

GraceNotes Express

A publication highlighting the people and ministries of Grace.

The Week of November 25, 2007

Mite Box Sunday

Next Sunday, November 25, is Mite Box Sunday, time to turn in your filled mite box and replace it with a new one. These small gifts when combined with all other LCMS churches have totaled over \$1,000,000.00 collected and given to missions throughout the world. The total collected by our church so far is \$654.47. Let's make that a lot bigger by the end of the year!

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.

530 BOXES!

Grace Lutheran filled 530 Thanksgiving boxes this year! Thank you to the entire congregation for supporting this ministry through prayer, food and box donations, and packing and delivering boxes. The food was delivered November 19th to needy families and organizations in the Naples and Immokalee area to brighten their Thanksgiving and provide food for the coming weeks.

"Love the Lord your God with all our heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself" Matthew 22:37-39.

Sunday school teacher meeting

There will be a meeting December 2nd following the 10:30am worship service for all Pre-K to 6th grade teachers. We will meet in Fellowship Hall, contact Kami Jo with any questions.



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 this Tuesday, November 26th, or during the Advent season. We will continue in January with a brand new bible study series. Have a blessed Advent season

Kids' Corner!

Today in Sunday school children will learn the story of God taking Elijah to heaven. The key point for today is that God wants us to be faithful to Him. At home, ask your children about the chariot and horses that appeared and what was different about them.

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'Tis the Season of Giving

And one way to benefit others is donating blood.

There will be blood drives at Coconut Point/ Muvico and at Hollywood 20 in Naples; if you successfully give blood, you will receive a free movie ticket.

Drives at Coconut Point are from 1-6:30 Saturday, Dec. 15 and from 3-7:30 Friday, Dec. 21.

Drives at Hollywood 20 are scheduled from noon to 6PM Friday, Nov. 23, Saturday, Nov. 24 and Sunday, Nov. 25.

Youth Ropes Course!

All middle and high school youth are encouraged to participate in a ropes course event December 8th. We will be participating in the enrichment course which is designed to build group cohesion and communication skills for groups just like us! We will meet at Grace Lutheran at 11am and return in the evening, please check out the narthex bulletin board for more details. If your child plans to attend, please sign-up on the bulletin board by December 2nd.



Hymn Notes

From: Then Sings My Soul
By: Robert J. Morgan

Jesus Shall Reign, 1719 Isaac Watts

In 1719, Isaac Watts published *The Psalms of David Imitated in the Language of the New Testament*. In it, Watts worked his way through most of the 150 psalms, paraphrasing them, injecting them with New Testament truth, and framing them in singing form.

Several of these have become favorites that have withstood the ages. His rendition of Psalm 72, for example, has been called the first mission hymn: "Jesus Shall Reign where're The Sun."

Eric Liddell, Scottish Olympic hero of the 1924 games in Paris, sang this hymn at his departure from Edinburgh to serve as a missionary to China. He served courageously until his death in 1945 in a Japanese internment camp.

Anthem

O Praise the Mighty Lord - G. F. Handel

O praise the mighty Lord, our God,
sing a joyful song.
He reigns in majesty, for evermore.

He reigns for evermore,
Sing praise,
He reigns for evermore.
O Praise the mighty Lord with joyful song.
Hallelujah!

Wednesday Night Suppers!

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

CCLS needs substitute teachers

Christ Community is in great need of substitute teachers for grades PK4-8th grade. Possible hours are from Monday to Friday 7:45AM to 3PM. Qualifications include a love for children and a BA degree or higher, preferably in education. If you're interested, please e-mail cclsoffice@yahoo.com or call the school office at 239-430-2655.

CCLS—Rejoice in the Lord!

Each Wednesday morning chapel is held in the pavilion at Christ Community Lutheran School. The pavilion is a multipurpose room; in an effort to differentiate this space with an atmosphere of reverence during chapel time, altar cloths and banners are being made. Earlier in the school year, the middle school students created a series of altar cloths matching the liturgical calendar. The second grade class created a 15 x 5' panel banner to adorn the east side of the pavilion, transforming it into a worship space. Emblazoned with "Rejoice in the Lord" in large yellow letters on a navy field, the bottom of the banner is adorned with a three-dimensional silk flower garden. The third and fourth grade class has also created a 15 x 5' panel banner with a triangle with woven corners symbolizing the Trinity. The words, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, are displayed in white on a navy field. Additional chapel banners created by other classes will soon accompany these. The best way to check out the students' handiwork is to join the school for chapel from 8:25-8:55AM each Wednesday. Parents and friends of the school are always invited.

