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Church of Evanston
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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

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Mark Bowman
Music Director

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

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Parish Administrator

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Jackson DeLeon-Lopez
Sexton

We often think of 'reaching the top of the mountain' as a metaphor for ultimate success. For Jesus, the mountaintop of his Transfiguration is the gateway to the cross, the beginning of a pilgrimage toward his Passion.

Along the way Jesus teaches, he heals, he suffers despair, he retreats, he ponders, he prays, and he has many confrontations. Lent is the season where we accompany him on the way, doing our best to prepare for his Passion and remind ourselves that there is no light without darkness, that there is no resurrection without death.

This season we explore the theme of pilgrimage by receiving gifts of dramatic monologues on Sunday mornings by various Grace members. They have been given the Gospel readings for the day and an assignment to weave a theme of pilgrimage into their interpretation. Our young people will beat out a pilgrimage rhythm for our offertory, and this rhythm will continue into the Eucharist. We will repeat the solemn cross processional where we read aloud the names of those who have died or who are suffering due to local, national, and international conflicts.

We will also journey to five north side Lutheran worshipping communities for our midweek services. Our aim is to learn from and be inspired by the stories and struggles of our fellow Christian pilgrims. We plan to bring \$100 gifts to each as a love offering—an invitation for them to use it as a seed to do works of

Pilgrims

by Pastor Daniel



mercy and justice in their communities, a hallmark discipline of Lent.

Below is a list of locations and dates of these midweek encounters. Please let me know if you'd like to be on the list of those who make an effort to visit as many sites as you can. We will notify everyone of each site on Sundays and in the weekly *Gracenote* emails.

- Wednesday, February 25th at University Lutheran Church, Northwestern Campus

Address and contact info:

2204 Orrington Avenue, Evanston, IL 60201-2818

E-mail: lutherancm@u.northwestern.edu

Phone: 847-864-7849

6:00pm – 6:45pm: Simple supper and worship

6:45pm – 7:30pm: Bible Study and Discussion.

Guest: Lisa Todd, Community Relations Manager, Connections for the Homeless (Hilda's Kitchen).

Study focus: "Shared Economics."

- Wednesday, March 4th at St. Luke's in Logan Square

Address and contact info: 2649 N. Francisco Ave., Chicago, IL 60647

Email: office@stlukesLS.org Phone: 773.235.5420

5:00pm – 6:00pm: Shared meal with the community and the congregation

6:00pm – 6:30pm: Taize-style bi-lingual Vespers (Spanish and English)

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Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast

The Annual Men's Club Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast will be held on March 29 from 8:30am to 10:00am.

Come hungry, leave happy.

Palm Sunday Processional Service held at 10:45.

SPRING AHEAD! MARCH 8 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS

Pilgrims, continued

• Wednesday, March 11th at Luther Memorial Church

Address and info: 2500 W. Wilson Ave., Chicago, IL 60625-3026
Phone: 773-539-3018
7:00pm – 8:00pm: Simple shared meal and Lenten vespers

• Wednesday, March 18th at Irving Park Lutheran

Address and info: 3938 West Belle Plaine Avenue, Chicago IL 60618
Phone: 773-267-1666
6:30pm – 7:30pm: Partnering to help with their International Meal
7:30pm – 8:00pm: Sung evening prayer

• TUESDAY, March 24th at St. Paul's Lutheran

(Please note it's on Tuesday!)

Address and Info: 1004 Greenwood Street, Evanston, IL 60201
Phone: (847) 475-3403
6:30pm – 7:30pm: Shared meal together
7:30pm – 8:00pm: Taize Vespers, with an invitation for one of our members to give a witness about the Courage Fund/Graceful Giving and present our offering check

I look forward to greeting you at The Welcome Table this season and I will be praying for you during the time of prayer, slowing down, contemplation, and acts of mercy, justice and preparation.

Pastor Daniel Ruen



Let Us Know Your Heartsongs

For each of us there are songs in worship that touch our hearts, that deepen our connection to God. Please share one or two of your heartsongs with Mark Bowman at markleby@comcast.net or leave a note in his mailbox outside the church office. We will try to play many of these heartsongs in worship at Grace during the coming months. Mark still has the list of heartsongs that some Grace members reported last year. Let us hear from more persons.



Palm Sunday in India

Your Donations Make a Difference at the Hospitality Center

This year I followed in the footsteps of many other Grace members when I began volunteering at the Interfaith Action emergency cold weather shelter at St. Paul's Lutheran Church.



