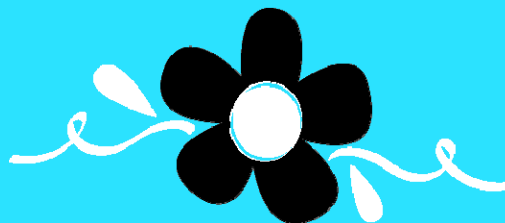


GRACE GAZETTE



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

Grace’s Core Values – Everyone Has A Ministry!

“Now there are a variety of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of working, but it is the same God who inspires them all in every one. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.” 1 Corinthians 12:4-7

From the very beginning of life at Grace, people got involved in doing ministry. Some planned worship. Others invited people to be part of this community. Still others cleaned and ushered and set up chairs and taught Sunday School and prayed and sang and...well, you get the idea. Everyone had a ministry and got busy doing it.

The Church has always been like that, according to Paul – and still is! Every person in the body of Christ has been given a gift which is meant to be shared. And when we share the gifts we have, it’s good for us all.

This means everyone has a ministry to do. So, each and every one of us at Grace is called by God to make a difference by using the gifts and talents we have.

This understanding of how we work together as God’s people is one of our core values. We know that everyone makes a difference with what they do and what they share. We can do good things for others. And in return, our faith is challenged to grow.

- This is why every member gets a key – because everyone has a ministry.
- This is why it’s important for each of us to invite someone else to help us. Sure, we can do things alone – but that other person needs to have a chance to share their talents as well.

And this is why we’ll need to make sure that when a second Pastor is added, no-one’s ministry is eliminated. In other words, we’ll still use Worship Leaders and Assisting Ministers. A second Pastor won’t do for us what we’re already doing. Because the ministry which happens here belongs to all of us.



Everyone has a ministry. You have been gifted by the Holy Spirit. You are called to use those gifts to serve others. At Grace, we get the support of others in order to find the best ways for us to use the talents we have - - - and we get the opportunity to use them.

Thanks for what you do – and how you use your faith.

~ Pastor Kent

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Special points of interest:

- Worship Appreciation Sunday, May 3rd
- Music Sunday—May 17th @ 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
- Summer Worship Begins—May 24th @ 9:00 a.m.
- Congregational Meeting—Sunday, May 31st
- Graduation Sunday, June 7th at 9:00 a.m.
- Synod Assembly—June 5-6 in Green Bay
- Vacation Bible School—August 11-13

Special Happenings In May



- May 3rd – Worship Appreciation Sunday
- May 10th – The Sunday School has a special project set for Mother’s Day!
- May 17th – Music Sunday – the service will be filled with the “sounds of music!”
- May 24th – The Summer Schedule begins – one service only – at 9:00 am.
- May 31st – A Congregational meeting will be the time to discuss calling a second Pastor – plus keeping up with the ministries of Grace.

Maybe you’ve noticed the table which is filled with a variety of items – from shoes to wrist bands to gift cards. This is Grace’s Ministry Opportunity Table – where a few of the many ministries of Grace are highlighted.

So much happens at Grace every week. It’s hard to know about it all. But this is one more place to get some information about a few of the ministries the people of Grace are doing.

So, stop by the table often to look and learn. The information will change every so often – but it’s all there in order that you can be inspired about the ministry you are called to do by seeing all the great things the people of Grace are involved in doing. And who knows, you might even want to give one of those ministries a try yourself.

What is the Ministry Opportunity Table??



WHAT – WHO – WHY – HOW – WHEN???? These are the questions being answered during the announcements each week at worship – as we talk about adding a second Pastor at Grace. Don’t miss out on the conversation!



Family Resource Center Drive

During May, Church in Society invites us to focus on the special needs of infants at the Family Resource Center. Through May 17th, we’ll collect diapers and formula. (You can give money for this, instead, if you like.) Place your donations in the tote underneath the Poster, located in the Narthex.

The Summer Schedule Begins May 24th one service only - 9:00 a.m.



Sign-up for Camping & Fun With Your Grace Family!

