



GraceNotes Express

A publication highlighting the people and ministries of Grace.

The Week of October 14, 2007

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.

Save the date for Oktoberfest— Sunday, October 21st

As part of the worship services at 8AM and 10:30AM on October 21st, we will honor the 35th anniversary of Pastor Reetz' ordination.

At 4PM Oktoberfest will take place on the parsonage lawn next door to the church.

Bratwurst, hot dogs, buns, condiments, drinks, plates, cups and silverware will be provided as will a cake for Pastor Reetz.

Please bring a salad or side dish to share.

A waterslide and bounce house for the kids will be set up so bring their swim suits and towels.

About those flowers on the Altar...

Many folks wish to place flowers in our chancel on a Sunday morning as another way to give thanks to God for the blessings they have received or in memory of a departed loved one. These flowers help to beautify God's house and our altar. A sign-up sheet for each Sunday of the year is posted in the church narthex. Gifts of flowers are acknowledged in that Sunday's bulletin.

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



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

A new women's Bible study is starting on Tuesday, October 16th, at 6PM in Fellowship Hall. This is a six-week Bible study for women of all ages. The study, "You Matter More than You Think," will meet every Tuesday night from 6-7PM in Fellowship Hall from October 16th to November 20th. If you have any questions, please contact DCE Kami Jo.

Kids' Corner!

Today Sunday school children will be learning about the wisdom God gave Solomon. Solomon wrote proverbs and songs with his wisdom and attracted people from all nations. The key point of today's lesson is that true wisdom means to follow God's Word. At home, ask your children about what they learned in class today and how they can apply it to their lives.

Middle School Gathering!

All 7th and 8th graders are encouraged to attend this gathering! The theme for the gathering is "Who am I". The gathering allows youth to figure out what it means to be a Christian today, not an easy task. The gathering is November 2-4th at Lake Yale in Leesburg, FL. The early bird registration deadline is September 27th, 2007; if you register on or before that date your cost is \$115.00 per person. The registration fee after that date is \$125.00 per person. Please sign your child up on the bulletin board in the narthex or talk to DCE Kami Jo. Kami Jo and another adult will be driving the youth to the gathering and chaperoning for the weekend.

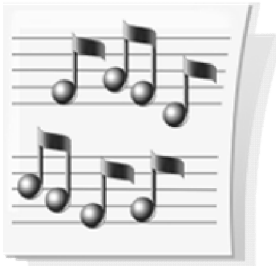
Contact DCE Kami Jo with any questions.

Newsboys Concert!

The Christian pop band *Newsboys* is coming to Germain Arena on October 15th! Tickets are \$28 per person. See the bulletin board in the narthex for more information and sign-up soon! Contact DCE Kami Jo with any questions.

Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who donated a sewing machine to the Amigos en Cristo Organization. The sewing machines were delivered to Amigos en Cristo October 4th and are greatly appreciated. Thanks again for your generosity.



Hymn Notes

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

My Faith Looks Up to Thee Ray Palmer

In the early 1830s, Lowell Mason moved from Savannah to Boston, where he wanted to focus exclusively on his musical interests. Soon he was directing three choirs, publishing hymns, compiling a songbook, and trying to get music education in the Boston public schools.

On day in 1832, he bumped into Ray Palmer. Palmer, 24, was exhausted. For years, he had burned the candle on both ends, working as a clerk in a dry goods store, attending classes at Yale, teaching at a girl's school in New York City, and preparing for the ministry.

Now, Mason wanted Palmer to write for him, to compose some hymns for his projected hymnbook. Palmer, too tired to produce anything new, hesitatingly opened his little leather journal and showed Mason a poem he had written two years before. It was a personal prayer for renewed zeal and courage, composed in his rented room one night in 1830 when he had felt sick, tired, and lonely. He later explained: "The words for these stanzas were born out of my own soul with very little effort. I recall that I wrote the verses with tender emotion. There was not the slightest thought of writing for another eye, least of all writing a hymn for Christian worship."

That evening in his studio, Mason poured over this poem, hammering out the perfect tune for it. Shortly after, the two men met again and Mason told the young man, "Mr. Palmer, you may live many years and do many good things, but I think you will be best known to posterity as the author of 'My Faith Looks Up to Thee.'"

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. We're cooking a dinner featuring moist, savory roast pork especially for you!

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 s for any or all of the Wednesday night activities.

Thanksgiving Baskets!

