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# GRACELINES

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August 2010

**The deadline for the September 2010 newsletter is Friday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at NOON.**

## AUGUST COFFEE AND COOKIE SERVERS

August 1 Kelly Kehr, Barb O'Donovan  
August 8 Barb Ennis, Anita Anderson  
August 15 Renee Capra, Ruth Mattison  
August 22 Shirley Klepsa, Lee Moody  
August 29 Bonnie Boyer, Judy Roeschlein

## SEPTEMBER COFFEE AND COOKIE SERVERS

Sept. 5 Leah Hughes, Bev Deis  
Sept. 12 Rally Sunday - Lucille Schultz, Jodi Schultz, Kathy Anderson  
Sept. 19 Rhonda Felland, Evie Lobdell, Tricia Otto  
Sept. 26 Dolores Blaisdell, Lisa Wren, Kris Graves

DATED MATERIAL – PLEASE EXPEDITE

*Attention Servers: Please bring 8 dozen goodies each to share. Thanks for your help- it's much appreciated!*

**COFFEE SERVING TIME:** Coffee will be served between the services **and after the 9:15 service.** Please be at the church by 8:15 to get the coffee started and things set up. Please keep this copy, we will list your name in the bulletin the week before you are to serve.

**If you are unable to serve on the Sunday listed please change a Sunday with someone else AND please let Dianne Larson know of the change at 679-2412.**

## MEALS ON WHEELS DRIVERS

July 29 Ray & Diane Knutson, Don & Marlys Overson  
August 23-25 John & Karen Sandy, Earl & Betty Fredrickson



**Meals on  
Wheels**

**Staff:** Senior Pastor Doug Larson  
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GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH WORSHIP ASSISTANTS - AUGUST 2010

	<u>GREETERS</u>	<u>USHERS</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>COMMUNION ASSISTANTS</u>
			<u>8:00</u>	
8/1	Laura & Brady Strand	Rollie & Dorothy Fredrickson	Rollie Fredrickson	Barb Ennis
8/8	Dennis & Sharon Holmstrom	John & Lynn Paulson	John Paulson	
8/15	Lloyd & Jan Falk	.....	Jaci Boxrud	Jaci Boxrud
8/22	Betty & Earl Fredrickson	Greg & Jane Skramstad	Jane Skramstad	
8/29	Ernie & Renee Capra	Larry & Kathy Menze	Kelsey Pearson	
			<u>9:15</u>	
8/1	Jay, Karrie, Emma, & Andrew Rasmusson	Bruce & Jackie Thompson	Bruce Thompson	Doyle & Vicki Jelsing, Leah Hughes Jay & Karrie Rasmusson
8/8	.....	Dean & Gayle Stassen	Lynn Anderson	
8/15	Dan & Debra Funk	Ethan & Krista Elvehjem	Ethan Elvehjem	Wade & Channa Lennox, Mark & Verona Gravich
8/22	Gene, Tricia, & Emma Otto	Kevin & Barb Herwig	Barb & Adam Herwig	
8/29	Walt & Joanne Olen	Corey & Samantha Anderson	Jessica Olen	

	<u>8:00</u>	<u>9:15</u>
Aug 1	Noelle Elvehjem Brooke Elvehjem	Aaron Tetnowski Tanner Baxley
Aug 8	Cassidy Carlisle Grace Marohn	Kailey Berry Jacob Janousek
Aug 15	Derek Graves Daniel Peterson	Emma Anderson Austin Peterson
Aug 22	Courtney Lindquist Hunter Baxley	Alyssa Erickson Slade Fore
Aug 29	Shawn McGrew Jake Anderson	Korisa Lindquist Jocie Kientop



**oops!**

From a worship bulletin in Cedar Rapids, Iowa:

EDUCATION NEWS & NOTES

Pray that the children and teachers will be shared suffering from the flu.

~~Pray for a successful open house weekend.~~

We hope everyone will be spared from this illness.

*If you are unable to serve on your assigned Sunday, please exchange your Sunday with someone else on this list and then let the church office know of the change as soon as possible (679-1062). Thank you for your willingness to serve.*



**SUNDAY, August 1, 2010**  
**Tenth Sunday of Pentecost**  
 8:00 a.m. – Traditional Communion Worship  
 9:15 a.m. - Contemporary Communion Worship

**SUNDAY, August 8, 2010 - Baptismal Anniversary**  
**Eleventh Sunday of Pentecost**  
 8:00 a.m. – Traditional Worship  
 9:15 a.m. - Contemporary Worship

**SUNDAY, August 15, 2010 - Friendship Sunday**  
**Twelfth Sunday of Pentecost**  
 8:00 a.m. – Traditional Communion Worship  
 9:15 a.m. - Contemporary Communion Worship

**SUNDAY, August 22, 2010 - Baptismal Anniversary**  
**Thirteenth Sunday of Pentecost**  
 9:15 a.m. - Contemporary Worship  
 10:15 a.m. – **Special Congregational Meeting**

**SUNDAY, August 29, 2010**  
**Fourteenth Sunday of Pentecost**  
 8:00 a.m. – Traditional Worship  
 9:15 a.m. - Contemporary Worship



**Fun Page**

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Word list:

- August
- Congregational
- Brenda
- Retreat
- Songs
- Lord
- Cabins
- Pentecost
- Meeting
- Family
- Camp
- Campfire
- Sunshine
- Worship
- Worship
- Pastor
- Vacation
- Bible
- Jesus
- Summer

**Email Alert!**

The church office is looking to compile email addresses to use for church communication only. Please email us at [church@gracechurchmora.org](mailto:church@gracechurchmora.org). Thank you!

**Squashing Summer Boredom From FamilyEducation.com**

*Do your kids spend the summers moping around the house, watching television and complaining of boredom? Put an end to summer sluggishness by providing your children with activities and ideas that will get them motivated and moving. Squash summer boredom and have a wonderful season!*

**Culinary Projects**

Are your children always underfoot in the kitchen? The summer can be your opportunity to teach them how to cook their favorite dishes. Plan out meals, make shopping lists, and hit the grocery store together. Cooking is a fun way to spend time with your kids while teaching them something new. Plus, they'll have the satisfaction of being able to say, "I made it myself!"

