

# Grace Notes

January 2011



## From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Let me be one of the first to say,  
"Happy New Year and God's  
richest blessings in 2011!"



It's hard to believe that another year has come and gone. As with every New Year there are reflections on the past and a looking back to see where we've been, how life has changed, and anticipation as to what the New Year will hold for each one of us. Whatever the case might be and whatever might come our way, one thing is for certain, "Jesus Christ doesn't change – yesterday, today, tomorrow - He's always totally Himself!" Unfortunately that's not the case with us – He's God and we're not and we're all about changing – just look in the mirror if you have your doubts! In fact, January is a time when many people seek change within themselves whether it's through a diet, an exercise plan, or by setting new goals and objectives, each one of us can and does at some point in our life measure the progress and the change that has taken place over time. Some of

them are good and not so good, depending on the results of that change.

The same can be said for us at Grace Lutheran Church and School as we enter this New Year! Unknown to us, God's already at work fostering His plan and our future. As He declares in Jeremiah 29:11-12, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.' Then you will call upon me, and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you." It's exciting when we can begin to see some of that plan come together when led by God's Spirit and it's confirmed by God's people.

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## "Fellowship Time" on December 26th:

On the Sunday after Christmas, plan to bring some Christmas goodies and join us for an extended fellowship time during the Bible Class Hour.

*We will not have adult Bible classes on that last Sunday of the month.*

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That was the case this past Sunday when we were able to catch a glimpse of that future as we begin 2011 with the Congregational Voter's Assembly approval of hosting a Transforming Congregational Network (TCN) Consultation Weekend sometime within the next few months as recommended by our recent Task Force Report. I consider this to be a huge step of faith on the part of God's people to willingly subject our ministry to an outside professional source that seeks to transform congregations and schools in becoming growing, effective, and outreach focused ministries. And what's exciting about that weekend, is that your participation and input to the consultants will serve as a vital component to God's plan for that future!

You will be receiving more information about the Consultation Weekend in the days ahead, but in summary the process will result in the TCN Team presenting their findings which will include a listing of 5 Strengths – 5 Areas Needing Growth – and 5 Prescriptions from their professional experience for addressing and revitalizing our congregation for a more effective ministry in this community. After prayerful consideration of 4-6 weeks following that weekend, the congregation, led by God's Holy Spirit, will be asked to vote and approve the report and commit to meeting all five prescriptions as presented.

What does a revitalized congregation look like? It is one that is regularly and consistently "making new disciples who

make new disciples" in line with our Mission Statement and Core Values. A revitalized congregation will possess many of the following healthy characteristics for our future:

- Growth of the congregation through adult baptisms and confirmations.
- Increase in worship attendance by five percent or more annually.
- Rise in stewardship and financial commitments.
- Increased number of hours invested by staff and congregation in community service.
- A minimum of four regularly scheduled community outreach events.

## Transforming Churches Network - Phase 1

The congregation voted to engage in the first phase of the Transforming Churches Network in association with the Southern District as the mechanism for handling the recommendations from our task force. More information will be coming early next year. The main event of the first phase is a consultation weekend in March. During this weekend, the consultants will meet with various

groups within the congregation in order to develop a set of recommendations. The congregation will have several weeks to consider the recommendations before a vote is taken on whether to move into stage 2. If we accept the recommendations, a coach will work with us to implement them. More to follow in the coming weeks.

## From the Pastor's Desk ...cont.

- Increased participation in Small Group Ministry.
- Participation in starting new ministries and church planting.

What makes TCN different than the past consultations? First of all, it comes through the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS) as part of our Ablaze Movement of outreach recognized by 30+ Synodical Districts including the Southern and is an approved Recognized Service Organization of the Synod (RSO) as is the LWML and Lutheran Laymen's League

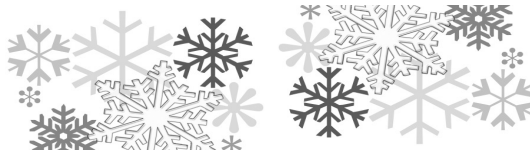
(LLL) with some 400 congregations participating. Secondly, it provides an accountability component as TCN walks beside us with a specially trained Coach who will meet monthly with the Pastor and regularly with the Leadership for at least one year in assisting us in meeting those prescriptions. Finally, it will provide us with a vibrant ministry direction for impacting this community and world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ for years to come.

