



GraceNotes Express

A publication highlighting the people and ministries of Grace.

The Week of December 16, 2007

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

CAROLING TO OUR SHUT-INS

Join us in Fellowship Hall after the second service today and help us bring Christmas to members of our church family who are housebound. We will enjoy a light lunch together before setting off for caroling. You don't have to be Pavarotti to put a smile on someone's face. Join us and sing along!

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.

LIVE NATIVITY AND CONCERT Friday, Dec. 14

Messiah Lutheran Church and youth and Christ Community Lutheran School will present a live nativity on Dec. 14 from 6:30-8:30 on the grounds of Messiah Lutheran Church (5800 Golden Gate Parkway). The nativity will feature live animals, a "Taste of Christmas from all Nations" and a Christmas praise and worship concert following the live nativity at 8:30. A free-will offering will be taken for the CCLS middle school trip.

For more information, call Messiah at 455-2500.

Preschool Christmas Play 6:00PM, Thursday, Dec. 20th

Come and enjoy the 3 and 4-year-olds as they perform their Christmas play, "Angel, Angel!" on Thursday, December 20th at 6:00PM. We guarantee you'll leave with the Christmas spirit after this happy short musical.

CCLS Christmas Program

See the pink insert for full details on the CCLS Christmas program which will be presented at 7Pm on Thursday, December 20th.



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.

No Women's Bible Study

There will be no women's bible study during the Advent season. We will continue in January with a brand new bible study series. Have a blessed Advent season

Sunday School News

Dear Sunday School parents,

December 23rd and 30th will be large-group classes for the students. Class time will include fun crafts and interactive activities for the children in a large-group setting; they will meet in the sanctuary as usual.

Small-group classes will resume January 6th when students will meet in the sanctuary at 9:30AM for prayer and praise time before splitting up into small groups.



Thank you!

Many thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make our children's Christmas program a success this morning. We are grateful for all you did so that this could be a meaningful worship time for children and adults alike.



Our felicitations to Andy and Sarah Koehneke on the birth of their daughter, Adela Elizabeth, on December 9th. Mom and baby are doing well and we look forward to meeting this newest member of our church family.



Hymn Notes

From: Hymn Notes for Bulletins
By: Austin C. Lovelace

Savior of the Nations, Come

St. Ambrose, 340-397

Paraphrase: Martin Luther, 1483-1546

Trans. to English: William Reynolds, 1812-76

The bishop of Milan (St. Ambrose) is known as the father of Latin hymnody. His hymn rings the keynote for Advent, with seven stanzas providing opportunity to proclaim God's purpose in sending the Messiah and our response to this Good News. Martin Luther's German translation, "Nun komm, der heiden Heiland," was put into English by William M. Reynolds, son of a captain in the Revolutionary War.

Anthem

Dearest Lord Jesu—J. S. Bach

Dearest Lord Jesu, oh why dost Thou tarry?
Come now for I am of waiting so weary,
Come now and comfort my heart in despair,
Take me from misery, sorrow and care.
Come now, Lord Jesus, Oh Why dost thou tarry?
Oh why dost Thou tarry?
Come now for I am of waiting so weary,
So weary.

Deck Thee, oh deck thee, meet garment pre-
pare Thee
Keep thy lamp burning, and oil every near thee,
Ready, oh faithful one, fit for the Feast
At midnight call for thee, oh wedding guest.
Come now, Lord Jesus, Oh Why dost thou tarry?
Oh why dost Thou tarry?
Come now for I am of waiting so weary,



Prayer Requests

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

Wednesday Night Suppers!

Come to eat — AND STAY TO HELP!

We love having you for supper, but we also **NEED** your help afterwards. Please stay and help us straighten up. Remember how your mother always told you to ask if you could help with the dishes when you went to Aunt Abigail's for dinner.? Well, she was right. Gladden the hearts of the people who worked so hard to make that good food. Help them with the dishes. You'll get more than soft hands (we use Palmolive). You'll get the grateful thanks of our chefs!

Come and join us for dinner. Bring \$5.00 per person or \$15.00 per family, be there at 5:15 for the best value in Naples.

To help us cook just enough for everyone, please sign up and let us know you'll be coming. The sign-up sheet is in the narthex on the bulletin board. Y'all come!

Wednesday dinner at Grace is followed at 6:30 by Evening Prayer Service and the adult choir practice at 7:00PM. Join us for any or all of the Wednesday night activities.

SCRIP NEWS

Don't forget to order Burger King. Every card ordered gives CCLS a chance to win \$500 from Great Lakes Scrip Co.