**Go to a Museum**

Check out your local museum's schedule and search for exhibits that your child might find interesting. Mark them on your calendar, and read up on the exhibit and the subject matter before you go. Challenge one another to remember facts and data, and turn this learning experience into a fun day that your child will look forward to.

**Summer Scrapbook**

Encourage your child to create a scrapbook that documents her experiences throughout the summer. A scrapbook can be more fun - and less demanding - than journaling. Your child can draw pictures, paste in concert or movie tickets, and use bright colors and glittery accessories. This arts and crafts activity will motivate her to stay active so that she will have more experiences to describe in the book.

**From Pastor Doug**

**"PROTA O THEOS"**—is what a sign I picked up this spring says. It is the English spelling of the Greek words, "God First". I mentioned it in a sermon a few weeks back as the goal we have as Christians. We have many excuses and reasons that complicate our life. Yet, God calls us to put God first. As I thought about the sermon later that Sunday, I thought, I didn't go far enough into the "how" of putting God first. So I decided to do that in my August newsletter. Then, as my sermon came together for July 18<sup>th</sup>, I included what is called, "the six marks of discipleship." So now as I sit down to write this article, I see that the two overlap---living as a follower or disciple of Christ and putting God first.

I think we really do want to put God first in our life. Most of us realize that life and meaning come from God. We do want a relationship with God, and as Christians, we believe that comes through our relationship with Jesus. But in the midst of life, with all its complications and obligations, it can seem a little hard to know what to do. I am going to briefly share these six marks of discipleship and let you meditate upon them, believing that they will guide your choices.

**Daily Prayer** is the first mark. Prayer is talking to God and listening for God's word. It is a two-way street. Prayer needs to be both formal and informal. When can you make time for this conversation? **Weekly Worship** is the second mark of discipleship. With 30 % of Lutherans attending worship per week, we have some work to do. Jack Paar once told Billy Graham that when he went to church and the sermon was poor, he felt his time was wasted. Billy Graham said he didn't go to church just for the sermon, but for the hymns, or lessons, or prayers or the community. **Bible Reading** is the third mark. It may feel forced at first. It may not make sense right away. But as we decide to read from the Bible, God little by little speaks to us. The **Christ In Our Home** devotional is a good start. (It's available at your local Grace Lutheran Church) The fourth mark is **SERVING**: using your talents and interests for the sake of others, the community and the world. It is getting out from ourselves to help make the world a better place—it also feels good. The fifth mark of a follower or disciple of Jesus is **CHRISTIAN FRIENDSHIP**. This can sometimes be hard. Gary Gaetti, the Minnesota Twins third baseman found this out when he began to take his faith seriously. He lost some friends and had to find those who didn't undermine what he was experiencing in life. Just coming to church helps provide this friendship. But consciously looking for a person or group that loves and accepts you and encourages you to live this new life that Christ gives, does pay off. Finally, **GIVING** is the sixth mark. Yes, it means money! Money can be a "god" or something that is used to make other good things happen. Like someone said, "Money is like manure—it's only good if you spread it around." So how do we put God first? Committing ourselves to following the six marks of discipleship seems to be following what Jesus called us to do.

**CONFIRMATION NEEDS**: We are in need of a Confirmation Administrator for this next year. This person helps keep the schedule and events organized. **Secondly**: As we change our Confirmation program slightly, we are in need of about twelve people to be mentors with the youth. Training and material will be provided. Joy and meaning will be an outcome. Youth in our society need more adult interaction, a Search Institute survey shows. They want more adult interaction. Please talk with me about this and see if God is sending you into this great experience.

God bless the rest of your summer!

*Pastor Doug*

# General Information from Grace Lutheran Church

## Prayer Chain

If you have a prayer request, contact Barb Sjoberg 679-5373 or the church office, 679-1062. If you would like to be added to the e-mail prayer chain, e-mail Barb Sjoberg at [encourager4him@hotmail.com](mailto:encourager4him@hotmail.com) or the church office at [church@gracechurchmora.org](mailto:church@gracechurchmora.org)

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**YOU ARE NEEDED! IT'S NOT HARD! We need to have some new faces helping with coffee and cookies on Sunday mornings.** You would only need to serve once per year. We would like to have three people each Sunday morning as there are more and more people attending Sunday morning services. Please contact Dianne at 679-2412.

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## GRACE LUTHERAN ARCHIVES COMMITTEE

Dale and Jean Hawkins	320-679-2025	Laird and Louise Mork	320-679-3491
Eldora Pearson	320-679-2406	Pearl Peterson	320-679-0470
Irene Johnson	320-679-2743		

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**Our Sympathy and Prayers** go out to: *Mike and Lynn Jacobson* on the death of Mike's grandfather, Edwin Fpetz from Moose Lake who passed away on July 15th.

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## Just a Reminder to save your Nelson's Receipts!

There is a box on the shelf by the church office for your Nelson's grocery store receipts. They need to be turned in to Nelson's on a quarterly basis so please put your receipts in the box in a timely fashion. The next time they are added up and returned to Nelson's is for the months of **July, August and September ONLY will be turned in October 2010!**

THE RECEIPT NEEDS TO LIST THE ITEMS PURCHASED AS THE CREDIT/DEBIT CARD RECEIPT DOES NOT QUALIFY.

Thank you!



## Do You Know That We Are On The Radio?

The 8:00 a.m. Worship Service is broadcast on KBK 95.5 FM at 9:15 am every Sunday morning. It is recorded by the station and then played back at this time. If you can't make it to church, or have to work, but have access to a radio, you can tune in and be a part of worship that way.

A RADIO SPONSOR sign up chart is posted by the FLOWER CHART, located by the elevator, if you are interested in helping to sponsor a radio broadcast in honor of a birthday, anniversary, wedding or other special dates, or in memory of a loved one. The cost of each Sunday is \$115. Thanks to those of you who give to this important ministry of Grace!

