



TRUNK OR TREAT!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31 ~ 5PM SET UP

Join us for the 19th Annual Trunk or Treat at Grace! We will gather at 5pm to decorate our trunks. Candy & treats will be handed out until they are all gone. If you plan to attend please let Hollie Swain know (563-514-4022 or k75hollie@gmail.com). The past several years we have treated about 200+ children. Contact Hollie if you are unsure about the weather.

FALL HARVEST FESTIVAL

LIVE MUSIC - FALL VEGGIES
LOCAL ARTISANS - BAKERS
FOOD TRUCKS - FAMILY FUN

SAT NOV 1ST | SUN NOV 2ND
10AM-4PM | 10AM-3PM

421 W RIVER DR, DAVENPORT, IA 52803
www.freighthousefarmersmarket.com

Gather with neighbors and support Grace and other QC Area Lutheran Churches at the Farmers Market Fall Festival November 1 & 2.

Grace is partnering with St. James, Zion, St. Mark, and Trinity. We will sell quilts and handmade items. Grace quilters have generously donated several beautiful quilts!

All Saints Sunday ~ Bring a Photo

On All Saints Sunday, November 2, we'd like to have a display of our loved ones who have passed. That morning, please bring a photo (in a frame if available) of your Saint for the collection.

Kids Fall Party!

Friday, November 14 | 5:30-7:30pm

For Kids Ages 3 Years and Up ~ Dinner Included

Grace Lutheran Church | 1140 E High St | Davenport, IA

Games 🍁 Crafts 🍁 Bible Stories 🍁 Pizza 🍁

Register to attend at bit.ly/GraceKidsNov14 or scan the QR Code ↓

Questions? Or would you like to help? Talk with Pastor Kirsten

Food Pantry Sunday

Our next food pantry collection is Sunday, November 2.

Let's make this our best year yet! Suggestions and ideas are in the weekly update email and Grace Notes newsletter. Bring your non-perishable donations on Sunday and set them before the altar.

Looking Ahead

- **October 26 Reception for Pr. Stephanie**
- **October 26** IFF Party
- **October 31 Trunk or Treat!**
- **November 2** All Saints Sunday
- **November 4** Polling Location at Grace
- **November 6** Prs at Boundaries Training
- **November 7** Pray & Play
- **November 9** Stewardship Sunday
- **November 14** Kids Fall Party
- **November 15** POW Journals
- **November 16** Stewardship Brunch
- **November 25-Dec 1** Pr. Stephanie Vacation
- **November 27-28** Office Closed for the Thanksgiving holiday
- **November 30** First Sunday in Advent

Names for All Saints

On All Saints Sunday we remember and give thanks for those loved ones who have died and have entered the church triumphant. On All Saints Sunday, November 2, we will read names of our beloved saints who have completed their baptismal journey. If you have names of loved ones you would like to have remembered, **please email or call the church office no later than October 30** (be sure to include pronunciations if necessary). We are indeed surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses!

Grace Lutheran Church
1140 E High St | Davenport, IA

POW Journals of Ray Walton

Saturday, November 15
9:00am in Pat Bell Hall

The Grace Page Turners group invites you to a special presentation: Mike Walton will be presenting the *Prisoner of War Journals of Ray Walton* from Mike's father's experiences as a POW during World War II. Please join us.

If you have any questions, call Carol Keller 563-340-9013. There are couple of copies of the journals in the church office to check out.

