

Grace Notes

June 2011



Big Jungle Adventure Important Dates



- June 4 - Volunteer Orientation Meeting - Church Library - 9:00am*
- June 12 - VBS Dedication - Both Services*
- June 13 - VBS Registration 8:30 - 9:00am - Annex*
- June 13 - 19 - VBS Week 9:00am - 12:00pm - Annex*
- June 17 - VBS Closing Program 5:30pm - Annex*
- June 19 - VBS Sharing/Volunteer Lunch - Both Services*

VBS is for children 4 years old through 5th grade.

Vacation Bible School Needs:

- Pray for the children God sends us. Pray for us to be prepared in this vital mission.
- We can still use a few more blessed volunteers to help out. We gladly welcome youth and young adults.
- People to take flyers to their place of employment and other places of business to advertise and bring in more children. Flyers available at church and school office.

Thanks to all the people who have helped to support this. If you have any questions, please call Nancy Rice at 256.880.9374

The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into His heavenly kingdom. To Him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

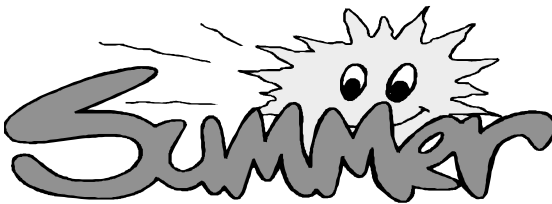
2nd Timothy 4:18



The Principal's Corner



Where has the school year gone? We are nearing the end of a very successful school year. Thanks in large part to all of you who have so faithfully supported the educational ministry of Grace with your time, talents and treasures. Also, it is good to mention the talented faculty and staff working together so that the ministry of Christ may be glorified and lifted up. It is though such gifted people by God that our Lord blesses our efforts and the product is blessed threefold. To Him alone belongs all glory and honor!



As we begin to crank up Summer Camp, and lay out the detailed plans for next school year we say goodbye to an excellent, budding young teacher. Mrs. Amy Collier who has served at Grace since 2008 will not return with us next year. She has decided at this point in time to be a stay at home mother

to her young infant, and two young boys. Amy has served with passion, dedication, talent, and professionalism. She is always working on ways to lift up, encourage, and motivate each individual child to perform at their best. It has been a pleasure this year to watch how the children respond to her, and how she orchestrates the class with grace and efficiency. Amy has been a bright young star mentoring, fostering faith, and broadening the horizons of our youth here at Grace. She will be dearly missed by her colleagues, students, and parents alike. We wish her God's blessings as she begins a new chapter in her life, spending it with her family. Maybe God will lead her back into the classroom; with such promising talent that God has blessed her with it is difficult to imagine her in any other role. Amy will always have a home her at Grace, but wherever God leads and directs her, she will be an asset to any school, home or whatever endeavor God has in



Matthew 4:19

store for her as she goes forward in faith. We will therefore fill the role of morning kindergarten teacher with current faculty and look to fill the position of elementary music teacher over the course of this summer. Please continue to pray God's guidance as we look to fulfill this important music ministry position, and also for the Collier family as they too begin a new and exciting chapter in their life. Together, as one body, united in Christ, let us go forward in faith and fulfill the path He has marked out for us boldly sharing and working the harvest He has prepared ahead of time, in Christ may He bless your summer. Amen.

Serving His Kingdom,
Joshua Swartz
Principal

Challenge Yourself Spiritually...

...Join in one of our Bible classes.

The following classes will continue through the month of June.

