins, or those that do not have on-line access. She keeps Grace connected to these members!

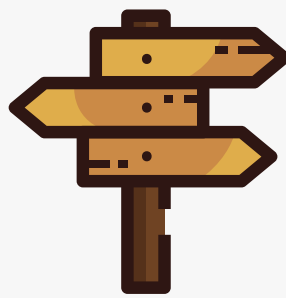


Our heartfelt thanks (and praises) to Lee & Twyla Strom who lead our worship on Father's Day (June 20) and took us through their Holy Land journey from March 2020. Wonderful portrayal of your journey that you shared with us - and were able to make it back home to the US before borders closed as pandemic took over. You can view this presentation on our Grace website, under the Media link, 4th Sunday in Pentecost. Thank you Strom's for sharing your Holy Land journey.



Our thanks to David Verner, John's brother, who repairs our mowers -- the last job was needing some bearings replaced. We certain are grateful to David and his expertise, to keep his brother John plugging away at the lawn. Appreciate the Verner connections in keeping Grace's grounds looking wonderful.

Walking Path



We welcome people to come use the walking path in the back of the church. There is a little, basic map of just the path itself tacked to the pavilion.

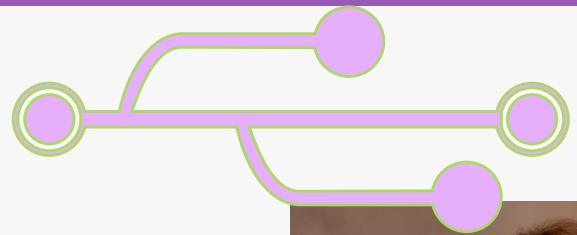
Also, in the southwest corner of the path, there is a large rock. On it has a little mesh black bag with 7 golf balls in it. It is a way to keep track of how many times you've walked around the path. (Sometimes, we can lose track.) (smile) Generally, it can take 20 minutes to walk one mile, but it is all relative. It is approximate that it takes 7 or 8 laps to go one mile.

Folks can come on their own, with a partner, dawn to dusk. Also...if there shows interest, we can create a walking club. Contact Nancy Corbige if you would like to join a walking club to meet at the church and walk more than just the path. Happy Spring everyone!



Getting to Know You

JAN AND JACK DOCHERTY



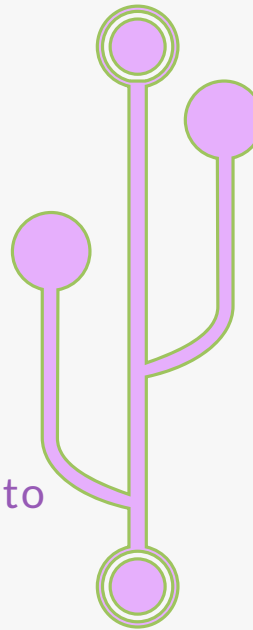
Jack grew up in Elburn and graduated from the Elburn High School (currently the Elburn Community Center). He lived with his Grandmother, Elizabeth Crystal, as his parents were both blind. His parents had met at the Jacksonville School for the Blind, graduated from there, and later worked in Chicago. Living in Elburn with “Grandma Lizzie” was a safer and more wholesome environment for a young boy. Eventually his parents also moved to Elburn. Jack began work at School District #129 (West Aurora) in 1954 and retired from there in 1954 and retired from there in completing 38 years of service. Retirement was brief as Jack worked at Kane County Bank and later, as Grace church sexton. Woodworking, a hobby, and a gift, provided many outlets, including remodeling and furniture construction. Examples of his work can be found at church: candle stand, wreath stand, movable cabinets.

Jan grew up on a farm in north central Illinois and graduated from Wenona, IL High School. She was active in her church, 4 H, and in music. She attended Augustana College in Rock Island, IL and graduated in 1960 with a degree in elementary education. She began teaching first grade at the newly constructed Hall School on the west side of Aurora, IL after graduation. She taught there for five years and that is where she met Jack, who was head of maintenance at Hall School. It was a great experience there and they have maintained close friendships with several of the Hall staff to this day. When she left Hall School to start a family, she was able to use her music by giving piano lessons in her home. (Some of our church youth took lessons.) Eventually, Jan went back to work, starting at the Mid Valley Area Vocational Center (Kaneland). However, a change of career took place when she began working at Kane County Bank in Elburn. She became a Trust Officer and retired from there in 1998. A part-time opportunity at Waubensee Community College came up (Admissions Office) which proved to be very interesting, and a two-year plan turned in 12 years, retiring again in 2010.

Jack and Jan were married at Bethany Lutheran Church in Wenona on June 28, 1964. It was 104 degrees, the hottest day of the summer (no air conditioning in the church back then). They survived and will be celebrating 57 years of marriage on June 28th. They have been members at Grace Lutheran since 1964, a wonderful church home.

Jack and Jan lived in Elburn for most of their married life. They moved to Sycamore in 2003, and five years ago they moved to a duplex at Oak Crest, a retirement community in DeKalb. They have two children: Kathleen and Daniel. Kathleen is married to Kevin Callaghan, and they reside in Becker, Minnesota and have three sons. Daniel is married to Jennifer (Briesacher) and they live in Sycamore with their two daughters. It is a blended family as Jack also has two children: Teresa (Kevin) Woods who lives in Becker, MN, and David (Susan) Docherty, living in Palm Beach, Florida. As a blended family, they have 14 grandchildren and 17 greatgrandchildren.

LOOKING FOR WHERE TO FIND US?



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

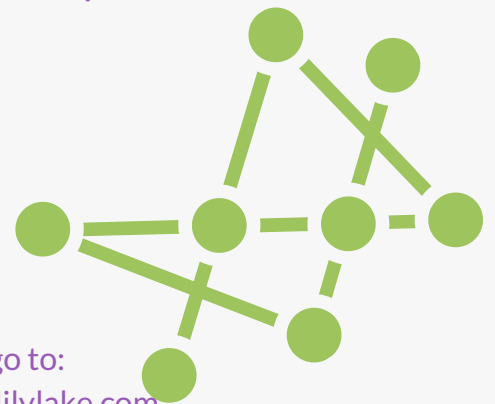
FELLOWSHIP – on Zoom - check weekly eblast for weekly particulars

BIBLE STUDY – Zoom the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 9 AM. Contact Nancy Corbige at 47-212-0237 or Cathy Gjerde for details.

PRAYER - For emergencies, call Nick Rex, our congregational president, at 630-742-5836

For prayer or other needs you can leave a message on Grace's answering machine (it is checked daily at 5pm), or call Kathy Hooey at 630-341-2293 or email her at kandkhooey@aol.com

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING ELSE?



While we are apart and you have a need or a question, here is who to go to:
Financial questions or how to give – Tricia Painter treasurer@graceoflilylake.com
Building questions – Kurt Redemann 630-918-4509
Other questions - churchsec@graceoflilylake.com

DO YOU WANT YOUR ARTICLE IN THE NEWSLETTER?

**SUBMIT BY JULY
15, 2021**

**YOUR ARTICLE WILL APPEAR IN OUR
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Submit by emailing your article to
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welcome. Share your voice with us!



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