

GraceNotes Express

A publication highlighting the people and ministries of Grace.

The Week of January 6, 2008

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.

Sunday School News



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.

Women's Bible Study

This women's Bible study will begin in January and go to Easter, March 23rd. With Lent and Easter approaching, the theme for the study will be Jesus' ministry leading up to the crucifixion. Classes will begin Thursday, January 10th, at 10:00AM at Sunburst Café (2430 Pine Ridge Road, by Target). Contact Kami Jo with any questions.

Dear Sunday School parents,

December 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.

New Young Adult Bible Study!

A new Bible study is starting for young adults. The theme for the course will be "The Book of Revelation — what does it all mean?" Starting Thursday, January 10th at 7PM, we will meet at the Barnes and Noble on 41 and Pine Ridge to grab a cup of coffee and study the Book of Revelation. Come and try out this new Bible study and bring your friends. Contact Kami Jo with any questions.

Youth Event!



"A new year, so what?". Middle and high school youth, come to a new year's celebration Friday, January 11th from 7-9pm in Fellowship Hall. There will be food and activities that focus around the theme of "a new year, so what?". Too often we lose sight of the gift in a new year and the opportunities that lie ahead to spread God's word. This event will give youth a new perspective and focus for 2008!

**BLOOD DRIVE
At
OUR CHURCH**

**Wednesday, January
23rd
4:30-6:30PM**

Sign up to give the gift people can't live without — **blood!** Sign the list on the narthex bulletin board or call Val Mihok at 641-4371.

We invite you to come and give blood at any time between 4:30 and 6:30 that is convenient; you may choose the time when you sign up. Supper in Fellowship Hall at 5:30 will be a very special one so plan on eating with us after you've donated.

Thank you for your gift! It will benefit so many people. You don't have to be a superhero to save lives; you just need to stick out your arm. Please sign up to do that on January 23rd.

Prayer Requests



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

Wednesday Night Suppers!

Frank's making stew!

You really don't want to miss Frank Chapoton's fantastic stew. It's chock full of meat and vegetables in a savory sauce. Add crusty rolls and a rich dessert and this is a meal you definitely will love. Make a reservation today.

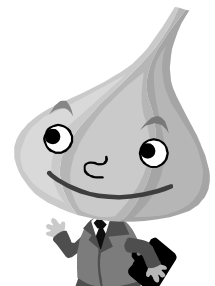
**Come to eat — AND
STAY TO HELP!**

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. Glad- den 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!

SUNDAY SCHOOL EVENT!

A brand new Veggie Tales movie is coming to theatres in January! "*The Pirates who don't do anything*" is about discovering that real heroes don't have to be tall, strong or handsome. Real heroes are the ones who do what's right even when it's not easy!

The Sunday school children and parents are encouraged to make this movie an event after church January 13th! Children will receive a pirates' name tag and hero's certificate at the event. Don't miss this fun opportunity! The movie time will be an-



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

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.

Extensions and Emails

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www.graceofnaples.com

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- 2—Directions to the church
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- 8—Preschool emergency



Stewardship Corner Epiphany of our Lord January 6, 2008

Ephesians 3:1-12: Who are God's modern-day wise stewards? They are people who have been changed by God's grace and joyfully and freely use all they are and have to be people in mission — God's mission!

Attendance (12-30-2007)

8:00am Divine Service	78
10:30am Divine Service	133
8:00am Communion	75
10:30am Communion	118
Adult Bible Class	41

Women of Grace January Meeting

The Women of Grace will meet Tuesday, January 8, 2008. The meeting will begin at 11:00AM followed by a "Brown Bag Lunch" with dessert and drinks begin served by Lois Schuchmann and Betty Yock.

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.

Habitat for Humanity



There is an opportunity January 12th to volunteer at Habitat for Humanity. Jobs range from painting to hammering nails; there is something for everyone! If you would like to come to the worksite for a few hours of your time, then please sign up on the narthex bulletin board! (Must be 14 years of age or older).

Thanks!

The Lutheran Church Down Under 1:00PM, Tuesday, January 8, 2008

Pastor Hubert Temme, a native Australian, will speak of his ministry experiences in Australia, beginning as a missionary to the Aborigines in the Outback. During his thirteen years of ministry in Australia, Pastor Temme established a new congregation near Adelaide, followed by a move to Glenelg, a local beach resort. He also served as an Army Reserve Chaplain, chairperson of the Board of Aboriginal Missions and guest speaker on the Lutheran Hour. After leaving Australia, Pastor Temme served congregations in Illinois, Maryland, Hong Kong, and Grand Cayman and is now retired in Florida.

The Women of Grace invite the entire congregation to join us at 1:00PM on Tuesday, January 8, 2008 to hear this interesting and entertaining program about the Lutheran Church and its people 15,000 miles from Naples.

Anthem

Three Kings from Persian Lands
Gustav Von Holst

In Bethlehem, that noble place,
Of Virgin Mary, full of grace,
Within a stable all forlorn,
The Savior of the world is born.
Be we merry in this feast
In which the Savior Christ is born.

Three kings from Persian lands afar,
Following the distant star:
And this the quest of the trav'lers three,
Where the newborn King may be.
Be we merry in this feast
In which the Savior Christ is born.

The star shines out with steadfast ray;
The kings to Bethlehem make their way,
And there in worship, they bend the knee,
Unto the child they'd come to see.
Be we merry in this feast
In which the Savior Christ is born.

The star of mercy the star of grace,
Shall lead thy heart to its resting place:
Gold, incense, myrrh thou cannot bring,
So give thy heart unto the King!
Be we merry in this feast
In which the Savior Christ is born.



HYMN NOTES

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Hymn notes for Church Bulletins
By : Austin C. Lovelace

As With Gladness, Men of Old
William Dix, 1837-1898

First published in a trial edition of the incredibly successful *Hymns Ancient and Modern* (1859) (over 100 million copies have been sold in various editions), this has become one of the most famous hymns for Epiphany. It is based on the Gospel lesson from Matthew 2:1-12 for Epiphany Day and tells of the visit of the Magi.

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise
Christopher Wordsworth, 1807-1885

“Epiphany” means “manifestation” of Christ to the world, and the author used the word “manifest” twelve times to describe Christ’s birth, baptism, appearance at the wedding feast in Cana, healing the sick, and his powers over evil. Thus the hymn becomes not only praise to God, but a time for learning more about Epiphany and about Christ himself.

NEW WEDNESDAY MORNING STUDIES

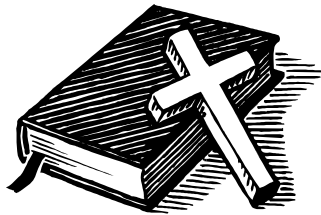
Pastor Karl Zahrte will be leading our Wednesday morning Bible class for two Wednesdays, January 9th and 16th, starting at 10:00AM till 11:00AM.

The topic for the 9th is “Biblical Help for Making Decisions in the New Year.”

The topic for the 16th is “The 23rd Psalm, God’s Antidote to Worry.”

Pastor Karl Roehmer will lead the Wednesday morning Bible class the remainder of the season.

All are welcome to these classes in Fellowship Hall.



Thank you!

How can we begin to express our thanks for all the kindness and thoughtful generosity that you showed to us over the Christmas holiday!

Yours in His service,

Pastor, Jonathan, Kami Jo, Julie, Ruth