



GraceNotes Express

A publication highlighting the people and ministries of Grace.

The Week of August 12, 2007

Undy Sundays— Next Sunday and Sunday, August 26th.

Collection boxes have been placed in the narthex and Fellowship Hall for your donations of new socks and underwear for needy school children in Collier County. New underwear (sizes 6-12) are needed and checks to fill in sizes are also very welcome. Please be as generous as you have been in past years so that every child can be proud to start school with new basics.

Special points of interest:

- Nursery care is available during the services. Please ask 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.



Prayer Requests

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

Get Ready to Welcome Kami Jo Back!

Kami Jo Kuesel was a student Director of Christian Education intern at Grace one year ago. She has completed her studies at Concordia University, St. Paul, MN and will begin work as a Director of Christian Education at Grace, starting next Sunday.

Thrivent Financial— Working for Lutherans

Our Core Values

Thrivent Financial was founded to help Lutherans care for and support one another in time of need, guided by the principles of the Christian faith. We remain committed to this rich fraternal heritage as we strive to achieve the highest possible good for members, staff and society. We hold these values to be essential as we work to fulfill our mission, vision and strategies.

Become a Member

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is about more than insurance and investments. It's about bringing families together and helping them improve the quality of their lives. When you and your family become members of Thrivent Financial, you'll have access to a world of benefits. As members you and your family can take advantage of member benefits, Thrivent magazine, a secure web site, grant programs and store discounts.

Contact Beverly Fritz (304-1698) or Barb Hillier (261-9219) for more information on how to join Thrivent Financial and receive the benefits of membership.

Bible Studies

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!

Sunday Morning

Adult Bible Study

We invite you to join us for this adult Bible study that meets in Fellowship Hall taught by Pastor Reetz. Everyone is welcome to this informative class.

Hymn Notes

By: Austin C. Lovelace

How Great Thou Art

Carl Boberg, 1859-1940

It would take the FBI to trace the history of this popular hymn. Written in Sweden as a poem, it came to be sung to a popular Swedish melody, moved next to Germany but translated there by an Estonian, then to Russia where it was published in 1927. Stuart Hine, who settled in the Western Ukraine, created an English translation which contains little of the nine stanza original, but his setting has become an all time favorite due to its use in the Billy Graham crusades.

The Gift of Life

There will be several blood drives at the Regal Hollywood Theater in the coming months. Donations will also be taken from noon to 6 p.m. on Sept. 1,2,8,and 9, as well as November 23-25, and December 26,29 and 30. Please come out and donate to save a life today. Please be sure to give either Grace Lutheran Church or your family name when donating. **Free movie tickets will be given for each donation!** Thank you!

CCLS SCRIP Fund

The CCLS SCRIP program will continue throughout the summer! Your summer vacation can earn **FREE MONEY for CCLS.** With over 600 merchants, SCRIP can be your source of gift cards to gas stations, hotels, restaurants,

salons, movie theaters, department/sporting/home improvement stores, **Disney** and more!

Orders placed today will be available at church next Sunday. Call Jennifer LeMay at 253-2439

Adult Information Class

A new Adult Information Class begins in September. The class will meet once a week for one hour. This class, taught by Pastor Reetz, covers the basic teachings of the Christian faith. People who are interested in membership are invited to attend as well as members who want a review. There is no obligation connected with this class.

Extensions and Emails

- 1—Times of service
- 2—Directions to the church
- 3—Pastor Reetz
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- 4—Church secretary (Ruth)
secretary@graceofnaples.com
- 5—Music Director (Jonathan)
musicdirector@graceofnaples.com
- 6—Preschool Director (Julie)
preschooldirector@graceofnaples.com
- 8—Preschool emergency
- 0—Operator (Ruth)
- # —Replays the menu

Stewardship Corner 10th Sunday after Pentecost August 12, 2007

Hebrews 11:1-16: This text reminds us that faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. As Christian stewards, we have the confidence that our lives have purpose and meaning and we live them out to bring glory to our Father in heaven and blessings to people around us.

Attendance (8-9-2007)

9:30am Divine Service 142
9:30am Communion 122
Adult Bible Class