Let me encourage you in closing to begin praying at every

opportunity for our TCN Consultation Weekend, our consultants, Church and School Staff, lay leaders, our members, and our community that we might be open and obedient to God's direction and leading of His Holy Spirit. As part of our preparation we will be surrounding the entire issue in prayer throughout the process for God's will to be done and His Kingdom to come!

Your Servant in Christ,

Pastor Blair Clark



## Saints Alive January Events

The first January Saints Alive event will be on Wednesday, January 5, 2011 and it will be a busy day. We will meet in the church library at 9:30 AM to plan the events for the next six months. Please bring some good ideas.

At 10:45 AM we will leave the church and travel to the Huntsville Museum of Art for a tour of the new Davidson wing of the museum plus viewing the current exhibits. We will have lunch at the museum in the "Pane Vino" restaurant. Since lunch reservations are necessary please sign up on the sheet outside of the church office by Monday, January 3rd.



**Happy New Year and we hope to see you on the 5th.**

## The Principal's Corner

"Glory to God in the highest heaven, Who unto man His Son hath given; While angels sing with tender mirth, A glad new year to all the earth" – Martin Luther.

Amazing, how fast the year has gone! So much has happened from this past spring through the summer and into the new school year, and yet so much more is in store as the second half of the school year and the beginning of a new year get underway.

Reflecting upon 2010 we have so much to be thankful for and a reminder of work and blessings ahead of us. Grace has undergone 21<sup>st</sup> century educational transformation in the additions of technology in the classrooms, a new communication data base system, a full day kindergarten program, a 5 day a week hot lunch program, science laboratory, and the resurrection of the school endowment

program just for starters. We have seen our school grow by 35 students since June to a student body of 147, and plans are underway in developing a strong PR program to help us articulate just what kind of premier Christian school we have here to the community of Huntsville. We have so much to be thankful for.

Our student body has been busy in 2010 taking on various service projects around the community and abroad. We have raised money for LWML, for Maize Ann, baked cookies for shut-ins, wrote cards and made decorations for the retirement homes. We collected food and funds for the food pantry, and operation shoe box, and we sponsored a child in another country so they could go to school and have food and clothing. We witnessed and shared our faith through our gifts with over 360 in attendance at the December 8<sup>th</sup> Advent



Matthew 4:19

Service. Some people were there for the first time!

God is at work here at Grace, and we have so much more to do. Thanks to all who have given so much support to the school ministry. Together 2010 has been a year of change, and growth. Together, we can face the challenges of 2011 and continue the momentum that has been sparked by the resurgence of 2010. Hard work, change and support are still needed to help continue the transformation of Grace. Only through Him, can we achieve such grace.

Serving His Kingdom,  
Joshua Swartz  
Principal



**Blood Drive**

## Bring Your Blood January 9th!!

Don't leave home with it. Grace Lutheran Church will have a Blood Drive on Sunday, January 9. Donate and help save a life.

P.S. There are free doughnuts involved!!



# Ladies of Grace

## You're Invited

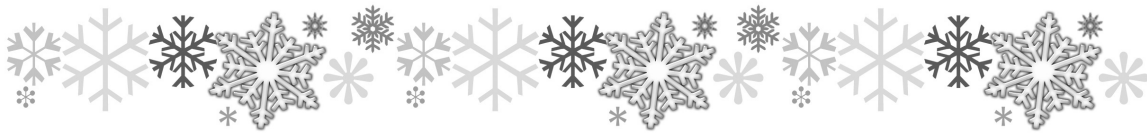
Who: Ladies & Teen Girls  
 What: LOG Quarterly Fellowship  
 Lasagna Luncheon & Song Fest  
 When: Saturday, January 22,  
 11:00 a.m.  
 GLS Annex Assembly Room