We are excited to announce that Christ Community Lutheran School will be joining Grace Lutheran Church in collecting food for the Thanksgiving baskets. Our goal this year it to fill **500 boxes** for needy families in the area. All donations of cardboard boxes, canned vegetables, rice and beans are greatly appreciated! Contact DCE Kami Jo with any questions.

CCLS SCRIP Fund

The CCLS SCRIP program provides much needed funds for our school with minimal effort and no cost! It's **FREE MONEY for CCLS**. With over 600 merchants, SCRIP can be your source of gift cards to gas stations, restaurants, salons, movie theaters, department/sporting/home improvement stores, and more! Shop where you normally shop and buy what you normally buy, and earn **FREE MONEY FOR CCLS** at the same time!

Orders placed today will be available at church next Sunday. See Ginny Glander or Call Jennifer LeMay at 253-2439 with any questions.



Prayer Requests

Please call Jean Hennink if you have a request for our prayer chain at 26

Anthem

This Little Light of Mine - arr. George Mabry

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

Every day, every day, every day, every day,
I'm gonna let my little light shine.

On Monday, he gave me the gift of love;
On Tuesday, peace come from above.
On Wednesday, told me to have more faith;
On Thursday, gave me a bit more grace.
On Friday, told me to watch and pray;
On Saturday, told me what to say.
On Sunday, gave me pow'r divine
Just to let my little light shine

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

Every day, every day, every day, every day,
I'm gonna let my little light shine.

Carrabba's Dinner and Concert

Come and enjoy a delicious dinner catered by Carrabba's, followed by a concert by the Barron Collier High School choruses.

When: Tuesday, October 23rd.
Where: St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church
Time: Dinner-5:00-6:30PM
Concert-7:00PM

For more information and tickets, see Lauren or Evan Root or call 514-1046.

Extensions and Emails

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- 8—Preschool emergency
- 0—Operator (Ruth)



Stewardship Corner 20th Sunday after Pentecost October 14, 2007

Luke 17:11-19: The story of the ten lepers reminds us to always receive blessings from God with thanksgiving. Someone has said that we may have trouble giving because we have trouble receiving. If we think we have earned everything, that impacts our giving. But when we recognize that all things come from God, we acknowledge Him as the Owner and receive and use those things with thanksgiving.

Attendance (10-7-2007)

8:00am Divine Service	96
10:30am Divine Service	124
8:00am Communion	77
10:30am Communion	81
Adult Bible Class	53

Join the Frequent Donor Movie Club

Get a free movie ticket when you successfully donate blood at any of the drives below. If you have successfully given blood 3 times at Hollywood 20 in 2007, you are eligible to win a dinner for two & a 6-pack of movie tickets. All drives are from 12-6PM. Please be sure to give the church's name or your family's name so blood will be credited properly.

Dates coming up — Nov. 23-25 and Dec. 26,29,30

Teachers' Meeting Scheduled

Following the second service on Sunday, October 28th, there will be a meeting for Sunday School teachers in Fellowship Hall.

Women of Grace Meeting 11AM, November 6, 2007

"Hearing Health, " hearing safety in the home and on the road will be presented in an entertaining and humorous program by Mary Johnson, Community Outreach, Audibel Hearing. Please bring a salad to share. Desert will be provided by our hostesses, Evelyn Rice and Carole Patterson.

Due to Election Day, the meeting will be held in the parsonage. The meeting begins 11:00AM. All women of Grace, friends and guests are invited to attend.

To my Friends, Brothers and Sisters from Grace Lutheran Church,

Many thanks for your prayers and get well wishes.

Sincerely yours,
Otilie T. Arend

P. S. The beautiful flowers made my day when they arrived.

Preschool News for You!

Ask and you shall receive! Thank you, Diny Biehler, Jane Lange, Bonnie Heidel and Kami Jo for blessing our preschool children with story time each week.

Our 2nd Annual Duck Regatta fundraiser will be held on November 10th from 11AM to 1PM. Last year our church family helped us raise in excess of \$4,000 to refurbish our playground equipment. This year our goal is more shade, rubber covering for our tricycle track and equipment for physical education activities! We will be selling rubber ducks for \$10 each outside the church very soon! Remember: prizes go to the first

Can You Help?

Due to a death in the family, the church secretary will be away from the office from October 22-26 and also Monday, October 29th. If you can answer the phones and greet visitors in the morning on any of those days, please call her and volunteer. She would be very grateful for this gift of your time.