# grace notes

Late February - March 2017

## No Turning Back!

LENT- a long 40 day journey of spiritual investment. It is that period of the church year when we set aside time for deeper moments of prayer, worship, fasting, acts of charity, scriptural meditation and Bible reading. These special moments can help us step away from the things which hinder us in our spiritual journeys so we can better prepare ourselves for the celebration of our Lord's Resurrection on Easter.



As we journey this Lent, we join Jesus as he completes his ministry of teaching and healing in Galilee, and sets his face to go to Jerusalem to do one thing: suffer and die on a cross to make visible, God's promise of salvation and love for all to see. For Jesus, it is not an easy journey! It is filled with great suffering, pain and distress. Yet, through the journey, there is no letting himself be side-tracked. Jesus is resolute. He is determined, and there is no turning back!

#### Ash Wednesday

March 1 at 1pm & 7pm

Our Lenten Journey begins with two worship opportunities. These worship services will offer a challenge to turn away from anything which hinders us from living as authentic and faithful followers of Christ. This is why on Ash Wednesday we begin with repentance. We admit we often turn back from following Jesus authentically and give in to selfcenteredness to pursue the wrong things. To publically admit our shallow commitment to follow Jesus, ashes are marked on our foreheads and words are spoken: "Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return." It is the time we seek to hear again God's righteousness, forgiveness, and love.

#### Acts of Service

One of the most meaningful ways we follow Jesus during Lent will be putting our faith into action through several Outreach Projects:

PACK MEALS at Feed My Starving Children, held every Friday during Lent as we pack life-saving meals for children around the world.

SHOE CUTTING PARTY, held at each Wed. night Lenten Supper as we cut fabric to make shoes for children in Africa through Sole Hope Ministry. NOISY OFFERINGS will support Grace 4Rakai – to help build a school for children in Rakai, Uganda

#### Wednesday Lenten Services

at 1pm & 7pm

In addition to weekend worship, there are worship opportunities each Wednesday. At 1 pm, a brief Service of the Word. At 7 pm, the Holden Village Vespers. We will watch the powerful Nooma videos by Rob Bell that invite us to ask deep spiritual questions and reflect upon the insightful and life-changing perspective of Jesus.

#### Spiritual Practices

In order to deepen our Lenten journey, we are asking you to consider the following:

- Make weekend and Wednesday worship a high priority.
- Reflect on the Bible readings.
- ca Commit to spend an extra 10 minutes in daily prayer and devotional reading.

We invite you on the journey to the cross to experience God's radical love shown in Jesus. May this be a time to be challenged! May we be assured of God's forgiveness and love. Most of all, may it be a time where we can learn anew that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God and celebrate the empty tomb of Easter morning.

#### **Pastor Mark's Remarks**

## No Turning Back!

I hated my summer job! I had to drag myself to the barber shop I agreed to paint for Joe the Barber. But it was a job and I needed the money.

Oh, how I wanted to quit, but I knew what my father would say: "Mark, once you start a job, you've got to finish it, no matter what!" And my mother wasn't any help since she was the one who had gotten me the job in the first place. She was a lot like my father when it came to stick-to-it-ness. In her world, once a person gives their word to do something, well that was it... you do it!

So, I did what every teenage boy would do in this kind of circumstance. I moped, complained, sulked and pouted the best I could. I figured that if I did it enough in front of my parents then maybe they might relent and allow me to quit. But they never did. And so, I never did. Finally, at the end of that hot, miserable summer, I finished the job. The outside of Joe's Barber Shop was a beautiful white. I got paid and I never wanted to see another bucket of white paint again.

I've been thinking about that summer job as I reflect upon our Lent theme: No Turning Back. It focuses on a strategic moment as Jesus ends his healing and teaching ministry in Galilee, and "sets his face to go to Jerusalem," to go all the way to the cross. For Jesus there is no turning back, no quitting or giving up. No matter what resistance or discouragement he faces, he is determined to go the way of suffering and death.

