

GRACE
LUTHERAN
CHURCH

Summer Worship with Holy Communion
Sundays at 9:00 a.m.
Fellowship & coffee time at 10:00 a.m.

Worship will be in Grace Hall
through September

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Grace's New Look

Exciting Times Ahead! Wondering about what's to come? Here is a brief summary:

The overall goal of the renovation project is to update our entrance, the gathering area and the Sanctuary so our space is beautiful and welcoming. To accomplish that, the following will be done:

Front entry (entering from the west parking lot)

- Ceiling will be painted lighter color, cross-beam hardware will be black to accent the architecture
- Doors into the gathering hall will be glass
- Carpet will be replaced

Gathering Hall

- Brick on the left wall as we enter and around the corner will be drywalled
- On the left side of the entry ramp will be a platform with a glass railing. A hand rail will also be installed on the south side of the glass rail. This will increase the safety as folks traverse the ramp. On the left wall will be artwork of some sort. The platform, glass rail, and artwork will provide a beautiful and welcoming entrance to Grace. The platform will be wide enough that a display table can be placed that will be on a flat surface (as opposed to the ramp), which will increase the safety of those viewing the artwork.
- A storage area and coat closet will be located in the north part of the room to decrease clutter in the Gathering Hall, and to provide storage for tables/chairs, etc. when not in use.
- Hi-top tables will provide a place to put our coffee cups while we chat. There will also be smaller groupings of chairs and coffee tables.
- There will be new paint, new carpet, and new (more energy efficient) lighting. Specific lights will highlight the stained glass windows on the south side of the gathering hall, which will make them come to life from inside the sanctuary.
- The wooden doors leading into the sanctuary will have glass panels on the tops (we now have one glass panel, but we will have four), to make the sanctuary entrance more inviting.

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Happy August Birthday

- 1 - Cathleen Swanson
Laura Schwartz
Amy Neal
- 2 - Kevin Drury
Deborah Helt
- 3 - Michael Hansen
- 4 - Matthew Trickle
- 5 - Shirley Dyson
Rev. Ro Zimany
Donald Swanson
Elizabeth Rudisill
Joshua Appenzeller
Jolee Feeney
Kayleigh Medhurst
- 6 - Carla Peterman
Riannon Brown
- 7 - Dale DeBolt
Layne Weber
- 8 - Teri Koch
- 9 - Ross Lewis
Katherine Lenhart
- 10 - Delores Larsen
Jeffrey Anderson
Dilynn Chapman
- 11 - Martha Martens
Linda Ulrick
- 13 - Maria Jacobo
Josefina Ruiz
- 14 - Angela Hansen
Rachel Welty
- 15 - Connie Heuton
Alex Pilon
Adam Dostalick
- 16 - Cheryl Weatherington
- 18 - Beverly Russell
Michael Best
- 19 - Alyssa Weaver
- 20 - Patricia Anderson
Brent Ridnour
Cooper Mortenson
- 21 - Tom McCleary
- 22 - Annika Christensen
Devin Christensen
- 23 - Marvin Johns
Janice Nordeen
Mark Mattes
- 24 - Grace Schroeder
Janet Trentmann
John Gronert
Linda Gronert
Brady Bogue
Cris Hidalgo

Happy August Anniversary

- 1 - Stuart and Martha Mitchell
- 4 - Paul and Melissa Kallenbach
Howard and Alice Kulzer
- 5 - Kevin and Kristin Kopperud-Stinn
- 7 - Ryan and Rachael Bigg
- 8 - Kent and Angela Weaver
- 11 - Donald and Bonnie Jo Swanson
- 12 - John and Sharon Schwemler
- 13 - Gary and Marion Nehmer
- 14 - Lathrop and Sally Preston
Ralf and Inga Hoifeldt
- 15 - Sean and Melinda Stickrod
Chris and MeLissa Lawson
- 16 - John and Carol Rudisill
Virgil and Gayle Olson
Dale and Pat Bordt
- 19 - Kenneth and Eleanor Carlson
- 21 - Ernest and Cheryl Weatherington
- 25 - Bruce Mumm and Christie Rosheim
Scott and Julie Honsey
- 26 - Jerry and Diane Westercamp
- 29 - Norman and Lenora Iverson
- 30 - Joshua and Kristene Shortell
- 31 - Martin and Kari Dostalick
Kurt and Kathy Bowermaster



