

## GRACE TO YOU

### A Weekly Newsletter of Grace Church, Lansing, IL

#### WEEK OF APRIL 9, 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: GRACE KIDS CHILDREN’S CHURCH—for kids age 4-grade 5.  
-10:00 AM: MORNING WORSHIP.  
- 5:00 PM: PALM SUNDAY PRAISE & WORSHIP SERVICE @ First Baptist Church/Lansing, 3440 178<sup>th</sup> Street.
- MON - 7:00 AM: MEN’S BIBLE STUDY—Led by Norm Coyle—Prayer Room.
- TUE - 6:30 PM: SPARK—(for all girls & boys in 1<sup>st</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup> grades.)—till 8:00 PM.  
- 7:00 PM: PRAISE TEAM PRACTICE.  
- 7:00 PM: GRACE @ PRAYER—Fellowship Hall - “*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.  
- 3:00 PM: EASTER EXTRAVAGANZA STUFFING OF EGGS—room 101.  
- 7:00 PM: REFUGE MEETING— (a ministry to students in high school).
- THU - 9:30 AM: LENTEN BREAKFAST—All men & women are invited. Guest Speaker- Valerie Personaire with Uganda Orphanage Relief Fund. Valerie is a daughter of Grace. A Free-Will Offering will be taken to benefit the Uganda Orphanage Relief Fund. Nursery is available.  
- 6:30 PM: MAUNDY THURSDAY SOUP SUPPER/COMMUNION SERVICE—Fellowship Hall.
- SAT - 11:00AM: EASTER EXTRAVAGANZA EVENT—see flyer in today’s Grace to You.

#### NEXT SUNDAY: APRIL 16, 2017

- ❖ IS EASTER SUNDAY— Pastor Leroy Childress will bring the message “*Who Do You Say I Am?*”.
- ❖ GRACE B.A.S.I.C.s (aka LIFE GROUPS) CONCLUDES Digging deeper into the previous week morning message series “*Bold*” to discover how the BASICS can change your life. Meeting Sundays - 8:45 AM in the Fellowship Hall.
- ❖ GRACE KIDS CHILDREN’S CHURCH WILL NOT MEET They will resume Sunday, *April 23*. Children will worship in the main Sanctuary.

## 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 *April 16*. 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](mailto: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, or by email [dawnslager@gracechurchlansing.org](mailto: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](http://Manitqua.org/summerstaff) to apply on line or call our office.

## YOUTH GROUP NEWS

REFUGE (a ministry to students in high school) on Wednesdays, *April 12, 19, 26*.

ROCK (a ministry to students in middle school grades 6-8) on Thursdays, *April 13, 20, 27*.

For more information on ROCK or REFUGE contact Renae at 708-474-0180

**COMING SOON**

**ALL CHURCH POTLUCK**, Sunday, *April 23*, 11:45 AM. See flyer in today's Grace To You.

**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.

**"GRACE'S EASTER EXTRAVAGANZA"**

**Saturday, April 15 at 11:00AM**

This is a great opportunity to share the Easter message with our community.

**WILL YOU HELP?**

Many have signed up as volunteers to help,  
We could also use donators for the following:

**EGG HUNT**: Plastic Eggs, Small candies that fit inside of plastic eggs, Plastic Eggs already stuffed with candies.

**PRIZES & GIVE AWAY'S**: Chocolate Crosses (found at dollar store), Candy, Gum, More Candies.....Bikes, Kites, Barbie's, Cars, Trucks, Bubbles, Balls (various kinds) Jump Ropes, Easter Baskets (already made)  
And anything that may come to your mind!!!

**REMEMBER LAST YEAR??? LET'S DO IT AGAIN THIS YEAR**  
**WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!**

You can pick up items and drop them off at the church by Wednesday, *April 12* or you can donate money and we will shop for you.

**Stuffing of the eggs will take place Wednesday, April 12, 3:00 PM**

**CONGREGATIONAL CARE**

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

❖ **OUR "SHUT IN'S OF THE WEEK"** are \***Elmer Brazel**, (Please Note: **Elmer's Birthday**, is April 2); \***Bob Banhidi**;; 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**:

**THE MISSION COMMITTEE** is excited to announce that over 100 pairs of shoes were assembled and packed for the Sole Hope Project for the children in Uganda. Thank you all so much for your participation. You are such a blessing. We have had more jeans donated so we may have another Sole Hope Day later in the fall. Blessings to you all, from the Mission Committee.

**THIS WEEKS PRAYER CHALLENGE**

Pray through each of the Psalm readings. On each day, take a different reading and pray it verse by verse.

We are taking a break from the normal reading this week to allow our hearts to reflect and prepare for Easter Sunday.

This is a light reading week, but very much heavy in content. Enjoy!

**THIS WEEKS SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Psalm 51: 1-13

Psalm 32: 1-7

Psalm 121

Psalm 95: 1-9

Psalm 142

Psalm 130

**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**