

A Grace Note from the Rector
May 2, 2024

Dear Ones,

On Monday night, Grace Village had its final God & Grub for the academic year. We were joined by Bishop Jennifer and Canon Giulianna. (You will see other familiar faces.) It was an overflow crowd, with good food and lots of sharing memories of the past year. The evening ended with a service of blessing and sending forth for the summer.

Grace Village is a progressive and inclusive Lutheran-Episcopal-Presbyterian-Methodist Campus Ministry at BSU where **all are welcome**. Pastor Robert Abner (for whom we pray every week) has been the campus pastor since 2009.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Betsy & Steve Scherschel (May 7, 2011)

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GATHERING GRACE

Gathering Grace served **124 meals on Sunday**. We were very busy! This week's entrée is **Shepherd's** pie, so grab your shepherd's crook and join us on Sunday afternoon. You can come anytime from noon to four; stay as long as you like.

YARN & YARNS

Join the needleworkers in the Parish Library from 10-Noon on Wednesdays **May 8 and 22**.

A BETTER WAY ~ APRIL NEEDS

Deodorant, shampoo, body wash, journals, and ballpoint pens. A Better Way is a multi-service organization providing emergency shelter and services for victims of domestic violence and/or sexual assault and their children.

CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES ~ ONGOING NEEDS

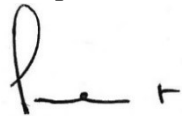
Personal Care Items: Bar soap, shampoo, toothpaste, dish soap, laundry detergent, toilet paper, lg/med diapers, towels, washcloths, blankets. **Food Pantry:** Canned fruit, meats, and soup, crackers, cereal, pasta & sauce, mac & cheese.

I am writing this on the afternoon of **May Day**. Do you recall making May Day baskets of paper flowers to hang on the doorknobs of neighbors? Does anyone still do that? I don't know what the weather will be like when you read this, but it is so spectacular this afternoon that I wanted to share this poem by **Billy Collins**. Collins was born in 1941 in New York City, and is one of America's most popular poets. His verses help us feel the mystery of being alive. Happy Spring!

Today by Billy Collins

If ever there were a spring day so perfect,
so uplifted by a warm intermittent breeze
that it made you want to throw
open all the windows in the house
and unlatch the door to the canary's cage,
indeed, rip the little door from its jamb,
a day when the cool brick paths
and the garden bursting with peonies
seemed so etched in sunlight
that you felt like taking
a hammer to the glass paperweight
on the living room end table,
releasing the inhabitants
from their snow-covered cottage
so they could walk out,
holding hands and squinting
into this larger dome of blue and white,
well, today is just that kind of day.

Keep on feasting! Alleluia, Alleluia!



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