Our Sympathies are with:

The family of Larry Heuton
Brother of Connie Heuton

The family of Bette Schmidt
Mother of Pastor Mike

The family of Lois Slye



- 25 - Scott Honsey
- 27 - Tim Nelson
- 28 - Richard Randolph
Philip Snyder
Brandon Niemuth
- 29 - Susan Halblom
Todd Prescott
- 30 - Janet Gross
Leonard Ringgenberg
Janet Habick
- 31 - Eleanor Carlson
Gary Nehmer

Active Grace Service Learning Sunday School

This fall at Grace we are planning a new approach to Sunday School Service Learning.



Service Learning is an intentional four step process that can add deeper meaning and value to service experiences. Through the process of **Preparation, Action, Reflection, and Celebration**, service learning emphasizes service as more than projects, but an on-going process of service and learning which is a spiritual practice and way of life.

For eight weeks this fall we will learn more about what it means to be **food secure/insecure** in this area by working through the four steps of the service learning process. We will engage this issue through bible stories, guest speakers, and hands on lessons and opportunities to serve with various organizations and groups, including food pantries and shelters.

Here are the details-

When: Sundays September 16-November 4, 10-11 am

(For those that cannot be present on Sunday morning, lessons and materials will also be available electronically including weekly at-home challenges)

Who: Families Pre-K through 5th grade and 6th -12th grade as mentors and helpers.

Why: Through the Grace 2020 process and under the Education Pillar we have identified a goal of creating disciples and helping people to live differently in Christ. We feel that this new approach to learning will offer the opportunity for participants to be transformed and see ways to live out their faith in daily life.

After we complete this eight week unit, there will be a break in the schedule. In January we will begin another unit focusing on a different theme using the Service Learning process.

If you have questions feel free to contact Ellen, our Minister for Youth and Family, ellen@gracedm.org.

We invite your family to take part in Active Grace this Fall.

To kick off the church programmatic year with song, let's Load the Loft!

Have you ever wished you could sing with the Chancel Choir in worship, but just couldn't commit to weekly rehearsals? Or thought it wouldn't be worth it because you will miss several Sundays throughout the year? Here is your chance to get a feel for every anthem the choir will sing on Sundays through December!

On Sunday, September 9th after worship, join me from 10:15 a.m. to noon in getting an overview of each of the 13 anthems I've planned for this Fall. Here is your opportunity to hear your voice part and get a feel for ensemble singing without making a weekly commitment! Perhaps after taking a look at the music you will be better able to decide if you would like to join the chancel choir for all, a few, or even just one Sunday in the remainder of 2018. After we finish up rehearsing, we will have a chance for fellowship over a light lunch in Grace Hall. Let's have some fun!

Emma Stammer
Minister for Worship & Music

Fall Music Rehearsals: Bells @ 6:15-7 p.m. and Choir 7-8 p.m. on Wednesdays starting Sept. 12.

Grace Water Damage and Flood Cleanup

As most of you are aware, during the heavy rains of Saturday, June 30, several spaces in our lower level sustained damage. After inspecting the area on July 1, it was originally believed we only had minor water damage. It was later discovered that water had gone higher and receded, with the lovely addition of a sewer backup.



Among those areas affected were Msindo Hall, the old kitchen, old music rooms, some Grace Kids Care rooms, and items stored in these spaces.

