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### Affirming, Courageous, Caring

Grace Lutheran Church of Evanston 1430 South Blvd. at Wesley 847.475.2211

### Grace Is An Open And Affirming RIC Congregation

### **OUR MISSION:**

To courageously live out our faith by sharing grace with each other and the communities we serve.

### **OUR VISION:**

All God's people will feel accepted, challenged, and cared for by Grace Church.

> 10:45 Worship Every Sunday

Rev. Daniel Ruen
Pastor
pd@graceevanston.org

Mark Bowman Music Director

The Rev. Kaari Reierson, The Rev. Jen Rude, and The Rev. Raquel Rodriguez, Colleagues in Ministry

Marie O'Brien
Parish Administrator

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Sexton

# 2IGNITE : A New Birth

by Pastor Daniel

With Easter comes new life, new breath; a new day. The 2ignite retreats we've hosted over the past year are bearing tantalizing signs of newness and transformational change.

There were four main areas that we agreed upon as a congregation:

### I. 2ignite A Full Embrace:

Valuing our Intercultural / LGBTQ / Intergenerational identity

- Intentionally build on God's gift of our diversity: our various backgrounds and gender identities
- Work to confront systemic and institutional racism and sexism
- Design programming, worship, education and action ministries with this focus.

### II. 2ignite The Spirit:

Affiliated Mission Community with the help of the Chicago Synod

- A cafe or bar or house church model, sky's the limit!
- Synod will assess our ability and commitment.
- We will partner with the synod and a missionary to begin a new ministry.



We Grow Grace as a Church

- Expand to two services on Sunday morning, or have one of them on another day during the week, using new downstairs space, or same sanctuary space
- Increase our relationships, programming and outreach
- Support more staff to implement our ministry goals

### IV. 2ignite Service:

Develop Our Property to More Directly Serve the Community

- Engage in a building proposal for needed housing (Homeless youth? Seniors?
- Ex-Offenders? Low-Income?) in the area of our church parking lot (Parking for church underneath)
- Develop a comprehensive ecological model for sustainability: cooperative neighborhood garden, green roof, prairie restoration around grounds, rain garden and rain collection, geothermal heating, LEED certification of facility.

The 2ignite Service Group has been off to the races with regular meetings, doing research and planning.

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### Holy Week

Thursday, April 2:

Maundy Thursday Service 7:30pm



Good Friday Service 7:30pm

Sunday, April 5:

Easter Sunday at Grace, 10:45am



### **EASTER BREAKFAST**

Join us Sunday, April 5th, at 9:00 am in Fellowship Hall for Easter breakfast. Sign up to bring an egg casserole, fruit, coffeecake or juice.

Help with set-up on Saturday afternoon and clean-up Sunday morning would be appreciated.





### New Birth, continued

Our garden initiative is also being reconfigured for the upcoming year. At the retreat \$5,000.00 was pledged toward the restoration and replanting of the front stone planters. A Prayer Labyrinth and Meditation Garden for the west side of Grace are in the planning stages.

2ignite The Spirit is looking for a gathering time to discuss a recent meeting that I had with Grace Member Sarah Carson at the Synod. Bishop Wayne Miller is excited to come and meet with our task forces to help us discern possible paths forward. 2ignite Growth will meet after Easter once the pastor and Mark Bowman make a proposal for a second service process, looking toward the fall as a possible time to experiment and raise excitement. 2ignite A Full Embrace is less a task force and more an overarching philosophy to apply to all areas: we regularly discuss how to live out this philosophy in Council and at the separate group meetings.

If you are interested in any of these groups, please contact me, Pastor Daniel, or Les Inch, Grace's council chair. We ask for your prayers and support as each team keeps moving forward with its ideas and planning, with an eye toward making more formal proposals to the congregation on May 3rd during our Annual Meeting.

The Peace and Joy of Christ, Pastor Daniel

### Percussion Workshop with Dr. Abe Caceres on May 9

Grace will host a percussion workshop with Dr. Abe Caceres on Saturday, May 9th, from 10:00AM to 2:00PM.



This workshop is a collaboration with other area congregations seeking to equip and train persons—of all ages—who are interested in playing percussion in worship. Dr. Abe is an ethnomusicologist with extensive experience in percussion and song styles from

around the world. The workshop will certainly be a lively learning experience. Participation is limited to five persons per congregation—if you're interested in some training in playing drums and other percussion instruments and doing this in worship at Grace, contact Mark Bowman.