On Sunday morning we have:

Exploring Grace (meeting in the School Library at 9:30)

The Truth Project (meeting in the 7th grade classroom at 9:15)

Emotionally Healthy Spirituality (meeting in the 8th grade classroom at 9:30)

“Life Light” study of Romans (meeting in the 6th grade classroom at 9:30)

Just Walk Across the Room (meeting in the Annex Assembly Room at 9:30)

College/ Career class – Just Walk Across the Room (meeting at Panera Bread Co. at 9:30)

High School Class – Does God Exist? (meeting in the Youth Room at 9:30)



Our **Weekday Classes** are winding down for the summer, but are as follows:

Monday class meets at 9:30 in the Church Library – studying “That the World May Know”

Tuesday class meets at 9:00 in Nancy Rice’s home (256-880-9374) studying David – “A Heart Like His”

Thursday class meets at 9:30 in Sina Andrew’s home (256-461-9384) studying Ephesians

We plan to begin another Dave Ramsey “**Financial Peace**” class in August. Let us know if you are interested. If needed, we have scholarship money to help defray the cost of the course. We will begin another **Old Testament Bethel** course in the fall for those who are interested in an overview study of the Bible. Our **New Testament Bethel class** will resume in August for those who have completed the Old Testament and are ready for the New Testament overview.

All the classes are listed on our website, as well as on the Parish Education bulletin boards at the church. Check them out! And JOIN IN!

Donated & Available:

BASS BOAT with MOTOR & BATTERY This item was graciously donated to the Youth of Grace so that it can be sold with the profits benefitting our Youth Ministry. Instead of waiting for the Fall Garage Sale, we are making it available now. We would like to first offer it to the members of Grace Church & School. **DESCRIPTION:** Bass Hound 10.2 Bass Boat, brand new condition, only used once, 2 padded swivel seats, navigation lights and

anchor light, wet compartment for bait, double hull, can be lifted by 2 people, will fit in back of pick-up truck. Brand new Endura 30 Trolling Motor, brand new Deep Cycle Marine Battery. All this can be viewed in Old Gym. For more information, please see Kevin Brandon, YM, 256-797-3110.



To those who comprise the Grace Family of God:

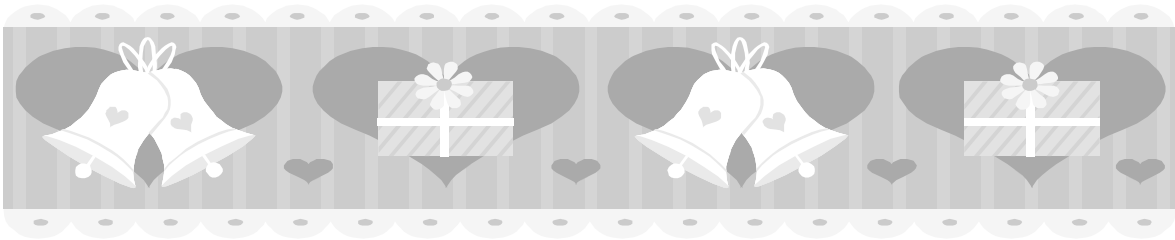
We never know what a day may bring. Certainly that was emphasized to me on May 15th when a bearable abdominal pain suddenly became almost unbearable. A trip to the emergency room, numerous tests, and 9 hour later, I was in surgery for a ruptured appendix in a life threatening situation.

We know, of course, and God tells us plainly in His Word that “all things work together for good those who love Hi,.” But in our day to day life this great truth tends to fall by the wayside, and would not convey its powerfully encouraging word if it weren’t for the family of God, the communion of

saints, by her very existence shining forth those foundational beacons of God’s saving grace when most needed.

My thanks goes out to each of you for being there, for your cards and calls, your words of encouragement, your gifts of food, and, most of all, your prayers, both corporately and individually, for my survival and my restoration to good health. It will take a while before this is completed. But, thanks to you, I am well on the way.

Gratefully, Paul Counts



Save the Date

Saturday, July 16, 9:30 AM

You are invited

to a “Bridal Tea” to celebrate the upcoming marriage of

Celia Thorsen and her beloved Daniel Heusz.

They are registered at Target & Bed, Bath, & Beyond.

Join their prayers as they look forward to this happy wedding celebration.