This work has been eye-opening for many reasons, but one of my most significant takeaways has been to witness firsthand the difference Grace's gifts of waffles, yogurt, fresh fruit, coffee, tea, and other breakfast necessities make in the lives of those experiencing homelessness in Evanston.

When the shelter closes in the morning, all of the guests head over to the Hospitality Center for breakfast. In these cold weather months, the breakfast becomes not only a much-needed meal, but a way to stay out of the cold.

In one of my most recent stays at the shelter, I met a woman who became homeless when she fled a violent home life in Florida. At a shelter in Miami, they offered her a plane ticket to any city in the country. She landed in Chicago in December still dressed for the Florida heat.

By the time she showed up at St. Paul's, her feet were blistered and swollen from walking around in a pair of donated boots that didn't fit her. In the morning we helped her bandage her feet and got her some clean socks. Then two other guests led her over to the Hospitality Center where she could eat, rest, and get connected with someone who could provide her more than just bandages.

So this month I hope you'll take some time to pick up a few items on the list and know that in doing so, you are contributing to both a great need in our community and a ministry that is truly making a difference.

Sarah Carson

Hospitality Center Breakfast Needs:

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, 1 large crunchy

Jam/Jelly - 2 large jars

Instant Oatmeal --5 boxes of individual packages

Syrup - 6 bottles

Sugar - 1 Five-pound bag

Creamer - 1 large container

Fruit



Book Group

Our next book group will meet at 3:00pm on March 22, at Marilyn Grinager Mason's home, 1508 Hinman Avenue, Evanston 60201, 847-491-0986.

We will discuss *The Dinner* by Herman Koch.

Possible future books to be considered are:

All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr

Colorless Tsukuru Tazaki and His Years of Pilgrimage: A Novel by Haruki Murakami

Stoner by John Williams

Caleb's Crossing by Geraldine Brooks

Let the Great World Spin by Colum McCann

Americanah by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie



The Easiest Opportunity to serve at Grace!

With Deb Mitchell's move to Colorado, we have only three nursery attendants for Sunday mornings. Having attendants allows our young parents the chance to worship and listen to the sermon. Often, we have no children, and in those cases after the service begins attendants can return to the sanctuary.



Sometimes there may be only one or two children, and everyone returns to their families at Holy Communion. Please consider adding your name to the schedule.

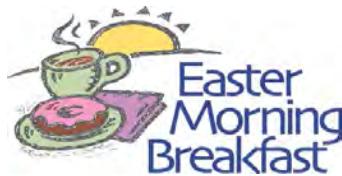
Since Grace has begun a new child safety policy, attendants are required to have a criminal background check prior to serving. Forms are available from Marie in the church office. Call her at 847/475-2211 or contact her by email, ChurchOffice@GraceEvanston.org. Note that she does not work on Tuesdays.

Good News from Liberia

As of our most recent check, Andy Ellis, our long-time and delightful visitor to Grace, has successfully dodged the Ebola virus on his return to his homeland Liberia. This news comes from his daughter, Sheila, who talks with him every Sunday. Sheila also wanted to thank everyone at Grace who welcomed her father so genuinely. He so enjoyed the home-away-from-home that Grace provided. Andy sends his long distance greetings to all and his thanks to everyone who helped with his transportation.



GRACE NEWS & EVENTS



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.



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.



Birthdays

Leif Steele (3/2)

Bob Shoaf (3/2)

Claire Repsold (3/5)

Jen Rude (3/12)

Taina Rodriguez Encarnacion
(3/21)

Bob Lamont (3/26)



Daylight Saving Time Begins March 8

It's almost time to "Spring Forward!"

Remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour Sunday morning, March 8.

Don't be late for worship!



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

There may be more items as Dave and Carolyn get farther along with packing!