### **Communication Survey**

Please take the Communication Survey to help Grace understand which format(s) work best for connecting and sharing information. The survey is available via your smartphone using the QR code here. The survey is also available as a SurveyMonkey link: <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/62C5HL6">https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/62C5HL6</a> There are also hard copies in the Narthex, where you can place completed surveys. Please complete the survey by April 12th.

Thanks! —Laura Wally, Joe Flint, Holly O'Connor



### **Finance Summary:**

As you can see, we have had a significant short-fall in income so far this year. We saw a similar pattern last year. Our expenses are close to budgeted amounts, although we have had \$2715 in snow removal expenses which I hope will be enough for a while. We've also had a spate of boiler, copier, and elevator repairs.

### Russ Kohnken, Treasurer

Account - January	Income	Expense	Change
General	\$18,715	\$23,144	\$ -4,429
Capital	\$ 330	\$ 1,979	\$ -1,649
Graceful Giving	\$ 630	\$0	\$ 630

Account - February	Income	Expense	Change
General	\$19,602	\$25,093	\$ -5,491
Capital	\$ 180	\$ 1,979	\$ -1,799
Graceful Giving	\$ 180	\$ 500	\$ -320



### April 5th, 2015 Easter Sunday Children's Easter Egg Hunt

When: Easter Sunday after Easter Breakfast, before Church Service

**Bring:** Your children (all ages) along with a basket or bag to collect eggs in!

**RSVP:** Dee Johnson - deeannkjelshus@gmail.com Just to get an approximate head count

**Contribute:** If you'd like to contribute Plastic Easter Eggs with a "goody" inside (stickers, candy appropriate for all ages, favors etc) we would welcome them!

**Volunteer:** You can help us hide the eggs Easter Morning. This is a good job for those older children who feel to old to hunt for eggs. :)

If it's nice out on Easter the hunt will be outdoors. If not, we will move it indoors.

### **Hospitality at Grace**

After several years, the Schubert/Nagelbach Hospitality Co-ordinators are retiring as of May 31, 2015.

A new leader of this ministry is needed. Some of the tasks include:

- · Purchasing coffee, tea, creamer, sugar and sweetener
- Purchasing paper products, napkins, cups, plastic table cloths (church picnic- paper plates, plastic forks etc.)
- · Monitor refrigerator, freezer and pantry
- · Schedule coffee hour hosts
- Assist new volunteers with layout of the kitchen and use of the dishwasher/sanitizer
- Coordinate occasional potlucks, special luncheons, Easter Breakfast, church picnic
- · Purchase beverages for these events
- All purchases may be reimbursed by submitting receipts to the church office.
- As leader, you may recruit other volunteers to take responsibility for one of the above tasks.
- The first immediate task will be to schedule Summer Coffee Hour, June, July and August.

If Hospitality is a ministry you feel is one of your gifts, please contact PD, Les Inch, Dorothy Nagelbach or Nancy Schubert

### **BRING BACK COFFEE HOUR!!!**

This is the petition the children posted on the window in the hall-way. Over the last four years, more than half the coffee hour volunteers have opted out. Some have moved, others want to participate in other ministries, and for some the cost of hosting was difficult.

To return to this format, we would need at least 10 new families or teams of two singles.



In the weeks following Easter, we will schedule a brief meeting after worship to hear your comments and suggestions and to welcome new volunteers.

Stay tuned!

### What a Coffee Hour Host Does:

 Arrive 20-30 minutes early, setup, make coffee, hot water, set up round bar tables Provide treats, sweet and or savory; cookies and juice

(summer coffee hour, outside weather permitting, can be a cool drink, coffee optional, simple treats, cookies, fruit)

- · Coffee hour lasts about 30 minutes
- Clean-up, usually done by 12:45 1:00 pm

# GRACE NEWS & EVENTS



# Breaking Bread Together (Supper Club) April 11

We will gather on Saturday, April 11 to feast on dishes from Italy. Sign up on March 29 or April 5 to bring an appetizer, entrée, side or dessert. We'll meet at 6:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. BYOB.

