


Taking Faithful  Forward

Grace is a Christian Family—
Welcoming people to live God's Word and strengthen their faith.

How can you get over the past?

How does a person learn to be happy with their life the way it is – even when things aren't perfect? How do we get away from negative feelings about other people? What would it mean to hope the best for someone else, even when not such great things are happening to you? Could God welcome me the way I am when I feel so broken?

These are the kinds of questions that are at the center of our Midweek

Lenten Worship services. And in order to learn more about these, we'll hear the words from Chapter 13 of 1st Corinthians. These words were not written as some kind of instructions for people getting married, even though they are read at weddings all the time. No, these words are instructions for Christian living.

Paul is writing to a Church in conflict to help them see how God's love is meant to impact their everyday life –

from their attitudes to their actions. Paul is trying to teach them what it looks like when people live out their faith.

So, we'll hear Paul's words and let them teach us about living out our faith.

Our midweek Lenten worship services are on Wednesdays, at 7:00 pm, beginning March 9th.

~Pastor Kent

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Soup Suppers and Grace Family Discussions

Once again, there will be Soup Suppers each Wednesday before the Lenten Services, starting at 6:00 pm. The first Soup Supper will be on March 9th. These Suppers are sponsored by our Luther League – and the money which is raised will support the youth traveling to our National Youth Gathering.

These Soup Suppers will also be a time for Grace Family discussions. You'll get to sit with people from your Grace family to laugh and talk and find out how each other is doing. Plus, these discussions will lead us into our theme for worship.

So, come to the Soup Suppers – then move into worship. It's a great opportunity to grow in faith and to build friendships with each other here at Grace.



Special points of interest:

- Soup Suppers Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. beginning March 9th
- Lenten Worship Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. beginning March 9th

Important DATE!

Confirmation Parents – make sure you're at Confirmation on March 2nd! March 2nd is for Confirmation students and their parents. First, there will be a time for all of us to be together. Later, when the students go off to do their own thing, parents will meet with Pastor Kent and Kevin to talk about a variety of subjects.

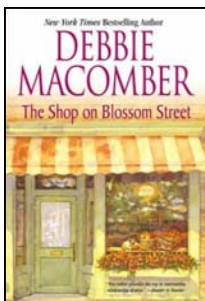
W A R N I N G

Call Committee At Work

Submitted By: Lisa Rowe-Peplinski

The weather has been a bit warmer recently and the snow is starting to melt. The change of weather marks that a new season is coming -- no not road construction season with its orange cones and warning road work ahead signs. We are coming upon Call Season, if you will, the season in which seminarians are preparing and interviewing for their first call. Grace's Call Committee has been meeting regularly to prepare for Call Season. We are hopeful that we will soon be interviewing candidates for Associate Pastor. We have been told that interviews could start as early as April, but that the process could take six months or more to find a candidate that is just right for Grace. As we prepare, we have reviewed congregation survey results, put together a profile of attributes and skills of an Associate Pastor, and prepared interview questions. The Call Committee will provide regular updates on the call process in newsletters, at services, and in the bulletin. If you have questions, concerns, or would like to share your thoughts about this exciting time in the history of Grace, please call on any member of the Call Committee. Members of the Grace Call Committee include: Lisa Rowe-Peplinski, Tim Blokhuis, Brittany Lau, Laura Haugen, and Rick Merdan.

Newcomer's Orientation ~ Do you have questions about Grace? Are you interested in learning more? Maybe you're thinking that you want to join? Either way, come to Newcomer's Orientation on March 13th. We'll meet in the Youth Center from 9:00 to 10:15 to answer your questions and share information.



The Grace Book Club ~

will meet on Wednesday, March 9th at 5:30 p.m. The book that was chosen is "The Shop on Blossom Street" by Debbie Macomber. It is a nice, light, easy read to see how four lives are knit together. Also, if you are some one who knits, there is even a pattern to do while you're reading. See you on the 9th for a great

book discussion. If you have any questions contact Tammy or Stacy 423-2330.

WANTED

Do you like to Acolyte, help with Communion, Usher, Worship Lead, help in the Nursery, Read or Communion Tray Hold? Then your talents are needed for Lenten Worship. Check out the sign-up sheet on the window by the Church Office.

Soul Food – a Continuing Ministry of Grace In the cold of winter, a new ministry intended to warm the heart is happening. Soul Food is a way for the people of Grace to cook meals for people in need. When these meals are delivered, it lets people know that the Grace family cares.

