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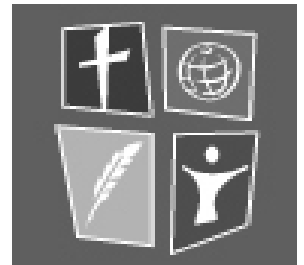
A publication highlighting the people and ministries of Grace.

The Week of April 1, 2007

Christus Chorus Concert

The Christus Chorus of Concordia University, St. Paul, Minnesota, will present "Now the Feast," a concert of sacred music the joy of God's presence in our lives as a community in Christ at Grace on Tuesday April 3rd. There will be a congregational dinner served at 5:00 and the concert will follow at 6:30.

All members and friends of the congregation are invited to attend. If you would like to attend the congregational dinner please sign up on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary. There is no charge but a freewill offering will be taken. In addition to the dinner, there will be a reception following the concert with dessert and coffee.



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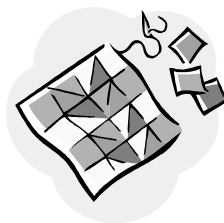
Special points of interest:

- Flowers this morning are given to the glory of God.
- Nursery care is available during the services. Please as an Usher for directions.
- We are equipped with Williams Sound hearing devices to aid persons wanting to improve the audio of the church service.
- Please ask any usher if you wish to receive a large-print bulletin.
- Please turn off any cell phones, pagers, beepers, and other audible electronic devices.

Can You Quilt?

THIS TUESDAY, APRIL 3 2007
WOMEN OF GRACE MEETING

Can you quilt? Would you like to learn? Please come and join Jean Hennink and Evelyn Rice as they show and share their knowledge of quilting. These ladies along with a few others have kept this craft alive for many years. They could really use your help. These beautiful quilts have been donated and used to help many distressed families through Lutheran World Relief. If you can cut a square, or pull a string they will show you how to do the rest. There will be a **brown bag lunch** with dessert provided by Beverly Fritz and Barbara Hillier.



Prayer Requests

Please call Jean Hennink if you have a request for our prayer chain at 261-8697.



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Children and Youth



Ushers and Greeters

Ushers and Greeters are needed for the 8:00am and the 10:30am worship services. If anyone is interested in volunteering their time to assist with Sunday morning services and be part of the Grace Lutheran Church team, we need you. Please contact Marty Root at 595-2552 if you can help. Thank you.

Name Tags

We encourage members and guests to wear their nametags every Sunday. Nametags may be found inside your mail box. After worship they may be placed in one of the baskets labeled "Name Tags" on your way out. Not a member? Forgot or misplaced your nametag? Stop by the Welcome Center to receive a new nametag. The use of nametags will give us an opportunity to get to know each other as brothers and sisters in Christ.

Sunday School-

This week Sunday School Opening will be held in the courtyard as our students participate in an Easter Egg Hunt.

LYF Beach Fun-

Take advantage of your break from school! Come hang out at Lowdermilk Beach on **Wednesday, April 4th** from 1:00-3:30. Middle and High School students and friends are welcome. More information can be found in Youth News.

Confirmation Retreat-

Confirmation students need to let Becky know if they will be attending the retreat by Wednesday, April 18th.

Vacation Bible School/ Music Camp

Remember to turn in your child's registration for VBS and Music Camp. We already have 33 kids registered!

Confirmation Study Sessions-

Two more study sessions will be held for confirmation students. Students should meet at the parsonage on Tuesday, April 10th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. or Saturday, April 14th from 10:00-12:30 p.m. Please let Becky know if you will be attending.

NO CONFIRMATION/KID'S CLUB/ GUY'S ONLY on Wednesday April 4th.

Wednesday Night

Because this is Holy Week, there will be no supper on Wednesday night. There will be no rehearsals for the Cherub Choir or the Choristers and there will be no confirmation class this Wednesday.

Wednesday Evening Activities

1-3:3- LYF Beach Fun

6PM Handbell Choir

(Grace Chorale will rehearse after the 6:30PM Maundy Thursday service.)

Please see the insert for a full schedule of worship services during Holy Week.



CCLS SCRIP Fund

Do you put gas in your car? Exxon/Mobile and BP have both increased their percentage of contribution to 2.5% for all gift cards purchased before May 4th!

Remember: CCLS gets their contribution when you buy the card, not when you redeem it!

Staples has increased their contribution percentage to 8% through April 6.

The CCLS SCRIP center will be closed this week. Order's received through Monday, April 8th will be available on Sunday, April 15th.

Visit www.glscrip.com for a complete list of available merchants and their discounts.

See Jonathan for order forms or call Jennifer Lamay at 253-2439 or lemay730@earthlink.net if you have questions.

Thank



Bingo Night is April 15!

Bingo Night will be held on April 15, 2007 at 6:00pm. All are invited to join members and friends of Grace for an evening of fun. A light dinner will be served before Bingo begin. The evening will conclude at 8:30pm.

This month's prizes include Konna Grill, Dairy Queen, and other fun items.

This is an opportunity to get to know each other and we encourage you to invite family and friends. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity build affordable homes for families in need. On April 28, 2007 there is an opportunity to serve as a volunteer for Habitat in the construction of the homes in Naples. Anyone who is fourteen years of age or older may participate. No experience is necessary. A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

Butterfly Release

If you have ordered butterflies for this Easter they are available TODAY! Please see DCO Intern Heidi Durband.