I can't help but reflect on how easily I wanted to give up that summer job. It was dirty! It was filthy! The sun was so hot! And Joe wasn't exactly the nicest guy. It was hard to please him. He was often unpleasant. What made it worse, I had to fight hard just to get the pay we had agreed on.

But none of these hardships can even begin to compare to what Jesus endured on his journey to the cross. So I had a crummy summer job that I hated. Most everyone I know has had a similar experience. However, I can't help but be ashamed of my complaining and sulking that summer, as well as the many times since, when I faced difficult times and just wanted to quit.

Perhaps that's why I need our 2017 Lent Journey: No Turning Back, as I realize once again what a wonderful gift Jesus gave to us on Good Friday. For him, there was no turning back. He never once strayed from his destiny. And because of that, we understand just how much God loves and forgives our world.

So in those moments when I want to just throw in the towel and quit...I think about Jesus who could not turn back, and I'm filled with hope. Perhaps I can do better in the future. So, why not join me as we begin our Lent Journey: No Turning Back!

Let the Journey Begin!



- Our sincere thank you to everyone who helped bless others!
- Thanks for donating to The Giving Tree as an abundance of gifts and gift cards were given to the Refuge Family Resettlement program through Lutheran Social Services in Minneapolis.
- Thank you for participating in the Adopt-a-Family ministry through our Faith & Community Partnership with Sand Creek Elementary – your generous gifts truly blessed 13 local families in need!
- Thank you for gathering Gift Bags for Stepping Stone Emergency Housing. These 77 bags filled with toiletries and gifts were so gratefully received by adults experiencing homelessness in Anoka.
- Thank you for your generous financial Gifts of Grace at Christmas time, as \$2750 was joyfully given to eight very thankful families in our local community.
- ◆ Family of Grace, thank you for your prayers, cards and phone calls of encouragement for our family. We are grateful & appreciative for the special offering for Jamie and Nicole. May the Lord Bless you ~ Walt & Lois Vadner

## Vision Board Message

Looking forward, looking back - that is a common theme for January. It also seems fitting for me as I "round third base" on my term on the Vision Board. June of 2017 seemed so far away when I humbly accepted the vote, now the final months are counting down. I want to take the time to say thank you. First thank you for the trust in making decisions on your behalf. Along with the entire board, it is not a responsibility I take lightly. With the help of God and the wisdom of others, I can leave (in a few months) knowing I did my best to work to make Grace the best it can be. Secondly, thank you for the opportunity to serve and to get to know another aspect of the church. Serving the church has been, and continues to be, a blessing in my life. I have made great friendships, honed skills, and gained knowledge that I will take with me always.

If you are new to Grace, or are starting a new chapter in your life, or just plain feeling "disconnected" from Grace, I highly encourage you to pray on the matter, seek to find your talents, and "just do it" Find a team, sign up on the blue sheet, find a friend who's doing something that looks like fun, and "just do it - get involved. The rewards are well worth the sacrifice of time and energy. You will not regret it.

Gratefully yours,

#### Jessie Crooks

Grace Lutheran Vision Board Secretary



#### Vision Board Minutes

The Grace Lutheran Church Vision Board met on January 17th at 6:30 at the home of Jessie Crooks. All board members were present, except Scott Christensen. Pastor Mark Hellmann was also in attendance. The group enjoyed great conversation and dinner. The group discussed leadership, and how leaders were chosen in the early church, as we look forward to discerning the next group of Vision Board leaders and other (lay) leadership throughout the church.

