



GraceNotes Express

A publication highlighting the people and ministries of Grace.

The Week of April 8, 2007

Thank You All

Dear Grace Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for your wonderful hospitality. We want to thank you, on behalf of the Concordia Christus Chorus, for providing us with the opportunity to share our God given gifts here in Naples and a chance to share God's Word with others. Music is very special to us and we thank you for letting us share our music with you. Blessings!

Katie Herzberg (Christus President)
Kelli Jensen (Vice President)



Special points of interest:

- Flowers this morning are given by Dot Garbe in memory of Richard and the Lord's Blessings.
- 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.

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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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-

Sunday School students will meet in classroom 5 for a video and craft this morning at 9:15.

LYF Mystery Dinner Theater-

Join us April 14th in the Fellowship Hall from 6:00-8:30 for food, fun and a little mystery! Parent helpers are needed for the dinner if you are interested please contact Becky.

Confirmation Retreat-

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

Children and Youth

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-

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.

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

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



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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.

Thanks be to God and Thank You

What a wonderful outpouring of love Ruth and I received on March 25. 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

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.



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ANTHEM

Since by Man Came Death—G. F. Handel
From the Easter section of the Oratorio
“Messiah”

Since by man came death,
By man came also the resurrection of the
dead,
For as in Adam, all die,
Even so in Christ shall all be made alive.



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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 around the state of Florida as well as a renowned local organist. Jonathan Birner, the Grace Chorale and Grace AMR Ringers will also participate. A “Meet the Builder and Artists” reception (cookies and punch) will follow the recital.

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 8—Easter Sunday

1 Corinthians 15:51-57: The verses following this great Easter text encourage God's stewards to “give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.” What an encouragement to know that all we do in the work of our Lord is an investment in “eternal things!”

Attendance (4-1-2007)

8:00am Divine Service	168	Communion attendance	144
10:30am Divine Service	185	Communion attendance	151
Bible Study attendance	66	Sunday School	30

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