Bible Studies



Tuesday Morning Women

Join other women for Bible study each Tuesday morning at 9:30am. The group meets at the Sunburst Café in the Target shopping center at the corner of Pine Ridge Road. For more information, please call Lori Wallace at 250-1933.

Wednesday with Pastor Dishop

Pastor Dishop's class will not meet during Holy Week. Join us April 11 as we study the Old Testament minor prophets on Wednesdays at 10:30in Fellowship Hall.

Wednesday Morning

A men's Bible Class meets each Wednesday morning at 7:30 in the Fellowship Hall of the church. The group is currently studying the book of 1 John. All men are welcome!

Thursday Night Women

Thursday Women's Bible Study will not meet on Maundy Thursday. Join us April 12 as we study the lives of women of the Bible. We meet in the parsonage at 7:30pm.

This Bible study will not meet on Easter, but we invite you to join us for this adult Bible study that meets in Fellowship Hall is a basic overview of the Bible. It will give more confidence and understanding to your study of the Bible. Join us in Fellowship Hall each Sunday morning from 9:30 to 10:15AM.

The Youth News and the Outreach Newsletter are available on the bulletin boards located in the Narthex.

Preschool Annual Spring Family Blast

The Spring Family Blast will be held in the Courtyard from 6:00-7:30 pm. There will be children performing, arts, crafts, and everyone is invited.

Thanks be to God and Thank You

What a wonderful outpouring of love Ruth and I received last Sunday. Truly, I am not the least bit worthy of all the mercies granted by God and the love bestowed by His people over the past 50 years. Our thanks to all who participated in the worship services, attended the banquet, and contributed in whatever way to the preparation, serving and clean-up, and the most generous purses from the Women

Of Grace and the Congregation. Special thanks to Pastor Reetz for his message and Litany of Prayer and Praise, to those who provided the food and beautiful decorations, all those who worked in the kitchen, the youth who served, and those who brought or sent cards and those who gave special personal greetings, hugs and kisses. You gave us your full measure of love. We dearly love you, too.

Pastor Jim Dishop



ORGAN NEWS

We are excited to announce the imminent completion of the organ project!

COME CELEBRATE WITH US!

We plan to dedicate the instrument to God who deserves all glory and honor on Sunday morning, April 22nd. A reception will follow the 10:30 service.

We also invite you to a **RECITAL AND HYMN-SING**, at 7:00PM on Friday, April 20th, featuring organists from Lutheran Churches around the state of Florida as well as a renowned local organist. Jonathan Birner and the Grace Chorale will also participate. A "Meet the Builder and Artists" reception (cookies and punch) will follow the recital.

It will be a great evening! Please invite your friends and neighbors!



Bach Ensemble

The Bach Ensemble will present Handel's complete Messiah this afternoon. Tickets are \$35 and are available at www.bachensemble.org. The performance will be held at 3:00 p.m. at Naples United Church of Christ.

Branson Christmas Shows

November 6-10, 2007 Faith Lutheran Church is inviting the members of Grace to join them for the Branson Christmas Shows. Space is limited; so act now!

\$1,350 per person, double occupancy
\$500 per person deposit at time of booking.

Balance due, July 1, 2007
Call Bell's Custom Travel, Inc. (877) 467-4044 or Jim McKay (261-0696 or 564-3900) See bulletin board for more info.

The Last Supper

Marco Lutheran Church dramatic presentation of The Last Supper will be performed at 7:00 p.m. April 2,3,4. Weather permitting, the audience will congregate in the church parking lot at 7:00 p.m. as Jesus arrives in Jerusalem. The crowd will then be ushered into the Great Room for the drama featuring Jesus and His Disciples. Effective scenery and special songs by the choir will complete this dramatic presentation, which ends with the enactment of the Holy Supper, and Jesus going to the Garden of Gethsemane. Tickets are required, but there is no charge. There will be a free-will offering. Tickets are available from the Marco Lutheran Church ticket office, located in the choir room. Office hours are Monday-Thursday 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Phone: 394-5579. There are no reserved seats. **TICKETS REQUIRED!**

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Extensions

- 1 - Times of service
- 2 - Directions to the church
- 3 - Pastor Reetz
- 4 - Church secretary (Ruth)
- 5 - Music Director (Jonathan)
- 6 - Preschool Director (Julie)
- 7 - Director of Christian Education Intern (Becky)
- 8 - Preschool emergency
- 9 - Director of Christian Outreach Intern (Heidi)
- 0 - Operator (Ruth)
- # - Replays

Stewardship Corner

Scripture for this Sunday
April 1st- Palm Sunday

Philippians 2:5-11: The "riches" of this world can attract our attention away from true "riches in Christ." Just as Jesus "emptied" Himself to become a Servant for the good of others, so we also strive to empty ourselves of that which hinders our spiritual lives and, instead, to manage our lives and resources to bring glory to God and blessings to others.

Attendance (3-25-2007)

8:00am Divine Service	135	Communion attendance	118
10:30am Divine Service	237	Communion attendance	180
Bible Study attendance	88	Sunday School	30