

GRACE TO YOU

A Weekly Newsletter of Grace Church, Lansing, IL

WEEK OF APRIL 16, 2017

- SUN - 8:15 AM: PRAISE TEAM PRACTICE.
- 8:45 AM: GRACE B.A.S.I.C.S.
- 9:15 AM: MORNING PRAYER.
- 9:30 AM: COFFEE FELLOWSHIP.
- 9:45 AM: WORSHIP PRAYER TIME—All are Welcome. Session Rm.
-10:00 AM: MORNING WORSHIP.
MON - 7:00 AM: MEN’S BIBLE STUDY—Led by Norm Coyle-Prayer Room.
TUE - 7:00 PM: PRAISE TEAM PRACTICE.
- 7:00 PM: GRACE @ PRAYER-(605-474-4000/495892#)-“*To pray in Jesus’ name means to pray in His Spirit*”.
WED -10:00AM: WOW - MIDWEEK WORSHIP We invite you to come and spend a half hour in prayer & worship with us every Wednesday in the Fellowship Hall.
- 7:00 PM: REFUGE MEETING-(a ministry to students in high school).
CHICAGO METRO PRESBYTERY
THU - 7:00 PM: ROCK-(a ministry to students in grades 6-8).
FRI - 6:30 PM: PUPPET PRACTICE.

NEXT SUNDAY: APRIL 23, 2017

- ❖ THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL Mission Report & Message “*Honor & Shame: A Cultural Lesson*” from 2 Samuel 11:12-13 by our guest.
- ❖ GRACE KIDS CHILDREN’S CHURCH CONTINUES: For kids age 4 - Grade 5! Come meet the “Deep Blue” kids – Asia, Edgar Kat & Caleb – as they lead in animated Bible Stories each week. We will discover what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ today. “*In the depths of who I am I rejoice in God my Savior*”-Luke 1:47.
- ❖ INSTALLATION OF Tim McNabney as Elder for the remainder of this year (*June 30, 2017*) to fulfill the vacancy on the Elder Board.
- ❖ ALL CHURCH POTLUCK, at 11:45 AM. See flyer in today’s Grace To You.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

- REFUGE (a ministry to students in high school) on Wednesdays, *April 19, 26.*
ROCK (a ministry to students in middle school grades 6-8) on Thursdays, *April 20, 27.*
For more information on ROCK or REFUGE contact Renae at 708-474-0180

GRACE CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE GRACE CHURCH SESSION approved to install Tim McNabney as Elder for the remainder of this year (*June 30, 2017*) to fulfill the vacancy on the Elder Board. Tim will be installed into office on Sunday, *April 23.*

ATTENTION ALL MINISTRY LEADERS: Your Quarterly Report is due into the office by **TODAY**. Please note this report will also be used as your Annual Report for the Congregational Meeting on Sunday, **May 7**. Reports can be emailed to kimballard@gracechurchlansing.org or placed in her mailbox. Thank You.

CHICAGOLAND PRISON OUTREACH will once again celebrate GOD’S faithfulness at their annual “*Evening of Thanksgiving*” Banquet on Tuesday, *May 16* beginning at 6:30 PM with a punch reception and dinner at 7:00 PM at the Serbian Social Center 18550 Stony Island Ave., Lansing, IL. As always, a special evening is planned that will give evidence through testimonies of the sustaining power of God’s Word and Spirit over the 23 years of CPO’s Ministry. Grace Church would like to reserve a table (seats 8) or two to attend again this year. If you are interested in attending please contact Dawn Slager at the Church Office 708-474-0180, home 708-895-3128 or by email dawnslager@gracechurchlansing.org by *May 1.*

WORLD HOME BIBLE LEAGUE CONTACT: For many years Lois VanderPol has served as the Grace Church contact to the Bible League. Lois will no longer be able to fulfill this position. The Bible League is looking for someone to take her place. If you would be willing to be the Grace Church contact, or would like to find out what is involved, please contact Jan Brink at 474-2170.