The group then moved to further discuss events of the church. After many faith-testing months of watching the actual budget against projected, the board is pleased to celebrate a budget surplus at the end of 2016! The group approved paying back old debt and discussed how to best position ourselves financially during the expected lower giving months throughout the year. It will be good to have a small financial cushion as we weather the uneven giving months. We are beyond blessed to have the wisdom of both Beth Clarstrom and Kate Morphew to guide our decisions. The board thanks them both for their tireless efforts for the church! The board also wishes to thank the entire staff who very carefully and diligently watched expenses this last year. The board is also pleased to announce that after Synod payments and Gifts of Grace in December, there was a remaining surplus of ~\$10,000 in benevolence, which was gifted to local and global charities based off noisy offering givings. The Vision Board approved the 2017 Operational Budget, which has been approved by the congregation at the Congregational Meeting on January 22nd.

The meeting ended in a time of prayer.

Respectfully submitted by

#### Jessie Crooks

Grace Lutheran Vision Board Secretary

#### Outreach Ministries Year in Review 2016

Our hearts are full of THANKSGIVING for each of you in our Grace family as we reflect upon all the outreach ministries accomplished in the past year. Also, we THANK God for the creative ways He led us to 'be a ministry of grace in the heart of Andover ... and beyond.' Please join us in praising God for these opportunities to share His abundance and to grow in our faith through serving during 2016.

## FAITH & COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP with Sand Creek Elementary

 We delivered 26 holiday food baskets and adopted 13 families at Christmas. We collected and donated school supplies in August, and encouraged staff with notes/ snacks throughout the year.

#### **FAMILY PROMISE**

 Grace volunteers hosted families experiencing homelessness four weeks in 2016

#### FAMILY TABLE MEAL

 Continued hosting/serving complimentary meal to community on third Sunday of each month

#### FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

 Over 500 Grace volunteers packed meals at FMSC, and a Grace team participated in two competitive packs. We raised over \$3000 through the M&M containers in November.

#### **GIVING TREE at Christmas**

 Gifts (such as cleaning supplies and coats) and gift cards (\$750 worth) were donated to Refuge Resettlement families, through Lutheran Social Services.

#### GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS SUNDAY Sept. 11, 2016

◆ 25 Grace volunteers helped visit shut-ins, served dinner at Alexandra House, cleared brush at Stepping Stone Emergency Housing in Anoka and cleaned up trash along Bunker Lake Blvd.

#### **GRACE QUILTERS**

- Made approximately 300 comforting quilts, and sent 44 quilts to Uganda with mission team.
- Donated quilts to Hope 4 Youth, Hospice, Alexandra House, Shriners and other local ministries.

#### **GRACE 2 HAITI**

Two mission teams served in February, and delivered many donated clothes/supplies to Our Abandoned Children in Haiti. Plans and prayers continue to construct a home for orphans.

#### **GRACE 4 RAKAI**

 89 children in Uganda are now sponsored by Grace members. A vision team traveled to Uganda to see the ministries that Grace is supporting such as Amazing Grace Bakery and new School.

#### **HABITAT for HUMANITY**

 A hard-working team of Grace volunteers served at home construction site in Blaine July 28

#### HOPE 4 YOUTH

◆ Through our Grab 2 project in August, we raised over \$6000 for new transitional housing unit, Home Place. Donated lots of 'take & eat' meals through our April of Showers food drive.

#### MAY ALL BE FED FOOD SHELF

 Collected food during 'April Showers of Blessing' Food Drive to restock the shelves, and we continue to give out over 300 bags of groceries each year.

#### **OUR SAVIOR'S SHELTER**

 Volunteers cooked & served dinner at this Minneapolis shelter on first Monday of each month.

#### PRAYER SHAWL Ministry

 Volunteers continue to knit/crochet shawls and donate to local hospitals, hospice, etc.

#### **SOLE HOPE**

 During Lent, we cut 437 sets of shoe patterns from blue jean fabric. Sent shoes to Sole Hole along with \$630 raised from Lenten Suppers.

#### STEPPING STONE EMERGENCY HOUSING

 Donated 77 Gift Bags at Christmas for adults experiencing homelessness in Anoka. Raised and donated over \$3000 (through Octoberfest and Grace Bazaar) for needed refrigerators.