### Hospitality Center Breakfast Needs:

1 large crunchy



Juice - 5 half gallons

Hot Chocolate mix - 2 cans (not the kind that needs milk added)

Coffee -1 large container

Peanut butter - 1 large creamy,

Jam/Jelly - 2 large jars Instant Oatmeal --5 boxes of individual packages

# April Birthdays

Logan Spies (4/4)

Susan McDaniels (4/8)

Peg Haar (4/9)

Chloe Martinez (4/9)

Gerald Daye (4/13)

Connie Wood (4/14)

Douglas Otte (4/16)

Gennipha Rates (4/21)

Judy Johnson (4/22)

Dorothy Nagelbach (4/26)

Rose Nagelbach (4/26)

Marjorie Baptiste (4/27)



### **Moving Sale**

Carolyn and Dave Utech will be moving back to Evanston in April and find there are a number of things that will not fit into their new place. Talk to them about any of the items listed below, and they will work with you to find new homes for them. We will negotiate a

fair price, to be donated to Grace's funds for missions and benevolences.

Full size futon frame and mattress

Fireplace screen
Dining room buffet
Blue and cream Oriental type
rug, Chinese design, 67 x 102
inches

Free to families with sleep-over aged kids: Two kid-sized and kid-themed sleeping bags, one with an air mattress integrated in the bag.

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### **APRIL WORSHIP SCHEDULE**



### **April 2 Maundy Thursday**

Presiding	Pastor Daniel Ruen
Preaching	Pastor Daniel Ruen
Assisting Minister	Jarrod Gaither
Music Director	Mark Bowman
Lector	Marilyn Grinager Mason
Cantor	Jan Blackburn
Acolyte	Zora Tallon Ruen
Ushers	Sarah Carson, Les Inch, Nancy Schubert
Altar Care	Ginny Ayers, Jeanine Brownell

### **April 3 Good Friday**

Presiding	Pastor Daniel Ruen
Preaching	Pastor Daniel Ruen
Music Director	Mark Bowman
Lector	TBD
Ushers	Jan Blackburn, Cecilia Galicia, Bob Shoaf

### **April 5 Easter Sunday**

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Presiding	Pastor Daniel Ruen
Preaching	Pastor Daniel Ruen
Assisting Minister	Kim Brown
Music Director	Mark Bowman
Lector	Lynn Otte
Cantor	Nate Johnson
Acolyte	Zinzi Steele
Ushers	Jan Blackburn, Cecilia Galicia, Bob Shoaf
Coffee Hour	Nancy Schubert
Altar Care	Ann Stevens, Nancy Mathyer
Flowers	Easter Flowers

### April 12

Presiding	Pastor Daniel Ruen
Preaching	Jarrod Gaither
Assisting Minister	Claudia Perry
Music Director	Mark Bowman
Lector	Anne Shafer
Cantor	Jan Blackburn
Acolyte	Julia Shoaf
Ushers	Sydell Reeves, Ann Stevens, Janet Wright
Coffee Hour	Nancy Starkman, Nancy Stewart
Altar Care	Ann Stevens, Nancy Mathyer
Godly Play	TBD
First Followers	Kaari Reierson
	TBD

	April 19
Presiding	Pastor Daniel Ruen
Preaching	Pastor Daniel Ruen
Assisting Minister	Bob Carroll
Music Director	Mark Bowman
Lector	Bob Shoaf
Cantor	Caitlin Sellnow
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	ydell Reeves, Ann Stevens, Janet Wright
Coffee Hour	Bill Blackburn, Jan Blackburn
Altar Care	Nina Alvarez, Jennifer Wallace
Godly Play	TBD
First Followers	Jarrod Gaither
Flowers	TBD
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### **Altar flowers**

Every Sunday during the year with the exception of Advent and Lent we have lovely flowers at the altar donated by members of the congregation. The flowers are usually given to recognize someone's birthday, celebrate an anniversary, in memory of a loved one, in honor of someone or to celebrate a special occasion. To participate, sign the chart located in the narthex and then when



it's your week put a \$20 donation in the offering designating that it is for flowers. A member of the flower committee will purchase and arrange the flowers. At the end of the service the flowers will be given to you. If you have a special flower in mind, let the committee know. If being creative with flowers appeals to you, the committee welcomes new members.

**Ann Stevens** 

### **Worship Notes for April**

We've had a wonderful exploration of the texts during Lent thanks to our many dramatic monologues. Mark Bowman is to be commended for this idea, and for organizing the people who shared their interpretations. We plan to host another fantastic celebration for Easter Sunday, and then continue the festival of Easter with the well-received Puerto Rican Eucharist setting that we used in the fall of 2014.

