



Grace Notes

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Grace Lutheran Church & School

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Coming Soon, Lent!

Repentance & Ash Wednesday

The Season of Lent is soon upon us. This year Ash Wednesday occurs on the 22nd of February. This month I will share with you some of the customs of Lent, and how they might also prepare you to be rightly prepared not only to celebrate the great feast of the Resurrection of our Lord, but to be truly prepared to receive Him today!

Next month it is my hope to share some thoughts of Dr. Luther in how the Christian is prepared to die.

The imposition of ashes is an ancient custom associated with the season of Lent, and repentance in general, and is a powerful reminder of our sin. Ashes can symbolize our sin and be a constant reminder of the need for cleansing and repentance in our lives.

The term "Ash Wednesday" is derived from the Old Testament, and was carried out in the medieval custom of coming to Church in sackcloth, with naked feet, while throwing ashes over the head as a sign of repentance. Yet we are always made aware that there is a constant need for repentance as we make our Lenten pilgrimage with Christ on His journey to Jerusalem.

The Church, confessing her sins, cries to God for mercy confident that He is her refuge and

salvation. The children of God do not cry to Him to make Him theirs, but because they are His.

"Rend your hearts and not your garments" reminds His children that repentance is not an outward show such as "giving up something for Lent", **but is a renewal of daily Life in Him.**

Sin is to be cleansed from lives so that you may follow your Lord rightly. With sin out of the way there will be nothing to separate you from the Holy God. You are His people, His children, made so through the work of Jesus. He grants us all that is needed for life in Him through Word and sacrament.

So that the people of God in this place may be prepared by God to properly celebrate His resurrection, opportunity for Individual Confession and Absolution will be offered each Saturday from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. During the season of Lent, may you be lead by the Spirit to such repentance, and receive personally His Divine assurance of forgiveness.

In His precious name and by His precious blood, I remain,

Pastor Froh

Pastor Froh

Proclaiming the faith



God still performs miracles! What miracle does God perform in your life? Come and See. Proclaim the good news to your neighbors, friends and family.

At the time of this writing the Evangelism board is in the process of making plans for an outreach project between our church members and the parents of our school children. It was brought to our attention that there is a lack of interaction between our members and parents during coffee hour etc. This is vitally important for the growth of our congregation. It is important that we show love and concern for one another. Please watch for details in the next newsletter as to how you can be involved in this outreach.

Communication Received

3rd Sunday Mission Endeavor- November 20th **Concordia College Selma, Alabama**

Our thank offering will go to our historic Lutheran college in Selma, Alabama. Under the guidance of Dr. Mendedo the college is making a Lutheran presence known in the community and beyond. . A total of \$484.00 was sent to the college.

Dear Rev. Froh, Evangelism Chairman Robert Keim, and the faithful brothers and sisters in Christ:

We are blessed this holy season to remember the greatest gift ever given to this world: God's gift of His Son Jesus Christ, our Savior. At the same time, we celebrate the gifts given by friends and family as we express His love to one another. It is with this gratitude I humbly thank you for your generous gift of \$494.00 for our historic college. Your gift helps us continue to reach out to students who otherwise could not afford a Christian college education, and to offer spiritual enrichment along with their academic studies.

Your gift helps us open doors to international students, who

demonstrate the mission of living together in this world, as God's redeemed people, celebrating the same Savior, the same faith. Our soccer team is a beautiful example of international living, as they share the historic Lynn Hall dorm, and represent the countries of Haiti, Zimbabwe, Columbia, Trinidad, Gambia and Tobago. As Martin, a junior soccer player from Trinidad said so succinctly, "We look out for each other because we are all in this together."

Thank you for your partnership in educational ministry!
Rev. Dr. Mendedo,
President

Issues, Etc.

To the faithful at Grace,

Thank you for your support of Issues, Etc. Your \$1,000 was received. Remain faithful.

Wir sind alle Bettler,
Todd Wilken

CTS Military Project- December 18th

Concordia Theological Seminary's Body and Soul Care

A total of \$376 was sent to CTS for the Military project-body and soul care packages. Our freewill offering was \$176 and Evangelism had placed \$200 in their budget for this project. Thank you for your love and concern for our military.

3rd Sunday Mission Endeavor- January 15th

Good News Journal published by Concordia Mission

Society The offering will go to the printing of the Good News Journal which is printed in several country languages and recognizes the Holy Scripture as the only authority for faith and life. Please place your offering in the basket on the table during coffee hour with checks payable to Grace Lutheran Church, memo: Good News Journal. God bless you as you freely give in response to His love. A report will be given next month.

3rd Sunday Mission Endeavor- February 19th

Hope for the Destitute, a Kenya based Church ministry under the ELC in Kenya. An orphan child's school fees, uniform, medicine and food cost \$360 a year. Please make checks payable to Grace Lutheran Church memo: Hope for the Destitute. Prayerfully consider supporting this endeavor.