## NEW MEMBER CLASS SOON

There are a number of people who want to join the church. We are looking at a class meeting as soon as August 28<sup>th</sup>. Let Pastor Doug or Pastor Brenda know if you are aware of others who are interested. The class will be four hours in total spread over 2-3 sessions.

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## Pastoral Acts:

### FUNERALS:

Date	Name	Member	Non-Member	Birthdate	Officiating Pastor & Place
07/05/10	Janice Ovik	X		1/06/1920	Pastor Doug Larson & Pastor Brenda Wicklund @ GLC
07/11/10	Joan Johnson		X		Pastor Brenda Wicklund @ Akkerman Ingebrand Mortuary, Mora

# Banner Ministry "Expressing the Faith"

Contact: Barb Sjoberg

January, February, March –Barbara Larson, Sharon Forster  
July, August, September – Martha Gotfredson, Lee Moody

April, May, June –Lucille Schultz

Oct., Nov., Dec. – Sharon Holmstrom, Barb Sjoberg

"We will shout for joy when you are victorious and will lift up our banners in the name of our God." Psalm 20:5

## WHERE ARE WE IN THE CHURCH YEAR

AND

WHAT ARE THE LITURGICAL COLORS FOR AUGUST?

**We are currently in the Time after Pentecost.**

This is a long season of life and growth when we learn much about our faith and life in Jesus.

**Green** is the liturgical color for this church season.

**Green**, seen everywhere in plants and trees, symbolizes life and hope. **Green** is used, to indicate our growth in faith as we follow the teachings and ministry of Christ.

We focus on the growth of the church as the Body of Christ - a community of faith.

## Scripture Readings for the Time after Pentecost August 2010 – Year C

During the Time after Pentecost the readings are not chosen according to a theme. Rather, they present in a continuous fashion - the life and work of Jesus Christ as proclaimed in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, or Luke.

**Tenth Sunday after Pentecost - August 1, 2010**  
Ecclesiastes 1:2,12-14; 2:18-23, Colossians 3:1-11, Luke 12:13-21

**Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost - August 8, 2010**  
Genesis 15:1-6, Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16, Luke 12:32-40

**Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost - August 15, 2010**  
Genesis 18:1-10a, Colossians 1:15-28, Luke 10:38-42

**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost - August 22, 2010**  
Jeremiah 23:23-29, Hebrews 11:29-12:2, Luke 12:49-56

**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost - August 27, 2010**  
Isaiah 58:9b-14, Hebrews 12:18-29 Luke 13:10-17

## SEASON OF THE CHURCH – DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST;

### Time after Pentecost

**Theme:** The Church fulfills the Great Commission

**This is the final season of the Christian year**, is the longest season and is the time where the church focuses on outreach and fulfilling the call Jesus gave right before His ascension- "...to go and baptizing every nation" using His power given through the Holy Spirit.

**Dates:** **The Time after Pentecost**, lasts from the day after Pentecost to the day before Advent. It is the longest season of the church year, encompassing 23 - 28 Sundays. Thus it begins on May 24th and ends on November 27th, 2010.



## WHAT IS THE TIME AFTER PENTECOST – TIME OF THE CHURCH – ORDINARY TIME?

**The Time after Pentecost is a teaching time, a growing time, in the life of the church.**



This is the non-festival portion of the liturgical calendar during which the church focuses on Christian living, evangelism, stewardship, and service to others. It is a season for growth in the church, as we **listen to the call of the Holy Spirit to respond in faith.**

Churches emphasize Jesus' teachings about the kingdom of God. They engage issues of daily life and concerns of the community, nation, and world. The season comes after we have remembered Christ's sacrifice on Good Friday and celebrated his resurrection on Easter and **the gift of the Holy Spirit at Easter and Pentecost.**

**We come to this season**, then secure in the knowledge that God is with us at work and leisure, when we give and receive love, and when we are anxious, afraid, joyful, lonely, struggling with decisions, succeeding, and failing.

**Because Pentecost is the day that God poured out His Holy Spirit** on Christ's disciples, the Time after Pentecost is centered on sanctification, the work of the Holy Spirit in the day-to-day life of the Christian.

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**Through the gift of faith that comes only from the Holy Spirit, Christians are able to believe in Christ as Lord and proclaim Him in their daily lives by service to their neighbors.**

**The Sundays after Pentecost** comprise the liturgical year's longest period and include a variety of emphases in the life of the church. While the other liturgical seasons relive the life of Christ, this season focuses on the **ongoing work of the church.**



## Helping Hands For August



### Coordinators:

Jaci Boxrud, Joann Menk  
Lynnae Christianson

### Members:

Anderson, Brian G  
Backlund, David & Deb  
Baldwin, Debbie  
Boxrud, Jaci & Mark \*  
Capra, Ernie & Renee  
Carlson, Wesley & Roxann  
Cheney, John & Cindy  
Christianson, Ordean & Lynnae  
Christianson, Ryan  
Dickinson, Barry & Colette  
Ellingson, Jake  
Ennis, Greg & Patricia  
Ennis, Paul & Barb  
Falk, Lloyd & Jan  
Felland, Tim & Rhonda  
Forster, Frank\* & Sharon  
Fredrickson, Earl & Betty  
Grace, Ron & Gerri  
Graham, Lesley & Kelly\*  
Graves, Ron  
Haasken, Lorna  
Hallin, Beth & James\*  
Hallin, Debbie & Mike \*  
Hanrehan, Derek & Connie  
Danielson  
Johnson, Merlin & Beatrice  
Johnson, Randy & Kris  
Kapinos, Keith & Sandra  
Kehr, Kelly & John \*  
Knutson, James & Julie French  
Kubat, Sheila  
Larson, Thomas & Marri  
Ludowese, Janet  
Menk, Ron & JoAnn  
Menze, Larry & Kathy  
Moody, William & Leone  
Mulford, Joseph & Julie  
Radeke, Curt & Judith  
Sampson, Michael & Kris  
Sarault, Robert & Mary  
Schultz, Richard & Deborah  
Skolte, James & Lynette  
Stassen, Dean & Gayle  
Thomson, Jason & Jessica  
Tipp, Wesley & Marlis  
Ulstrom, David & Shirley  
VanDriel, Don & Elaine  
Voss, Peggy & Jerry\*  
Wicklund, Mark & Darlene  
Wills, Stephen & Patricia