Sunday, October 26

8:30am Traditional Worship & Livestream

9:30am Special Reception

10:30am Contemporary Worship

3:00pm IFF Fall/Halloween Party

Monday, October 27

10:30am Staff Meeting

4:30pm Centering Prayer

7:00pm Council Meeting - PBH

Tuesday, October 28

10:00am Pastor's Text Study - PBH

7:00pm The Anxious Generation

Wednesday, October 29

12:00pm Men's Lunch Group

6:00pm Confirmation @ St. James

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 30

11:00am Story of Paul Bible Study

Friday, October 31

5:00pm Trunk or Treat



Saturday, November 1

Farmer's Market and Habitat Work Day

1:30pm Praise Band Rehearsal

Sunday, November 2

Farmer's Market; All Saints Sunday

Food Pantry Sunday

Daylight Savings Ends

8:30am Traditional Worship & Livestream

9:30am Special Reception

10:30am Contemporary Worship

Monday, November 3

10:30am Staff Meeting

4:30pm Centering Prayer

Tuesday, November 4

Election Day Polling Location

10:00am Pastor's Text Study - PBH

1:30pm Personnel Committee Mtg

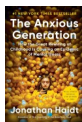
5:00pm Property Committee Mtg

Wednesday, November 5

12:00pm Men's Lunch Group

5:30pm Grief Support Group - PBH

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal



The Anxious Generation Book Study

Watch for the next scheduled class | Led by Pastor Kirsten

The Anxious Generation studies the epidemic of teen mental illness, including why children need play and independent exploration to mature into thriving adults. Anyone is welcome at anytime - this study is open to the community, so please invite your friends and family! Pr. Kirsten can answer any questions.



Story of Paul Bible Study

Thursdays, 11:00am | Led by Pastor Stephanie

Please contact the office at office@gracewelcomesyou.org or 563-322-0769 if you are interested. There is a participant book with only a few pages of reading for each session. Pr. Stephanie can answer any questions.

Grief Support Group

Next Meeting: Nov 5 Grief Support Group meets the first and third Wednesdays month 5:30pm in Pat Bell Hall. Anyone is welcome at anytime, and please be assured our conversations are kept in confidence. Questions? Cindy Lee 563-370-5386.

Service Day Quilters

Next Meeting Dates: November 11 & 12 | 9am-Noon

Anyone can join to help at church or at home. Questions? Gloria Lange 563-271-1542 langejg1@msn.com or Kathy Miller kathyk1679@aol.com 563-676-0914.

Page Turners Book Group

Next Meeting: November 15 See the POW Journals information (over).

Naomi Circle

Next Meeting: November 18, 9:00am Meets the third Tuesday of the month Sept-May for refreshments, fellowship, devotions, and bible study. All are welcome to join us! Questions? Joyce Marinaccio 563-343-3404 or gsgopher50@gmail.com.

Centering Prayer

Mondays 4:30pm via Zoom In the Christian tradition, Contemplative Prayer is considered to be the pure gift of God - an the opening of mind and heart. Cheryl Kritsch 563-343-0135 facilitates the group which meets via Zoom every Monday (except holidays) at 4:30pm (link emailed in the Weekly Update).

Men's Lunch

The Men's Lunch meets at noon every Wednesday at church. Bring a lunch from home or pick something up from a restaurant. Contact Dennis Boehme at boehmed@aol.com or 563-320-2661 to be added to the email list.

An Afternoon with Bishop Current

Sunday, November 16 | 2-4pm | Faith Lutheran (500 W LeClaire Rd, Eldridge)



Spirit, Open Our Hearts Bishop Current will share stories of the impact of mission support over the last year with words of gratitude. This gathering is for anyone interested in gathering with people from other area congregations and hearing more about the ministry we do together as the Southeastern Iowa Synod and beyond.



Habitat for Humanity 2025

Saturday, November 1 | 9am-Noon or Noon-3pm

Help with framing, drywall, siding, and much more for families who dream of owning a home. No prior building experience needed. Register to attend at bit.ly/HabitatWorkDay or talk with Pastor Kirsten.

**Scan for the
current Weekly
Update email**



Following Jesus' teachings, Grace seeks to educate, lead, and partner
with all people through discipleship to worship, service, and faith celebration.

Reformation Sunday

October 26, 2025 8:30am

Grace Lutheran Church, Davenport, Iowa
Pastor Stephanie Wood † Pastor Kirsten Lee

Welcome! We are so happy you have joined us!

Congregational response in bold.

Prelude

Festive Prelude on "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" Luther/Victor Johnson

Announcements

Call to Worship

Heart & Voice Choir *We Are Justified*

A Chorus of Generosity

Come, make a joyful noise to God, all the earth!

