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FROM THE INTERIM PASTOR

The Call Committee

By Rev. Jeffrey Koth

I am very pleased to announce that a call committee has been established! There are 6 members of our congregation that make up this team, with an additional member who will serve as liaison to the council (this member will have voice, but no vote on matters that come before the committee).

The members of the call committee were officially elected among names submitted to the church council at their March meeting. These people indicated their willingness to serve and are in good standing with the congregation.

The call committee consists then of the of the following people. I have included their email addresses if you would like to communicate with them:

Voting Members

Carole LoGalbo (carolelogalbo@gmail.com)
Tim Kelly (tuffturf1@aol.com)
Heather Graf (heather.m.graf@gmail.com)
Rob Hutzler (mauiman76@hotmail.com)
Sabrina Granner (granner815@yahoo.com)
Mark Hamilton (marham9099@gmail.com)

Council Eliason

Rob Margetts (robs37@aol.com)

We are very fortunate to have among this call committee, two members who have previously served on a call committee at Grace. They are Carole LoGalbo and

Rob Margetts. Carole and Rob will bring special insight and wisdom into the work of this committee.

The first task of the call committee will be to develop what is called, a "Ministry Site Profile". This profile helps clarify who we are (on paper) as a congregation in 2024.

Part 1 (Who We Are) of the Profile will identify "Languages Spoken", "Number of Paid Staff", "Gender Comparison", "Distance Members Live from the Church Facilities", "Budget of the Congregation", "Trends in the Community where we Serve", "Current Programming", and "Goals".

Part 2 (Vision for Mission) of the Profile includes information on: "Purpose", "Ministry Site Characteristics", "Ministry Giftedness and Mission".

Part 3 (Leadership Needs) includes information on "Leadership Needs".

Once the call committee has developed this initial profile, they will be seeking your input on the data and observations gathered. With congregational input, the Ministry Site Profile will then be redacted. This process will repeat as necessary, until it reaches its final form. The final Ministry Site Profile (as amended) will then be reviewed by a representative of the Synod. The final leg of the process is the interviewing of candidates.

This is a very exciting and important time in the life and history of Grace Lutheran Church. Please pray that we be led by the Holy Spirit and the best possible candidate be called to lead Grace forward into future ministry.

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SUNDAY AND ZOOM WORSHIP

Sunday worship at Grace is at 10am followed by refreshments and Christian fellowship at 11:00am.

We also offer Zoom for our Sunday worship service. If you need a bulletin, remember you can view (on another device) or download/print a bulletin from Grace's website. Just click on *Quick Link to Worship*.

Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89031586315>

Dial In: 1 312 626 6799 Meeting ID: 890 3158 6315

PEOPLE OF GRACE



Please join us for our next People of Grace for on **Tuesday, May 16**. The group meets monthly on the third Tuesday at **7pm**. The location will vary each month to keep it fresh.

Please RSVP to Jeff Nelson if you are planning to attend. jeff.nelson@vlses.com

ANTIQUES, HEIRLOOMS AND APPETIZERS

The social committee is planning a fun gathering after worship on **Sunday, May 19**. Do you have a special antique or heirloom or collection or special unique item you would like to share?? Plan to bring it for our display of "antiques, heirlooms and more". We will set up tables in the narthex for displays. Fun appetizers and beverages will be served. We'll have a sign-up in the narthex. Come join in the fun.

Dinner at Jacobo Woods Sunday, June 9

Mark your calendars for a fun evening of food, fun and fellowship. In lieu of a progressive dinner this spring the social committee is planning a fun evening of food at the home of Joe and Donna Jacobo. Watch for more info.



FaithTalk

Scripture, theology, culture and real life
for believers, skeptics, and everyone in between.



We will continue to discuss the nature of the Bible and specifically what we mean when we say "The Word of God" as it is presented in my book, *A Gxd for the Rest of Us*. I hope you will join me on **Thursday, May 2**, in the lower level kitchen room from **12:30-2:00**.

All questions are welcome, and we almost always find some fascinating rabbit holes, too. Lots of insight, wisdom and laughter—you're welcome to join us.

--Pr. Jeffrey Koth

SHARING CIRCLE FOR RACIAL HEALING

We meet to learn about the reality of racial trauma and explore ways to promote healing – within our congregation and beyond. All are welcome! We meet after worship on Sundays (starting around 11:15 am) in the ground level meeting room by the South stairwell.

We'll meet in May 26 - stay tuned for updates about additional events.

Please feel free to reach out to Karin Slenczka at slenczka.k@gmail.com for more information.

FELLOWSHIP COFFEE HOUR

Here's an easy way to help out at church, volunteer for coffee hour! It's easy to do. Just make coffee, bring some sweets and set it up in the fellowship room for 30-45 minutes after church. This has been a great way to give members an opportunity to catch up with one another and enjoy some fellowship time together. Call the church office if you would like to volunteer, or talk to one of the current coffee volunteers.

FLOWER CHART

The flower chart is in the Fellowship Room. Arrangements are \$20 each, one arrangement per Sunday. Please indicate your name and write out your dedication on the chart if you want it printed in the bulletin.



Hello Grace Families!

We have lots of fun activities planned – crafts, baking, games, and music to enhance our faith learning. Bradford will be joining us at the beginning of class each Sunday to assist with all things musical!

SUNDAY FAITH FORMATION:

9:00-9:10a – Meet downstairs in the Youth Gathering Room for centers and playtime

9:10-9:30a – Music with Bradford and Story/Lesson from Mrs. Drager

9:30-9:50a – Craft/Activity/Snack/Closing Prayer

We are excited to spend time helping our children grow in faith! Please let us know if you have questions or suggestions - both are always welcome :)

Grace & peace,
Cyndy, Bradford, and Heather





The 2024 walk is scheduled for **Sunday, May 5**, from St. Paul Lutheran Church in Wheaton.