At the present time, there are 7 cooking teams with a total of 54 people involved. Meals have been delivered to 13 families. Want to help? There are several ways to be involved in this ministry. Join one of the cooking teams. Lead one of the Youth cooking teams. Volunteer to deliver meals. Sponsor the cost or part of the cost for one of the "cook ins". Or purchase some of the basic items which are always needed. [a complete list of these basic needs can be found in the Soul Food pamphlet on the Ministry Opportunity table]

To get involved, contact Stephanie Englien at stephe@solarus.net or 459-7576.



Did You Know? – Simply Giving, freedom and choice

Simply Giving is a program that automatically transfers dollars from your checking or Savings account to the Church's checking account. It provides freedom and choice as you can have withdrawals made any time you want! And, you can make changes any time you want.

Currently, 105 Grace members make their offering through Simply Giving. They've chosen to give on a variety of days and dates. Some give on Mondays and Fridays. Others give on the following dates each month – 1st, 2nd, 5th, 8th, 15th, 17th and 20th. You can choose any day of the month that works for you.

If you have any questions about Simply Giving and all the choices it provides, or want to sign up, talk to Tammy in the Church office – 423-2330. And thank you for your faithfulness in giving, no matter what method of giving you use.

9th – 12th GRADE MYSTERY TRIP ~ Sunday, March 6th, the high school youth will be going on a Mystery Trip. We'll meet at Grace at 5:45 PM (leave at 6:00 PM) and return around 9:00 PM. Where are we going? It's a mystery, but since it's a Sunday evening you know we won't be going very far, but it will be fun. You'll want to bring a few dollars as you might want to buy something. Please let Kevin know by Wednesday March 2nd if you'd like to go.



Bible Camp – It's time to register for Bible Camp! A Confirmation requirement is that all 7th grade students attend Confirmation Camp. But Bible Camp is there for children and adults of all ages. Take one of the Camp Brochures from the Ministry Opportunity Table – fill it out and send it in. Bible Camp is a great way to learn and grow as God's children.

Greetings from Sunday school!

We are so excited to have your children learn with us each Sunday morning. Thank you for bringing them, they are wonderful blessings! I wanted to send an update of the Sunday school schedule as there have been a few changes. Here is the calendar for the rest of the school year:

2/27: Introduction to Holy Week rotation (we will be learning about a different day in Holy Week each Sunday for the next 5 Sundays)

- 3/6: Palm Sunday lesson
- 3/13: Last Supper lesson
- 3/20: Garden of Gethsemane lesson
- 3/27: Crucifixion lesson
- 4/3: Resurrection lesson
- 4/10: Holy week review

4/17: Easter Party

4/24: NO Sunday School

5/1, 5/8, 5/15, 5/22: Road to Emmaus rotation

A reminder that Sunday school is from **9:15-10:15**. Also, we are out of snacks and juice for the Sunday school kids. Any donations would be greatly appreciated. You can drop them off in the Sunday school area any time.

*You are cordially invited to the Grace
Dinner Theatre...*

The Wedding

*as
Ellie Goodman
&
Joshua Christianson*

*exchange vows (if they make it) in the midst of utter
Chaos & Confusion*

Come to the Grace Dinner Theater!

There will be dinner and a whole lot of fun as
Grace presents "Joe and Ellie's
Wedding". Performances are 6:30 pm on
Friday March 18th and Saturday, March 19th –
along with a 4:00 o'clock performance on
Sunday, March 20th. Tickets are on sale now
for \$15.00.

**Don't miss out on the
Wedding of the Year!**

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Vacation Bible School 2011
 August 9, 10, & 11 ~ 9 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 5:30 Sanctuary Reserved 6:00 Board of Youth— Conference Room 6:30 AAUW in Fellowship Hall 6:30 Call Committee	2 9:30 TOPS 5:30 Board of Worship 6:30 Adventures In Confirmation 6:30 Choir	3 6:30 Men's Breakfast at Four Star 4:45 TOPS	4 6:30 Wine Tasting at Cravings	5
6 8:00 Traditional Worship 9:00 Adult Education 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Contemporary Worship 12:00 Play Practice 6:00 High School Mystery Trip	7 12:00 Coffee House 5:00 Board of Personnel 6:30 Support Group	8 5:30 Sanctuary Reserved 6:30 Church Council 6:30 Quilling	9 9:30 TOPS 6:00 Soup Supper 7:00 Ash Wednesday Worship 7:45 Choir	10 6:30 Men's Breakfast at Four Star 4:45 TOPS	11	12
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