### Menu

Caesar Salad      Garlic Toast  
 Baked Lasagna      Cheese Cake  
 Coffee/Tea/Punch

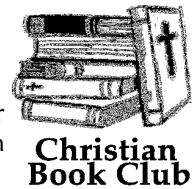
Featuring: Song Fest  
 with Ellinor White on the piano;  
 you choose your favorite hymns/songs  
 \$5.00 - Reservation Required  
 Purchase your tickets  
 from a LOG Circle Chair  
 Karen Crout      Rita Lange  
 Joyce McClure      Heather Roberts  
 Pam Stieglitz

**The Cookin' for Missions** advent supper of December 8 was a huge success. A sell-out crowd enjoyed beef stew, chicken soup, hot dogs and brownies prepared and served by the LOG Board. Donations to the GLC Adult Mission Trip Fund totaled just under \$500.00. Thank you to all who enjoyed the meal and donated generously to the mission fund.

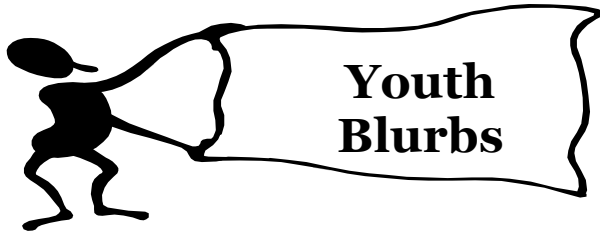


## Christian Book Club Meeting

The Book Club will be reading A Prairie Christmas Collection by Tracie Peterson for January. We will discuss the book on January 12 at 10:00 AM. We will go to lunch afterwards for those who attend.



**Christian Book Club**



# Youth Blurbs

**“Faith Journey”  
for Middle School and Senior High Youth  
Wednesday Nights  
6:00-7:30 p.m., in the Annex  
(Wed. Night Supper, 5:15-5:45 p.m.)**

- Jan. 5 Learning Night: The River of Life
- Jan. 12 SERVANT EVENT #3
- Jan. 19 Learning Night: A Personal Faith
- Jan. 26 DREAM TEAM & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade with Pastor
- Feb. 2 Learning Night: God the Spirit
- Feb. 9 Learning Night: Sacraments
- Feb. 16 Learning Night: Church & Saints
- Feb. 23 SERVANT EVENT #4

Each Wednesday night, Faith Journey kicks off with: a guest-speaker with a faith story, a drama by some of our high school youth, a basics-of-the-faith Bible lesson using hands-on visuals, and small-group time for parents and youth to share some "faith talk" on what it means, and a special "Youth Night" for our 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth! Faith Journey is open to any family, (with a 6-12th Grader,) who wants to grow in their faith in God and have an awful lot of fun in the process!

**SUPER SATURDAY NIGHT !  
For Middle School**

**& Senior Youth, Grades 6-12+  
Saturday, Dec. 18 & Jan. 22; 7:00-9:30 p.m.**

In the Family Life Center Gym & Youth Center !!!

**\*FREETIME IN THE YOUTH CENTER!**

- \*Open gym, basketball, games, friendship, food, fun!
- \*Christian Growth & Prayer
- \*Video games, foosball, pool, Rock Band, Wii!
- \*Everyone in Grades 6-12+ is invited to come and bring friends!
- \*Please bring brownies, cookies, or a snack to share.

**THE SENIOR YOUTH THANK YOU FOR  
YOUR SUPPORT OF THE  
CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTMAS DINNER!**

The dinner was held Sun., Dec. 5.  
The results were: Ticket sales \$---1762 + Tips \$1110  
– Expenses 648.88 = Profit \$2223.13 Thank you for your great support! This will help our youth to afford their future trips and retreats, some of which are:  
\*SY SKI TRIP Jan. 14-17, at Wolf Ridge, NC.  
\*SY ATLANTA-FEST June 16-19

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR:  
ANNUAL SENIOR YOUTH SKI RETREAT  
at WOLF RIDGE, NC**

Jan. 14-17, 2011

May God bless our Senior Youth and parents as they travel next month to the Ski Retreat; may they have a safe and enjoyable growing experience.