312-441-9631 • carolyndave@att.net

MARCH WORSHIP SCHEDULE

March 1

Presiding	Pastor Daniel Ruen
Preaching	Pastor Jen Rude
Assisting Minister	Carolyn Utech
Musician	Rachel Stark Inch
Lector	Les Inch
Cantor	Bonnie Gunzenhauser
Acolyte	TBD
Ushers	Sydell Reeves and Janet Wright
Coffee Hour	Holly and Jim O'Connor
Altar Care	Christian Lantry, Janet Wright
Godly Play	Joan Daye, Zora Tallon Ruen
First Followers	Kaari Reierson
Nursery Care	Nina Alvarez

March 8

Presiding	Pastor Daniel Ruen
Preaching	Pastor Daniel Ruen
Assisting Minister	Craig Gonder
Music Director	Mark Bowman
Lector	Nancy Mathyer
Cantor	Cassie Slater
Acolyte	Logan Spies
Ushers	Sydell Reeves, and Janet Wright
Coffee Hour	TBD
Altar Care	Christian Lantry, Janet Wright
Godly Play	TBD
First Followers	Jarrod Gaither
Nursery Care	Nancy Schubert

March 15

Presiding	Pastor Daniel Ruen
Preaching	Pastor Daniel Ruen
Assisting Minister	Claudia Perry
Music Director	Mark Bowman
Lector	Sue Graef
Cantor	Dominique Baptiste
Acolyte	Joanie Daye
Ushers	Nate Brown, Karla Daye, Jon Flaherty
Coffee Hour	Vicki and Joe Mayne
Altar Care	Susan Graef, Nancy Schubert
Godly Play	Clare Tallon Ruen, TBD
First Followers	Jarrod Gaither
Nursery Care	Nancy Schubert

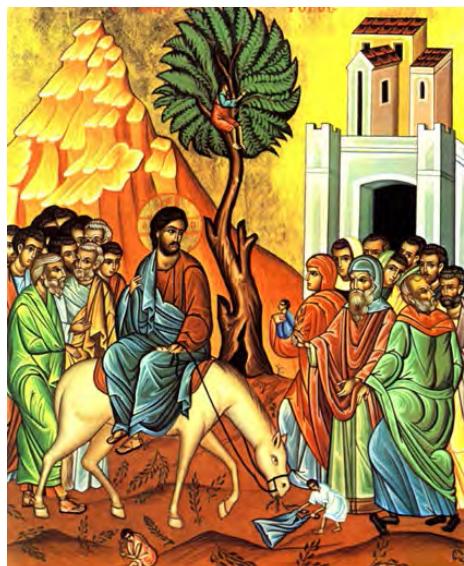
March 22

Presiding	Pastor Daniel Ruen
Preaching	Pastor Daniel Ruen
Assisting Minister	Connie Wood
Music Director	Mark Bowman
Lector	Colby Sellers
Cantor	Russ Kohnken
Acolyte	TBD
Ushers	Nate Brown, Karla Daye, Jon Flaherty
Coffee Hour	Christine Collins and Russ Kohnken
Altar Care	Susan Graef, Nancy Schubert
Godly Play	Dawn and Zinzi Steele
First Followers	Jarrod Gaither
Nursery Care	Nina Alvarez

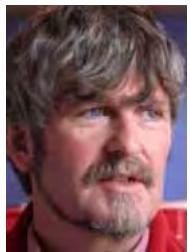


March 29 Palm Sunday

Presiding	Pastor Daniel Ruen
Preaching	Pastor Daniel Ruen
Assisting Minister	Taina Rodriguez Encarnación
Music Director	Mark Bowman
Lector	Christine Collins
Cantor	Reggie Bruce
Acolyte	David Thacker
Ushers	TBD
Coffee Hour	Bob and Gail Lamont
Altar Care	Ginny Ayers, Jeanine Brownell
Nursery Care	Nina Alvarez



March 8 Worship Workshop with John Bell



John Bell from the Iona Community in Scotland, one of the most accomplished theologian-musician-preacher-composers of our day, will be leading a workshop, "God, Land and Love," on Sunday, March 8, from 2:00-5:00PM at the First United Church of Oak Park. This workshop will explore how churches can highlight care for God's creation in worship—in song, prayer and preaching. Grace members and friends looking for exposure to new ideas and resources for worship are encouraged to participate. Contact Mark Bowman (markleby@comcast.net) for more information or to arrange for Grace to pay for the registration fee for you.

February Lutheran Magazine Article

Jose David Rodriguez, brother of Pastor Raquel and father of Taina Encarnacion, has written an article for the February 2015 Lutheran magazine. Pastor Jose is professor of global mission and world Christianity in the Augustana Heritage Chair of The Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. He recently was "on loan" from LSTC to serve as rector (president) of the ecumenical ISEDET Seminary in Buenos Aires, Argentina. He drew insights from and comments to readers' articles and addresses by Latina/o theologians Elsa Tamez, Lois N. Rivera Pagan and Aquiles Ernesto Martinez. His article in the Lutheran is on Deeper Understandings, in this case on the subject of Immigration, Coming to Terms with our Faith tradition and current affairs. This series is intended to be a public conversation among teaching theologians of the ELCA on various themes of our faith and the challenging issues of our day. It invites readers to engage in dialogue by posting comments online at the end of each article at www.thelutheran.org. His thought-provoking article is found on page 14 of the magazine.



