

Celebrating 80 Years

On Sunday, August 27, the people of Grace celebrated 80 years of God's faithfulness. Worship was festive, with guest brass players (including Carl and Jan Stubenrauch's talented grandchildren). Boyd and Josh shared their talents generously. The choir voiced our praise in their anthem, and Katherine Alexander and Diana Anderson lifted our hearts with two duets. The presence of Pastors Ron Roschke and Zach Parris added to the delight of the day. Pr. Roschke preached powerfully, reminding the congregation that Peter, the rock, was a rock that sometimes eclipsed the light of Christ, yet God in Christ was/is faithful and merciful. With encouragement and thanksgiving, the congregation left the sanctuary to be the church in the neighborhood. And what a great party we had!

The Hunter Hamilton Group set the cheerful tone with their music, and helped attract people on the street. The planning team had food and hospitality set for everyone who came by. If 5000 had shown up, they would have fed them all with 12 hot dogs leftover. For over 2 hours, Beach Park was a place of hospitality and welcome.

Thank you, Grace, for the witness of grace you gave, and for celebrating in a way that fits the name of this community of faith.





From Lutheran Family Services: “Congratulations on 80 years! We have been honored to walk with you during your history and are appreciative of your amazing partnership and generosity.” “Thank you for the love and compassion you have shown, and the partnership and support you have offered LFS. Your impact as a congregation has been significant to so many.” “We are proud to celebrate with you during this significant anniversary. Thank you for being the light of Christ in our community for 80 years!” “We especially are grateful for your magnificent partnership in loving and serving the beighbor througth LFS that has brought healing, help and hope to countless of vulnerable children, families, refugees, elderly and victims of disaster. We give God thanks and praise for your faithfulness and generosity over 8 decades, and wish you many more.” The notes were written by Tim Zeckser (Director of Major and Planned Gifts and *son of the congregation*), Katie Scherr (Church Relations), Jane Pope Meehan (Vice President) and Jim Barclay (President and CEO).