Remember that PUBLIX is available at a 3% discount in \$50, \$100, and \$200 denominations. This is available "cash and carry," no advance ordering required.

Do you want to "double dip" benefits for CCLS? Go to SchoolPop.com and look at the list of retailers, including Land's End, LL Bean, Amazon, and many others. Many of these retailers ALSO participate in Scrip! If you order from them through SchoolPop, and use Scrip for payment, you make two contributions to the school!

As always, if you have questions or comments, you can call or e-mail. 239-384 9089. glanderktf@comcast.net

'Tis the Season of Giving

So give blood and you can get a gift, too! Get a free movie ticket when you successfully donate blood at any of the drives listed below. Be sure to give your family's name or the church's name so your donation is properly credited.

**Hollywood 20 Blood Drive, 12-6PM:
Wednesday, December 26, Saturday, December 29 and Sunday, December 30. (To donate on Wed., December 26, your last donation should have been on or before October 31.)**

Donate to Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity's home store is now accepting donations of construction materials as well as appliances.

If you or someone you know is getting a new refrigerator, stove, dishwasher, washing machine or dryer, let us know. We'll pick up the old one if it's in good shape and sell it in our store.

In addition, if you are renovating, we will take your old cabinets, countertops, doors, windows, even your old hurricane shutters.

Contact Mike Werner at 455-8439 if you have any questions.

QUILTS WARM THE HEART!

Our quilters recently donated 21 of their handmade quilts to migrant families in East Naples. Their efforts will make Christmas warm and bright and cozy for others. We celebrate the wonderful results of their time and talents.

If you can sew or iron or just tie yarn to tack our colorful quilts, please join the quilters on Thursday mornings at 10AM. They're taking a well-deserved break, but they'd love to see you in January.

Extensions and Emails

Church Phone—261-7421

Church fax # - 261-9337

Church website:

www.graceofnaples.com

- 1—Times of service
- 2—Directions to the church
- 3—Pastor Reetz
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- 6—Preschool Director (Julie)
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- 8—Preschool emergency



Stewardship Corner Second Sunday in Advent December 16, 2007

James 5:7-11: "Ready—Set—Come!" Who are God's watchful and wise stewards? They are the people of God who work faithfully and patiently, knowing that their works of love will bear much fruit in due time just as the farmer who does his work and then patiently waits for God's blessing on the harvest.

Attendance (12-9-2007)

8:00am Divine Service	141
10:30am Divine Service	147
8:00am Communion	108
10:30am Communion	110
Adult Bible Class	58



Christmas Ornaments Just for You!

The Women of Grace are pleased to offer you a Commemorative 50th Anniversary Christmas Ornament depicting Grace Lutheran Church on a beautiful 3" bulb. This lovely ornament was produced by Bronner's Christmas Wonderland in Frankenmuth, MI. We now have a keepsake that will last for the next fifty years. Price of the ornament is \$10.

They are now available for sale before and after Sunday services at the Visitor's Center. Stop by and purchase a special memento of Grace for your Christmas tree.

invites you to experience the sounds of

Elisabeth von Trapp

Born to a rich musical heritage, Elisabeth is the granddaughter of legendary Maria and Baron von Trapp, whose story inspired "The Sound of Music." Elisabeth's concert repertoire ranges from Bach to Broadway .. Schubert to Sting.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11, 2008—6:30PM
featuring local church choirs

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 12, 2008—
6:30-7:30PM**
featuring children sing-alongs

**EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
777 MOORING LINE DRIVE.**

\$100 VIP ticket—includes VIP party, priority seating, name listed in program

\$35 advance general admission ticket
\$40 at the door

\$85 Family Package — includes 2 adult & 2 children's tickets

To order tickets, call 813-676-9511 or visit www.lsfnet.org.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The price of altar flowers is now \$70 for the two bouquets each Sunday. Therefore, as of January 1, 2008, you can purchase one altar bouquet for \$35. The first name on the "slot" for each Sunday will have the preference of choosing the color for that Sunday.

The occasion or event (anniversary, birthday, thanksgiving, etc.) will be listed as you wish in the church bulletin.

The sign-up sheet is hanging on the east bulletin board in the narthex. Or you may call Mallie Logan (594-8904) to set your date on the calendar.

Our flower bouquets come from Floral Designs by Heidi. Each arrangement has a generous amount of very fresh, colorful flowers and the design is beautiful.

Flowers are another wonderful way to thank our Heavenly Father for His goodness and mercy!