“Volunteering is at a 30 year high” is the title of a recent article I read. I learned that the group driving the increase is the baby boomers, those of us born between 1945 to 1964. We are volunteering at a rate never before seen, challenging ideas that we baby boomers are the “me” generation. Who thought that, I wonder. Why are we volunteering? We recognize that volunteering is the thread that holds the fabric of our society together. We want to help our neighbors and recognize that volunteering will help us remain healthy and enable us to share our professional expertise. For those that do volunteer their time and talents, more than half do that within their church. Thank you, baby boomers!

Teens are the next group that has greatly increased their volunteering. They like to help in youth service organizations and through churches. Their volunteering tends to be episodic, meaning they like to volunteer for particular projects and can't commit to a regularly scheduled time. Teens are also interested in volunteering to enhance their own personal skills. They find that colleges and future employers are very interested in their volunteering experiences. The time put in looks good on a resume and feels good in the heart. We see this right at Grace as our teens love to participate in the summer mission trips and various other projects within family life ministry. Thank you teens!

Those people aged 20 to 44 are busy raising their families, so their time and talents are often concentrated on activities that involve their children, like scouting, sports, music, programs with school. Here at Grace we really, really need this group involved in Sunday School and Confirmation, as well as family life activities. I don't know if this group has been labeled, but thank you, and please keep it up.

All groups of volunteers, all of you are critical to our life at Grace. You will reap personal benefits as well as following our mission statement. Thanks be to God. We will go as “Spirit filled disciples of Jesus Christ, committed to change the world by God's grace through worship, education, mission, and ministry.” In other words, we're committing to volunteer.

~ Sue Halsey, Volunteer Coordinator



## WELCA

We invite you to join the Prayer Shawl Ministry here at Grace Lutheran Church.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

We get together on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month from 4 p.m. until around 5 p.m. to knit or crochet **Prayer Shawls** to be given to people who are sick, or in some instances for a special joy. They are a physical reminder of God's great love, warmth, and security.

**Many prayers** accompany the making of the shawls, and then a final blessing is given by our group when one is completed and ready to be given away. We are more than willing to teach you to knit or crochet if you want to learn in order to participate in this ministry also.

### *The Who, What, Where and Why of the Fall Harvest Bazaar ~ November, 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010*

Hello Friends of Grace.... It is that time of year again when we start thinking about the projects we would like to get done for the fall Bazaar. We have already seen reminders for the gardeners and canners in Gracelines. Some will finish projects that did not get done last year and some of us wait until the last minute to get our crafts finished. It doesn't matter how and when they get done just as long as we get them by Tues. November 9<sup>th</sup>. Some of our new friends at Grace haven't experienced the Fall Bazaar yet or you just haven't felt that you were “crafty enough”. I am going to share with you some other ways you can be a part of this event at Grace.....

First I need to share what a wonderful outreach event this is. Our whole Mora community is out and moving around on this day. It brings family and friends to town to enjoy a full day of shopping and eating and visiting. Grace Lutheran is on the list of musts!!!!

If you could close your eyes and imagine our Family Life Center the morning of the bazaar all set up for the crowd of shoppers. It is quiet and every helping person that is inside getting ready is hand in hand circling the room with a word of prayer and gratefulness. Each year this brings such a wonderful chill of God's work and presence. If you would like to be a part of this .... Give me a call and we will find a place for your hands or heart.

#### The Who and What and Where

Each person who would like to get involved, CAN!!!! There are many jobs that do not require a sewing machine, or jig saw. If you can bake, cook, count money, tie knots, cut weeds, write numbers, there is something for you to do. If you enjoy shopping, we are always looking for a new ornament idea or wood project or sewing idea. Buy IT and share it with someone in the church office OR someone on the committee. If you would like to be on the committee please let me know. We would love to see new faces and really need to start looking at refreshing our leaders and helpers from each team. This very dedicated group of ladies could use some help with sharing the duties.

If you would like to pick up a list of all the teams and what they are responsible for I will have them on the information board in the old and new narthex.

Here is a list of things and people that we are looking for this year without being on the Bazaar Committee.

- Cut out wood projects. Build simple stools and boxes that we will provide a pattern for.
- Cut and dry decorative weeds and baby's breath, and flowers that dry well.
- Simple hand stitching button hole and embroidery stitching.
- Collecting Grandma's Attic vintage pieces.

#### The Why.....

Why do we do this? Well...there is still a group of ladies and men that LOVE to use their hands to give of their gifts and talents, and then the set up committee will take all this product and display it in the Family Life Center along with a delicious meal to generate an income that helps out with our programs and projects around church. Did you know that before we take on any church projects we choose a charity and take 10% right off the top of our sales to give them?

I have been a part of the bazaar from the first year we dreamed up the idea. Each year the bazaar has a different look. We have a very talented and gifted church family. It simply humbles me at this talent.

Please consider getting involved with the Grace Lutheran Harvest Bazaar. It is a fun ministry that gives back in so many ways.

Call me or email me..... Jaci Boxrud, 679-2071 or [jmsunsilk@gmail.com](mailto:jmsunsilk@gmail.com) We will be happy to hear from you.

Members Present: Beatta Hillman, Matt Felger, Laura Daher, Bonnie Boyer, Pastor Brenda Wicklund, Mike Sampson, Nicole Berry, Ernie Blaisdell and Jenny Berry. Members Absent: Pastor Doug Larson, Pat Weiss-Meyer, and Chuck Ennis

The meeting was called to order by President Laura Daher at 6:34 PM. Devotions were led by Jenny.

