

Happening at Grace

Second Ministry Site Planning Discussion—Grace, in its mission to continue to reach the unchurched with the Gospel, is looking to start a second ministry site. Learn more about the plans that are being made and share your input on what this ministry to the unchurched might look like. Discussions will take place today Aug. 13, at 9 a.m. and again at 10:15 a.m. in the Great Hall.

Grace Bible Study Days—Join fellowship with Grace members Aug. 15-17 with a Bible study series for everyone! Each of the Grace pastors will lead a three-night study on an essay of Martin Luther. Each evening begins with a light meal at 6 p.m., followed by a devotion, Bible study for children and adults; the evening concludes with dessert and a sing-a-long. Sign-up today using the green bulletin insert or online at gracedowntown.org.

Volunteer at Grace Bible Study Days—Can you assist one night for Grace Bible Study Days with clean up? Each night, 3-4 people after 8 p.m. are needed to help clean up. To sign-up or for more information, contact Veronica at vbrewer@gracedowntown.org.

Grace Young Professional August Outing—On Friday, Aug. 18, join YP for Milwaukee Art Museum After Dark! Beginning at 7 p.m., this Havana-inspired night offers a tropical getaway overlooking Lake Michigan. Don your fedora and island attire, and experience an exciting summer escape! Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. Check out MAM's website for more details: mam.org/afterdark/2017/august. Questions about YP? Contact Emily Dittmar or Josh Grefe at graceypgroup@gmail.com, via the Facebook group (Grace Young Professional Group), or text 507-995-4934.

First Fridays at Five—Riso Quartet returns for the third time! On Friday, Sept. 1 at 5 p.m., enjoy two lovely Slavic pieces for piano quartet by this group of classically trained string and piano musicians. Concerts are free and open to the public, but donations are welcome.

Prime Time Presentation—Did you know there is a female Civil War Confederate spy buried in Wisconsin? Grace Prime Timers (60 and older) are invited to a luncheon (\$6) and special presentation by Sue Geise, president of Historical Timekeepers, on Wednesday, Sept. 6 at 10:30 a.m. in the Grace Center. In her interactive presentation, Sue will tell the intriguing spy story dressed in Civil War costume. An exact count is needed for lunch, so please sign-up in the church lobby or Grace Center, or contact Fritz Horn at 414-271-3006 or fritzjhorn@gracedowntown.org.

Movie Screening with Grace—Enjoy a night out at the movies with Grace! On Wednesday, Sept. 6, Grace will be hosting a 7 p.m. screening of the movie *Return to Grace: Luther's Life and Legacy* at the Oriental Theatre (2230 N. Farwell Ave., Milwaukee). Tickets are \$12, and must be purchased online in advance at luthermovie.link/grace. The deadline to sign-up is Wed., Aug. 30. Please contact Pastor Strong at astrong@gracedowntown.org with any questions.

Milwaukee Admirals Lutheran Night—If there is enough interest, Grace members will gather together for Lutheran Night on Saturday, Oct. 21, for an Admirals vs. Rockford hockey battle. Game begins at 6 p.m., with the Lutheran Chorale of Milwaukee singing the national anthem. Each ticket is \$20 and comes with an exclusive Martin Luther bobblehead! Watch for next month's newsletter for more details, or contact Fritz Horn at fritzjhorn@gracedowntown.org.

Volunteer with Doors Open Milwaukee—Grace is again an open site this year for the popular Doors Open Milwaukee, an annual event where hundreds of visitors stop in to view our church and learn about Grace's unique place in Milwaukee's history! Can you help greet our guests? The dates are Saturday, Sept. 23, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 24, noon-5 p.m. Greeter shifts would be in increments of two hours. If you would like to participate or more information, please contact Jon Rupprecht by phone at 414-559-4110 or via email at jhr12447@aol.com.

Happening around WELS

Job Opening—Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary has a cafeteria cook position available. Cook will be responsible for preparation, service, and cleanup Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-7:15 p.m. Candidates must have basic understanding of nutrition, health, and safety requirements. Contact Brian Treichel at 262-242-8103 for details or submit resume to Joanne at joanne.vandeventer@wls.wels.net.