#### **Outreach Ministries**



## We Need Your Help

Join the Just 1 More Step Team as they host two "Dine to Donate" events in March to help raise funds for the Abandoned kids home and City on a Hill projects through World Wide Village!

<u>Dine to Donate Fundraiser Nights:</u>
Thursday March 2<sup>nd</sup> (4 PM – 9 PM) **Applebee's, Coon Rapids Location**3470 129<sup>th</sup> Ave NW
15% of total bill will be donated to Just 1 More Step
\*coupon to the right or available in your bulletin

Monday March 27th (All Day) Buffalo Wild Wings, Coon Rapids Location 3395 River Rapids Drive, Riverdale Village 10% of total bill will be donated to Just 1 More Step \*coupon below or available in your bulletin March 26th

#### Just 1 More Step Race

May 6th, 2017

A 10K run, 5K run/walk and a kids fun run great for the whole family. The event is filled with live entertainment and located on the beautiful wooded course of Bunker Hills Regional Park. 100% of the proceeds raised will go towards outreach in Haiti. For sponsorship opportunities, volunteer opportunities or to register for the race, go to just1morestep.org



## **Dining To Donate**

Enjoy A Meal That's Filling and Fulfilling.

Just 1 More Step

Needs Your Support
Applebee's will donate 15% of your check when you dine at

3470 129th Ave. NW Coon Rapids, MN 763-576-9267

Present this to your server

Thursday, March 2nd, 2017



Donation percentage excludes tax and tip. Valid ONLY at above mentioned location during specified hours. Must present flyer in order for organization to receive credit for purchase. Flyers are not to be distributed in the restaurant or within the perfuncter of the parking lot. Doing so will result in a voided event.



#### **EAT WINGS. RAISE FUNDS.**

On the day listed below, present this ticket to your server and Buffalo Wild Wings\* will donate 10%\* of your total bill (not including tax, gratuity or promotional discounts) to our organization.

Buffalo Wild Wings strives to support our community and the organizations and sports teams within it. Together we can make a positive impact and help keep our community working and playing together.

(Show this ticket to your server on the date & time listed below.)

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH - JUST 1 MORE STEP EVENT** 

March 27, 2017 . 9:00 AM

3395 River Rapids Dr. Riverdale Village . Coon Rapids, MN . 763-253-2999

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#### **Outreach Ministries**

## Family Promise

- Building Community, Strengthening Lives

Family Promise in Anoka County (FPAC) is a network of area congregations who provide temporary housing to local families experiencing homelessness. Guests are housed at each host congregation for one week on a rotating basis, moving to a new location in the network each week until they are able to become self-sufficient again. Families arrive at the host church for an evening meal and restful night of sleep, then return to the FPAC Day Center in Ramsey each morning.

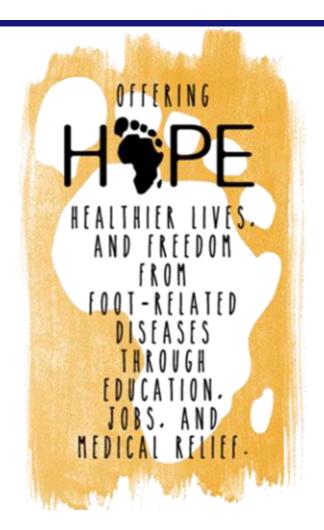
Please consider joining a growing number of faithful volunteers at Grace who donate time, talent and resources as we provide warm hospitality and safe shelter for families without a home. This is a wonderful, insightful and tangible way of sharing God's grace - through cooking a nutritious meal, driving the Family Promise van or offering a kind and listening ear.