**SUPER-BOWL SUBMARINE  
SANDWICHES !**

**Available Sunday, February 6  
After Both Services and Sunday School**



**Fresh Bakery Bread  
Lean Ham, Lean Turkey, Salami,  
Cheeses, Crisp Lettuce  
Pickle Slices, Black Olives, Peppers  
Your \$10 donation helps our High School Youth  
to finance their trips and retreats!**

**SENIOR YOUTH - SUB SANDWICH MAKING  
Sat., Feb. 5, 6:00 p.m.  
in the FLC Cafeteria.**

Both youth and parents are needed to help assemble sandwiches.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR:  
Confirmation Sunday is May 1, 2011**

## Volunteers Making a Difference

On behalf of the Church Council, we extend a huge thanks to Elaine Eyer for organizing the providers of our Advent dinners. We also want to thank each of the groups who provided the meals: **the Elders, Ladies of Grace and Thrivent.**

Our Christmas dinner was a great success and a big thank you is due **Deborah Melton** and her team for working with the youth to make it happen.

It is volunteers like these, working behind the scenes, that make Grace such a wonderful ministry.

## Generations In Faith Together (GIFT)

Happy New Year! December was full of fun celebrations. We took a ride in the Christmas Parade and had a wonderful Christmas Potluck party. Now, it is time to get back to our Songs of Israel Theme Set! Come join us as we get started on our next theme on January 5<sup>th</sup>.

GIFT: Families with children 5th grade and younger come together on Wednesday evenings during the school year to hear Bible Stories, learn key Scriptures using songs and sign language, and create art to share. It's a wonderful, fun way to spend time with your family, learn, and have fun all at the same time! Your children will love it and you will too! So, come join us on Wednesdays 6—7:30 PM! For more information contact Heather Roberts ([roberts2006@bellsouth.net](mailto:roberts2006@bellsouth.net)) or John Mays ([jbmays96@yahoo.com](mailto:jbmays96@yahoo.com)).

Kids Praise Team: GIFT children learn to sing and play instruments. We do traditional hymns, praise songs, Bible songs, and other fun music. The kids perform periodically for the congregation. It really is A LOT of fun! Practice is Wednesday evenings during GIFT, which starts at 6PM. For more information please contact John or Emily Willis (430-9537 or [mail2ew@gmail.com](mailto:mail2ew@gmail.com))

The GIFT Center is located in the Annex across from the Assembly Room and the School Library.

What would it be worth to you to have a teenager some day who won't go to sleep without talking to you about their day? Praying with you? Blessing you? Would it be worth five minutes? Tonight? Every night?"



## **The Gift of Stocks and Securities**

*This the first of a series of articles on Charitable Giving presented by the Grace Lutheran School Endowment Fund Committee...*

*Jim Baumann, Chairperson*

Thanks to your hard work, commitment and prudent money management, you may find yourself with more than enough accumulated assets to support your current living expenses and your long-term goals. If one of your long-term financial goals is to pass along your hard-earned asset to family, church, school, and charity, there are a variety of ways to do so. Over the next few months in Grace Notes we will explore a few of these methods.

### **Giving life insurance by transferring ownership to charity**

When transferring ownership of an existing life insurance contract, you have the opportunity to make a substantial gift to charity at a relatively low cost. Once the charity owns the contract, you also may benefit from a charitable income tax deduction for any premiums you pay after the gift is made, along with receiving a charitable income tax deduction for the value of the contract at the time of gifting.

### **Grace Lutheran School Endowment Fund Committee**



## **Grace Thrivent News**

Karen Crout has been selected to serve as our Thrivent Advocate for Grace Lutheran for 2011. She will be looking for ways Thrivent can support activities of the church through social outreach, Care in Communities, and financial education programs. Please welcome Karen in her new role and thank Larry Woellhart was his years of service.