During the first two weeks a number of individuals were here almost daily after the extent of the damage was known. The names that have been shared with the office (or seen in the building during office hours):

Chuck Denton, Paul Nelson, Kathy Piltinsgrud, Dean & Cathy Watson, Beth Flannery, Eric, Deanna, and Layne Weber, Jay Wangerin, Bill Kallestad, Rich Snyder, Jon Rissman, John Justice, Mike Peterman, Todd Haugen, Norm Iverson

They, and others whose names we don't have, worked incredibly hard at clean-up, sorting, moving, demolition, hauling smelly stuff to dumpsters, sanitizing, organizing, and loaning equipment and tools. We appreciate all they have accomplished. The willing workers are still moving items from the overflow pile into the dumpsters for pickup each week.

As of July 18th almost everything damaged has been removed. ServiceMaster is being scheduled to clean and sanitize the Msindo floors and walls, including the old kitchen. Unfortunately we were far from the only flooded building in central Iowa, so we wait patiently for our turn on the list.

Moving Forward

The big questions now are about moving forward. Heavy rains are predicted to be more likely in the future, and the city storm sewer/sanitary sewer system will probably not be greatly improved anytime soon.

Some questions are: is there any economically feasible way to prevent future sewer back-ups, and if not, what do we do with the Msindo Hall, kitchen and classroom spaces? What can they be used for since that area is not handicap-accessible? The Quilters and other groups need work room and storage space, where can they go?

These questions will be addressed by the Church Council and the Property Committee in consultation with the affected groups.

Jay Wangerin



Church Council Highlights

From the June 26th, 2018 Council Meeting

At the June 26th, 2018 Church Council Meeting:

- **Property Committee:**
 - Don Peterson reported that currently the Property Committee is continuing work on ongoing projects (window replacement, and the Pantry).
- **Malmin Committee:**
 - Don Peterson reported that the digital sign is being built and delivery is expected the first or second week in July. Following the installation there will be software training for staff.
 - The new tables for the conference room have arrived but are not yet assembled.
 - Council President John Roehrick, and members of the Renovation Committee will provide information and progress reports to the congregation concerning the west entry, Gathering Hall, and Sanctuary renovations via Temple Talks and written and digital media.
 - Don Peterson also reported that sketches and drawings of the renovations will be available the end of July or in August.
- **Action Item: It was moved, seconded and passed** to authorize the Renovation Committee to proceed with the construction/remodeling projects to the west entry, Gathering Hall, and Sanctuary as presented in the itemized list from Dickinson Interior Consulting.
- **General Discussion Questions:** Council members expressed a desire to know what the progress is concerning the 2020 Committee goals. The Council requested the 2020 Committee be present at the July 24th Council meeting to give an update
- **Announcements:** Over \$16,000 has been raised to fund the pipe organ upgrade and maintenance. Coupled with the matching funds from the Malmin Fund this is enough to finance phase one, which is to purchase and install the new rank and zimbelstern.

Respectfully,

Dave Gronert, Council Secretary

Finance Report – June Results

Financial results for June YTD are as follows:

- Pledged Offerings – Actual \$198,578, Budget \$201,825
- Other Income – Actual \$15,885, Budget \$14,250
- Expenses – Actual \$223,612, Budget \$221,075
- Net activity – Actual (\$9,149), Budget (\$5,000)



Actual net activity was slightly below budget. Offerings have been below budget and utilities have been above budget are the primary reasons. Additionally, Daycare has been operating with positive results and ahead of budget.

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Sanctuary

- New paint, new carpet. The natural stone behind the big cross provides the focus for the color scheme. The purple was beautiful, but it's time to freshen up. The color scheme will use natural tones (beige/taupe range) with darker carpet (blue and gray tones).
- The communion rail will be replaced. It will be removable to provide flexibility for concerts, plays, etc.
- The pulpit and lectern will be updated. We will have only one instead of two.
- The large purple cloth grilles that cover the organ sound chamber openings will be updated.