We will also begin thanking all of our Sunday Servants beginning April 19th. Each week we'll ask members of Altar Guild, the Usher Team, Lectors, Assisting Ministers, Acolytes, Teachers of Godly Play and First Followers, and Musicians, Cantors and the Choir, Flower Arrangers and Coffee Hour hosts to stand and be celebrated. It's amazing how many people we need to make Sundays work at Grace, so it will be a blessing to bless and thank all those who make them happen.

I'm also happy to report that Jarrod Gaither will enter the pulpit once more as a lay preacher on Sunday, April 12th. We'll have seven glorious Sundays of Easter this year, with the Festival of Pentecost on Sunday, May 24th, when we'll welcome new members to the congregation, and celebrate the year-end of educational programming at Grace.

The Grace worship team has had an extremely productive year, initiating the pew Bible drive, honing the way we use the Bibles in worship, and tying that to our new Adult Ed Animate house church model. The team has also continued to work hard on blending the variety of worship styles and personal pieties of our congregation. We plan to meet in April to share feedback about how Lent and Easter went, and begin looking toward the summer and fall of 2015. Please contact PD or Mark Bowman for any questions or thoughts for the worship team.

As always, I look forward to seeing you at The Welcome Table! - PD



ELCA News Service, March 10, 2015

### ELCA members participate in 50th anniversary of Selma-to-Montgomery march

CHICAGO (ELCA) – Some members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) joined civil rights activists, faith leaders and elected officials, including President Barack Obama, in Alabama March 7-8 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Selma-to-Montgomery civil rights march.

Judith Roberts, program director for ELCA Racial Justice Ministries, attended the anniversary events. "My grandfather, CC Bryant, testified before the United States Civil Rights Commission in February 1965. His testimony, along with several others, named the racial discrimination and intimidation experienced by African Americans (who were) trying to exercise their constitutional right to vote. Today, we are still facing voter disenfranchisement through public policies in the form of preserving state's rights (through) voter identification legislation and the criminal justice system that can temporarily or permanently deny access to the ballot," she said.

On March 7, 1965, protestors demonstrating for the right to vote departed Selma for Montgomery and were met by law enforcement as they crossed the Edmund Pettus Bridge. The events of that day – also known as Bloody Sunday, – led to the passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

"This moment in our current history is about lifting up the values of living in an electoral democracy where every citizen should have the right to cast a ballot for the elected officials that will represent their communities. This church adopted a social statement policy to ensure just that," said Roberts.

The ELCA 2013 Churchwide Assembly asked ELCA members to call on local, state and federal governments to guarantee the right to vote to all citizens and to discourage or eliminate all laws, ordinances or regulations that would have the effect of racial and ethnic discrimination in the exercise of that right.

The ELCA social statement "Freed in Christ: Race, Ethnicity, and Culture" was adopted by the ELCA 1993 Churchwide Assembly. The statement expresses the ELCA's calling to regard seriously culture and ethnicity, confront racism, to engage in public leadership, witness and deliberation, and to advocate for justice and fairness for all people.

The Rev. Joseph Ellwanger, Hephatha Lutheran Church in Milwaukee, also attended the anniversary commemoration. In March 1965, Ellwanger, then pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Birmingham, Ala., was chosen by Martin Luther King Jr. to be the only White pastor among 14 pastors who met with Alabama's Gov. George Walace at the end of the Selma to Montgomery march. Ellwanger, who served at St. Paul's from 1958 – 1967, became involved in the civil rights movement of the 1960s and worked with King.

lan McConnell, from Augsburg College in Minneapolis, also attended the 50th anniversary events. "I am a White, middle-class male originally from the suburbs of Minneapolis. In the cultural and social systems I grew up in, this has afforded me a louder microphone than many others have the privilege of having. I feel called to listen, to learn, and then to strategically speak into issues of injustice."

The ELCA's social statement "Freed in Christ: Race, Ethnicity, and Culture" is available at www.ELCA.org/Faith/Faith-and-Society/Social-Statements/Race-Ethnicity-and-Culture. The social statement "The Church and Criminal Justice: Hearing the Cries" is available at www.ELCA.org/Faith/Faith-and-Society/Social-Statements/Criminal-Justice. The ELCA's social policy resolution "Voting Rights To All Citizens" is available at http://bit.ly/19a0blJ.

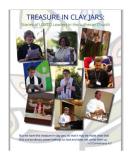


### Treasure in Clay Jars: A New Resource from ELM

A huge thank you to the Revs. Timothy Weisman, Brenda Bos, and Emily Ewing for their work in visioning, compiling, and editing this resource.