If you are a Thrivent member you may be eligible to direct Thrivent to donate allocated monies to the Church, School or other Lutheran Ministries of your choice. Be sure to go on line at [Thrivent.com](http://Thrivent.com) and click on Thrivent Choice to learn more and to direct your dollars before the end of the year.

The North Alabama Chapter has been selected for the fifth year to be a great outreach of area Lutheran Churches through our Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity program. Thrivent plans to build 250 homes nationwide and one here in Madison County. Thrivent provides 65% of the grant monies to build a home for some that currently lives in substandard housing. Thrivent is the largest corporate of Habitat. Larry Woellhart will again serve as our Thrivent Builds Champion. Thanks to all who volunteered last year to home possible and a special thanks to Bill McFerrin who gave over 140 work hours to the project. To God be the Glory!

# Begin the New Year with a Great Resolution!

## Join us for a Sunday Morning Bible Class – Starting January 2nd!!

How can we better grow in love and service for our Lord?

### Exploring Grace

If you're looking for a new church home, would like to discover the distinctive philosophy that makes Grace Lutheran Church an exciting and alive community of believers, or just want to "refresh" your knowledge about the Christian faith then contact Pastor Clark.

**Meets in the school library at 9:30.** *Leaders: Scott Miller and Jim & Beth Hartmann*

### The Truth Project

The goal of the "Truth Project" is to look upon the face of God – and to be transformed in the process. We will look at the fundamental issues of What is Truth? Who is Man? Who is God? Does God Care? Do I care?

**Meet in the Assembly Room at 9:15.** *Leaders: Pastor Blair Clark and Dick Bradshaw*

### Emotionally Healthy Spirituality

The major theme of this class is for believers to live differently by truly focusing on Jesus instead of busyness and/or ministry, and to deal with emotional issues that interfere with our relationship with the Lord.

**Meet in the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Classroom at 9:15.** *Leader: Judy Zecher*

### "Life Light" Study of Romans

Paul reveals the crushing weight of God's law condemning us in our sin. When it appears that nothing can tip the scales in our favor, Paul points to Christ's sacrifice on the cross.

**Meet in the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade classroom at 9:30.** *Leader: Kevin Brandon*



### The Bible in 90 Days

Have you always wanted to read the whole Bible through? Well we an opportunity for you to fulfill that desire in the new year. We have a class scheduled to support you as you enter the adventure of reading through the whole Bible in just 90 days.

**Meet in the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Classroom at 9:30.** *Leader: Dexter McClure*

(If you want to read through the Bible taking a year or two, we will provide materials to help you in that process.)

### Leadership IS for Everyone

Leadership is designed to lead and lift people from anywhere in any organization. During this study we will learn to lead up, lead across and lead down. Using The Great Commission as this foundation we will explore how each of us can become a person of influence to help the Church grow and make disciples of all.

**Meet in the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Classroom at 9:30.** *Leader: Gary Brashers*

### College and Career Class

The topic is currently being discussed and we'll let you know what is decided.

**Meets at Panera Bread Co.** (corner of Airport Rd. and Whitesburg Dr.) **at 9:30.**

*Leaders: Heather Roberts (256-883-9319) and Joy Brindley (256-489-7657).*

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## Sunday Classes Continued

### High School Class

When do you feel the most free? Where is the toughest place to live your faith? Who are you?

The pace of life goes at a high velocity. Join us for some real life video stories that deal with life's doubts and struggles and then bring in some practical, biblical solutions. We meet in the

**Meets in the Youth Room at 9:30.** Leaders: *Matt & Billie Hurst and Mark Thorsen*

### Week-day Bible Studies:

**Dave Ramsey's "Financial Peace"** Come learn how to better manage your money and your life. These principles on saving, debt elimination, investing, planning for the future, giving, etc. apply to everyone. Cost of materials per couple is \$99.00. We have scholarship money available, if you need help with the cost. Babysitting will be available.