Our future Host weeks at Grace are: April 2nd-9th; October 1st - 8th: November 26th- December 3rd

Please consider serving with Family Promise as we strive to be 'the ministry of grace in the heart of Andover'! Here's a list of various volunteer opportunities:

- ⇒ Prepare an evening meal one night for 16 people
- ⇒ Serve dinner and clean up the kitchen (5 -7:30 pm one evening)
- ⇒ Provide overnight security at the church (8:30pm - 7 am one night) You'll get to sleep!
- ⇒ Be an Evening Host chat with guests, play games, help with homework, etc. (5 – 9 pm)
- ⇒ Set up and take down beds (Sunday mornings)
- ⇒ Donate food supplies for Host Week i.e. milk, juice, bread, fruit
- ⇒ Drive the van to transport guests (at 6:30 am or at 4:30 pm)

For more information, please contact Jeannie Hellmann



#### **SOLE HOPE**

Donate your BLUE JEANS

Clean out your closets, folks! And donate your gently used (and clean) blue jeans that you no longer want or need. Please bring your used blue jeans to the church narthex anytime during February. Then we will 'recycle' these jeans during the Wednesday night Lenten suppers as we cut shoe patterns for SOLE HOPF.

SOLE HOPE is a group of passionate people who are putting closed toed shoes on African children, one pair at a time - saving them from infection and disease. Once the jean patterns are cut, these 'shoe uppers' are shipped to Uganda, then sewn and attached to soles made from recycled tires. Local shoemakers carefully craft the Sole Hope shoes that are given out at medical clinics, protecting children's feet from jiggers and infections. Read more at solehope.org or contact Jeannie Hellmann.

## **Outreach Ministries**

## Feed My Starving Children

TURN HUNGER into HOPE with your own TWO HANDS We invite you to use your own two hands to TURN HUNGER INTO HOPE as you pack meals with other Grace volunteers at FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN on these dates:

Sat, February 25th 9 – 11 am Sat, March 25th 9 – 11 am Fri, March 31st 6-7:30pm EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT 12 – 2 pm (March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, April 7)

Three ways to Register:

On line at www.fmsc.org (click Volunteer, Join a Group, type

"Grace Lutheran," choose location/Coon Rapids, join a shift)

On blue opportunity page in worship Call the church office 763 421-6520

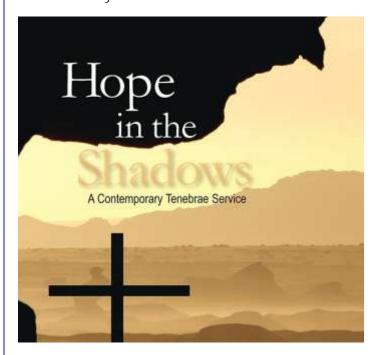
FMSC warehouse is located at 401 S. 93<sup>rd</sup> Ave NW, Coon Rapids. Please arrive 10 minutes before your shift begins and please wear close-toed shoes. For more information, contact Jeannie Hellmann jeannieh@graceandover.org



## Music Opportunities

## Good Friday Cantata

Lent is just around the corner and the worship, music and arts team is preparing for a season filled with beautiful music. We are performing a cantata entitled "Hope in the Shadows" by Joel Raney and Lloyd Larson for Good Friday worship as well as celebratory anthems for Palm/Passion Sunday and Easter Sunday.



## Singers & Musicians Needed

The Grace Choir rehearses each Wednesday evening from 6:45-8:15pm and will meet for shorter rehearsals during Lent immediately following the midweek Lenten worship services.

We will also have two Saturday morning rehearsals from 10am-12pm on March 18 & April 1. Consider joining us as a way to further enrich your Lenten worship experience. Musical experience is not necessary, only a love for song. We are also looking for instrumentalists and narrators. For additional information contact Doreen Hutchings, Grace Choir director or Jonathan Orwig, Director of Music. Looking forward to welcoming you!





## Family Worship Sunday

March 5 & April 2

Children will begin in Worship Services with their families and then be dismissed to SONday School after the Children's Sermon.