Russia

Palm Sunday Around the World



Mexico



Haiti



Nicaragua



Canary Islands, Spain

Generations Class

This winter Grace began the second session of Generations, a Confirmation-style class for 5th– 7th grade students and their parents that explores the big concepts of faith, Christianity and the Lutheran tradition.

Rather than focusing on memorization and initiation into the church like traditional Confirmation programs, however, Generations provides an open forum for discussion and questions – encouraging young people and adults alike to think critically about their faith.

Each Sunday both parents and children meet together at 9:30, and PD presents a new concept. In our first session in the fall we discussed Jesus – who he was and what Christians believe about him — and in the current session, we are learning about other faith traditions around the world.

After PD's talk each week, parents and kids sit down for a brief discussion; then the youth and adults split into two groups to dig deeper into the topic.

Clare Tallon Ruen and I have taken turns leading the youth portion of the class, and my favorite part of both of the Generations sessions so far has been hearing from Grace's incredibly thoughtful and insightful youth. Some of our most fruitful discussions have included what Jesus meant by the "Kingdom of God," whether or not Jesus was really God, and why Jesus had to die. The students are never afraid to share diverging opinions and are always open to thinking about our topics from a variety of perspectives.

One of my favorite moments last fall was after our discussion regarding whether or not Jesus was God. After our class, several young people began looking for evidence of Jesus claiming to be God in the passages we read during church. They took careful notes and developed their own theory that they presented to PD after worship. I couldn't have been more excited to see them engaged



At Temple Beth Emet

in what they were learning and thinking critically about faith and worship.

As mentioned before, in our current session of Generations we are learning about other faith traditions. In the youth portion, we've tried our hand at some of the prayer and worship practices of other traditions including yoga, meditation and even building our own miniature Zen gardens. In addition, we are taking field trips to a local synagogue, a mosque and the Bahá'í temple.

If you're curious about other faiths, I'd encourage you to talk to our young people! They have great ideas about how our Lutheran tradition overlaps, connects and engages with other religions, and their experiences visiting other houses of worship are giving them a great perspective.

And, of course, even if you don't have a 5th – 7th grader, you are welcome to attend the adult portion of Generations. Come learn and grow with us!

Sarah Carson



Jarrod Gaither honored as Grace's Vision Keeper at dinner held Sunday, February 15, 2015

At the fund-raising dinner to honor Vision Keepers from various faith communities as part of Interfaith Action of Evanston, which provides services to homeless people including those who we assist by providing food for their warming center on the third Sunday of each month, Jarrod was Grace's Vision Keeper. See an article elsewhere in this issue describing that warming center. Following is a description of the many services Jarrod provides that led Grace to select him for 2015.

Jarrod Gaither: Grace Lutheran Church 2015 Vision Keeper

When Jarrod first came to Grace several years ago he had an interest in working with youth. He dove in to this ministry and became a trustworthy and creative servant, sponsoring yearly rummage sales and taking the youth on inspiring mission trips. However, something deeper was working in Jarrod. He also felt a call to preach. He entered into a process of lay preacher training and careful discernment, preaching his first sermon at Grace in the summer of 2013. This led him toward proclaiming the reconciling Word of God in deed, as well: Jarrod began making strong contacts between the various Lutheran churches in Evanston, first with youth-related activities, and then beyond. He's inspired all of us at Grace and in



Jeremy Lawson and Jarrod Gaither



other congregations to think more deeply about being members of the whole body of Christ. Working with Pastor Betty Landis from St. Paul's Lutheran, he connected five local congregations through deep discussion, prayer, and dreaming.

Jarrod now serves on the board of Northwestern Lutheran Campus Ministry, encouraging a rebirth of programming at this important location. He is also a leader at St. Paul's Lutheran's overnight emergency shelter. He works closely with the youth leaders from Trinity Lutheran in Evanston to share programming and plan cooperative youth trips and events. He does all this while maintaining a seat on the Grace council, and teaching our older grade-schoolers in Grace's "First Followers" program every Sunday morning.