Come, let us worship God!

Near and far, we hear the songs of sorrow –

let us listen, and act, so they become songs of gladness.

Near and far, we hear the sounds of suffering –

let us listen, and act, so they become songs of relief.

Near and far, we hear the sounds of injustice –

let us listen, and act, so they become songs of repair.

Come, make a joyful noise to God, all the earth –
Come, let us worship God!

Confession & Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.
Amen. Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. (*Silence is kept for reflection.*)

Merciful and loving God,
we are your stubborn people. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of † Jesus, your sins are forgiven! **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

The Church of Christ, in Every Age ELW 729

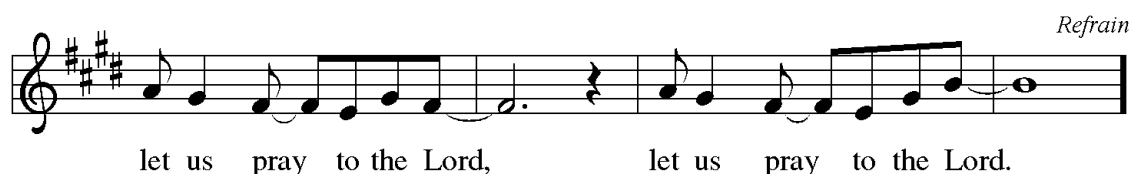
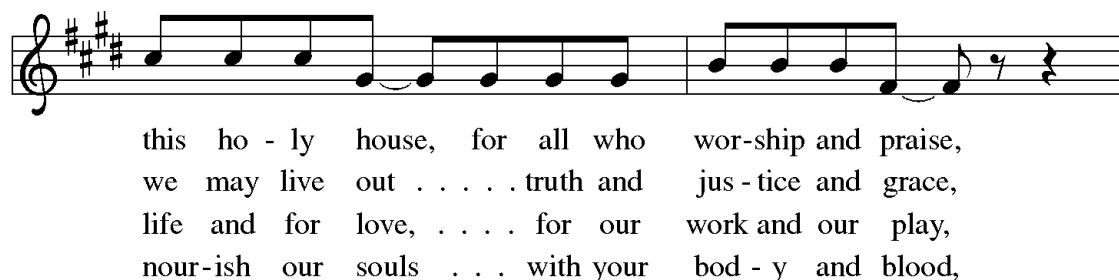
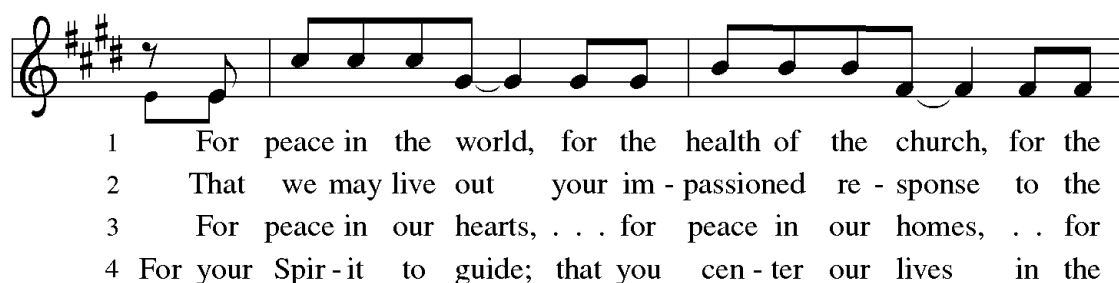
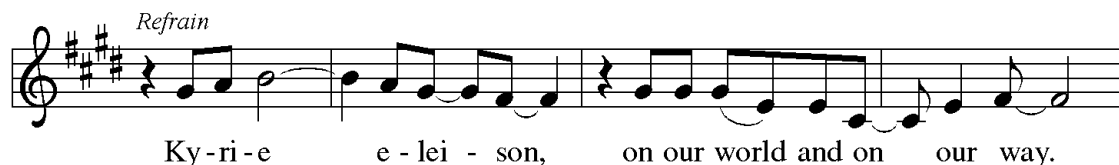
- 1 The church of Christ, in ev'ry age beset by change, but Spirit-led,
 must claim and test its heritage and keep on rising from the dead.
- 2 Across the world, across the street, the victims of injustice cry
 for shelter and for bread to eat, and never live before they die.
- 3 Then let the servant church arise, a caring church that longs to be
 a partner in Christ's sacrifice, and clothed in Christ's humanity.
- 4 For he alone, whose blood was shed, can cure the fever in our blood,
 and teach us how to share our bread and feed the starving multitude.
- 5 We have no mission but to serve in full obedience to our Lord;
 to care for all, without reserve, and spread his liberating word.

