

Grace Notes

Grace Lutheran Church, 2006 60th Street, Kenosha, Wisconsin

FLAG DAY EXTRA



June 14, 2020

Grace Prepares Resumption of In-Person Worship

Grace church council has initiated plans to resume Grace Sunday worship for those who feel safe attending worship

services in person. The target date is Sunday, July 5.

A planning team met on Thursday, June 11 to begin

formulating safety practices. Please watch our Facebook page and this newsletter for updates.

Food Pantry Continues Community Service

The Grace Welcome Center food pantry has remained open on Tuesday afternoons throughout the present health emergency. To meet the needs of the Uptown Community, families are allowed to come every week (instead of monthly) for special boxes of food for families with children offering kid-friendly breakfast and lunch items.

The food pantry especially welcomes donations of the following:

- *Canned veggies
- *Spaghettios
- *Ravioli
- *Beef stew
- *Soup
- *Mac & cheese
- *Instant potatoes
- *Boxed dinners and side dishes



- *Spaghetti sauce
- *Shelf-stable milk
- *Toilet paper
- *Paper bags and boxes
- *Other child friendly breakfast and lunch food

Items can be dropped off at Grace Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Additional volunteers are desired on Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. Volunteer opportunities consist of stocking food, packing food boxes, cleaning and mopping. To maintain social distancing, only 30 volunteers can be on premises at one time. Unfortunately, if more than 30 are present, the director will need to ask some to leave.

We have also received word that the Shalom Center soup kitchen plans to reopen on July 1. We will convey further information as it becomes available.

Readings for Lectionary 11

Hymns from ELW:

#582, Holy Spirit Ever Dwelling
#799, Come Follow Me, the
Savior Spake
#669, Rise Up, O Saints of God

Exodus 19:2–8a

The Israelites had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain.

Then Moses went up to God; the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself.

“Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites.”

So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him.

The people all answered as one: “Everything that the LORD has spoken we will do.”

Psalms 100

¹Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all you lands!

²Serve the LORD with gladness; come into God’s presence with a song.

³**Know that the LORD is God, our maker to whom we belong;
we are God’s people and the sheep of God’s pasture.**

⁴Enter the gates of the LORD with thanksgiving and the courts with praise;

give thanks and bless God’s holy name.

⁵**Good indeed is the LORD, whose steadfast love is everlasting,
whose faithfulness endures from age to age.**



Romans 5:1–8

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.

And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though

perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die.

But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Gospel: Matthew 9:35–10:8

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

^{10:1}Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.”

Pastor Barker's Sermon: Exodus 19:2-8a

I wonder if you have anything you consider precious? Maybe something that was given to you by a relative that has long since passed? Maybe something that symbolizes a special time in your life or memory or accomplishment? Maybe something that is valuable or that for some reason you just find precious?

I've always been the type to find little trinkets precious. I have a little engraved metal guitar pick on my key chain that my wife gave me that says, "I pick you". My wife's family have always liked a good pun.

Today we read a beautiful passage about who we are in relationship to God. God tells us we are "God's treasured possession".

Before we get to that, it will be helpful to locate our passage. God's people have

just been set free from slavery in Egypt. To gain their freedom God: heard their groans, called and sent Moses, brought ten plagues, and finally swallowed up the Egyptian Chariot army under the Red Sea.

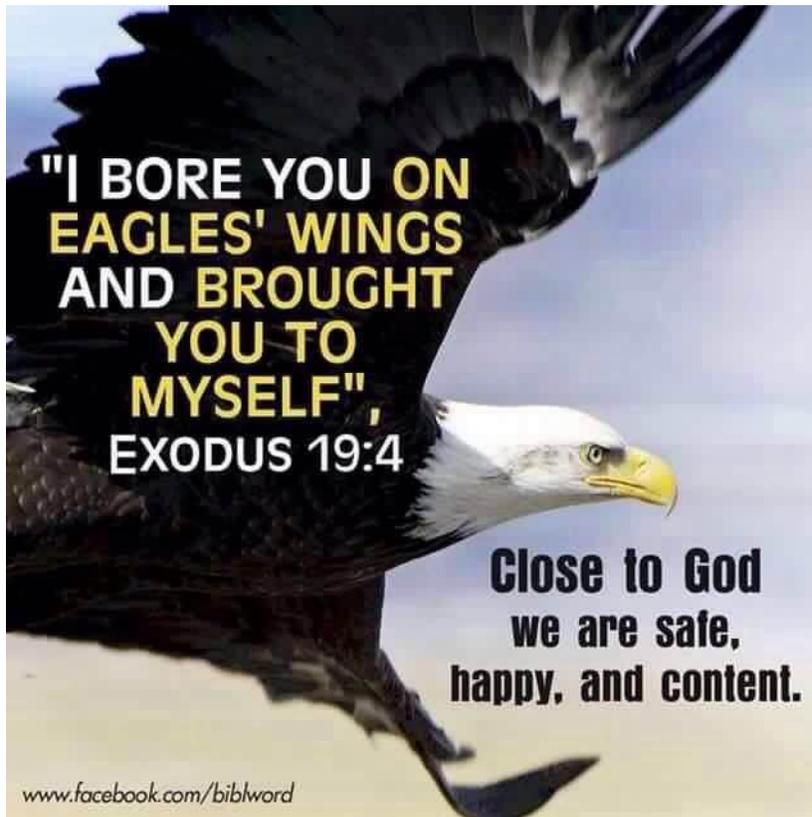
Now God's people are at the base of Mount Sinai where they are about to receive God's commandments.

