



GraceNotes Express

A publication highlighting the people and ministries of Grace.

The Week of April 15, 2007

Thank you!

Thank you so much to all who helped make our first Easter Breakfast Fundraiser a HUGE success. A special thank you to the Women of Grace who donated the delicious cinnamon rolls that we had on Sunday!



Special points of interest:

- Flowers this morning are given by Richard and Calleen Berndt in memory of Calleen's son, Robert Noerr
- 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.

The youth raised enough money to pay for their trip to Camp Matz and the National Youth Gathering thanks to the generous support from the entire congregation!

Volunteers Wanted

We are seeking volunteers to teach English classes to adults who want to learn and improve their communication skills.

NO FOREIGN LANGUAGE SKILLS NEEDED!

TEACHING EXPERIENCE NOT REQUIRED!

TRAINING PROVIDED!

The training is based on the "LAUBACH" method to teach non-English speaking adults how to speak and write English using a combination of phonic and visual aids.

Students would be grateful for your help! Please call Margarita at: (239) 437-6737.

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-

In Sunday School this morning students will be studying the story of doubting Thomas. At home you might ask your children to describe times in their life when they have had doubts about their faith.

LYF Waterpark Trip-

On Saturday April 28th we will be meeting together at Sun and Fun Lagoon located at 15000 Livingston Road from 1:00-4:00 the cost is 10 dollars. Students may sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex and more information can be found in Youth News.

Vacation Bible School/ Music Camp

Remember to turn in your child's registration for VBS and Music Camp. We already have 35 kids registered!

Confirmation Study Sessions-

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

Confirmation Retreat-

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

Wednesday Night

Come and join others in our church family for good food and fellowship each Wednesday night at 5:15. The food is wonderful and you'll be able to attend evening prayer service or other activities listed.

Wednesday Evening Activities

- 3:30—Cherub Choir Rehearsal
- 4:30—Choristers rehearsal
- 5:15—Supper
- 5:30—Confirmation class
- 6:00—Kid's Club
- 6:30—Holden Evening Prayer
- 7:00—Grace Chorale rehearsal



CCLS SCRIP Fund

Although we will continue to take and place orders weekly, TODAY is the last day to place orders and have the contribution go towards tuition credit or the scholarship fund for the 2006-2007 school year. Orders placed next week and following will earn credit for the 2007-2008 school year.

Our Deepest gratitude to all who participate!

We have sold over \$190K worth of gift cards since August, earning the PTO, Scholarship Fund, and Tuition Credit nearly \$7500. What makes it even greater is that this \$7500 is FREE money earned by you through your everyday shopping!

Chevron, Sunoco, Mobil, Exxon, and BP are running bonus discounts through May 31. Go to www.chevron.com



Tonight Is Bingo Night!

Bingo Night will be held tonight 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 Kona Grill, Dairy Queen, and other fun items.

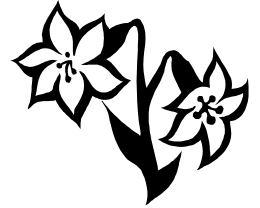
This is an opportunity to get to know each other and we encourage you to invite family and friends. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

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.

REMINDER!

If you donated an Easter lily for worship last Sunday please pick it up after services today! Thank you!



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
Join us on Wednesday as we study the Old Testament minor prophets on Wednesdays at 10:30 in 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
Join us April 12 as we study the lives of women of the Bible. We meet in the parsonage at 7:30pm.

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.

Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive—May 12

This year is the 15th anniversary of the nation's largest one-day food drive to feed those in need, the "Stamp Out Hunger" drive conducted by the National Association of Letter Carriers. On Saturday, May 12, letter carriers will be collecting nonperishable food donations along their routes for delivery to Collier Harvest. Collier Harvest will deliver this food to agencies in our community who feed the hungry.

Please place a food donation of any nonperishable canned food by your mailbox or in your mail room on Saturday, May 12, before your mail is delivered. If you are leaving the area prior to May 12, donations can be put out **now** for pick-up by your letter carrier. Donations can also be taken to your local post office. Your local letter carriers will see that all donations get delivered to a local food bank or pantry. Help us help our community. Thank you!

Preschool Annual Spring Family Blast April 26, 2007

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.



ANTHEM

The Grace Chorale is off this morning, resting from a busy Easter weekend and preparing for their portion of Friday's Organ concert.

Have you ever thought about singing with the Grace Chorale? Now is a great time to try it out. We will sing through Pentecost Sunday and then we're off for the summer. So, it is a much shorter commitment.

Give us a try! We're a great group to spend a little time with on Wednesdays and Sunday!



We're on the Web!
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Organ News

COME CELEBRATE WITH US!

We plan to dedicate our newly completed organ 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 **CONCERT AND HYMN-SING**, at 7:00PM on Friday, April 20th, featuring our newly completed organ, Grace Chorale, Grace AMR Ringers, Jonathan Birner, and special guest John Fenstermaker who is organist at Trinity by the Cove and artist in residence at the Bower Chapel. A "Meet the Builder and Artists" reception (cookies and punch) will follow the recital.

These will be great events! Please invite your friends and neighbors!

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.

Stewardship Corner
Scripture for this Sunday
April 15—Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:12-30: Marvelous things happened in the time after Easter because God's Holy Spirit was active in the "new lives" of the apostles and the first Christian converts. They gave a bold witness of this "newness" through words and deeds. Our positive Christian stewardship is also a powerful witness that our lives have been changed forever because of the resurrection of our Lord.

Attendance (4-8-2007)
8:00am Divine Service 208 Communion attendance 185
10:30am Divine Service 281 Commur
Sunday School

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