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Kyrie

Kyrie Eleison, On Our World and On Our Way ELW p. 184



Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Almighty God, gracious Lord,

we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Heart & Voice Choir Anthem

God Is My Strong Salvation Southern Folk Hymn, arr. by Lloyd Pfautsch

*God is my strong salvation; what foe have I to fear?
In darkness and temptation, my light, my help is near.
Though hosts encamp around me, firm in the fight I stand.
What terror can confound me, with God at my right hand?*

*Place on the Lord reliance; my soul with courage wait.
His truth be thine affiance when faint and desolate.
His might thy heart shall strengthen. His love thy joy increase.
Mercy thy days shall lengthen; the Lord will give thee peace.*

Children's Message

First Reading | Jeremiah 31:31-34

The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the Lord means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the Lord will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant

that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

though its waters rage and foam, and
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;

God shall help it at the break of day.

**The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

**Come now, regard the works of the Lord,
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**

behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;

**who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,
and burns the shields with fire.**

“Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted
among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Gospel Acclamation*

Alleluia. Lord, to Whom Shall We Go?..... ELW p. 188



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel Reading* | John 8:31-36

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

*Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word.
He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.*

Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. So, if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

God's Word Is Our Great Heritage..... ELW 509

God's word is our great heritage
and shall be ours forever;
to spread its light from age to age
shall be our chief endeavor.
Through life it guides our way;
in death it is our stay.
Lord, grant while time shall last
your church may hold it fast
throughout all generations.

Text: Nicolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783-1872; tr. Ole G. Belsheim, 1861-1925, alt.

Apostles' Creed

Let us proclaim our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Let us pray. Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

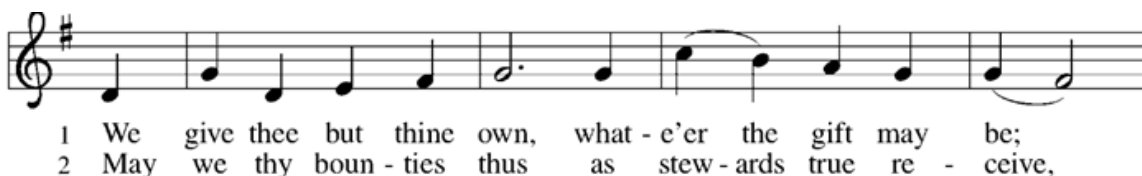
And also with you.

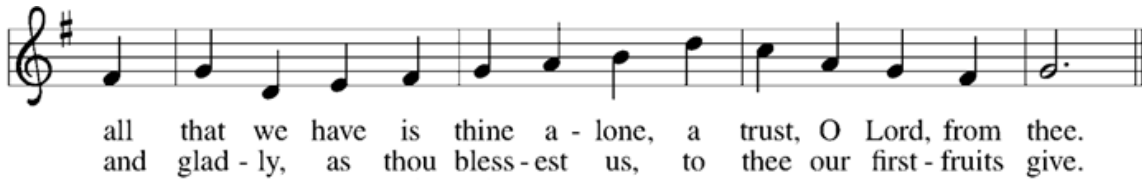
Call to Offering

We are given holy opportunities to share our gifts no matter who we are or where we are on life's journey. In a chorus of generosity may we embrace joy as we discern where God is calling and leading us.

