



GraceNotes Express

A publication highlighting the people and ministries of Grace.

The Week of October 7, 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.

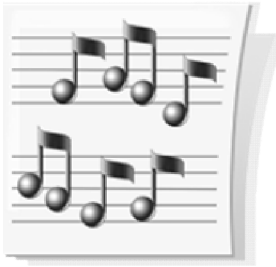
Please bring a salad or side dish to share.

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

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



Hymn Notes

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

Now Thank We All Our God Martin Rinkart 1586-1649

Martin Rinkart was a Lutheran pastor in the little village of Eilenberg, Saxony. He grew up as the son of a poor coppersmith, felt called to the ministry, and after his theological training began his pastoral work just as the Thirty Years' War was raging through Germany.

Floods of refugees streamed into the walled city of Eilenberg. It was the most desperate of times. The Swedish army encompassed the city gates, and inside the walls there was nothing but plague, famine, and fear. Eight hundred homes were destroyed, and people began dying in increasing numbers. There was a tremendous strain on the pastors, who expended all their strength in preaching the gospel, caring for the sick and dying, and burying the dead. One after another, the pastors themselves took ill and perished until at last only Martin Rinkart was left. Some days he conducted as many as fifty funerals.

Finally the Swedes demanded a huge ransom. It was Martin Rinkart who left the safety of the city walls to negotiate with the enemy, and he did it with such courage and faith that there was soon a conclusion of hostilities, and the period of suffering ended.

Rinkart, knowing there is no healing without thanksgiving, composed this hymn for the survivors of Eilenberg. It has been sung around the world ever since.

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. This Wednesday we will be serving wonderful pineapple chicken and rice.

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.

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 is 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

Lord, It belongs Not to My Care - Carl Schalk

Lord, It belongs not to my care,
Whether I die or live,
To love and serve thee is my share, and this thy
grace must give.
If life be long, I will be glad that I may long obey:
If short, yet why should I be sad to soar to endless
day?

Christ leads us through no darker rooms
Than He went through before,
He that unto God's kingdom comes must enter by
this door.

Come Lord, when grace has made me meet,
Thy blessed face to see;
For if thy work on earth be sweet,
What will thy glory be!

My knowledge of that life is small, the eye of faith
is dim;
But 'tis enough that Christ knows all,
And I shall be with him.

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

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



Stewardship Corner 19th Sunday after Pentecost October 7, 2007

Luke 17:1-10: As Christian stewards we are managers of servants of that which belongs to God. It is our duty to manage wisely and well and even when we do, we do not merit any special rewards from God; we are only doing what we are supposed to do. In other words we practice good stewardship not in order to be saved, but because we are saved.

Attendance (9-30-2007)

9:30am Divine Service	163
9:30am Communion	131
Adult Bible Class	40