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

Church Phone—261-7421

Church fax # - 261-9337

- 1—Times of service
- 2—Directions to the church
- 3—Pastor Reetz
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- 4—Church secretary (Ruth)
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- 5—Music Director (Jonathan)
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- 6—Preschool Director (Julie)
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- 7—Director of Christian Education
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- 8—Preschool emergency
- 0—Operator (Ruth)

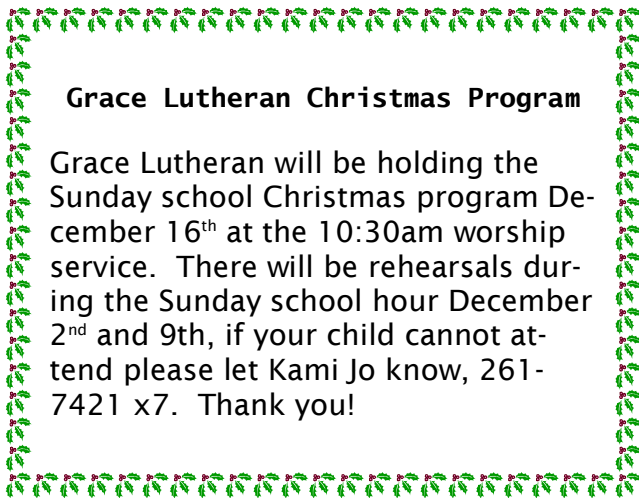


Stewardship Corner Christ the King Sunday November 25, 2007

Colossians 1:13-20: The Epistle reading for the last Sunday in the church year reminds us that God in Christ rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into His kingdom of light so we might use all of life and life's resources in service to Him and our neighbor.

Attendance (11-18-2007)

8:00am Divine Service	111
10:30am Divine Service	125
8:00am Communion	101
10:30am Communion	92
Adult Bible Class	59



Grace Lutheran Christmas Program

Grace Lutheran will be holding the Sunday school Christmas program December 16th at the 10:30am worship service. There will be rehearsals during the Sunday school hour December 2nd and 9th, if your child cannot attend please let Kami Jo know, 261-7421 x7. Thank you!

The dish ran away with the spoon...

We don't really miss the dish, but if you know the whereabouts of the missing stainless steel serving spoon, we'd love to have it back. The spoon eloped after Oktoberfest. Please help us get it back. Call the church office.



Prayer Requests

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

It Was Just Ducky!

The preschool's Annual Duck Regatta raised \$2,800 for new equipment. We thank you for all your help and we are also grateful to Thrivent for Lutherans for their \$800 matching fund donation. We appreciate our church family!

ALTAR FLOWERS

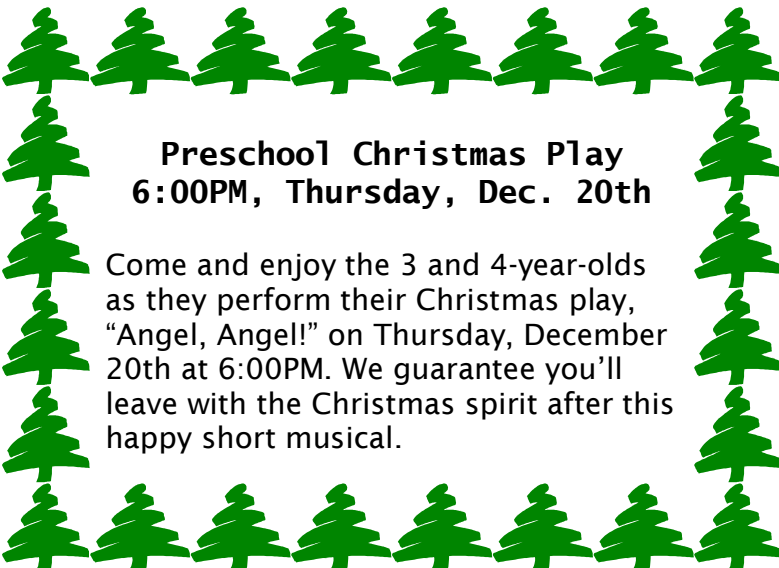
The price of altar flowers is now \$70 for the two bouquets each Sunday. Therefore, as of January 1, 2008, you can purchase one altar bouquet for \$35. The first name on the "slot" for each Sunday will have the preference of choosing the color for that Sunday.

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!



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.



Delicious Thanks!!!

To everyone who baked or cooked, who helped price, set up, sell or clean up, many, many thanks for making our bake sale such a success! Your efforts will benefit our missions projects and spread God's Word throughout the world.

The Bake Sale Committee

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.