Budget

Thanks to the Marvin Malmin bequest and various memorials, we are blessed to be able to do this renovation. Many things are being replaced and others are being built new. We are talking large spaces, lots of carpet, gallons of paint, etc.

\$110,000 of the Malmin money has been earmarked. An additional \$10,800 of memorial funds is being used to make the changes in the Chancel. The Marvin Malmin Fund Task Force, the Renovation Committee and the Congregation Council have worked hard to assure the money is being used judiciously to accomplish the goals of Grace as we move forward.

Our good friend Marvin Malmin was a forward thinker. We think he would be more excited than anyone else to see all the good work his funds have allowed Grace to do. If he was still with us, he would be leading the charge on updating our space. And even more importantly, he would be excited about the welcoming feel our new space will have to those of us who are already members, and those who come to worship with us for the first time. Peace to you, Marv, and everyone else whose memorials are helping to fund this project.



New books in the Grace library for summer reading. Pick up a good book!

"The Magic Strings of Frankie Presto" by Mitch Albom. A Forrest Gump like story about one man's journey to discover what truly matters and the power of talent to change our lives.

"Being Mortal" by Atul Gawande. This remarkable book shows how the ultimate goal is not a good death but living a good life.

"The Book of Aaron" by Jim Shepard. According to the Washington Post and Buzz Feed, one of the best books of the year tells the story of a Jewish boy during WW II living in occupied Warsaw. A story of life, survival and overcoming adversity by one of the country's greatest fiction writers.

"Five Presidents" by Clint Hill and Lisa McCubbin. Clint is a former secret service agent assigned to 5 presidents including Dwight Eisenhower and John Kennedy. He was in the motorcade during Kennedy's assassination and continued to serve Jackie Kennedy after his death as well as Lyndon Johnson, Richard Nixon, and Gerald Ford.

2018 ELCA Youth Gathering “This Changes Everything!” Grace Participant Feedback

A group of 10 Grace members traveled to Houston for the ELCA Youth Gathering June 26-July 1. The group will be sharing more about their experience during AFET on Sept. 16. For now, they were asked to imagine that they were having a conversation with another Grace member about The Gathering and consider what they would want that person to know about their experience. Here is what they had to share:

Eric Weber-

1. This Changes Everything! The ELCA Lutheran Church is exciting energizing and caring...but only when you pour your love and energy into it. “Houston we have a Lutheran!”
2. Service is extremely meaningful and puts our beliefs into action. But it requires passion to make it happen. Will you be that passion?
3. When people share their opinions about important topics, if you open your head and mind and let it IN you too will have (or form) your own opinion. Open Your Heads Daily!

Robert Briggs-

The trip offers us a chance to go to new places, have new experiences and meet hundreds of other young Lutherans all across the country. The trip itself also allows us to get to know people within our own congregation a little better. I am grateful I was given the opportunity to go on two youth gatherings and I hope that more teens at our church get to go in the future.

Lydia McCleary-

The story I want people to know about is the Service Day. We worked on cleaning up Oak Park cemetery. The history behind it is very eye opening. It was important to me because I got to serve and help those who are buried there and their families. I think this story is important for the congregation to hear so they can understand that supporting The Gathering provides us (youth) with enriching hands-on activities to grow in faith.

Mary Jo McCleary-

I loved watching the youth go from (maybe) talking to onn other person in the group to completely mixing up who they would stand next to, talk to and even putting their arms around by the last day. The cemetery clean-up service project: beyond my wildest concept of how needed this was with thick overgrowth, dead trees and garbage, tombstones buried and broken. The disrespect shown to the African American community by allowing this to happen.

Emma Ashton-

The speakers let out their emotions as if they were pulling it out of your heart. In other words you were emotionally connected.

I stay in contact with 30+ people I met. We talk about The Gathering and church 24/7.

Service Day allowed me to help those alive and dead because no matter who you are, you’re a child of God so you deserve love no matter what.