The agenda was approved after Beatta requested to add “action plans” to goals. Motion was made by Bea to approve the minutes, seconded by Matt. Motion carried.

**President’s Report:** There was no President’s report.

**Pastors’ Reports:**

Pastor Doug:

Pastor Doug was absent, so the Council reviewed his report on paper.

Pastor Brenda:

- She was the chaplain at the Women’s Convention
- Bible group will not meet in the summer
- She will attend continuing education classes in July

A **Ministry Report** was submitted by the Worship Committee. There was no Volunteer Coordinator’s Report and the Family Life Ministry Report wasn’t included in the Council members’ packets. According to Pastor Brenda, Jessica may need some of the funds that she has been waiving to cover future costs. Jessica will be taking 7 girls to Urban Immersion in the Twin Cities for a mission trip on July 14-17. The Finance Report was approved by Ernie subject to audit and seconded by Jenny. Carried.

**Old Business**

• Beatta typed/revised the goals and action plans. For the current year, the Council will focus on the following goals:

- 1) Hold quarterly roundtable discussions with ministry leaders
- 3) Meet regularly with Buildings and Grounds to set long and short range objectives
- 4) Meet with Building Upon a Firm Foundation to discuss plans and pledges.
- 5) Encourage Confirmands and Post Confirmands to participate in all areas of GLC
- 10) Implement at least 3 Go-Green incentives

• Beatta will retype the goals/action plans and give to the Council at next month’s meeting.

**New Business**

Pastor Brenda discussed a Bible/Narrative Lectionary that they would like to use for sermons. The intention is to bring the narrative Bible stories that have not been preached. On the recommendation of Worship and Ministry, Beatta moved to adopt the Narrative Lectionary beginning in the fall of 2010. This was seconded by Ernie and carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council, a motion to adjourn was made at 7:15 PM by Ernie, seconded by Jenny, and carried.

**Stewardship – ‘Caring from the Faith’**

Council liaisons: Laura Daher, Bonnie Boyer , Jenny Berry, Mike Sampson, Beatta Hillman, Matt Felger, Pat Weiss Meyer

***Finance Ministry***

Members: Doyle Jelsing, Roger Peterson, Bonnie Boyer, Kristin Nelson, Betty Smith, Sara Kopka

*Checkbook information:*

Beginning balance	(1,482.33)
Donations	25,286.51
Expenses	<u>(29,847.96)</u>
Ending balance	(6,043.78)

*Dedicated Account Balance:*

Undesignated General - \$10,000
Renovation - \$322.40
Banner - \$5.92
Youth Mission trip - \$2,162.66
Stained glass - \$3,232.42
Nelson’s receipts – \$264.45
Dividends – 352.14
Library \$500.00

*Stained Glass Window Information:*

Available for next windows: 8,653.42

*Mortgage Information:*

First of month balance	408,782.16
monthly payment	(2,283.09)
additional principal pmt	<u>(723.00)</u>
End of month balance	405,776.07

***Property Ministry***

Dick Larson - chair, Ron Stark, Galen Brelie, Russ Callander, Bill Moody, Vern Nordeen, Don Overson, Don VanDriel, Larry Simonich

***Social Concerns Ministry,***

Deb Schultz, Nicole Berry, Alyssa Wallace, Barb Orstad, Pam Hallauer, Mary Brelie, Kris Pulford, Bonnie Lemke, Jessica Olen

“Accept one another as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.” *Romans 15:7*

***Stewardship Ministry***

Members: Bill Daher, Rollie Fredrickson, Pastor Doug

***Personnel:***

Members: Rich Rasmusson, Sharron Ahonen, John Sandy

***Nominating Committee:***

Members: Dolores Blaisdell, Ruth Mattison, Kathy Hovland, Vonnie Olson, Greg Myers, Jodi Schultz, Bev Deis

***Memorial Ministry***

Members: Kris Johnson, Mary Nordenstrom

***Foundation Ministry***

Members: Doyle Jelsing, Deb Schultz, Laura Strand, Jeff Bangma

***Mutual Ministry:***

Pam Johnstone (679-3311), Karen Rasmusson (679-5636), Walt Olen (679-1570)

If you have a spiritual concern or comment, let one of these people know. They are there for you!

**Evangelism – ‘Sharing the Faith’**

Council liaisons: Ernie Blaisdell, Nicole Berry, Matt Felger

***Stephen Ministry:***

Stephen Ministers: Jim Oxberry, Barb Sjoberg, Dave Ulstrom, Shirley Ulstrom, Sharron Ahonen, Kim Bankers, Richard Larson, Jeanne Granlund, Sandy Broehl

**STEPHEN MINISTRY IS CHRIST CARING FOR PEOPLE THROUGH PEOPLE**

**Listen, Listen, Listen**

If you would like a Stephen Minister to help you or know of someone who might enjoy and need a Stephen Minister, call Pastor Doug or Jim Oxberry.

***Touch of Grace***

This ministry is a way to more fully meet the needs of some of our home-bound and elderly members. There are lay members of the church that have been trained to visit the same person or persons on a monthly basis, providing a listening ear, prayer, support and care. This fills a need between the Coffee with a Friend and Stephen Ministry.

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***A driver is needed to transport a client with some memory loss to and from “The Gathering” meetings here at Grace on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday; and they are looking for someone to be able to get groceries for clients. If you could help with this please call Val Palmer at 1-877-321-7100.***

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**Fellowship – ‘Celebrating the Faith’**

Council liaisons: Pat Weiss-Meyer, Laura Daher

Contacts: Kathy Hovland, Mary Rowley, Shirley Klepsa, Marlys Overson, Dianne Larson

*Celebrate the faith by gathering people together in fellowship through activities and support.*

## Education – ‘Passing on the Faith’

Council liaisons: Beatta Hillman, Mike Sampson, Jenny Berry, Ernie Blaisdell, Nicole Berry, Pat Weiss-Meyer

### Living Grace Library Ministry



Members: Sarah Berry, Penny Casavant, Lynnae Christianson, Jeanne Granlund, Sue Halsey, Mary Lykins, Char Mayer, Ruth Mills, Jane Myers, Karin Simonich, Laura Strand, Jackie Thompson, Brianna Winters

“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.” John 1:14

#### Mission Statement

The Grace Lutheran Library Mission will support all the members of Grace using the library resources to help them interpret what they read, hear, see and experience within the context of the Christian Gospel.