### Guest blog by Rev. Timothy Weisman.

Nearly four years ago, I began a call process with a congregation who needed a pastor. I had just received my assignment, and I couldn't have been more excited. I spent hours (days!) poring over the congregation's Ministry Site Profile, Annual Report, website, and Facebook page... while, of course, compulsively checking my email for



another email from the synod office or call committee chair.

"So, how are you going to come out to them?" asked an Assistant to the Bishop shortly before my first interview. "Will you come out right away?" "Or at the end?"

"When will you come out to the rest of the congregation? During a sermon? Which sermon? Will you use the lectionary text? Or another? Or what if you did it during announcements time?"

"What will you say?" "Will you tell a story?" "What story?" "Will you talk about God?" "How?"

"Since your process will inevitably take longer than most, what will you do in the meantime?" "If you don't complete this process, then what?" "Are you prepared to wait?" "How long?"

Yikes. It's not like I hadn't thought of these questions, but the reality was that I didn't have solid answers - or, really, any answers. I was nervous enough as a young seminary graduate - and now I have to figure out when and how to come out to who and where. To be sure, I worked with an Assistant to the Bishop who is a veritable rock star, but I still felt very alone.

Fast forward one year. A friend introduced me to a 1998 resource from the United Church of Christ called "And So We Speak." Throughout that book, seminarians and clergy told stories - stories of their candidacy and call processes, stories of serving congregations as an LGBTQ leader, and more.

I immediately recognized this as the book I desperately needed back in 2011. I needed to hear how others journeyed through the call process. I needed to hear how others made sense of their fabulousness in the midst of their call. I didn't need answers; I needed stories. I needed to know that I wasn't alone.

I'm writing this blog to introduce a new ELM resource titled "Treasure in Clay Jars: Stories of LGBTQ Leaders in the Lutheran Church". Modeled after "And So We Speak," this book shares current stories and insights from LGBTQ leaders in the Lutheran church as they honor their identity while working their way through a long and lonely process.

"What do you think God thinks about you being LGBTQ?" "How did you come out to [fill in the blank]?" "What did you do 'in the mean-

time' or while waiting for a call?" Members of Proclaim responded to these prompts and several others as we assembled this resource. (Thanks to all the contributors!)

Whether you're a member or prospective member of Proclaim, you're on synodical or churchwide staff, or you're an ally and supporter of Extraordinary Lutheran Ministries, I hope you'll not only read these stories but also treasure them - there's extraordinary power contained herein - as God, who is active in each narrative, tells the story of raising up a courageous people for ministry in Christ's church.

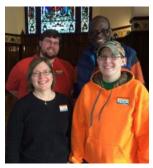
The Rev. Timothy Weisman serves as pastor at Zion Lutheran Church in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. Tim and his partner, Howie, are the proud parents of the most adorable puppy on the planet. (No, really.)

### You Are My People/Thank God for Allies

by Jen Rude, ELM program director

## Proclaim students at Wartburg Seminary.

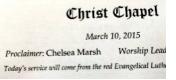
This past month I visited two of our ELCA seminaries – Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, IA and Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in Columbia, SC. And while it was -11 degrees in Iowa and 84 degrees in



South Carolina, I received a warm welcome in both places.

At Wartburg Seminary, Proclaim students hosted a campus-wide Convocation on How and Why to be an LGBTQ Ally. Some people were already committed allies seeking to find additional ways to be supportive. Others initially wondered why we even need to have this conversation anymore. Proclaim members Becky Goche, Paul Andrew Johnson, and I spoke to students, faculty, and staff about being an LGBTQ ally in their ministries. We shared our own experiences of coming out – both about our sexual orientation and about our calls to ministry. Conversation continued in small groups and over lunch. I think hearing LGBTQ classmates talk about their experiences opened some hearts in a new way. I might even say some new allies were made that day.

I love that the preacher is called the Proclaimer!



At Southern Seminary I was blessed to be able to hear Proclaim member Chelsea Marsh preach in chapel, bringing a word of gospel and challenge, and ulti-

mately of God's faithfulness. Chelsea is one of the leaders of Walking Together, the Gay-Straight alliance on campus, and she organized a lunch with this group while I was there. Especially because there



has been only 1 (and now 2!) openly LGBTQ student on campus, these allies are even more important. We had a lively and generative discussion about being a rockstar ally. I felt so grateful that future LGBTQ pastors will have these pastors as allies.