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Lutheran Women's Missionary League



Grace LWML Mission Statement

"Our mission is to encourage the women of Grace to grow spiritually through Word and Sacraments that they may serve our Triune God with their time, talents and treasures."

"Serve the Lord
with Gladness"

2010-2012 Mission Grants

9. Sierra Lutheran High
School

Carson City, NV

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Morning World Friendship

Tuesday, February 7, 2012 at 10:30 am in the Church Library
Please join us as we cut stamps, labels, etc.



GLC LWML Bible Study

Sunday, February 5, 2012 at 10:30 am
in the 7th & 8th Grade Classroom
Lesson 2 from the Winter Quarterly
"Guilt and Grace" A Gospel Fresh Start"
Leader: Mary Clapp

Circle Bible Study

Date & Time: 3rd Tuesday February 21st
Place: Church Library 11AM to 1 PM
New Study on "Faith" from Issue 9 of the Good News Magazine
"Let us....fix our eyes on Jesus, the Author and Perfecter of faith."
Bring a sandwich – Dessert will be served
Materials for the study will be provided
We invite any and all women to join us.



ZONE 8 DAY OF PRAYER

February 25, 2012
Trinity Lutheran Church, Burlingame

Upcoming Dates:

February 24, 2012 – Mission Service Work Night, Dolores Keim's House
February 25, 2012 – Zone 8 Day of Prayer, (Note Change) Trinity, Burlingame
March 31, 2012 – Zone 8 Spring Rally, Our Savior's, Pacifica



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Gift Designation

Date

2 Winter coat ensembles	\$400.00	12/28/2011
2 NIV Teen Study Bibles	48.00	
2 Picture Bibles	21.00	
Balance to General Fund	15.00	
	<u>Total Amount This Year</u>	
		\$484.00

Dear Friends In Christ,

Thank you, THANK YOU!

I recently received your gift to help at-risk children know they are loved this Christmas season and I am so grateful. But my gratefulness is only a fraction of what the boys and girls will feel when they experience a real Christmas celebration --- maybe for the very first time.

I hope you truly understand that your love and compassion, demonstrated by your generosity, does more than ensure a child's needs are met. It helps them flourish!

Your gift illustrates the love and care of the God we serve. A God who goes above and beyond for His children, just as you have for the boys and girls here at the Ranch.

I'm honored, blessed and humbled by your partnership with Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch. Together we will help transform the lives of hurting, needy children through the power of Jesus' love.

In appreciation,

Gene

Gene D. Kaseman
President



December 15, 2011

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Thank you for your donation of socks!

We are preparing to celebrate the birth of Christ in the churches in Mexico. We have started taking toys across the border to give out to children for Christmas. We will continue to take them through Epiphany. On December 22, I will be attending the Christmas play and party at Legna's youth center where she works with many youth. Then the next day, we will give out gifts and quilts in different communities and churches.

It has been a blessing that at the end of the year, mission teams have still been coming to Mexico during November and even December!

Please pray for the new Bible Institute, the opening is set for March 4, 2012.

Thank you for all of your prayers and support during 2011. Feliz Navidad en Cristo!

Ramon Contreras
Ramon Contreras
Ministry Coordinator

28th ACADEMIC YEAR

CHAPEL OFFERINGS

Chapel offerings for second quarter will be sent to Samaritan House of San Mateo. To date, \$138.16 and 268 canned and packaged items have been received.

OPEN HOUSE

**Kindergarten
through
8th Grade**

**Wednesday, February 8th
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

Please invite your friends to acquaint them with our school.

The faculty will be available in the classrooms to answer questions of prospective parents interested in enrolling their children in our school.

JUMP-A-THON & HOOPS FOR HEART

On Tuesday, February 14th from 12:45 p.m. – 2:20 p.m. the students of our school will have the opportunity to participate in the American Heart Association's Jump Rope for Heart and Hoops for Heart. Parents and members of the congregation are invited to be spectators for this all-school fun event.

GEOGRAPHY BEE

The preliminary round was held on December 14th. Congratulations to following students who have qualified for the final competition: Anjanette Gomez, Armon Plummer, Jose-Alberto Sandoval, James Kilcullen, Bella Archer, Angelique Gomez, Elizabeth O'Donnell, John Velichko, Isaac Viquez, and Aria Rouzmehr.

The final competition was held on January 6th. Congratulations to Armon Plummer, Champion of the Grace Lutheran School National Geographic Geography Bee; to Bella Archer, second place winner; and Anjanette Gomez, third place winner.

THANK YOU

Thank you to the many parents, grandparents, and congregation members who have contributed to the Friends of Grace Lutheran School Fund, Scholarship Fund, and Supplemental Offering. Your support is deeply appreciated.

