

Personal DailyWalk

Can you imagine...a space for Grace

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Monday: John 1:16: From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.

“Grace is difficult to understand because of my humanity. I like to view Grace as everyday events, people, and situations. But, it involves trusting God that his promises are exact and untarnished. And, they are ever present in events like a golden sunrise, the stillness of a winter’s evening, a birth, or even a moment of anguish. All these moments are Grace because God, through Jesus, is with us no matter the circumstance – good or bad. He loves us, protects us, and redeems us. He brings us situations which allow us to endure in order to see the beauty and awesomeness of life where He is present. This is my Grace.” (Kathleen Pritchett)

Can you imagine...space for grace where all see and feel the grace of God around us?

PRAYER: Dear Loving God, may we all be aware of your presence and grace in our everyday lives. Amen.

Tuesday: Romans 12:5 So we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.

“Each Monday night, a group of volunteers come together united by a single mission: to extend Christ’s welcoming hospitality to our neighbors. The result is a comfortable dining experience that opens the door to Christian fellowship among strangers and friends alike. It is this Spirit of Christ, simply reaching out and welcoming anyone who comes, that has powerfully graced our Community Meals and fostered its growth.” (Carol Beeman)

Can you imagine...space for grace where rich and poor, believer and unbeliever, can come together under God’s grace and share the bounty of God’s hand?

PRAYER: We thank you, Father, for the opportunity to serve our neighbors through Community Meals at Faith. We ask that our service be in a manner that is pleasing to you and communicates your unending grace and love. Amen.

Wednesday: 1Thessalonians 5:11 Therefore encourage one another and build up each other,...

“I walked into church that morning grieving for my friends who had experienced yet another crisis. They are believers, and I had done what I could and prayed with them and for them. Jane saw me from across the foyer, and when she walked up, the tears began to flow. She took my hand and said we should find a quiet space to talk, which is not an easy thing on a Sunday morning. We went to a back room and talked and prayed, rather than go to the service. Strength returned. I asked Jane

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about missing the service, but she assured me God had her exactly where she needed to be. I will never forget the grace shown to me so I could once again stand in faith.”

Can you imagine...space for grace where we can minister to the needs of one another and share God’s love and grace?

PRAYER: Lord, may I always be ready to share your grace with those who need to be uplifted. Amen.

Thursday: John 15:8. This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit...

“There are many instances where God’s grace poured out to help me. I may have not recognized God’s love working until after the fact. People at Faith took me under their collective wings and made me feel most comfortable. I have been touched and inspired countless times by so many good people. This inspires me to try to help others, and there are many opportunities at Faith to do just that. However, we are limited by space restrictions. For example, our 9:30 am Adult Sunday School and Stephen Ministry Peer Supervision share the library on an alternating week basis, since there are no other rooms available.” (Michael Pritchett)

Can you imagine...space for grace and facilities so we can reach the full potential of our congregation, both now and in the future?

PRAYER: May God guide and strengthen us in his work, and may his will be done. Amen.

Friday: Psalm 133:1 Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together...

“Although Ken was president of our congregation at the time, there were almost no teens, so I went looking for a church for our children and also with a choir. I had attended a closer church one Sunday and even picked up some choir music, but no one smiled or greeted us. I found Faith in the phone book and saw an old acquaintance and a wonderful choir. The people, all the activities and classes, a sense of a true Christian community, a choir that makes my soul soar, and a clear Biblically based message are all reasons why we stay at Faith.” (Jane Bergo)

Can you imagine...space for grace where grace welcomes all who enter to hear God’s Word and fellowship with His people?

PRAYER: Father, through Your Son, You guide us to places where grace abounds. Amen.

Saturday: Acts 14:22b We have to suffer a lot before we can get into God’s kingdom.

“If you reach a certain time in life without enduring hardships, consider yourself blessed. In my walk, I have looked challenges in the eye and asked God, ‘Why?’ At times I have received answers, other times I have not. I know the pain of many challenges – physical, mental, financial, and spiritual. Being surrounded by grace and my family at Faith, I have overcome many hardships like losses, health concerns, and dealing with emotional and financial crises. I have now come to appreciate the trials. I have come a long way, but I still have a way to go, through which I know my church family will continue to graciously support me.”

Can you imagine...space for grace where people gather to help each other through physical, emotional, and financial crises, and so much more, as we offer grace and love to the world?

PRAYER: I thank you God, that through Jesus, you have graced me with a loving community of faith who continues to walk with me and support me. Amen

Sunday: Matthew 19:14 Let the children come to me ...

“When Programs for Young Children (PYC) began in the fall of 2002, Faith Lutheran offered preschool to two groups of twelve children in the preschool room designed during the last building project, along with a Toddler-Parent playgroup in the nursery one morning each week. Fast forward 16 years to the present; PYC serves 99 children on site each week, with more served through BabyTALK in private homes and at Fontabella Maternity Home. PYC grew out of the original space, and still families want their child to have the Faith Lutheran PYC start in life. God has had big plans for Faith's ministry to young children and families. Imagine a space with the required 50 square feet per child in order to be licensed for child care, where there are no makeshift classrooms and indoor play space, and where needed supplies are stored out of sight.” (Kie Zelms)

Can you imagine...space for grace for God's grace to grow in our children?

PRAYER: Lord God, please give Faith a safe place to teach children, and where families can spread out and make connections. Amen.

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