According to Jesus, the best way for Christians to communicate the love of God to the world is by loving one another (John 13:35). Jarrod is an inspired keeper of God's reconciling vision, and we are so thankful for his ministry among us.

Those who attended the dinner besides Jarrod were his partner, Jeremy Lawson, Gail & Bob Lamont, Bob Carroll, Pastor Daniel Ruen, Holly O'Connor, Dorothy Nagelbach, Nancy Schubert, Lynn Otte and Les Inch.



Bob Lamont, Holly O'Connor, Jarrod Gaither, Lynn Otte and Pastor Daniel.



Palm Sunday in Valencia, España



Triumph Hall, a new affordable housing and community center for LGTQA seniors, is being planned for the Edgewater area. Grace member Tim Schannep is a Triumph Hall co-founder.

Here is a link to the Windy City Times about the project.

<http://www.windycitymediagroup.com/lgbt/LGBTQA-affordable-senior-housing-moves-into-Edgewater/50531.html>

Here is a reprint of an article about the project Tim wrote for the May, 2014 Harbinger

Triumph Hall

by Tim Schannep

My name is Tim Schannep. My husband Tony Garcia* and I have been members of Grace going on seven years. I've served on Church Council, and both of us were involved in the establishment of Micah 6:8, the group that formed at Grace when the ELCA was considering giving equal rights to LGBTQ clergy.

After reading several articles and watching documentaries on issues related to aging LGBTQ people, I became very fearful of what the future would be like for Tony, myself, and others I love. Then last June, when Tony was hospitalized, a doctor came into his room to do a basic exam. We spent several minutes explaining our relationship to the doctor; nevertheless, he said he would come back later and do the exam. I then asked if he would do the exam if I left the room. The doctor said yes, so I went into the hallway with my head down, knowing I had been put in my place. Later, when I talked to my own doctor about what had happened, she said there was no need for me to have to leave the room, but that I had done the right thing to make sure Tony got the prompt care he needed. So I have seen firsthand what lies ahead for Tony, myself, and those I know and love.

There currently are 3 million LGBTQ seniors in this country, and in less than 10 years there will be 4 million. Research conducted by the Williams Institute at the UCLA School of Law in 2006 predicts the number of LGBTQ seniors in Chicago will be 114,449.

When I was growing up, lesbian and gay people were considered to have a mental disease or defect and were forced to undergo lobotomies or shock treatments. Some were permanently placed in institutions. The American Psychiatric Association declassified

homosexuality as a mental disorder in 1973, but our brothers and sisters in the transgender community were not declassified until 2012. This leaves me and many I know not trusting many types of care and treatment.



The retirement portfolios for LGBTQ seniors are not as secure as that of the general public because of past – and current – job discrimination. This gap was not recognized sooner because the LGBTQ community has been focused on fundraising and caring for each other for the past 30 years of the AIDS epidemic.

A study released by the Equal Rights Center at the end of February – yes, just 3 months ago – shows that discrimination is rampant against same-sex couples seeking senior housing. The Equal Rights Center conducted 200 tests across 10 states to measure the extent of adverse, differential treatment against a senior seeking housing for oneself and a same-sex partner. When pairs of testers, one LGB and one heterosexual, visited the same senior housing facilities, in 48% of the tests the LGB tester experienced at least one type of adverse, differential treatment when compared to the heterosexual tester. In one case, the LGB tester reported being told that a \$4,500 deposit was required, which was not required of the heterosexual tester. LGB seniors were often presented with higher rental prices, more burdensome application requirements, less availability and fewer amenities.

The Equal Rights Center's study reinforces the fear I have of the treatment I will receive, not only from the staff but also the heterosexual seniors living in these communities (the acceptance rate of LGBTQ persons by those over 65 years of age is 20%, which I interpret to mean that 80% do not want to be around me).

So, without new retirement, assisted living and nursing home facilities being built, and without the training, accreditation and certification of current medical personnel in the respectful care of LGBTQ seniors, these brave people who have fought the fight for social justice all their lives to make changes for the whole society will go back in the corner and into the closet to spend their final years in fear.