Thrivent for Lutherans

How can life insurance be used to benefit Grace Lutheran School?

You can give an existing or a new life insurance contract to Grace Lutheran School Endowment Fund, making the Fund the owner and the beneficiary of the contract. At your death, the school endowment fund will receive the death benefit. You will receive a charitable deduction for your income taxes. If you give the school endowment fund a new insurance contract, you can deduct the amount of the annual premiums you pay each year to keep the insurance in force. If you give the school endowment fund an existing insurance contract you can claim an immediate income tax deduction based on the lesser of: (i) the cash value of the insurance contract or, (ii) the aggregate amount of the paid premiums.

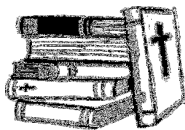
Alternatively, you can remain the owner of the insurance contract, but name the school endowment fund as primary beneficiary. Although you will not receive an income tax deduction, your estate will be entitled to an estate tax deduction for the amount of the death benefit. You can also name the school endowment fund as a contingent beneficiary, meaning that the school endowment fund receives the death benefits only if the primary beneficiary dies before you do.

Grace Lutheran School Endowment Fund is located at the Lutheran Community Foundation in Minneapolis, Minnesota. You can receive more information from the Foundation or from the School Endowment Fund financial advisor, Frank Childs, at 883-5509 or frank.childs@thrivent.com.

Prayer Vigil - June 4

Our focus is to pray for the Lord's direction on who the Lord wants us to call as the senior pastor of our congregation. We will vote on June 5th. The sanctuary will be open 7:00 am -

7:00 pm. We will provide materials for your prayer time. You are welcome to pray from wherever you are, but we also welcome you to come to the sanctuary to pray.



**Christian
Book Club**

Christian Book Club Meeting

The **Christian Book Club** will meet on June 8, at 10:00A.M. in the church library. The book for this month is *THE SHUNNING* by Beverly Lewis. Join us for our discussion and lunch afterwards. If you have any questions call Millie Sallo at 880-1128.



Ladies of Grace

GIFTS FROM THE HEART – Ladies attending the LWML Convention in Peoria in June will be taking donated items with them to benefit Orphan Train and Agencies in Peoria. Everyone is encouraged to donate one or more of the following items for these “Gifts from the Heart.”

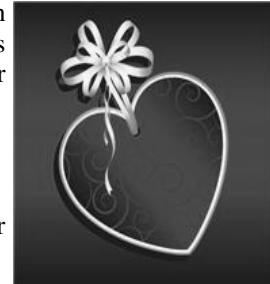
Men’s womens’ and/or children’s underwear in original packaging.

Kits for men, women, or children (mark which one). All are to be new and regular size – not travel size.

- * Men’s kit – socks, stick deodorant, disposable razors, tooth brush, bar soap.
- * Women’s kit – socks, stick deodorant, hand/body cream, toothbrush, bar soap

*Children’s kit - socks, box of 8 crayons, safety scissors, Christian coloring or story book, toothbrush

Please bring your Gifts from the Heart to the church office by June 12. LOG ladies will prepare Bible verses/Christian tracts for the packages and kits.



Dear Grace Family,

Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat quietly in a chair; perhaps you sent beautiful flowers, if so, we saw them there.

Perhaps you sent or spoke kind words as any friend could say; perhaps you were not there at all just

thought of us that day.

Whatever you did to console the heart, we thank you so much, whatever the part.

The Family of Edwin Larder

The 7th & 8th Grade Thanks You!

Thanks to all of you who supported our fundraiser at McAlister’s Deli last Thursday. Grace Lutheran School earned \$411.20 towards the cost of the 7&8 grade trip next year to Washington, DC. Watch for more restaurant fundraising events soon!



In Memory of Charlie Spaghetti Dinner Silent Auction and LIVE “Sports Memorabilia” Auction

Ascension Lutheran, Grace Lutheran Church & School,
and Thrivent together are sponsoring a Spaghetti Dinner and Auction to
assist in meeting the needs of the Mike Peebles family, and for a
Grace Lutheran School Scholarship Fund, in memory of Charlie.
Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will match funds up to \$1600.