FEBRUARY DATES TO REMEMBER

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| 8 | Open House – 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. |
| 12 | Primary & School Choirs - 9:00 a.m. service |
| 14 | Jump Rope & Hoops for Heart – 12:45 p.m. |
| 20 | Presidents' Day – No School / No Extended Care |
| 22 | Mid-Quarter |

"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it."

Proverbs 22:6 (NKJV)



News from Vacation Bible School 2011

As you may recall during the June 2011 Vacation Bible School, Grace Lutheran Church participants raised Mission Project funds to send relief kits to victims of the Joplin, Missouri tornados through the Orphan Grain Train. As a follow up to that Mission Project, we wanted to share with the members of Grace Lutheran Church some heart-touching news regarding a craft project that the Grace Lutheran Vacation Bible School children completed at VBS last summer.

On one of the days of VBS instruction, the children learned about Noah and his family on the ark. They learned of God's promise to never destroy the world with water. This was visualized by a rainbow. That day as a craft project, each child made a quilt square depicting something they had learned in their lesson. As you might imagine, when the quilt was put together it was covered with beautiful rainbows!

This quilt was shipped to the Orphan Grain Train to be given to a special tornado victim. We recently received the following letter and photographs letting us know about little Cara, the young girl who received this Rainbow Quilt.

In the next months, the VBS staff will be contacting all the children who attended VBS 2011, and their parents, to remind them of our Vacation Bible School this coming summer 2012. We will remind them of their monetary mission gifts to help their neighbors—in Missouri. What a blessing to also let them know that the fun craft that they created, turned into such a joy for a little girl and her family who have gone through such hard times this past year!

Please pray that future Vacation Bible School weeks will touch the lives of students and our neighbors again so they can learn of the Grace of God!

Blessings,



Stefanie Kilcullen

for the VBS 2011 Staff



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Dolores Keim
VBS Quilt Organizer
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RE: VBS blanket to Joplin, MO

Dear Ms. Keim,

Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness in encouraging your VBS children to create a quilt that would bring comfort and encouragement to a little one who lost so much in the May tornado.

I wish I could have captured little Cara's eyes when she opened the quilt. It was a precious sight. Not only did the Eichelberger family lose their home and possessions in the tornado, they also lost a great uncle. On top of their loss, little Heidi (Cara's sister) was born in February with a congenital heart condition that left her in the hospital for months and several surgeries. They are leaving next week to go back to Tulsa, OK for another open heart surgery that will be the next step in hoping for longer life. It is a very serious surgery so I know the Eichelbergers would covet your prayers and as they try to rebuild their life and a 'new normal'. Brad and Brandi have a faith in God and know that He hears and answers prayers.

Again, please thank the children and those who helped in finishing the quilt. All of you made one little girl very happy and encouraged a mother's heart. (I heard Cara whisper to her mom as she left "I just love it, Mom".) Thank you. May God bless you all for your thoughtfulness.

Carol Bowland
Administrative Asst
College Heights Christian Church
Joplin, MO 64801
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VITAL STATISTICS CALENDAR

February, 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Jeannette Oatman	2 Noah Rabe	3 Emily Cox	4
5 Hannelore Siarkowski	6	7 Michelle Semmler	8	9	10 David-Carolyn Dubbel	11
12	13 Lou-Betty Egan	14	15 Marilyn Baillie	16	17 Glenn-Alison Mc Enroe	18
19	20 Trudi Sorensen	21 Lauren Bellone	22 Anjanette Gomez	23 Lynn Aubright	24	25
26	27	28	29			

Legend: Birthday indicated by one name Wedding Anniversary indicated by two names * indicates wedding

A Birthday Prayer: Dear Father, You have made ___ and redeemed ___. Thank you for the gift of life that you have given to ___. Keep ___ ever mindful of the opportunities to witness of your love and forgiveness. Keep ___ ever mindful of ___ baptism. You have made ___ your child and an heir of your heavenly Kingdom. Thank you! In the name of Jesus. Amen.