## Birthday Offerings

During each large group session we will recognize the month's birthdays. Children are encouraged to bring a coin for each year to put in the Birthday Bank. Kids will be recognized, receive a sticker, a birthday pencil, and get their name put on the "Birthday Door" (Kim and Monica's office door).

This offering will go towards buying flocks of chicks donated to Heifer International. Watch our chicks add up! Summer Birthdays will be recognized in April and May.

We have 1 Flock (almost2)!! \$39.45





Parent Cue App - Download the Parent Cue App for an abundance of ideas of things you can do with your children connected to the month's unit, including songs, videos, and wonderful parent resources.

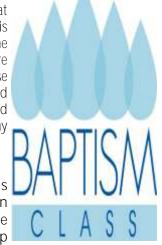
Parent CUE app provides simple CUES throughout the week that remind you to pause and make the most of everyday moments.

- •Offers CUES for families with preschoolers and elementary-age kids
- Parent Time section has videos, podcasts, and articles just for parents
- Videos, activities, and discussion questions link to First Look and 252 Basics material
- Content updates weekly

## Baptism Workshop

Saturday, March 4, at 9 am Baptism is an important step in the life of a family. During the workshop, we learn how God is at work in baptism. Baptism is welcoming your child into the family of faith. We will also share insights to help you as you raise your child to know and love God by creating habits, traditions, and making God apart of every day life.

Upcoming Baptism Sunday is March 19th. Families can schedule baptisms at either the 9am or 10:30am Worship



Services. Baptisms can also be scheduled for most Saturday Night Worships as well. The next baptism class will be May 6 at 9am. You may register on line through Gracelink or contact Monica Allen at monicaa@graceandover.org or the church office to sign up for the workshop.

#### Youth News

# Once Upon a Parable - Musical

for 3rd- 9th graders. Get ready for a week of singing, dancing, and story telling adventure.

Mark you calendars for July 24-30. Mornings 9 -12:30 pm. Look for more details soon.



#### Rockin' Kids Bible Club



We are on a journey in discovering 13 truths about Jesus.

Check out our True Tale Tom videos each week on the Children's Ministry facebook page. graceandoverkids

Find us on Instagram! -RKBCSON



Studio 252—This website also supports our 252 Basics Curriculum for our 2nd—5th Grade families. The weekly stories, videos, music, and more are to help your kids really apply our Bible Life Apps to their every day life! Check it out today! www.studio252.tv.



#### Support Grace Lutheran Youth at Pizza Ranch

Monday, February 27th, 2017 5:00-8:30 pm Andover Location



Pizza Ranch is a buffet style restaurant known for their salad bar, pizza, cheesy bread, dessert pizza, and delicious broasted chicken! Students who participate in this fundraiser (bussing tables, clean up, etc.) will not only gain a portion of the earnings from that evening but they also will receive 100% of the tips from that night! This is a youth mission trip fundraiser!

THANK YOU for your support!!!

13797 Jay Street NW Andover, MN 55304

## Catechism during Lent

Wednesdays during Lent, Catechism students will join the congregation for worship at 7pm. Students will be released for the last 15 minutes of service to spend time in discussion with their small group. We will NOT be meeting in small groups on Ash Wednesday; please worship together as a family. There is a meal for families each Wednesday March 8 through April 5, beginning at 5:30pm.

Doughnuts for High School Students! All 9th –12th grade students are invited to swing by Kristi and Tom's office each Sunday for a doughnut and a chance to say hi! Our office will be open and ready for visitors from 9:50-10:30am!