Congratulations to Emily Erickson who is the winner of the first drawing for the “Dive Into Reading” challenge. Emily received a pool pass for the Mora Pool. There is still time for all children through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade to “Dive Into Reading” and get your name in the box for more great prizes - Dairy Queen Treats and a Mystery Prize! The challenge will last until August 30. For every book you read, fill out a “DIVE INTO READING” coupon and place it in the drawing box. (If you wish, make a comment about the book (s) you read.) If you can’t decide which great book to read, here are a few suggestions:

**The Yankee at the Seder**, by Elka Weber and illustrated by Adam Gustavson. This book is based on a true story of a Rebel Jewish family sharing a Passover meal with a Yankee Jewish soldier at the end of the Civil War.

**The Quilt Maker’s Journey**, by Jeff Brumbeau and illustrated by Gail de Marcken. A young girl leaves her village to search of the true meaning of happiness. What gift can she give to those more unfortunate people she meets along the way?

**Bless This Mouse**, by Diana Hutts Aston and illustrated by John Butler. This is a soft-to-touch bedtime book that is a peaceful celebration of all life.

**The Circle of Days**, by Reeve Lindbergh and illustrated by Cathie Felstead. This author is the daughter of Charles Lindbergh and Anne Morrow Lindbergh. The words and pictures in this book invite us to pause and wonder at and give thanks for the beauty of this world.

**God Inside of Me** by Della Reese and illustrated by Yvonne Buchanan. A little girl heard from her Sunday School teacher that there is a piece of God in us, and inside that piece of God is all the stuff we need. But why is her little brother so poky and why did toy bunny snore so loud and why did clown ask so many questions? How can a girl keep the peace of God when everyone else is trying to irritate her?

*Living Grace Library is open whenever the church is open. Come in any time.*

Please remember to return your finished library books. The book you may have forgotten to return may be just the book someone else is patiently waiting to read. Thank you.

Vacation Bible School - Kelly Kehr & Lisa Wren

### Confirmation Ministry

Coordinator:

Recorder: Kelly Erickson

### Milestone Ministry

The Milestones Ministry seeks to **RECOGNIZE, RESPOND, and REACH OUT** in celebration of the milestones of our Faith Journeys

God comes into our world and graciously claims us for the Kingdom of God. This great event is often under-used in our life. On August 22<sup>nd</sup> those baptized into new life by God’s Word and water will be invited to gather around the Baptismal font to celebrate this great gift of God. Following is a list of members that were baptized in August:

### Baptismal Anniversaries

Bangma, Pauline	Fore, Slade	Menze, Kathy	Smith-Unger, Brendan
Bergstadt, Alyssa	Fore, Tracy	O’Connor, Logan	Stromback, Virgil
Berry, John	Funk, Donna	Olson, Jane	Whitbred, Ellie
Berry, Nicole	Funk, Jeremy	Olson, Kirby	Wicklund, Dan
Boyer, Brianna	Goude, Calysta	Paulson, Peter	Wicklund, Evan
Brandt, Kendall	Graves, Logan	Pearson, Shelby	Wren, James
Capra, Ernie	Gravich, Mark	Pierson, Anson	Zaar, Sharon
Casavant, Doyle	Hams, Andrea	Qual, Karla	
Dickinson, Barry	Jelsing, Doyle	Radeke, Curt	
Dickinson, Colette	Kapinos, Heather	Sampson, Michael	
Ellingson, Jake	Kent, Jill	Schritz, Logan	
Ennis, Barb	Lindquist, Loren	Schultz, Heather	
Folkema, Angela	Loren, Alexandra	Schultz, Robert	
Fore, Rebecca	Marohn, Eric	Simonich, Karin	

Happy Birthday!  
Happy Anniversary!

### Birthdays

Berry, Jennifer	2	Peterson, Austin	11	Halvorson, Landen	23
Kopka, Sara	2	Donaghue, Carson	12	Methven, Claudia	23
Berry, Sarah	3	Roeschlein, Tom	12	Sundberg, Rita	23
Berry, Leah	4	Greski, Jinx	13	Thomas, Corrine	23
Crow, Adam	4	Weinreich, Anna	13	Anderson, Kathryn	24
Goude, Calysta	4	Nordeen, Carol	14	Haasken, Lorna	24
Johnstone, Pam	4	Christianson, Lynnae	16	Olen, Lucas	24
Nielsen, Faith	4	Vraa, Charles	16	Pierson, Trinity	24
Peterson, Jeremy	4	Hams, Austin	17	Broehl, Randy	25
Kent, Jill	5	Peysar, Emily	17	Boyer, Bonnie	26
Nichols, Ellaina	6	Brown, Roya	18	Nordenstrom, Sara	26
Orstad, Curtis	6	Fore, Kevin	18	Ollestad, Bridgett	26
Dahlof, Lenora	7	Larson, Douglas	18	Pierson, Kay	26
Fore, Katie	7	Parson, Kristom	18	Turner, Dylon	27
Olson, Diane	7	Hawkins, Dale	19	Gotfredson, Martha	28
Orstad, Carl	7	Berry, Thomas	20	Adams, Michael	29
Casavant, Kayla	8	Funk, Donna	20	Bergstadt, Kenneth	29
Hawkins, Jean	8	Kobberdahl, Arthur	20	Carlisle, Cassidy	29
Kleven, Kristie	8	McGovern, Charles	20	Olson, Linda	29
Olson, Eric	8	Smith, Matthew	20	Parson, Sarah	29
Kahle, Beatrice	9	Swanson, Lori	21	McClanahan, Devin	30
Tetnowski, Aaron	9	Teter, Jordan	21	Sandy, Karen	30
Dickinson, Barry	10	Lobdell, Evelyn	22	Danielson, Connie	31
Casavant, Doyle	11	Brown, Kim	23	Kobberdahl, Mary	31
Marohn, Elizabeth	11	Graves, Derek	23	Langenbau, Khloe	31
				Larson, Richard	31

