

GraceNotes Express

A publication highlighting the people and ministries of Grace.

The Week of September 9, 2007

Rally Day!

September 9th is Rally Day for Sunday School students. To kick off Rally Day, the new Sunday School teachers will be installed during the worship services at 9:30AM. Following worship, children will meet in the sanctuary for praise and prayer time. The children will then learn about the theme for the year, "Growing in Christ," and be given a seed to plant and watch it grow throughout the year in their classrooms. In their classrooms children will learn the story of the day and how it applies to their lives today.

He said to them, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." (Mark 10:14)

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.

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.



Prayer Requests

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

Sunday School!

Sunday School classes will begin today 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.

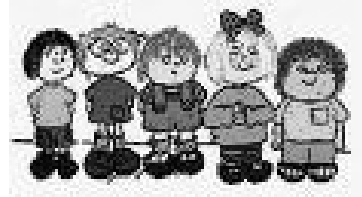
Please sign your child's name and information on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex.

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 Reetz. Everyone is welcome to this informative class.

SEWING MACHINES NEEDED!

Do you have a working sewing machine collecting dust in a closet? Would you be willing to donate it to a worthy cause?

Amigos in Christos has an active and growing outreach sewing ministry. They are limited only by their lack of machines. They simply don't have enough!

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.

THANK YOU!



Hymn Notes

By: Austin C. Lovelace

O God, Thou faithful God Johann Heermann

Entitled "A daily prayer," the hymn was written during the time of Heermann's greatest suffering. During the Thirty Years' War he lost all his possessions, narrowly escaped death, his town was plundered and devastated by fire and plague. His hymn faces all this with three fundamental principles: holy living, patience in tribulation and joy in death.

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.

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. 12: Stuffed pork chops & sweet potatoes
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.

Women of Grace Picnic!

C'mon, ladies! On Tuesday, October 2nd, wear your denim and bring a salad to share for a picnic in Fellowship Hall. Drinks and dessert will be provided by Rosemary and Rozan. The meeting starts at 11:00AM, followed by the picnic and program.

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.

Saturday, Sept. 1 & Sunday, Sept. 2
Saturday, Sept. 8 and Sunday, Sept. 9

Other 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 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.

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Stewardship Corner 15th Sunday after Pentecost September 9, 2007

Philemon 1-21: Good stewardship encourages us to make the best use of our resources, regardless of our station or position in life. Onesimus as a runaway slave who became a Christian by God's grace and, as St. Paul said, was of even more value to his master as a Christian brother than as an ordinary slave. By God's grace we are richly blessed so we may be blessings to others.

Attendance (9-2-2007)	
9:30am Divine Service	186
9:30am Communion	159
Adult Bible Class	44