Fall Outing for 50 and Older—Wisconsin Lutheran High School Foundation is hosting an all-day trip to see *Church Basement Ladies* on Wednesday, Sept. 6. The cost is \$84 per person and includes transportation to The Fireside Theatre in Fort Atkinson (bus boarding starts at 8:45 a.m. at WLHS), lunch, all gratuities, and ticket to the show. Enjoy a day of fun; and feel free to bring a friend! Reservations are limited; be sure to contact Heidi Witz at 414-453-4567 ext 2004 or planner@wlhs.org to reserve your tickets soon!

Fall Women's Retreats—Are you a woman looking for a fun fellowship opportunity? Then consider these area women's retreats taking place this fall:

Footsteps in Faith

Saturday, Oct. 14 at Divine Peace Lutheran Church
(3203 S. 76th Street, Milwaukee)
8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
PHM1Six.org

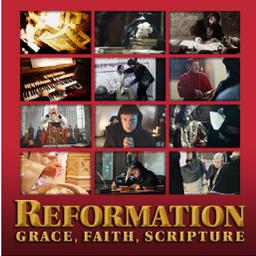
At Peace

Saturday, Oct. 7 at Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church
(502 Orth Road, Loves Park, IL)
8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
peacelp.com/womens-retreat

Bible Study at Grace

Sunday Morning Bible Class

Sundays, 9:00 & 10:15 a.m. | Grace Center Great Hall



Reformation: Grace, Faith, Scripture

Sunday morning Bible Class resumes Sunday, September 10 with a new Bible study, *Reformation: Grace, Faith, Scripture*. This 12-lesson study uses film clips from *Return to Grace: Luther's Life and Legacy* to introduce important Reformation truths, including Baptism, Justification, Saint and Sinner, Vocation, and Worship.



If you can't make it in person, visit our YouTube page for Sunday Bible Studies.

youtube.com/c/gracedowntownorg

Please Note: there is no Sunday Bible Study for the month of August. Instead, please join for Grace Bible Study Days! Sunday morning Bible Study and Sunday School will resume September 10.

Grace Bible Study Days

August 15-17, 6-8 p.m. | Grace Center

Grace Bible Study Days are back again this August! In celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation of the church, the three Grace pastors are offering insights and discussion into three of Martin Luther's chief essays:

The Bondage of the Will

How much "free will" do you have?

The Babylonian Captivity of the Church

7 sacraments or 2, and does it really matter?

Secular Authority: To What Extent It Should be Obeyed

Church & State - conflict or cooperation?

Choose of one of the three via the sign-up at gracedowntown.org or the green insert in today's worship folder. Please call 414-271-3006 for more information.

Nursery

Sundays, 8:45-10:15 a.m.

Sunday morning nursery service is available for infants and children up to 3 years old. The nursery is adjacent to the Parish Center lobby and will be staffed from 8:45-10:15 a.m.—during the 9:00 a.m. service and Bible study. If any Grace members would like to volunteer in the nursery once a month please contact Myrriah Greanya, myrriah.greanya@gmail.com, or Fritz Horn, fritzjhorn@gracedowntown.org.

Friday Bible Breakfast

Every 2nd & 4th Friday, 6:30-7:30 a.m. | Grace Place Coffee

Summer Readings from Luther. In the spirit of the special 500th anniversary of the Reformation, this group will use summer time to read from Martin Luther, growing in how to draw teachings from Scripture alone and tracing all wisdom, comfort, and joy from Jesus and his death for us.

Prime Time Bible Class

Wednesday, Sept. 13, 10:00-11:15 a.m. | Grace Center classroom

Prime Time Bible class resumes Wednesday, Sept. 13, 10 a.m.-11:15 a.m., in the Grace Center classroom, with a study on "The Life of Noah." Topics the class will study include: The time from Adam to Noah, population of the pre-flood world, building the ark, the flood and evidences of it, worldwide flood traditions, and God's covenant with Noah.

Bible Information Class: People Close to God

Sunday, 9-10 a.m. | Grace Center Classroom

Grace offers a comfortable atmosphere for people to explore the truths from the Bible about their relationship with God. It's not just for "new members"—all Grace members are invited to attend and bring a friend! There is plenty of time for questions and discussion. Class resumes Sept. 7, and is offered twice each week: Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. and repeated Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. To sign up or more information, contact the church office, 414-271-3006 or mail@gracedowntown.org.