### Wedding Anniversaries...

Menk, Karl and Carrie*	AUG 1	2009
Thompson, Bruce and Jackie	AUG 2	1980
Lykins, Ronald and Mary	AUG 5	1972
Sarault, Robert and Mary	AUG 5	1983
Semelhack, Donald and Vicky	AUG 6	1977
Kritzeck, Faye and Mark*	AUG 7	1999
Pierson, Robert and Kay	AUG 7	1971
Barnick, Dale and Wendy	AUG 8	2009
McBroom, John and Christy	AUG 8	1998
Thomson, Jason and Jessica	AUG 9	1997
Wallace, Robyn and Jim *	AUG 9	1986
Graves, Kristin and Ross *	AUG 10	1991
Jobe, Robert and Bonnie	AUG 13	1994
Pulford, Kristen and Robert*	AUG 13	1972
Hamme, Jeffrey and Kathleen	AUG 16	1969
Piescher, Ryan and Kristine *	AUG 16	2003
Rowley, Don and Deloris	AUG 16	1969
Eggert, Hank and Edie	AUG 17	1957
Grams, Roger and Vera	AUG 17	1991
Lindblom, John and Jackie	AUG 17	1991
Felger, Matt and Amanda	AUG 18	2001
Stassen, Dean and Gayle	AUG 18	2007
Mulford, Joseph and Julie	AUG 19	1995
Capra, Ernie and Renee	AUG 21	2001
Dickinson, Barry and Colette	AUG 21	1982
Nikodym, Greg and Marilyn	AUG 21	1971
Funk, Gerald and Donna	AUG 22	1987
Peterson, Nathan and Melissa	AUG 23	2003
Dalbey, Gary and Bonnie	AUG 24	1985
Felland, Tim and Rhonda	AUG 24	1985
Radeke, Curt and Judith	AUG 27	1966
Warner, John and Linda	AUG 29	1964
Berry, John and Sarah	AUG 31	1991

### Via de Cristo 2010 Weekend Dates

October 7-10 & October 14-17 St. Stephen’s Lutheran 1575 Charlton St.W. St. Paul, MN  
 October 21-24 & October 28-31 Faith Lutheran Church 127 2nd Ave. E, West Fargo, ND 58078  
 November 11-14 & November 18-21 To be determined

**Sunday School Ministry:** Members – Coordinator: Barb Sjoberg, Co – Coordinator: Marlene Marohn, Gathering and Music Leader: OPEN Kindergarten & Preschool Teachers: Kristin Nelson, Marlene Marohn, OPEN Preschool Assistant: OPEN

"Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs."

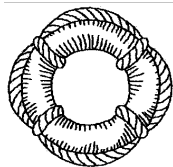
## 2010 – 2011 SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Sunday School Registration Forms are available on the Family Life Ministry table. We would like to encourage everyone to complete a registration form and return it as soon as possible, (preferably by August 15th) so we can plan for another fun and exciting year!

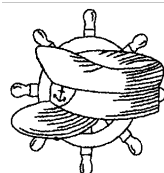
Children's ministry at Grace Lutheran is very much a partnership between home and church. *Parents are expected to help:* You play the primary role in the spiritual growth of your child(ren); the church has a secondary leadership role.

Our Sunday school program can only function with the generous volunteer help of all of our families. It is also a good way to get to know people and become involved in the life of the congregation. As part of our registration, we ask that each family volunteer to teach or assist with a class OR to volunteer for *at least two* activities or events. There are many opportunities to volunteer within our program; these can be viewed on the backside of the registration form.

*We truly appreciate your support and participation.*



**ALL HANDS ON DECK  
VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR  
Rally Sunday, September 12th, 2010  
HIGH SEAS EXPEDITION  
Get ready for a vast voyage through God's Word!**



*"Set Sail For Sunday School Fun!"*

CREW MEMBERS OF ALL KINDS ARE WANTED!

"Ahoy there matey!" We need a number of people to "climb aboard" and lend a hand with Sunday school, beginning with Rally Sunday! We need volunteers to lead or assist in music, games, crafts and snacks. Perhaps you'd like to lend us some of your nautical supplies for decorations or possibly help decorate and set-up otherwise you could make some chow for all the sailors. Please "get on board" and sign-up today! Don't Miss the Boat!!

**A Sign-Up Sheet Is Posted In The Narthex**

### PRESENTERS AND SHEPHERDS ARE NEEDED, TOO!

► Please Sign-Up, On Sheet Posted In The Narthex ◀

With the Workshop Rotational format, presenting a lesson or shepherding the students in Sunday school is so easy! Don't worry about being a Bible scholar to help - only someone who loves the Lord and loves kids! The job descriptions for the presenters and shepherds are listed below:

#### Workshop Rotational Presenter

(Commitment: 2 x Per Month)

#### RESPONSIBLE TO TEACH:

1st – 3rd grade one week and then  
4th – 6th grade another week

Teach the same lesson to a different age group each week. You will lead a workshop based on your talents and interests. Complete instructions will be provided.

#### Workshop Rotational Shepherd

(Commitment: Monthly)

#### SHEPHERDS NEEDED FOR:

1st – 3rd grade OR 4th – 6th grade, only

Provide consistency and personal connection for the class as they go to a different workshop each week. Connect with students and develop relationships, reinforce learning. You, do not teach the workshops.

### Grace Lutheran Church

provides Sunday school from September through May for children age 3 years old (by Sept. 1st) through 6th grade.

#### Come as a family to worship.

Your child(ren) will be dismissed for Sunday School during the 9:15 service.