There will be kids games and golf cart races for those that want to participate or sit back and laugh with other campers from Grace. The date is August 21,22,23 at Vista Royale Campground in Bancroft. Call 715-335-6860 to make your reservations and request to be by the Grace Lutheran Church campers. If you have any questions contact Tim Engeliien at 715-570-2783.

Want to help with an effort of going green?

- With rising costs for paper, copies and postage, Grace will save approximately \$30 a month if we can cut down how many newsletters are mailed out. (We need to have 200 pieces to use bulk mail.) So, we are looking for 110 people to sign-up to have their monthly newsletter emailed. The newsletter would come to your email as a PDF file. If you would like to sign-up to have the newsletter emailed to you every month, please email Tammy (tammy@glcwr.org) and let her know.
- By using electronic giving, members of Grace reduce the environmental impact of paper checks. If you are interested in helping the environment, check out the electronic giving form on the website (www.glcwr.org) click on "What's Happening" and "Giving" or contact Tammy at 423-2330.

PHILLY PHRY— And now, back by popular demand... "Chef" Jeff Bakunowicz will once again be preparing his famous Philly cheese steak sandwich for all to enjoy. The Grace youth will be assisting "Chef" Jeff on Sunday May 17th, 2009 at the entrance of Wal-mart from 10:30 a.m. until approximately 2:00 p.m. The youth are selling the sandwiches to raise funds for the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans this coming July. The cost for just the sandwich is \$6.00, and a combo (sandwich, chips and drink) is \$7.00. You can pre-order your sandwich(es) by filling out the phorm below and returning it to Kevin or you can e-mail your request to theyouthguy@yahoo.com by Sunday May 10th. All orders will need to be picked up at Wal-mart so you will only need to indicate the number of sandwiches you would like.

Thank you for supporting our youth!

PHILLY PHRY PHOOD PHORM

Sandwiches come with: provolone cheese, grilled onions and mushrooms

_____ Philly sandwich(es)

Name: _____

Time you will be picking up your order at Wal-mart: _____

THE AMAZING "PSALM 23" RACE— CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH:

Are you a fan of the TV show, The Amazing Race? Well, this event is just like the TV show only there are no cameras, no auditions and no long distances to travel. However, there will be challenges that will get you thinking and maybe some short distances to travel. Sound interesting? Oh, we will also be enjoying a yummy Philly Phry sandwich prior to the race. You want to sign up to go now, don't you? Well, to sign up, all you GET to do is let Kevin (theyouthguy@yahoo.com) know by Wednesday May 13th. Cost will be \$7 (for the Philly sandwich combo). The event is Sunday May 17th from 12 – 3 p.m. We'll leave from church and head to Wal-mart to get our sandwiches, then head to NEPCO. **PARENTS:** We will need helpers for this event. Please let me know if you can help us out.



Lonnie Cole, Cinda Tollefson, Dorothy Freiman, Stephanie Engelién, Ginny Raddatz and Judy Benson

The Quilters of Grace were happy to present Mary Merdan with a quilt for the Palliative Care Service at Riverview Hospital. The quilt will give comfort to patients coming to the end of their life in the hospital setting.

This was the quilters first project of the year and now they will be working on making quilts for Lutheran World Relief. There is always room for anyone interested - and you don't even have to know how to sew!!!!

The quilting group meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall at Grace. See you there!

"Thank you to the ladies of Grace for the absolutely beautiful quilt that was so thoughtfully created for the patients at Riverview Hospital. The quilt that you made will certainly provide warmth and comfort to hospitalized patients during the critical moments of their end of life transition. Through your generous gifts and talents, you share God's love with others."

With sincere appreciation,
Mary Merdan & the Palliative Care Service Riverview Hospital

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3 Worship Appreciation 8:00 Traditional Worship 9:00 Adult Forum 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Contemporary Worship 12:00 Discover Grace	4 11:30 Fellowship Hall & Kitchen Reserved 12:00 Coffee House 6:30 Support Group 6:30 Board of Worship	5 6:00 Quilting 6:30 Yoga/Bible Study	6 9:00 T.O.P.S. 6:30 Adventures In Confirmation 6:30 Choir	7 6:30 Men's Breakfast at Four Star 4:45 T.O.P.S.	8	9
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