God reminds the people of what God has done for them, "You have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself".

This image of on eagles' wings is about a parent eagle

flying beneath a baby Eagle to protect it and even carry it as it first learns to fly. God is like that parent eagle keeping God's people safe.

I think this is a very helpful image for us in this moment. I know a lot of us are tired like that



baby eagle. Tired of not seeing our kids and grandkids, tired of restrictions on going out, tired in a myriad different ways—everyone has their own covid-19 story and they all seem difficult. And as we feel tired we are powerfully reminded that like baby eagles we will not fall out of the sky to our peril in our exhaustion but that God will deliver us.

But God doesn't only deliver us—God has a purpose for us. God invited the Israelites to participate in God's Kingdom. They will be precious, they will be a priestly nation, a holy people.

God's people then and now get invited to be part of the work of God—be part of God's mission.

Peter will write about this in 1 Peter 1:1-2, and Martin Luther will paraphrase this in the expression "priesthood of all believers".

Think about this for a second—God has invited each one of us to be a priest that does the work of God.

This goes against how church is often times construed. I've heard many pastors share the analogy that church is often times like an NFL game. You have 100,000 people sitting and watching that desperately need exercise and 100 guys on the field that desperately need a break.

We are blessed at Grace that we have a

congregation that is very actively involved in the work of God—everybody working hard to keep our church running, keep our pantry, breakfast program, and diaper program going.

But, I think this image is helpful to hold onto. We are called to live lives of justice and mercy as God's precious and priestly people. This is an exciting journey and also a difficult one. May God continue to lift us up on eagles' wings for this work.

Amen.

IN OUR PRAYERS

- The family and friends of Donald Eirich, father of Dennis Eirich
- Mary Andrews (Welcome Center volunteer from St. Anthony's)
- * Dawn Bench (Welcome Center volunteer)
- Jackie Brichacek (Nancy's sister-in-law)
- Jean Boothe (Grace soup kitchen supervisor)
- Hank Buehrens
- Andrew Calvert
- Pat Calvert
- Barb Caputo
- Holly Cummings
- Eric Dangerfield (Carolyn Reynold's boyfriend)
- Gregory Foster



- Steve Gapko
- Shirleen Gulick
- Dennis Houston (Dawn's father-in-law)
- * Sydney Houston
- David Kramer
- David Kristopeit (Nancy's brother-in-law)
- Dorothy Keuffer
- * Ruth O'Hanlon
- * Nancy Piehl (Andrew Calvert's cousin)
- Carolyn Reynold's children Eddie, Santino, Lytoshia
- Cynthia Schwartz (Norma's daughter)
- Marcia Swanson
- Joyce Swift
- Florence and Jacqueline Walker (Carolyn's sisters)
- Dottie Watts and Rollie Weiss
- Kristi Weiss (Rollie's daughter)

Lorraine Hollingsworth Obituary

Lorraine "Holly" Hollingsworth of Kenosha, passed away peacefully at Aurora Hospice on Sunday, May 31, 2020. Though her given name was Lorraine, most people in the

Kenosha community knew her as "Holly."

Lorraine was born on February 27, 1929, in Elma, Iowa to Alfred and Ella

Bachmann. She was the oldest of three girls that grew up on the family farm. She grew up on the Riceville High School in Riceville,

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Grace Offerings: June 7, 2020

General offering	\$ 1,823.00
Benevolence	\$ 27.00
Infant Moses ministry	\$ 35.00
Welcome Center, food pantry	\$ 150.00
L. Hollingsworth memorials, non-desig...\$	220.00
<u>L. Hollingsworth mem. for Infant Moses ...</u>	<u>\$ 50.00</u>
Total	\$ 2,305.00
Grace weekly budget:	\$ 2,943.20

Notes: We thank Krisan Knapp for stepping in to handle our Treasurer's duties, and Bert Felland for counting offerings.

The Sunday night NA group plans to resume meetings in the church building this month. They have their own disinfectant products and plan to observe social distancing protocols. Because the AV room tables are in use at this time, they will meet in the former Rainbow Room.

Please remember to mail in your offering checks to Grace during this time. You can also contribute electronically through the "Donations" link at GraceKenosha.com.