CAMP MANITOQUA & RETREAT CENTER NEWS: Office Phone at 815-469-2319.

- ❖ Summer Camp 2017 Programs: “**ABIDE**”, **John 15:4** is the theme this summer. Registration is now open. Remember to register early for preferred dates! Grace Church will once again offer scholarships for campers. Please contact Kim Ballard regarding codes to use when registering your student for camp. Early Bird registration is through *March 31.*
- ❖ Is looking for Camp Counselors for the summer of *2017.* Visit Manitqua.org/summerstaff to apply on line or call our office.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

FOR HOSPITALIZED MEMBERS, please see daily prayer calendar in bulletin.

❖ **OUR "SHUT IN'S OF THE WEEK"** are ***Elmer Brazel**, (Deer Creek Senior Home, Room 181, 401 U.S 30, Schererville, IN 46375) (**Please Note: Elmer's Birthday, is April 2**); ***Bob Banhidi**, (2514 Indiana Ave., Lansing, IL 60438); Send a card, give them a call or give them a visit to let them know they are missed.

THOSE IN THE SERVICE: ***MCGRATH, ROBERT, M:** WEPS/G-1, CVN, 71USS, Theodore Roosevelt CVN-71, Unit 100250 Box 1, FPO/AP, 96606. (Robby can receive care packages).

PLEASE TAKE THE TIME & SIGN UP to pray for PC & his family for a week over the next year. See sign-up Calendar at the Coffee Window.

SPECIAL THANKS to everyone that made the Easter events, breakfast & services a special week.

OUR SINCERE CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY IS EXPRESSED TO John & Janice Swanson and Families in the passing of John's mother, Marilyn Swanson, on Friday, *April 7*. The funeral was held on Tuesday.

PASTOR JAKE wishes to express his thanks to the Grace Church Congregation for their prayers and to PC for his visit while he was hospitalized.

COMING SOON

DEACON'S BANQUET-Saturday, *April 29*, 5:30 PM for anyone 65 & over. Please R.S.V.P. to the Church Office by Tuesday, *April 18*.

CIRCLE MEETINGS: ***CANDLELIGHT CIRCLE** will meet Monday, *April 24*, 6:30 PM for our year end party. ***RUTH CIRCLE** will meet Tuesday, *April 25*, 1:00 PM. Please read our study book **Life Lesson's-Romans**, Lesson 8, page 72, "**Called By God**". Devotions-Barb Triezenberg; Lesson Guide-Dorothy DeVries; Hostess-Debbie Hoekstra.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

LANSING CHRISTIAN SCHOOL-708-474-1700:

❖ **WILL BE HOLDING** it's much anticipated **BBQ Fundraiser** Wednesday, *April 19!* Order LCS' famous BBQ (sloppy joes) today. Don't forget the pickup date for the BBQ 12:00-5:30 pm on Wednesday, *April 19* by the kitchen.

SELF-HELP JOBS PROGRAM has been helping people for over 35 years achieve employment by teaching them the skill of job searching. **Job Seekers:** We want to help with your search. **Employers:** We want to help you fill your openings. Office hours are on Tuesdays & Thursdays. Call 708-633-6580. Brochures for the program are located in the North Foyer.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION WEEK will be *April 24-30*. Watch for your flyer in your mail box.

THIS WEEKS PRAYER CHALLENGE

Pray you, your family & friends, the church, continue to reflect and rejoice on the resurrection of our LORD & SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST throughout the whole year.

THIS WEEKS SCRIPTURE READINGS

Leviticus 12-24

ALL CHURCH POTLUCK

Sunday, **APRIL 23**

11:45 am

Fellowship Hall

Bring a hot dish or salad

to share with others

(to serve 10 - 15)

Dessert will be provided by the Mission Committee

There will be a Mission Report during

the Morning Worship Service

*No need to make a reservation, just come and enjoy
a time together with food and fellowship.*

You won't want to miss this special report
or this special time of fellowship

Questions? Contact Jan Van 708-769-9865