## Luther Point Bible Camp

Only 1 ½ hours from Andover and has lots of options for everyone. The week of July 16-21st camps offered:

- 1/2 Week 3rd & 4th Grade Camp
- 5th & 6th Grade Camp
- Jr. High Camp (7th 9th graders)

NOW is the time to start making your summer plans. As usual, we will offer campers the opportunity to reduce their camp costs by fundraising. More information on fundraising options is to come. To find out more about Camp go to: graceandover.org



## Alden Riley Award



Mary Jo Andrukso Receives (Posthumously) the Alden Riley Service Award Mary Jo's Family Received the Award

When we think of Mary Jo Andrusko, we think of her heart of gold, similar to that of Mother Theresa. She gave us her all without complaining and was involved in many areas of Grace Lutheran Church.

She was "Energizer Bunny" when it came to volunteering in the church office and for Children's Ministry. She cut things out, made and counted copies, and did it all with a smile on her face.

Mary Jo was the first communion bread baker, baking tens of thousands of loaves for our worship services. After about 12 years, she began to enlist others to help and most recently delegated out the bread ministry to a team! But of course, she made sure everyone knew the recipe and how to bake it "just right."

She loved Vacation Bible School. Mary Jo was always willing to don a costume to make the message come alive! She also did videos for other ministry areas. You could always count on Mary Jo.

Mary Jo has given significant leadership over the years: Church Council, Nominations, Focus 2020, she's been a charter member of Women's Ministry. She made us laugh, made us cry, and made us more whole.

Mary Jo's church family was extremely important to her. She gave many of her daily hours to serve the church and its members. Mary Jo drove another member to choir practice and worship each week for years. She sang in the choir and assisted the pastors in hundreds of services. She also went out of the building's walls to bring communion and comfort to shut ins as part of Grace's Pastoral Team. Yes, we were blessed to have had Mary Jo as a wonderful kindhearted friend and Graceful servant!

We could go on and on about our dear friend Mary Jo. She is now sitting in Heaven, watching us all. For this reason, we are thrilled to present Mary Jo Andrusko's family with the traveling Riley Award.



## Finances & Giving

## Capital Donations

Have you ever asked yourself why there is a Capital Investments and Free2B Grace Campaign on your offering envelopes and online giving?

The answer is, Grace does their very best to keep Capital donations for capital projects. Capital Projects are long term investments for the building and are used to pay our mortgage.

Free2B Grace is a 5 year campaign ear marked for projects around the church, with a main goal to pay down debt. We are in our 5<sup>th</sup> year of the Free2Be campaign and have successfully paid down our mortgage from \$1.4 million to about \$850,000. This major accomplishment has been done in less than 5 years.

We will continue to use our Capital and Free2B donations for the appropriate expenses.

Current offerings support the annual operating budget of Grace Lutheran Church.

#### Finances at a Glance

Week 6	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Operational	\$ 75,842.51	\$76,435.01	\$74,770.40	\$73,742.91	\$72,028.88	\$ 90,326.49
Capital	\$10,659.00	\$9,700.00	\$11,123.00	\$9,130.00	\$10,523.83	\$9,436.50
Other (Holiday)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ 155.00
Free 2B Grace	\$0.00	\$ 11,145.00	\$29,865.00	\$19,591.00	\$15,734.33	\$ 14,894.00
Total:	\$86,501.51	\$97,280.01	\$115,758.40	\$102,463.91	\$98,287.04	\$114,811.99



## Giving

Giving Online at GraceLink helps the church and the congregant. It helps the congregant to give consistently and helps the church with cash flow. If you have been thinking about setting up reoccurring gifts, it is really simple.

- 1. Create a *Log in to GraceLink* for yourself. Once you have logged in.
- 2. Click on Giving on the tool bar.
- 3. Have a check or credit card handy.
- 4. Determine the total amount and how often you want to give.
- 5. The system requires an end date. You may push this date out more than a year or the expiration date on your credit card. You will be sent an email reminder that it is about to expire.
- 6. Then select how much you would like to give to each fund.
- 7. Finish filling out your bank information.
- 8. And follow the prompts to finish.

If you have questions, feel free to call the church office or email Kate or Beth. They would be happy to help you.



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