Cheryl Wilner-

Inspired by the bonding and friendships that were strengthened and grown during the trip. Mass Gathering speakers and music were incredible- during the Sunday service a gal spoke on her faith journey- a few quotes that impacted me- instead of thinking of faith as “would you die for this?” live your life with this statement- “Are you ready to live for this!” Jesus has changed everything! Another quote from Nadia (Bolz-Weber) - Even through tough times your current reality in not your ultimate reality- you do not want to peak in High School!

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Every Week (not listed in calendar at right)

Sundays

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion Worship

Now through September, worship will be in Grace Hall

10:00 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship in Grace Hall

Tuesdays

10:30 – 11:30 a.m. Centering Prayer in the Upper room, Led by Julie Honsey

The Upper room is still accessible through the elevator. If you are physically able, please access it through the first floor (office/Grace Hall level).

10:30 a.m. Pastors Text Study - Library

11:30 a.m. Staff meeting, Library/Conference room/innovation lab

Wednesdays

9:00 a.m. Willing Workers

Thursdays

9:00 a.m. Quilters – meetings suspended due to flood damage.

Men's Work Group

Next Meeting, Saturday, August 11

8:30 a.m. – noon.

Our day starts with breakfast and ends with a sense of fulfillment. Through devotions, fellowship and work around the church, our group explores the significance of what it means to be men of God. We welcome you to join us.

Altar Guild Meeting, meal, and fellowship:

Saturday, August 18, 9:30 a.m.

Offsite for coffee, meeting, and fellowship.

Location to be determined. For information about the meeting or Altar Guild, contact

anderson.sue.a@gmail.com

Lydia Circle meets Tuesday August 21

6:00 p.m. in Grace Hall – Join us for supper and a program

Grace Stitchers/Needlework Group

Next meeting, Thursday, August 9 & 23

We meet every 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month from 10 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. We are back in Grace Hall during the renovation.

Bring any and all personal stitching and a lunch if you wish. Questions? Contact Helen Ringgenberg or Carol Krause.

August Calendar

- 2 - 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. First Circle Friends, GHI & II
- 3 - Grace Kids Care Center Closed – Inservice
- 7 - 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Principal Retirees Picnic, GH I & II/Kitchen
6:30 – 9:30 p.m. Des Moines Knitters Guild, Grace Hall
- 9 - 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Stitchers Group, Gathering Hall
- 11 - 8:30 a.m. – noon Men's Work Group – Breakfast, Fellowship, and Church Projects
- 13 - Grace Kids Care begins extended Hours
6:45 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Staff Retreat, off site, office closed
Main entryway painting and lighting installed
- 16 - 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. First Circle Friends, GHI & II
- 18 - 9:30 a.m. Altar Guild, offsite coffee, meeting
- 21 - 6:00 p.m. Lydia Circle – GH I & Kitchen
- 23 - 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Stitchers Group, Grace Hall
3:00 – 6:00 p.m. Grace Kids Care Open House – Grace Hall
- 28 - Church Council Meeting

September

- 9 - 10:15 a.m. to noon, Load the Loft (see page 3)
- 12 - Fall Music Rehearsals begin!
6:15-7 p.m. Bells
7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Choir 7-8 p.m.
- 16 - 10:00 a.m. Active Grace Service Learning
Sunday School begins
10:00 a.m. Adult Education Resumes

October

- 7 - Grace Fellowship Meeting 5:00 p.m. Grace Hall
- 27 - Spiritual Practice Retreat, hosted by the Grace 2020 Well-Being Committee

Publication Deadlines

September Friendly Visitor: August 22

Tuesday e-news: Every Monday morning. Photos of your groups' events are always welcome!

Sunday Announcements: Thursday mornings.

Facebook and website news: any day of the week – just give us a few days lead if possible!