**Saturday, June 4th at 6:00 p.m.
Grace Lutheran Church, 3321 Memorial Pkwy
Held in the Family Life Center Gym**

Purchase your tickets for \$10/Adult, \$5/Child (8 and under)
Spaghetti Dinner Tickets Available in these Locations:

Ascension Lutheran Church - 3801 Oakwood Ave. (256-536-9987)

Grace Lutheran Church – 3321 S. Memorial Pkwy. (256-881-0552)

Grace Lutheran School – 3405 S. Memorial Pkwy. (256-881-0553)

Featured items include:
Signed Nick Saban photograph, framed Auburn Posters

**Donated auction items are gladly accepted at both
Ascension Lutheran and Grace Lutheran Church offices.
Please make checks out to Ascension Lutheran Church with
“Peebles Project” in the memo line.**



Help Local Tornado Victims!

Join Grace Lutheran School in helping victims of the recent tornadoes in these two ways:
DEADLINE FOR COLLECTIONS: FRIDAY, JUNE 3
THANKS FOR YOUR HELP!!

#1

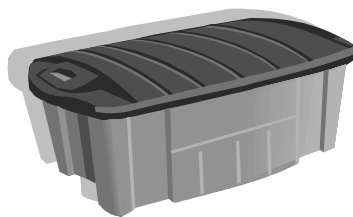
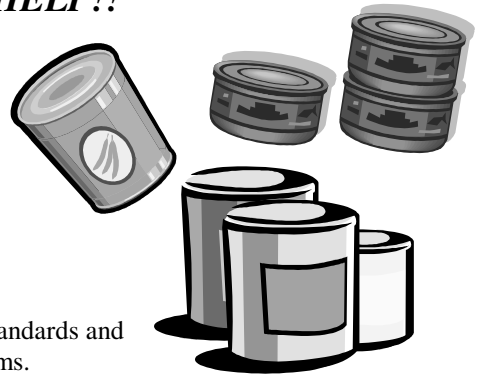
Bring in canned goods or other non-perishable food items. We will donate these to local tornado victims. Please send these in with your students to give to their classroom teachers. Each day a student brings in canned goods he/she may relax the dress code for that day in the following ways:

1 can: Wear a non-uniform shirt

2 cans: Wear a non-uniform shirt and a hat

3 cans: Wear a non-uniform shirt, hat and jeans

Please note that shirts and jeans must meet "Friday" dress code standards and that students should dress down the day they bring in the food items.



#2

Donate a care package to an individual child affected by the tornadoes. Fill a small suitcase or waterproof container with needed supplies.

Examples of what to include: personal hygiene items, clothes, small gifts, snacks, a gift card to Wal-Mart or Target

Please label each care package with the age range and gender of the child for which it is designed.

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The Youth of Grace at Work!

We would like to thank the Bloom family and other youth that watched our children during the congregational meeting on May 15th. Your generosity allowed many parents that wouldn't have been able to attend the meeting to attend the meeting and vote on the important matters before the congregation.

Shane & Kelly Jenks



Foster Community Update

English Classes

The last class for this session will be June 16th. We have been celebrating the birthdays of our student's children and it is a delight to see the excitement in their eyes as they are honored.

Pastor Macedonio

There is a summer session that Pastor Macedonio needs to take before he becomes an official United Methodist minister. He will take the classes before he goes to Mexico in July to pick up his sons. His wife, Rosie, will come back to the US later.

Gilberto Rodriguez

Gilberto had another stroke recently and is in a hospital in Mexico. He is not responsive, has a breathing tube, is being fed by a feeding tube and suffers from convulsions. They are not sure where they will move him once he is stable. Susie last visited him the weekend of May 7th and believes he is in God's hands. She asks that we keep him and the family in our prayers. This is a very difficult time for Susie, Mellissa and Steven. Susie comes faithfully to the English classes and brings the children so they have contact with good adult role models and get positive attention from all. She appreciates our prayers and support.