Working together, we can end world hunger. That's why we're participating in the 2024 CROP Hunger Walk to support CWS and help families who are struggling with hunger. Please join us with your steps and your donations. Together we will provide more meals for the growing number of people in our community who need them and create greater food security in communities around the world. Please donate to our team today!

WALK

It is three miles with short cuts at one and two miles. You do not have to donate to walk. Enjoy meeting others in the community.

DONATE

You can donate three ways.

1. Make check out to Grace Lutheran and WRITE "CROP" IN THE MEMO LINE.
2. Put cash in an envelope for CROP. Special envelopes for CROP are on the table with the bulletins.
3. Go to this website and donate with a credit card. This is the website and QR code for the site.

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/cropwalks/team/grace-lutheran-church-of-glen-ellyn>



COMMUNITY CONNECTS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The newly formed *Community Connects* committee is charged with organizing and creating a senior ministry here at Grace with activities to meet our mission of senior outreach to the community.

Committee members are Sue Davison, Susi Nelson, Susan Jacobson, Cathy Milleville. If you are interested in helping or would like more information, please contact a committee member or the church office.

Volunteering can be as simple as serving refreshments or baking for an event. Or perhaps you have an idea, talent, or activity you would like to share at one of our gatherings. Or maybe you have an idea of what we could possibly offer.

PADS (PUBLIC ACTION TO DELIVER SHELTER)

It's time for PADS again! **Tuesday, May 7**. Thank you to all our generous volunteers for everything you do!

We have meal containers if you need them. Or, if you let us know ahead of time, you can bring meals over to our house and we'll package them.

We pick up food from Grace Lutheran around 2:00 on Tuesday. We leave our house for the site around 4:30 so please make donations by those times. The upstairs refrigerator and freezer at Grace will be turned on to receive your donations.

As always all other foods are also needed and well received - fruits, snacks, desserts, juice boxes ... These can be left on the counter in the upstairs kitchen.

We'll be serving food at the IHC (1113 Butterfield Frontage Rd, Downers Grove) from 5:00 to 6:30. More volunteers at the site makes the serving so much easier.

Please contact us for any questions - Joe 630-740-4527; Donna 630-470-4542; Sarah 630-388-9778

COMMUNITY QUILTERS

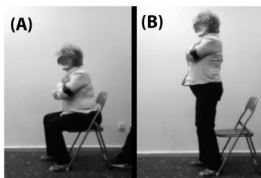
The *Community Quilters* meet on **Thursdays from 11:00-12:30**. We currently have quilts that are in the finishing stage then we'll start more! Bring a friend. No experience is necessary. Please enter through the west entrance on Forest Avenue.

SR. CENTER ACTIVITIES WITH SUE DAVISON

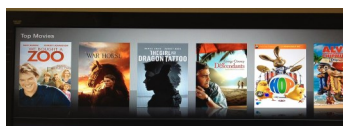
The Glen Ellyn Senior Center is supported by the Village of Glen Ellyn and provides many different services to Glen Ellyn seniors 60 years of age and older, as well as to their families. Senior Center services include a monthly newsletter, insurance information, and transportation services including Ride DuPage and reduced fare cards for Regional Transportation Authority (RTA). Information and referral services for seniors and their families on issues related to senior citizens are also available at the Glen Ellyn Senior Center which is located in Grace Lutheran Church.

You are also welcome to drop in on any of the activities listed here. If you wish to meet with Sue in person, please contact her at the phone number listed below to schedule an appointment.

Chair Exercise classes in the Parish Hall. Classes are held every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday at 10am. Classes are designed to strengthen your core and balance to help prevent falls.



A **movie** is shown every fourth Friday of the month at 10am. Light refreshments are served.

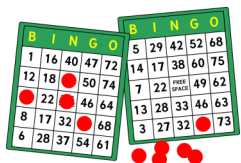


A **book club** meets on the third Tuesday of every month at 10am.



Please contact Sue at sdavison@glenellyn.org or 630-858-6343 with any questions or to find out the book and/or movie of the month.

GAME DAY HOSTS!



Hello Grace members. To expand our connections and outreach to the seniors in our neighborhood, we are proposing a **'Games Day'** the first Wednesday of each month in the Fellowship Room at Grace. We are looking for volunteer hosts who would be willing to help host the event and serve light refreshments to the group and either lead their own game of choice or organize one that is provided for them. Possible game ideas are: bingo, bункo, chess/checkers or card games. Please contact Cathy Milleville or Susi Nelson if you are interested in helping with this outreach ministry.

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Every Member: Minister & Missionary!

Pr. Jeffrey Koth, Interim Pastor
 Bradford Thompson, Minister of Music
 Bradford Thompson, Children's Ministry Coordinator
 Barbara Sudds, Office Manager
 Carole LoGalbo, M.S., LCPC Parish Counselor

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:30am - 3:00pm
 Tuesday and Thursday 1:00pm - 3:00pm



DATE	ATTENDANCE	
	IN-PERSON	ZOOM
3/3	38	13
3/6 Wednesday	16	
3/10	44	6
3/13 Wednesday	15	
3/17	42	8
3/20 Wednesday	14	
3/24	38	8
3/28 Thursday	22	
3/29 Friday	24	
3/31	112	9

PRAYER REQUESTS

Jill Geiersbach and Erik Sudds for healing and strength.