Three year olds - kindergarten participate in a traditional teacher/student classroom experience; while first through sixth graders participate in the workshop rotation model Sunday school, which is an exhilarating multi-dimensional way of learning.

All of the students will explore Bible stories from both the Old and New Testaments. We pay special attention to the church year, with units focusing on two primary seasonal cycles: Christmas and Easter. We also give special emphasis on stewardship and world hunger, by connecting it with a monthly unit.

### 2010 - 2011 Sunday School Bible Stories & Special Events

#### Welcome Back – Rally Sunday Sunday, September 12th, 2010

September – David & Goliath  
October – Jesus Feeds 5,000  
November – Birth of Jesus  
Angels appear to Shepherds  
December – Christmas Program  
December – Happy Birthday, Jesus!! Party Celebration!!  
January – Good Samaritan  
February – Noah's Ark and God's promises  
March – God saves His people, through Moses  
April – Jesus raises Lazareth from the dead  
May – Day of Pentecost and The Great Commission  
May – Year-End Celebration



### Family Life Ministry

Submitted by: Jessica Thomson 679-9099 home 612-998-8082 cell

**Chat and Chow:** It is that time of year again! Chat and Chow will be starting before we know it! There will be Treat Sign Up sheets on the Family Life table towards the end of August. We are now able to purchase pop at a great price through Coborn's, because we buy in large quantities they are able to give us a better price! If you still want to donate pop we will gladly take it, if you would like to donate cash to help offset the cost that would also be appreciated! If you are looking for something fun to do on Thursday mornings please join our Chat and Chow ministry! We start with prep around 9:30am, serving is at 11:30 and 12:30 and we are usually done with clean-up around 1:30; come join us for any or all of the day! Call Jessica with any questions.

**Family Fun Night:** We will be starting Family Fun Night up again in September! I AM LOOKING FOR HELPERS!! Family Fun Night has been a great ministry but I need more help, while the parents of the kids that participate are always willing to pitch in and help I would like to see them be able to participate along with their children! I am looking for 4-6 adults to help with serving and cleaning up the meal, and with the different activities we are doing. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO DO THE PLANNING!! I will continue to plan the meals and activities but am just asking for some help in the DOING!! This is a commitment to one night a month! Please call Jessica if you are interested.

**GRACE POOL PARTY!!** Join us Sunday August 15<sup>th</sup> from 10am-12pm for a Pool Party at the Mora Aquatic Center! There is no cost and you can come and enjoy all that the pool has to offer! This will be a fun time to gather before school starts!

We had 8 youth attend our summer mission trip Urban Immersion in Minneapolis July 14<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>! We had a wonderful experience and are excited to start on some projects back here in Mora! Our first project is a School Supply Drive! Please watch the bulletin for what is most needed in our area! If you are out shopping before you see a list just remember that teachers are often asking for NAME BRAND (i.e. Crayola or Fiskers) supplies. Thank you in advance for your help with this effort!

**Car Wash:** The youth car wash was held on July 12<sup>th</sup> and we raised almost \$300 towards our Mission Trip Fund! Thank to all the youth who participated and to all who came to get their cars washed!

**Can Drive:** We raised almost \$300 for the can drive in June! Thanks to Dave and Michael Johnstone for the use of the trailer and the delivery of the cans!

**Valleyfair:** We had 14 thrill seekers join us for our annual trip to Valleyfair! It was a great day with short lines and big thrills!

**Vikings Faith and Family Night!** Join the Vikings for Faith and Family night Saturday August 28<sup>th</sup> or Thursday September 2<sup>nd</sup>! The Vikings are offering us tickets to either of these pre-season games for only \$20 each! This is a great price to pay to be able to check out our Minnesota Vikings! There are flyers available on the Family Life table in the narthex.

Enjoy the rest of Summer!

Invite a friend to worship on Sunday or any event at church!



**Luther Point Bible Family Weekend Campers**

Thank you to WELCA for helping support our church families to attend the weekend family camp! The theme this year was "Connecting" - with family, friends, church and God. Everyone enjoyed Bible Study, games, crafts, meeting friends, campfires, learning new songs, wonderful food, nature, renewal of our Spirituality and time to relax and slow down from life's sometimes fast pace. If anyone has any questions regarding Luther Point Bible Camp, please contact Tricia at 679-9818.



Our Families from Grace – Adults: Tricia Otto, Sara Kopka, Kelly Kehr, Lynn Anderson, Kristin Nelson  
Kids: Anna Kehr, Emmie Otto, Julianna Kopka, Jerson Kopka, Leah Kehr, Kinzie Nelson



Jerson, Kinzie and Juliana enjoying the outdoors



Emmie and Leah spending time in the craft room



Tricia, Lynn and Kelly are excited to start the weekend!



Kids attending camp and the Camp Counselors



The girls checking out the sleeping area!

***SERRV - Fair Trade - The Gift That Gives Twice***  
We have our glass cabinet by the office filled with items for sale.  
Just ask for assistance during the week from Dianne or on Sundays from Barbara or Mary.  
Check out the SALES on-line@  
<http://www.serrv.org/Sale.aspx>

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**Attention:**  
*All Fair Trade Coffee* is now being sold at cost.  
Please support this mission that supports the coffee farmers and their families.  
Thank you.  
If you have any questions or suggestions, please call Barb Orstad at 679-3523.

**Announcement for Special Meeting of the Grace Lutheran Church Congregation**

The Church Council of Grace Lutheran Church has scheduled a Special Meeting of the Congregation for 10:15 am, Sunday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>. The purpose of this meeting is to vote to extend a Letter of Call and Compensation to Reverend Brenda Wicklund to serve as Associate Pastor of Grace Lutheran Church.

**THERE WILL BE JUST ONE SERVICE PRIOR TO THE MEETING ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 22 AT 9:15 AM.**

Note: When Pastor Brenda was called two years ago, it was for a two-year term. When Pastor Doug was called in 2003, it was for a three-year term. Both were called with the intention of then voting on a new call without a term limit. So that is why this meeting needs to take place. Please plan to come.