The members of Iglesia de la Comunidad would like to thank Grace for Making a Difference in their lives.



Thrivent's Lutheran Night With the Stars Stars

Saturday, June 18th First Pitch is at 6:43

Ticket includes entrance into Joe Davis Stadium and the Picnic area. Also includes a Hot Dog and Chips and unlimited Drinks and Popcorn.

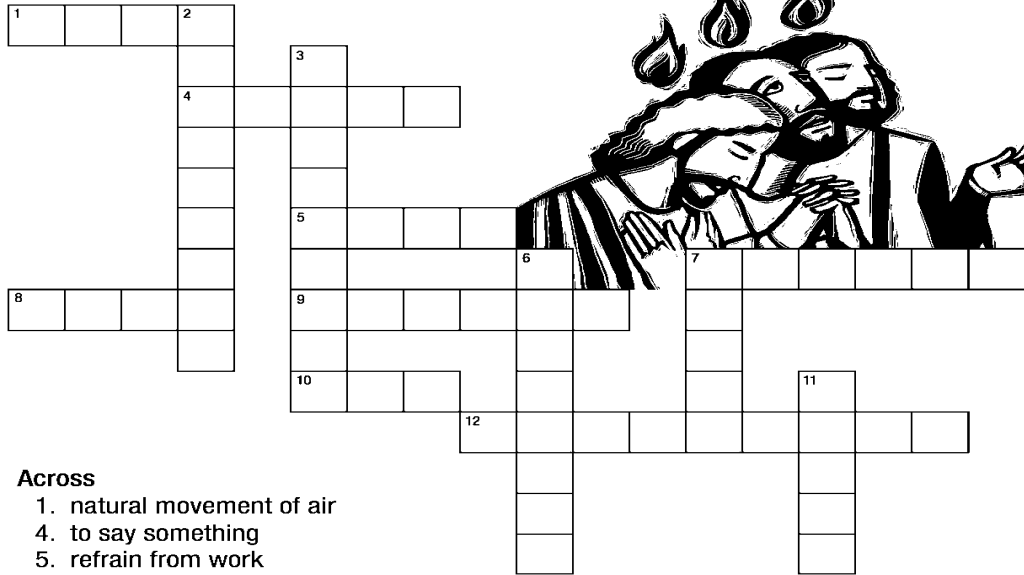
**Tickets are \$12
Kids (4-12) are \$8
Children 3 and
under are Free!**



The Spirit Comes

ACTS 2 TELLS ABOUT A SPECIAL DAY WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT CAME TO THE DISCIPLES.

Use the clues below to complete the crossword puzzle.



Across

- 1. natural movement of air
- 4. to say something
- 5. refrain from work
- 7. place where God is
- 8. a combustion or burning that gives light, heat and smoke
- 9. part of mouth that can taste and lick
- 10. the time between sunrise and sunset
- 12. the day the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples

Down

- 2. followers of Christ
- 3. moved apart
- 6. quickly and unexpectedly
- 7. a building where people live
- 11. vibrations that travel through the air

Answers: Across 1. wind, 4. speak, 5. rest, 7. heaven, 8. fire, 9. tongue, 10. day, 12. Pentecost; Down 2. disciples, 3. separated, 6. suddenly, 7. house, 11. sound

PENTECOST MOBILE

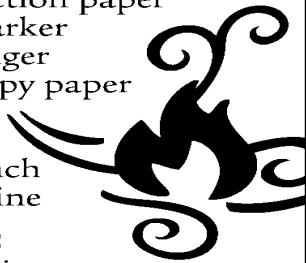
Make this craft as a reminder that God's Holy Spirit is all around you.