Now let's go to a more positive place. I have been trying to put into practice Gandhi's famous quote, "be the change you wish to see in the world." I began investigating what was happening in Chicago for LGBTQ seniors, and I came across an article in the Huffington Post about a local designer who had just completed three years



of research for her Masters Degree in Interior Design, focusing on housing for LGBTQ seniors. After an initial phone call I met Vea Cleary, a creative force to be reckoned with. Together we co-founded Triumph Hall, and we have completed a year of hard but positive work. We've met with many politicians, developers, health care providers, community organizations, and on and on. The facility we intend to open will be called Triumph Hall, to celebrate all the LGBTQ creative geniuses from the past to the present who have left their mark on society. When you enter Triumph Hall's welcoming center you will see a time line going around the building recognizing those people and their work. Our plan is to have 200 independent living units, 40 assisted living units, and 20 nursing care units, with flexibility on the numbers as the project proceeds. We will have 10 units set aside for individuals who have fallen through the cracks, where they can reside while they obtain appropriate IDs and other

paperwork to enable them to move on in the community. Of course there will be no discrimination at Triumph Hall, so it will be open to the LGBTQ community and our straight allies.

To help us all better understand this complex and urgent issue, we are very happy to have the opportunity to present the documentary "A Place to Live: the Story of Triangle Square," about the first LGBTQ housing development in the United States. It will be shown on Friday, May 23rd at 7:00 p.m. in Grace's Fellowship Hall. A \$10 free-will offering is suggested, but all are welcome regardless of ability to pay. Vea Cleary and I both will be there and will be able to facilitate a conversation after the film showing about this critical need.

Tim Schannep

***Unfortunately Tim's beloved husband Tony died in August 2014. Grace folks who knew him mourn his loss along with Tim.**



Lack of affordable housing for young adults being addressed by Setting the Table group

For 14 months, representatives from the ELCA churches in Evanston have met to identify and address an unmet need in Evanston. With the unmet need now identified as affordable housing for young adults, potential organizational partners are now being invited to join our congregations in addressing this need. The first meeting will be in March. Grace has graciously provided \$500 to help cover costs for these breakfast meetings. The following is from a one-page document the group is using to introduce the opportunity to prospective partners:

What We've Learned

Young adults ages 18-25 without a permanent address face a number of barriers to secure housing. Temporary housing is often not available to them or is so undesirable that informal temporary housing (staying with friends or prostituting for a bed) is utilized. Their lack of stability also comes at a psychologically vulnerable time in their lives. Most homeless young adults lack the education and professional training to secure and maintain employment that will provide the means for the small number of affordable rentals in Evanston. In 2000, an individual needed to make \$16.46 per hour to afford a median rental here. The minimum wage in Illinois today is \$8.25. We do know that small social enterprises are beginning to help these young adults, but it is challenging for their clients to thrive without permanent housing. Federal funding is shifting to a "housing first" model that emphasizes stabilizing housing and then addresses factors leading to homelessness (e.g., physical and mental health issues, substance abuse, domestic abuse).

Who We Are

We are members of several Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) congregations in Evanston and many of us are Evanston residents. We have worked as a team to identify unmet needs in Evanston. We now hope to form a new, volunteer, community-based partnership to help address the unmet need of affordable housing for young adults between the ages of 18 and 25.

Our Process

Over the past year, we conducted many interviews with area service providers and held a listening summit of 17 organizations. Through this process and from a long list of unmet needs, we determined that our focus would be permanent housing for young adults. A March 2008 Open Communities Fact Sheet noted "There currently are no affordable housing facilities for youth or young adults in Evanston." This remains true today.

What We Seek

We want to partner with you as social enterprises, affordable housing developers, and advocates for affordable housing in a collaborative manner to find housing for homeless young men and women in Evanston.

Grace members recently involved in the group's meetings are Ginny Ayers, Kim Brown, Joe Flint, Dorothy Nagelbach, and Pastor Daniel Ruen. Contact any of them to learn more or to become involved.

March Calendar

Every Sunday 10:45 Worship followed by coffee hour

Sunday School during worship

- March 7** Stroke Screening at Grace

March 8 Daylight Saving Time Begins

March 15 Breakfast Grocery Collection
Harbinger Deadline

March 22 Ignite Service Meeting after worship
Book Group chez Marilyn Grinager Mason 3:00pm

March 29 Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast, 8-10am

March 29-Apr 5 Family Promise at Grace



Catholic penitents hold decorations made of palm fronds during a procession on Palm Sunday at the 20 de Julio Church in Bogota

Grace Church Council

Les Inch, Council President

**Taina Rodriguez Encarnacion, Martha Fry, Jarrod Gaither,
Nate Johnson, Dorothy Nagelbach, Holly O'Connor, Laura Wally**



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