While ELM is becoming more widely known and seen as a resource and a partner, there are still folks who don't know about us. We need to keep spreading the word. It is a really beautiful moment when someone encounters ELM for the first time and resonates with our mission and says, "oh, yes, YOU are my people" or "now I'm not alone." Have you told someone about ELM this week?

Getting to know seminarians across the church I witness a rich diversity of gifts and experiences. And I am particularly inspired by seminarians, staff, and faculty who are not LGBTQ, but who feel passionate about justice, about celebrating diversity, and who put themselves out there in support of their LGBTQ friends and colleagues. God's church is in good hands with these leaders.

Although the focus of ELM's work is with LGBTQ rostered leaders, candidates, and seminarians, we also rely on relationships with current and future leaders in our church who are not LGBTQ. Because these allies are our people. Today I offer a special prayer of gratitude that we are walking together.



# Press Release for Howard Area Community Center Spring Benefit: Fiesta 2015

Saturday, May 2, 2015, 6:00pm-10:00pm Evanston Hilton Gardens

Howard Area Community Center is hosting its signature annual spring fundraiser, Fiesta 2015, on Saturday, May 2, 2015, at the Hilton Gardens in Evanston.

Raising awareness and support for HACC's mission to provide programs and services to "assist low-income individuals and families in the greater Rogers Park and adjacent communities to stabilize their lives and to develop the social skills necessary to become effective community members", Fiesta 2015 features a cocktail reception, silent auction, Latin cafe dinner stations, an exciting live auction and music and dancing with a Latin flair. In addition, Illinois State representative, Kelly Cassidy, will be honored as Howard Area Community Center's 2015 Community Partner.

For ticket and sponsorship information, please contact Margaret Wenzel at 773-262-6622 or mwenzel@howardarea.org.



# The Mask You Live In to be Shown at Grace Saturday, April 18, 2015 • Doors open at 5:00pm Screening: 5:30 - 7pm • 7-8pm Optional facilitated discussion

Thanks to the Courage Fund and our partnership with St. Paul's Lutheran Church and Trinity Lutheran Church, all in Evanston, Grace Lutheran Church will host the Evanston premier of the critically acclaimed documentary "The Mask You Live In" on April 18, 2015. The film ultimately illustrates how we, as a society, can raise a healthier generation of boys and young men. The film presents the personal narratives of young boys and men and features experts in neuroscience, psychology, sociology, sports, education, and media, further exploring how gender stereotypes are interconnected with race, class, and circumstance.

Written, produced and directed by Jennifer Siebel Newsom, the film premiered at Sundance Film Festival in 2015. "Our intention is that this film sparks a national conversation around masculinity and helps our boys overcome limiting stereotypes, encouraging them to stay true to themselves."

Limited seating is available. Please RSVP to Rina Campbell at rcampbell@gmx.net to reserve your seat on Eventbrite website.

Newsom's first film, Miss Representation, premiered at the 2011 Sundance Film Festival, and exposed the ways in which mainstream media contributes to the underrepresentation of women in positions of power and influence. In response to overwhelming public demand for ongoing education and social action in support of the film's message, Newsom founded the organization that has become The Representation Project a few months later. Using film as a catalyst for cultural transformation, The Representation Project inspires individuals and communities to challenge and overcome limiting stereotypes so that everyone, regardless of gender, race, class, age, sexual orientation or circumstance can fulfill their human potential. Learn more about The Representation Project's movement at: www. therepresentationproject.org.

### **Evanston School Reminder:**

D65 and 202 School Board elections are during spring break, Tuesday, April 7, so be sure to vote early if you're going away (early voting started Monday, March 23)!

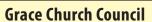
### April Calendar

**Every Sunday** 

10:45 Worship followed by coffee hour

**Sunday School during worship** 

March 20 - Anril 5	Family Promise at Grace
March 29 - April 3	allilly Fromise at drace
April 2	Maundy Thursday, 7:30pm
April 3	Good Friday Services, 7:30pm
-	aster Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt, 9:00am; Easter Sunday Celebration, 10:45am
April 11	Breaking Bread Together, 6:00pm
April 18	The Mask You Live In film at Grace
April 19	Book Group, 3:00pm



Les Inch, Council President

Taína Rodriguez Encarnación, Martha Fry, Jarrod Gaither, Nate Johnson, Dorothy Nagelbach, Holly O'Connor, Laura Wally





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