What you need:

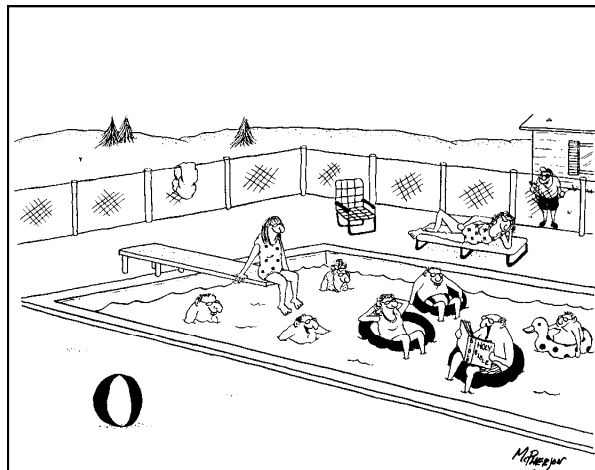
- Tissue paper (red, yellow, orange), torn into squares
- Plastic transparency
- Craft glue
- Paintbrush
- Construction paper
- Black marker
- Wire hanger
- White copy paper
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Hole punch
- Fishing line

What you do:

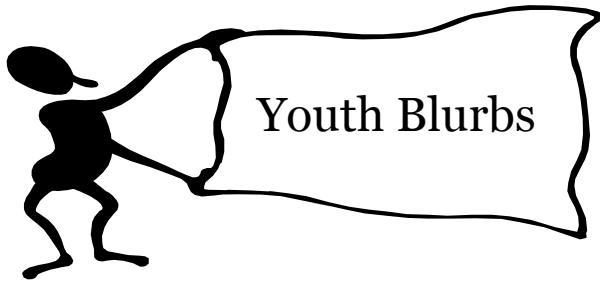
1. Overlap tissue squares as "flames" on the transparency.
2. "Paint" glue (thinned with water) over the squares.
3. Fold construction paper in half. Write out Acts 2:4 at the top, by the fold.
4. Poke the hanger through the middle of the fold.
5. On the white paper, write "Holy Spirit" in English, Spanish (*Espiritu Santo*), French (*L'esprit Saint*), etc.
6. Cut out a flame pattern and trace it on the back of the transparency.
7. Cut out flames and glue the "Holy Spirit" names on them.
8. Thread fishing line through a hole atop each flame and tie flames onto the hanger.



"Dad, can you make dinner for me and my entire Sunday school class?"



The Wagners struck upon a sure-fire way to get the neighbors together for an hour of Bible study.



Our Church offers **one of the best ministries possible to young people: "Faith Mentoring!"** Many studies reveal and the Bible itself agrees that **young people learn about God best when their parents become directly involved** in the faith life of their children. Our ministry utilizes **small groups, Youth Counselors, and parents** attending with their youth to **learn, play, and serve together. It is called:**

"Faith Journey"

**for Middle School and Senior High Youth
Wednesday Nights, begins August 24, 2011
6:00-7:30 p.m., in the Annex
(Wed. Night Supper, 5:15-5:45 p.m.)**

IMPORTANT KICK-OFF EVENT!

**Faith Journey – Orientation Meeting for
Parents of Youth, Grades 6-12
Wednesday, August 17, 2011
7:00 p.m., in the Annex**

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 8th-12th 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!

**SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR
CONGREGATION FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF
THE EASTER BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER!**

*With your help, we received an offering of \$2191 and realized a profit of \$1794.

**SUPER SATURDAY NIGHT !
For Middle School & Senior Youth, Grades 6-12+
Saturday, July 16, 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.

**SENIOR YOUTH SERVANT-MISSION TRIP
CAMP RESTORE, NEW ORLEANS**

Sun.-Sat., June 12-18, 2011

Camp Restore is a meal site with bunk-houses for relief workers. They will deploy us for an entire week of servant events to "Restore Faith, Home, and Community" in post-Katrina New Orleans. We will serve wherever needed with projects such as sheet rock, ceramic tile, painting, site clean-up, prayer-walking a neighborhood, etc. We will also have Bible study and prayer for each other each night. Please pray for the youth and adults that will be attending!