Back to School Month

School is right around the corner! But imagine being a child or teen with an emotional or behavioral disorder. This time of year can be extremely stressful. They are afraid they won't be able to concentrate or fit in at their school. They worry about adjusting to a new classroom routine or making new friends.

Did you know Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) partners with schools across the state to provide mental health services? Our therapists work one-on-one with children while our Behavioral Health Intervention Services team collaborates with families in their own homes to help them develop skills like anger management and healthy decision-making. LSI also provides 24-hour mental health care at the Bremwood and Beloit Residential Treatment Centers in Waverly and Ames to empower Iowa's most vulnerable children and teens.

We thank you for your support of LSI's mission as we respond together to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service! We know there are more Iowa children in need of this critical care. If you would like to learn more about how you can give a gift to support these crucial services, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI director of philanthropy and church relations, at 563-676-2065 or Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org.

Our Mission: Lutheran Services in Iowa responds to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service. LSI is an affiliated social ministry partner of the Iowa congregations of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) and a member of LSA (Lutheran Services in America). We proudly serve people of all ages, abilities, religions, sexes, gender identities, national origins, ethnicities, races, and sexual orientations. Learn more at www.LSIowa.org and www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa.

A Loving Bond for Landon

Seven years ago, Ashley was eager to welcome her first child, Landon. While Landon was a perfectly behaved newborn, Ashley began feeling overwhelmed when his behavior changed as he grew.

Landon stopped napping. He began throwing tantrums and lashed out when Ashley tried to help him. Ashley was desperate for a relationship with her toddler, but Landon always pushed her away. She turned to LSI's Behavioral Health Intervention Services.

Peggy, Landon's LSI worker, began visiting their home to help Landon develop the coping skills he needed to control his anger and guide him back to being the happy child he once was.

Peggy and Landon began taking walks together, visiting the library, and playing games. When the family moved to a new home, Peggy made sure Landon was comfortable in his room and encouraged him to use it as a safe space when he needed to be alone.

Peggy and Landon have been working together for years and Landon, now 7, knows he has a support system to turn to on the rough days.

"We would truly be lost without Peggy," Ashley says. "Now Landon gives hugs, lets me know when he's angry and – the biggest gift of all – I occasionally hear, 'I love you, Mom'."



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Calvin Wilner-

You meet a lot of new people as well as explore new perspectives as well as listen to a lot of people who show you God in a whole new way.

Laria Preston-

This Gathering helped with opening up our eyes. To take in the city you got to meet some of the most amazing and inspiring locals and other members of the ELCA. You got to hear people's stories and their background and you were able to absorb the positive energy and have a great time.

Service Learning Day: When we found out where we were going (a cemetery) I was a little disappointed at first but once I got there my mindset changed immediately and I was so happy to help because I saw how much it was needed and I'm very happy that that was where we served.



Our new sign was made possible through the generous bequest of Marvin Malmin.

Fun Fact: our sign's display has the capability to use 16.7 billion colors! You may not see us using ALL of those options, but we are excited about the new display, and we might have a little fun, too. As we are located in a residential area, the display **should** be dark between the hours of 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. We're still trying to get that part right, so please do leave us a message if you see it on when it shouldn't be. We want to fix it!



Flower Chart Sign-ups during construction

Thanks to everyone who has signed up to sponsor altar flowers this year. We have a few openings in the fall and winter, and we'll be putting up a new signup sheet later this summer. In the meantime, if you have a question about your flowers or would like to know the available dates, please contact Kathy Bowermaster at kbowerma@hotmail.com or 971-6360. Thanks!



Welcome Ashley!

Ashley is Grace Kids Care new Kitchen Manager. Grace Staff is enjoying getting to know her, as are Grace Kids Care Staff. She has four girls, a lovely smile, and makes the halls of Grace smell divine. Say hello if you're in the building!



Luther Park Auxiliary is hosting their Ice Cream Social

Sunday, August 5 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Luther Park Community Center 1515 Hull Avenue.