An Anniversary Prayer: Gracious Heavenly Father, today is the wedding anniversary of your servants ___ and ___. Keep them faithful and devoted to one another and to you. Be with them in the year ahead. Give to them forgiving hearts and then the peace that only comes from you. In Jesus, our eternal Redeemer's name. Amen

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>February</h1> <h2>Prayer Calendar</h2>						
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
William Bethke David Dubbel Herlin Gomez Evelyn Jones Alexis McEnroe Christian Ramirez Dave Smoot Rosemarie Wimmer	Susan Bethke Carolyn Dubbel Anjanette Gomez Diana Kaufeldt Fred McKenna Larry Rhoades Barb Smoot Hitomi Yamamoto	Alice Boerschinger Jeannette Bordy Angelique Gomez David Keim Marilyn McKenna Barbara Rhoades Shannon Smoot Caden Young	John Bordy Natalie Dubbel Kennedy Gomez Veronica Keim Paul McKenna James Holcomb Paul Soals Rebecca Young	Ellen Bordy Eric Dubbel Olivia Gomez Raymond Keim Cheryl McKenna Chester Rhoades Stacey Soals Chandler Young	Joshua Born Chris Egan Joseph Gomez Carolyn Keim Rachel McKenna Pamela Rhoades Jacquelin Soals Logan Young	Judy Boyd Theresa Egan James Graziano Bob Keim Shawn McKenna Theresa Rhoades Joseph Sobczak Rowan Young
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Brian Boyd Jessica Egan Roger Guse Dolores Keim Steve McLaughlin Fred Robinson Anne Sobczak Eugene Zahnow	Kenneth Boyd James Egan Dan Hahn Emilia Kiani Heather McLaughlin Robert Robinson Trudi Sorensen Judy Zahnow	Paul Brownlee Lou Egan Lori Hahn John Kilcullen Ron Meagher Joe Rockmore Kyle Spleiss Buddy Zimbelman	Lois Brownlee Betty Egan Abby Hahn Stefanie Kilcullen Cheryl Meagher Debra Rockmore Neil Spleiss Mamie Zimbelman	Marcus Brownlee Bob Egan Arthur Hayame Katie Kilcullen Aaron Meagher Logan Rockmore Tamaray Starling	Scott Brownlee Angelina Egan Barbara Hayame James Kilcullen Sandra Means Casey Rockmore Darryl Sterner	Katherine Brownlee Christopher Eggert Tim Hayame Michael Kilcullen Robert Meier George Roethel Sandra Sterner
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Anna Buckleman Maria Eggert Darren Hayame Scott King Elisabeth Meier Norma Roethel Michelle Sterner	Ralph Carmann Timothy Eich Joy Hayame Christa King Rob Meier Akram Saber Robert Stevens	Jessica Chen Robert Emery Lucie Hirmina Janneke Munoz George Melke Ghada Saber Willis Stevens	Egon Adam Rufus Clapp Doris Emery Art Hitzeman Nicholas King Howard Menche Daniel Saber Win Swarr	Rosangela Adam Mary Clapp Bill Eng Miriam Hitzeman Fred Klarenbach Donna Menche Michael Saber Iva Swarr	Kelly Archer David Cox Kirk Eppler Marion Hoff Lee Klarenbach Daniel Menche Charles Schaefer Isabel Swarr	Emilia Archer Catherine Cox Machelle Eppler Stephen Honnert Evans Klingner Tobias Meyer-Grunow Donald Schaefer Victor Swarr
26	27	28	29	<h1>PLEASE PRAY FOR!</h1>		
Bella Archer Emily Cox Sara Eppler Kathy Honnert Ruth Klingner Candice Meyer-Grunow Maria Schaefer Hans Tuft	Timothy Atwood Jolene Crawford Carly Eppler Nicholas Honnert Bill Koester June Miller Rey Schmidt Gina Tuft	Lynn Aubright Robert Crews Carlos Espino Lindsey Honnert Faye Koester Pamela Nelson Loretta Schmidt Mark Tuft	Ralph Bailey Veronica Crews Debra Espino Samantha Howard Ryan Koester Brian Norman Stephen Schmidt Sue Tuft			

February 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
				7:00 p-Senior Choir		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9:00 a-Divine Service 10:15 a-Sunday School 10:30 a-LWML Bible Study Book of Concord Youth Bible Study		8:35 a-Morning Prayer 10:15 a-Morning World Friendship	6:00 p-GLS Open House	7:00 p-Senior Choir		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9:00 a-Divine Service 10:15 a-Sunday School 10:30 a-Christian Doctrine G.I.F.T. 11:45 a-School Board		8:35 a-Morning Prayer 7:00 p-Planning Coun.		7:00 p-Senior Choir		
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9:00 a-Divine Service 10:15 a-Sunday School 10:30 a-Christian Doctrine G.I.F.T.	Presidents' Day No School/Ext. Care	9:15 a-Bible Study 11:00 a-Circle Bible Study	10:00 a-Ash Wednes. Communion 7:00 p-Ash Wednes. Divine Service 8:00 p-Senior Choir		7:00 p-LWML Mission Project	2:00 p-Confess./Absol.
26	27	28	29			
9:00 a-Divine Service 10:15 a-Sunday School 10:30 a-Witness Mercy & Life Together		9:15 a-Bible Study 7:00 p-Sunday School Teachers	10:00 a-Lenten Morning Prayer 7:00 p-Lenten Evening Prayer 8:00 p-Senior Choir			