



GraceNotes Express

A publication highlighting the people and ministries of Grace.

The Week of August 19, 2007

Undy Sundays—Today and Next Sunday, too

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.



Prayer Requests

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

Substitutes Needed Sept. 10-21

Substitutes are needed to answer the phones and greet visitors while the secretary is away the week of Sept. 10th and the week of Sept. 17th. You may come for a morning or an afternoon or for a whole day if you can spare the time. Please call Ruth at 261-7421, ext. 4 to volunteer. Thank you!

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 reap the benefits of membership.

Special points of interest:

- 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.

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.

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.



Hymn Notes

By: Austin C. Lovelace

Lord, keep us steadfast in Thy Word

Martin Luther, 1483-1546

When the Turkish army had overrun Hungary and was threatening Germany in 1541, Luther wrote and used this hymn in a special prayer service asking for God's protection. Original references to the Pope and the Turks were later omitted to make the hymn more generally useful. The Word of God was always uppermost in the mind of Luther, and we sing his prayer asking God to keep us faithful to the Word.



Come for our First Fall Lunch!

The Women of Grace invite all women in the congregation (and their friends, too!) to have lunch together on Tuesday, September 11th, at 11:30AM.

Lunch will be held at the Bayside Restaurant (4270 Gulf Shore Blvd. N.) with everyone at adjoining tables. Order whatever you like from their fine menu and pay on separate checks.

If you plan to attend, it's **essential** to call either Beverly Fritz (304-1698) or Julia Williams (591-2350) **before September 4th.**

We will miss our usual boat trip to lunch, but wish Pastor Jim and Ruth a wonderful trip in September.



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 with any questions.

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!



Preschool Is Starting!

It's back to school tomorrow for our 3 and 4-year-olds and we look forward to the new preschool year with them. This year in addition to Julie Crews and Harriet Manning, we welcome Marijane Lobaugh, our new teacher for three-year-olds, and Laurie May and Deann Segars, teacher assistants.

As always, we love to have volunteers come and read to our children. If you've never forgotten your childhood favorites or love the look on the faces of children listening to a good story, please call Miss Julie and volunteer.

Thank you!

"We are twice blessed by your gift of kindness and by this feeling of gratitude you have brought to our hearts. Thank you very much for your thoughtfulness. It was truly appreciated."

Lothar and Renata Branz

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
- 7—Director of Christian Education
(Kami Jo)
- 8—Preschool emergency
- 0—Operator (Ruth)
- # —Replays the menu



Stewardship Corner 12th Sunday after Pentecost August 19, 2007

Hebrews 11:17-31: God's Old Testament heroes of faith like Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph and Moses practiced good stewardship of all of life and life's resources. They used their resources to advance God's kingdom in their lifetimes and made wise plans for the use of their resources after death. We do well to follow their example with good stewardship in the present and wise planning for the future.

Attendance (8-9-2007)

9:30am Divine Service	133
9:30am Communion	110
Adult Bible Class	46