**We will meet on Tuesday evenings, 6-8 PM, in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classroom.** Leaders: *David Zecher (256-464-6524) and Bob Drensek (256-859-5383).*

**Monday Morning Bible Study** meets at 9:30 AM in the Church Library. The new class will begin in January and the topic will be determined at our first session.

**Tuesday Morning Bible Study** meets at 9-11 AM in the home of Nancy Rice (256-880-9374). Beginning January 11<sup>th</sup>, we'll begin Beth Moore's newly updated video study on David, "Seeking a Heart Like His".

**Thursday Morning Bible Study** meets at 9:30 AM in the home of Sina Andrews (256-461-9384). The new study will begin in January, and the topic is yet to be determined.

**Bethel Bible Series** is a 21 week overview study of the Bible that ties together the themes, events and time periods of the Bible. We are currently well into our Old Testament study. We will begin a new study next fall. Contact Judy Zecher (722-3612) or Millie Sallo (880-1128) if you are interested.



## Butter Braids Sale

Thank you for your support of the Butter Braid sale. We are pleased to report that we have made \$917.50 in profit thanks to our church members and school families. This money will go towards the teachers' expenses for the conference in March. The Butter Braids will be available after the church services this coming Sunday. Come to the old kitchen.

## Cup Stacking World Record



The school has a cup speed stacking club that meets every Monday after school. Miss Behnken and Mrs. Swartz lead the club. Our cup stacking club participated in with 1,637 other schools and organizations around the world to break a Guinness World Record. 316,757 people stacked cups on November 18!



## Foster Community Update

### Making a Difference

#### Gilberto Rodriguez

Gilberto Rodriguez returned to the states December 5<sup>th</sup> after an extended stay in his hometown in Mexico. Suzy and the children are so glad he is back with them! His rehab (from a stroke a couple years ago-he is on our prayer list) has not progressed as hoped and there will be some tough decisions for Suzy in the near future as to what is best for him. They appreciate our prayers.

#### English Classes

The next English class begins Tuesday, January 11, 2011. If you can assist, get in touch with Jack Renfro. We are **Making a Difference** in the quality of their lives by teaching them English. There is even some opportunity to share the love of Jesus and bring new members to Iglesia.

#### December Cooking Class

Easy to make Christmas snacks and goodies will be shared with the Latino families (including the children) from the English classes and Iglesia de la Comunidad on Saturday, December 18th. It will introduce them to healthy Holiday snack options and Christmas cookies. The event will be festive and 'tasty' and give them ideas for American treats over the Holidays.

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all from Iglesia de la Comunidad!**



## See Dave Ramsey Live!

In Nashville, TN, February 5, 2011, 1-6pm, at the Nashville Municipal Auditorium. We have received the opportunity to have a church group rate for General Admission for only \$10. Check it out on the internet: [Total Money Makeover LIVE](#), Nashville for more information.

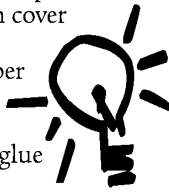
The reduced rate is only available until those tickets run out, and the offer has to go through our church. If you are interested, please contact David Zecher (256-464-6524) or Judy Zecher (256-722-3612).

# LIGHT SWITCH COVER

Everyone who believes in God and lives for him is a child of light. Make this cover for your bedroom light switch to remind you to be a light for God.

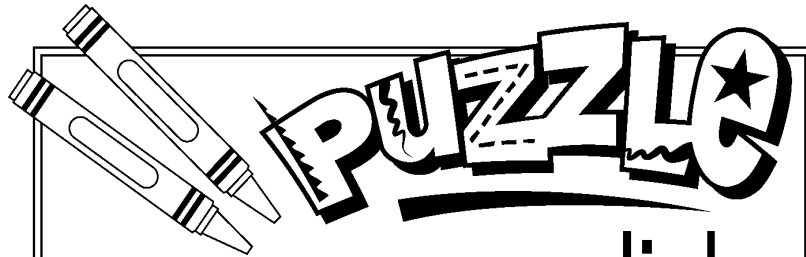
### What you need:

- An adult to help
- Light switch cover
- Screwdriver
- Colored paper
- Markers
- Scissors
- Decoupage glue
- Paintbrush
- Craft knife



### What you do:

1. Remove the screws from the cover.
2. On the paper, draw small images related to light and write out "Live as children of light" (Ephesians 5:8, NIV).
3. Cut out the drawings and verse. Make sure they'll fit on the cover.
4. Paint the cover with a coat of decoupage glue, and then immediately place the drawings and verse on the cover.
5. Paint over them with another coat of glue. Let it dry.
6. Turn the cover over and use a craft knife to cut out the opening for the light switch.
7. Using a screwdriver, place your new light switch cover on your wall.



## From darkness to light

In the Bible, God speaks often about light and darkness. He gives us much instruction about which path we should choose.

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|-----------|---------------|
| 1. Good   | Righteousness |
| 2. Death  | Children      |
| 3. Go     | Life          |
| 4. Evil   | Come          |
| 5. Adults | Bad           |

Match the opposites and then write the word in the right-hand column in the correct blanks to finish each verse.

"When your eyes are good, your whole body also is full of light. But when they are \_\_\_\_\_, your body also is full of darkness." Luke 11:34, NIV  
(1)

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of \_\_\_\_\_." John 8:12, NIV  
(2)

"I have \_\_\_\_\_ into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness." John 12:46, NIV  
(3)

"For what do \_\_\_\_\_ and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness?" 2 Corinthians 6:14, NIV  
(4)

"For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as \_\_\_\_\_ of light." Ephesians 5:8, NIV  
(5)

Answers: 1. bad, 2. life, 3. come, 4. righteousness, 5. children

## Those Serving in the Month of January

**8:00 AM**

**Elders**

Bob Wank

**Ushers**

Jack Hengel

Chris Roberts

Jim Reece

**Greeters**

Jan 2 Kay Davis

Jan 9 Richard & Billie June Henley

Jan 16 John & Ruth Jurenko

Jan 23 Bud & Millie Sallo

Jan 30 Harvey & Rita Lange

**Sound & Video Operators**

Jan 2 Tommy Presley

Jan 9 Harvey Lange

Jan 16 Bill McFerrin

Jan 23 David Zecher

Jan 30 Harvey Lange

**Acolytes**

Jan 2 Megan Zecher, Austin Clark

Jan 9 Julianna & Justin Speck

Jan 16 Sophie Thorsen, Kristin Thoms

Jan 23 Austin Clark & Zachary Burhans

Jan 30 Jeremiah Burhans, Megan Zecher

**10:45 PM**

Dick Bradshaw

Jeff Hollings

Brian & Nancy Steeve

Anthony & Kathy Howard

Jack & Marilyn Renfro

Rita Ragoza

Terry & Sylvia Miller

Anthony Howard, Jim Hartmann

John Mays, Kathryn Bradshaw

Ken Ols, Bob Drensek

Bob McCutcheon, Paul Drensek

Dick Stewart, Brian Day

Helen Steeve, Maddie Denis

Emma, Josh & Sarah Miller

John Bloom, Christopher Drensek

Helen Steeve, Brooke Boirun

Jesse Rullman, Maddie Denis



*Thank You!*

A belated **THANK YOU** for your cards and kind words when my Mom died in October - just one week before her 97<sup>th</sup> birthday. She shared the Lord's love through-out the challenging process of raising 9 children, and she often expressed how

much the Lord had blessed her over her many years of life. We had a wonderful celebration of her going to be with her heavenly Father. Thank you for your love and hugs. Judy Zecher



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## Newly Revised “Exploring Grace”

If you're looking for a new church home, would like to discover the distinctive philosophy that makes Grace Lutheran Church an exciting and alive community of believers, or just want to “refresh” your knowledge about the Christian faith, then mark your calendars for Sunday, at 9:35 AM, as our

newly revised “EXPLORING GRACE CLASS” meets. This is an 8-week course that concludes with a special two and half hour Saturday morning worship! Please contact the church office or Pastor Blair for more information.



Happy New Year!