Great Lakes Church Blood Drive

Kenosha Campus- Friday June 26th 12-6pm
7600 75th St Suite #220 Kenosha

For an appointment call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767)
or visit redcrossblood.org and enter Sponsor Code: GreatLakesChurch



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Iowa in 1947 and from Allen Memorial Lutheran Hospital School of Nursing in Waterloo, Iowa in 1950.

Lorraine did post-graduate work in Maternity care at the Margaret Hauge Maternity Center in Jersey City, New Jersey. She also received NAACOG Certification as a Certified Nurse in Obstetrics in 1976. Lorraine graduated from Carthage College with a BA in Social Work in 1979.

Her passion for nursing and helping others began during high school when she worked summers with her Aunt Erma Bachmann Manning, a Nurse who managed the Elma, Iowa Hospital. She began her RN career as the PM Supervisor at Allen Memorial Hospital in Waterloo, Iowa from 1951-1953. It was at Allen Memorial Hospital she met her future husband, John W. Hollingsworth, who also happened to be an RN and the Head Surgical Nurse at Allen Memorial. They were married on April 11, 1953, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Maple Leaf, Iowa and later moved to Kenosha, Wisconsin. In 1954 their only son John was born.

Lorraine's career as an Obstetrical Nurse and Obstetrical Supervisor at both Kenosha Memorial Hospital and St. Catherine's Hospital began in 1953 and ended when she retired in 1999. Her passion for nursing never really ended. If anyone was blessed to have given birth in Kenosha during those years, there is a good possibility that Holly helped to care for you and your baby and maybe eventually your grandchildren.

In 1970, Lorraine saw a need for prenatal care for mothers. To meet that need she

volunteered her time to offer "Holly's Childbirth Classes" that met at Grace Lutheran Church.

Lorraine founded a nonprofit organization, Pregnancy-Childbirth-Childcare-Parenting Inc. that provided prenatal education to families in Kenosha from 1980 to 1986. St. Catherine's Hospital eventually named her the Maternal-Child Outreach Coordinator in 1987 and PCCP was dissolved.

Lorraine was a volunteer member of the Kenosha Unified School District School-Aged Mothers' program that started in 1970. She provided medical information to the expectant teenaged mothers enrolled in the Kenosha School System. She was very proud to be a part of this program. She was recognized by the community as Kenosha Woman of the Year in 1979 for her volunteer work providing prenatal care to families and students in this program.

Retirement fostered her passion for volunteer work in the community and for dancing. She served on the Board of Directors for the Easter Seal Society, drove for the Volunteer Transportation Service, volunteered at Aurora Hospital and the Kenosha Senior Center, and her beloved Grace Lutheran Church—the Food Pantry, Infant Moses program, Church Council, Dorcas (quilting group) and Bible Study Group J.

The week after she retired she declared that she was going to take tap dance lessons. She was part of a group of women that would perform a tap-dancing show anywhere, anytime. She also performed in numerous dance recitals in Kenosha and Northern Illinois. She loved ballroom dancing. On most weekends she could be found dancing with her friends at

VFWs in Antioch and Kenosha, the Hiawatha in Racine, the Kenosha Senior Center, and the Moose in Kenosha.

Lorraine met a new dance partner Roy Anderson. They got engaged and planned to marry. Tragically Roy had an accident at his home and passed away.

She loved working in the yard, putting puzzles together, driving her John Deere lawnmower, and nursing her raspberry patch so she could make pies and lately talking with family on Face Time.

Lorraine was preceded in death by her husband John W. Hollingsworth, her parents Alfred (Ella Groth) Bachmann, sister and brother-in-law Avis, and Melvin Johnson, brother Fred Bachmann, fiancé Roy Anderson and many close friends.

She is survived by her son John A. Hollingsworth (Debbie) Harvard, IL, granddaughter Emily J. Hollingsworth of Fort Atkinson, WI, Emily's boyfriend Michael Winters of Fort Atkinson, WI, her sister Ila (James) Van Kilsdonk, Phoenix, AZ and many cousins, nieces and nephews. She will be especially missed by her very dear friends Mike and Trish Cannon and their children Jordan and Jenna, who provided unending assistance and support to Lorraine.

Grace Lutheran Pastor Jonathan Barker presided at a private family service at Bruch Funeral Home on Thursday, June 4. A private graveside service followed at Sunset Ridge Cemetery in Kenosha. The family is planning to have a Celebration of Life at Grace Church to honor Lorraine later in the summer. We will all miss her energy, her passion for life, and her service to others.

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The Bose Elementary School teachers asked that for their year-end gift from the PTA, they wanted to make a donation of \$200 to Grace Welcome Center Pantry. We thank them for their generous gift as well as for teaching kids during coronavirus. We know that hasn't been easy, but we appreciate teachers' dedication to our next generation!