LEADERSHIP QUEST II

July 22-31, 2011

Camp Wilderness North in Brimson, Minnesota
We have 2 youth, 1 young adult, and 2 adult counselors attending this in-depth leadership training week-long camp. Please pray that they will have safe travel and an enriching experience!

**The Senior Youth
15th Annual**

"Welcome Retreat-Canoe Trip"

Fri.-Sun., Sept. 2-4

on the Buffalo River, Waynesboro, Tenn.
This entire weekend has been planned to welcome our new 9th Graders into Grace's Senior High Youth! Please mark your calendar – more information will follow this summer!

Those Serving in the Month of June

8:00 AM

Elders

John Mays

Ushers

Al Reumann

Wayne Schrenk

Joe White

Greeters

June 5 Phil & Kleone Nelson

June 12 Richard & Billie June Henley

June 19 Craig & Marion Camealy

June 26 Shane & Kelly Jenks

Sound & Video Operators

June 5 Tommy Presley

June 12 Harvey Lange

June 19 Bill McFerrin

June 26 David Zecher

Acolytes

June 5 Austin Clark, Megan Zecher

June 12 Kristin Thoms, Sophie Thorsen

June 19 Julianna & Justin Speck

June 26 Austin Clark, Megan Zecher

10:45 PM

Phil Nelson

Cameron Muelling

Michael Huhlein

Jackie Huhlein

Jack & Marilyn Renfro

Rita Ragoza

Terry & Sylvia Miller

Jason & Jessica Adam

Anthony Howard, Jim Hartmann

Brian Steeve, Kathryn Bradshaw

Ken Ols, Bob Drensek

Bob McCutcheon, Paul Drensek

Emma, Josh & Sarah Miller

CJ Creel, Maddie Denis

Helen Steeve, John Bloom

Jesse Rullman, Christopher Drensek



Saints Alive June Events

On Wednesday, June 1st, we will hold our annual picnic at the lake home of Ruth & John Jurenko. Please bring a dish to share, such as starch, vegetable, salad or dessert. Meat, beverage, and utensils will be provided. The sign up list is up so do add your name. The van will leave the church at 9:00am. We do hope you can join us.

On Thursday, June 9th, we will be attending the play "Magnolia" a spoof on "Gone With the Wind" sponsored by the Huntsville Community Chorus. It will be held at the Trinity Methodist Church and will include dinner for a cost of \$25.00. The evening will begin at 6:00pm. Advanced tickets have been purchased. If you wish to join us please call Ruth Jurenko and she will put you in touch with the Community Chorus.





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Congregational Assembly - Call Meeting

Grace will convene a special congregational assembly (Call Meeting) on Sunday, June 5, 2011 at 1:30 PM in the Annex Assembly Room to consider issuing a Call to one of the names on our Call

List. Please keep this decision in your prayers and make every effort to attend. We will also hold a prayer vigil on Saturday, June 4th, 2011 to seek God's direction and blessing on our decision.

Congregation Approves TCN Prescriptions

During last Sunday's Congregational Meeting, we approved the 2011-2012 Mission and Ministry Budget along with 85% approving the Transforming Churches Network (TCN) Official Report and Prescriptions for increasing our mission and ministry effectiveness in witnessing the Gospel. As a result, we will be working in consultation with the TCN Team and our Southern District for further direction in meeting the newly assigned tasks and objectives for our ministry. Please keep our transition and leaders in your prayers.

Grace Lutheran Recipient of Grant

News was received this week that Grace Lutheran Church and School are the recipients of an \$8,050.00 grant for Tornado Dis-

aster Assistance from LCMS World Relief and Human Care and the Southern District LCMS for distribution in our community.

We praise and thank God for this grant for assisting our community at this time.