Everyone is invited. A freewill offering will be accepted. The Auxiliary is also requesting donations and pies for the event. Contact lynn.richardson07@gmail.com to donate.

Crafts with Grace at the Beavertdale Farmer's Market

The Evangelism Committee hosted a Craft Tent at the Beavertdale Farmer's Market in the Children's area last year and continue this summer on Tuesday evenings, from 4:30 to 7:30. If you are interested in assisting, contributing crafts or ideas, please call Mary Freimuth Helt at 515-255-6433 or Nancy Crowfoot. Our purpose is to present Grace Lutheran Church to the neighborhood as a friendly, helpful, nurturing, Christian place. We are having lots of fun - join us, play, meet your neighbors.





DMARC Donations for August:

Canned Peaches (in light syrup) or culturally appropriate Canned Banana Blossoms. While we worship in the Grace Hall, you may take your food donations directly to DMARC, or leave them on the Garden Table.



Organ pledges as of July 17, 2018

Pledged: \$22,300.00 Received \$15,700.00

Any questions may be directed to Emma Stammer at emma@gracedm.org, Rich Snyder at rich@gracedm.org, or through the church office at 515-276-6873. Thank you very much for prayerfully considering donating to this worthy and lasting project.



Grace Fellowship Meeting

Sunday, October 7, 5:00 PM. Light Luncheon and Program
Open to Grace members and neighbors of all ages!



Building Access during Renovation

We would advise using the North entrance if possible.

There is a lift available at the North door.

Access to the elevator through the Gathering Hall will be maintained throughout construction, but there are times when that entrance will be messy. Painting, new carpet, and lighting will be installed in the entryway the week of August 13, so it would be best to avoid the main entrance that week.

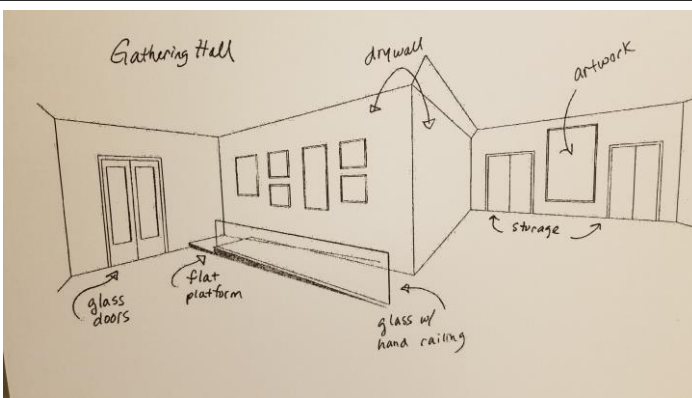


Room set-up during renovations

Many meetings and events will be held in unfamiliar spaces during this time. As always, if your committee, group, circle, event has special set-up needs, please contact the office well ahead of time so we can best meet your needs!

If you are using Grace Hall I or II during the renovation, please carefully consider your set-up and contact us early, so we can minimize the time Todd spends setting up for worship. Staff thanks you!

Centering Prayer will continue to meet in the upper room. Access the elevator from the Office/Kitchen/Grace Hall level, and take the elevator to the Upper room.



Sketch of the work being done in the Gathering Hall



The new, removable Communion Rail for the Sanctuary will make the space more open and flexible for choir & Grace Player presentations & skits, Sunday School pageants, VBS, Grace Kids Care events and graduations, and other events such as last year's Opera & Aria concert. Yet, we will have the opportunity to use kneelers when desired.



2018 VBS



2018 VBS



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Installation of the new sign



The Gathering Hall cleaned out and ready for renovation!



Grace Kids Care Preschool Room after flood cleanup. This room will have a new tile floor soon.



Msindo/Basement after some of the July 30 flood cleanup



Msindo Hall, wet drywall removed.



Msindo Kitchen, without soggy cabinets.



Piles of wet things, waiting for dumpster space.