



GraceNotes Express

A publication highlighting the people and ministries of Grace.

The Week of September 16, 2007

Adult Information Class

The new Adult Information Class will meet once a week for one hour. You may attend at either 5:00PM or 6:00PM each Thursday evening, beginning September 6th. This class, taught by Pastor Reetz, covers the basic teachings of the Christian faith. People who are interested in membership are invited to attend as well as members who want a review. There is no obligation connected with this class.

Special points of interest:

- Nursery care is available during the services. Please as 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.

Choir Anthem

Offertory - by: John Ness Beck
Micah 6:6-8

With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, Shall I come before him with yearling calves?

Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I give Him by first born for my transgressions, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

He has shown you, O man; He has shown you what is good.

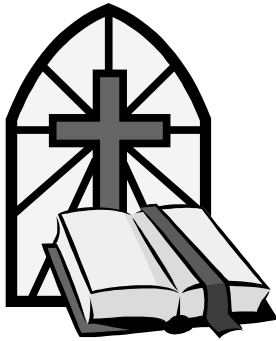
And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?



Prayer Requests

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

Sunday School!



Sunday School classes are available for all ages. This year's curriculum will focus on children experiencing Scripture through hands-on activities in the classroom that are exciting and educational.

Please sign your child's name and information on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Questions? Contact Kami Jo.

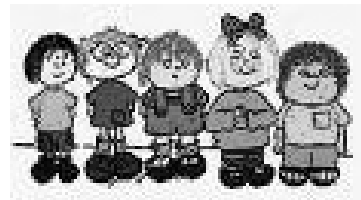
Bible Studies

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 Retz. Everyone is welcome to this informative



THANK YOU!!

Amigos in Christos sends thanks for our response to their need for sewing machines. If you are one who has asked us to come pick your up, we will be contacting you shortly to make those arrangements!

If you have a sewing machine you would like to donate, please see Kami Jo or Jonathan and we will make sure your machine gets to Pastor Selle at Amigos in Christos for use in their sewing ministry.

THANK YOU!

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.



Hymn Notes

By: Robert J. Morgan

Amazing Grace John Newton

It's hard to shake off a mother's influence. John Newton's earliest memories were of his godly mother who, despite fragile health, devoted herself to nurturing his soul. At her knee he memorized Bible passages and hymns.

After her death, John alternate between boarding school and the high seas, wanting to live a good life but nonetheless falling deeper and deeper into sin. Pressed into service with the British Navy, he deserted, was captured, and after two days of suspense, was flogged. His subsequent thoughts vacillated between murder and suicide. "I was capable of anything", her recalled.

More voyages, dangers, toils and snares followed. It was a life unrivaled in fiction. Then on the night of March 9, 1748, John, 23, was jolted awake by a brutal storm that descended too suddenly for the crew to foresee. The next day in great peril, he cried to the Lord. He later wrote, "that tenth of March is a day much remembered by me; and I have never suffered it to pass unnoticed since the year 1748—the Lord came from on high and delivered me out of deep waters." In the end, John became one of the most powerful evangelical preachers in British history, a powerful foe of slavery, and the author of hundreds of hymns.

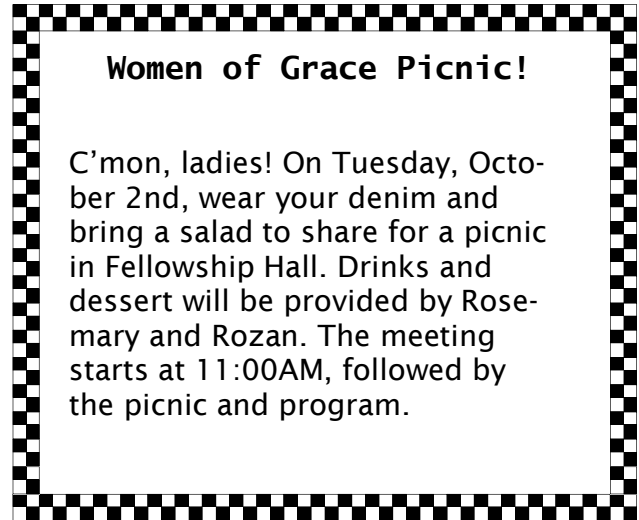
Amazing Grace is based on 1Chronicles 17:16-17: "King David...said: 'Who am I, O Lord God? And what is my house, that You have brought me this far? And have regarded me according to the rank of a man of high degree?'"

Mark Your Calendars!

It's that time of year again — time for food and fellowship on Wednesday nights! Dinners at Grace begin on September 12th. Bring \$5 per person or \$15 per family and be there at 5:15 for the best value in Naples. Some of the good food you can enjoy this season:

Sept. 19: Lasagna with meatballs & sauce
Sept. 26: Chicken delight

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.



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 2 & a 6-pack of movie tickets. All drives are from 12-6PM.

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

Please be sure to give the church's name or your family's name so blood will be credited properly.



Happiness Is Being Read to!

Our three and four year olds love stories. Doesn't matter if they're old or new, they love to listen to you read. If you've never forgotten your childhood favorites or love the look on the faces of children listening to a good story, please call Miss Julie and volunteer.

Extensions and Emails

- 1—Times of service
- 2—Directions to the church
- 3—Pastor Reetz
revpreetz@graceofnaples.com
- 4—Church secretary (Ruth)
secretary@graceofnaples.com
- 5—Music Director (Jonathan)
musicdirector@graceofnaples.com
- 6—Preschool Director (Julie)
preschooldirector@graceofnaples.com
- 7—Director of Christian Education
(Kami Jo)
- 8—Preschool emergency
- 0—Operator (Ruth)
- # —Replays the menu



Tell Them You're Ours!

If you are admitted to a local hospital, please make sure to put Grace Lutheran Church as your church. If you only put down Lutheran, they won't let us know you're a patient there. We want to visit you so tell **them** you belong to our church family and then also tell **us** directly that you're in the hospital.

Stewardship Corner 16th Sunday after Pentecost September 16, 2007

1 Timothy 5-17: We undeserving sinners are made God's stewards by the marvelous working of the Holy Spirit through the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We Continue to be changed by the Holy Spirit as St. Paul was and, as a result, we live and work in ways that honor God, support His kingdom and make life better for others. That's good stewardship!