Offering Hymn

We Give Thee but Thine Own..... ELW 686





Offertory Prayer

Let us pray. Lord of the harvest,

we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anointing with Oil for Healing and Wholeness

Our Lord Jesus healed many as a sign of the reign of God come near and sent the disciples to continue this work of healing—with prayer, the laying on of hands, and anointing. In the name of Christ, the great healer and reconciler of the world, we now entrust to God all who are in need of healing.

Loving God... **Your Son Jesus brought healing and wholeness to all. Bring your healing presence now to all who are sick or in pain. Grant hope to all who are discouraged or in despair.**

Siblings in Christ, I invite you to come and receive a sign of healing and wholeness in the name of the triune God.

Compassionate God... **the strength of those who suffer, bring hope and peace to all who are in mental, physical, or spiritual distress.**

All-knowing God... **source of human knowledge, give skill, wisdom, and compassion to all who provide medical care.**

Loving God... **our creator and redeemer, give gentleness and courage to family members, friends, and caregivers of those who suffer.**

God of great and abundant mercy... **with your presence sustain all for whom we pray. Drive away their suffering, give them firm hope, and strengthen their trust in you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Blessing

Friends, go now in peace. To the songs of sorrow and suffering and injustice, listen with love and act with courage, that they might one day become songs of gladness, relief, and repair. In the name of the Creator, Christ, and † Holy Spirit, **Amen!**

Closing Hymn

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God ELW 504

- 1 A mighty fortress is our God,
 a sword and shield victorious;
 he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod
 and wins salvation glorious.
 The old satanic foe
 has sworn to work us woe!
 With craft and dreadful might
 he arms himself to fight.
 On earth he has no equal.
- 2 No strength of ours can match his might!
 We would be lost, rejected.
 But now a champion comes to fight,
 whom God himself elected.
 You ask who this may be?
 The Lord of hosts is he!
 Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,
 God's only Son, adored.
 He holds the field victorious.
- 3 Though hordes of devils fill the land
 all threat'ning to devour us,
 we tremble not, unmoved we stand;
 they cannot overpow'r us.
 Let this world's tyrant rage;
 in battle we'll engage!
 His might is doomed to fail;
 God's judgment must prevail!
 One little word subdues him.
- 4 God's Word forever shall abide,
 no thanks to foes, who fear it;

for God himself fights by our side
with weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house,
goods, honor, child, or spouse,
though life be wrenched away,
they cannot win the day.
The kingdom's ours forever!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. Lutheran Book of Worship
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Sending

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

*Postlude on "Ein Feste Burg"*Luther/Sandra Gay



Junior Bible Study | God Gives David Courage

Junior Bible Study is offered for children after the children's sermon during worship at both services. We will return from our time together before communion begins. Once again, we will use The Story as our guide for our learning. We will learn the familiar Bible Stories through these books, felt board, games, and crafts. We hope your children can join us!

Interested in Joining Grace? Please contact the church office office@gracewelcomesyou.org, for information about joining Grace Lutheran Church. All are welcome and we would be overjoyed to have you engaged in the worship, ministries, and congregational life at Grace.

Do You Receive the Weekly Update Email? Every Thursday we email out the Weekly Update with current announcements, links, birthdays, anniversaries, Synod/ELCA updates, and more. If you would like to be added to our email list, please contact Annie in the church office.

Serving in Worship

Presiding	Pastor Stephanie Wood
Preaching Today: Director of Outreach & Youth Minister	Pastor Kirsten Lee
Assisting Minister	Ruth McAndrews
Healing Assistants	Ruth McAndrews, Deb Gustafson, Chuck Lehman, Colleen Levsen
Acolyte	Matt Levsen
Crucifer	Matt Levsen
Greeter	Jackie Cain
Ushers	Rod Levsen Sr, Rod Levsen Jr
Jr Bible Study	Jane Krumwiede, Carol Keller
Sound System	Russ Finkler
Prayers	Chryss Hartman
Altar Guild	Mike Keller
Heart & Voice Choir Director	Sally Meier
Organist	Susan Senn
Pianist	Kathi Parrish
Worship Tech & Praise Band Leader	Vey Rodriguez
Coffee/Cookies/Snacks	Special Reception

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