

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH & EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

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Today

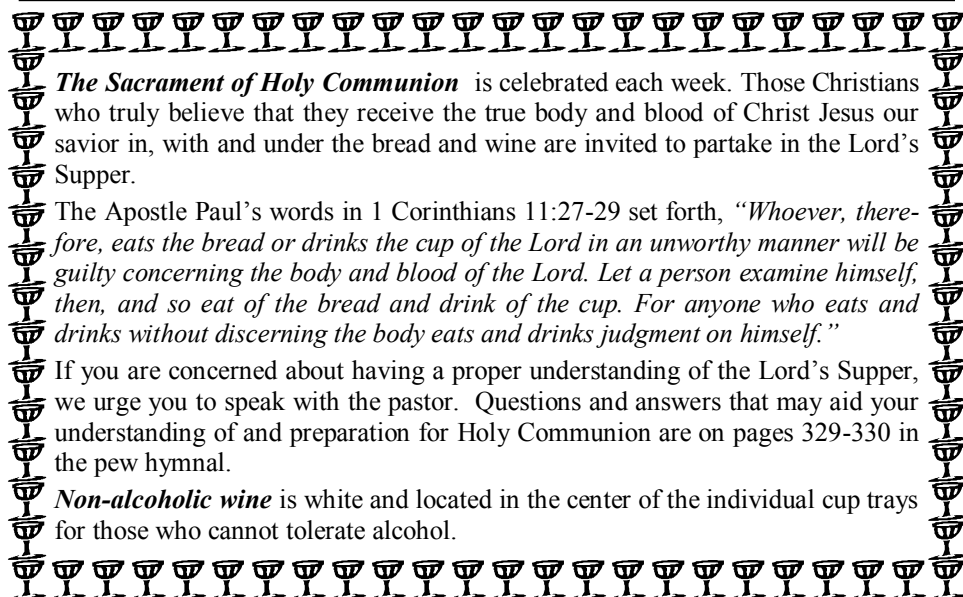
Service Elder - Gordon Fitzgerald
Scripture Reader - Gordon Fitzgerald
Acolyte - Victoria Shroyer
Greeters - Bonnie Dupre
Offering Stewards - A. & J. Kraus
Altar Guild - M. Beach & P. Cuneo
Ushers - D. Akins, G. Meyer,
& J. Souther

Next Sunday

Gordon Fitzgerald
Bonnie Dupre
Michael Thalheim
D. & L. Kelley
B. & M. Beach
M. Johnston & A. Perryman
D. Boger, J. Kohls, G. Meyer,
& R. Reaves, Jr.

Welcome to God's house! Please allow us to keep in touch with you by signing the register in the foyer/narthex. Thank you!

Altar Flowers are placed today to the glory of God by the Carpenter and Stegall families in memory of Henry Stegall, Sr.



The Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated each week. Those Christians who truly believe that they receive the true body and blood of Christ Jesus our savior in, with and under the bread and wine are invited to partake in the Lord's Supper.

The Apostle Paul's words in 1 Corinthians 11:27-29 set forth, "*Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.*"

If you are concerned about having a proper understanding of the Lord's Supper, we urge you to speak with the pastor. Questions and answers that may aid your understanding of and preparation for Holy Communion are on pages 329-330 in the pew hymnal.

Non-alcoholic wine is white and located in the center of the individual cup trays for those who cannot tolerate alcohol.

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost August 23, 2009

Introit

(The congregation will please respond with the bold portion)

*O Lord, I love the habitation of your house
and the place where your glory dwells.
Vindicate me, O Lord, for I have walked in my integrity,
and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering.
Prove me, O LORD, and try me;
test my heart and my mind.
I wash my hands in innocence and go around your
altar, O LORD,
proclaiming thanksgiving aloud, and telling all your
wondrous deeds.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.
O Lord, I love the habitation of your house
and the place where your glory dwells.*

Collect of The Day

(All please pray together)

Almighty and merciful God, defend Your Church from all false teaching and error that Your faithful people may confess You to be the only true God and rejoice in Your good gifts of life and salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Grace's Mission

*Building one body in Christ through Worship, Witness,
Stewardship, Service, Love, Teaching and Fellowship*

Divine Service

First Setting

*Lutheran Service Book, Page 151
Pre-Service Music*

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| 1. Hymn | #873 |
| 2. Confession and Absolution | p151 |
| 3. Introit | Bulletin |
| 4. Kyrie | p152 |
| 5. This is the Feast | p155 |
| 6. Salutation | p156 |
| 7. Collect of The Day | Bulletin |
| 8. Old Testament Reading | Bulletin |
| 9. Epistle Reading | Bulletin |
| 10. Alleluia and Verse | p156 |
| 11. Glory to you, O... | p157 |
| 12. Holy Gospel | Bulletin |
| 13. Praise to you, O... | p157 |
| 14. The Word for Children | |
| 15. Sermon Hymn | #865 |
| 16. Sermon | |
| 17. Meditation | Mike Cape |
| 18. Nicene Creed | p158 |
| 19. Prayer of the Church | p159 |
| Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord;
People: Lord, have mercy. | |
| 20. Offering | |
| 21. Offertory Song | #781 verse 1 |
| 22. Preface | p160 |
| 23. Holy, Holy, Holy... | p161 |
| 24. Prayer of Thanksgiving | p161 |
| 25. The Words of Our Lord | p162 |
| 26. The Lord's Prayer | p162 |
| 27. Pax Domini | p163 |
| 28. Agnus Dei | p163 |
| 29. Communion Hymns | #563, #623,
& #741 |
| 30. Thank the Lord | p164 |
| 31. Post Communion Collect | p166 |
| 32. Benediction | p166 |
| 33. Closing Hymn | #818 |

Postlude

2010 Board of Directors and Elders

Now is the time to start thinking about serving as a member of the Board of Directors or elder for 2010. Don't be afraid to nominate yourself. Grace needs you! Please prayerfully consider how you can help the Lord's work by volunteering to serve as a candidate for an elected position.

To date, here is a list of candidates:

- President – Richard Reaves, Sr.
- Vice president – Open
- Secretary – Open
- Treasurer – Bonnie Dupre
- Financial Secretary – Cindy Deane
- Stewardship – Open
- Mission Outreach – Open
- Property – Glenn Meyer
- Social Ministry – Connie Oswalt
- Activities – Open
- Christian Education – Donna Boger

KEEPING THE MESSAGE STRAIGHT, GETTING THE MESSAGE OUT...Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken and produced by Lutheran Public Radio. Topics include: Holiness, God's Will, Evangelism, Forgiveness, Temptation and more. Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show produced by Lutheran Public Radio and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. You can listen to what you want when you want at www.issuesetc.org.

Share Your Mission Moments

The LCMS is keeping track of "critical events" - instances where we believers share our faith with unchurched or dechurched people. If you've told somebody about your faith in Christ, please let the church office know about it so your witness can inspire others to do the same.

ECC PAPER PRODUCTS DONATIONS

Please consider a donation of one or more of the following items: Baby wipes, paper towels, kitchen-size paper cups, bath-size paper cups, Kleenex and napkins. Thank you for leaving your donations in the blue box in the narthex.

VOICE YOUR OPINION ON THE FUTURE OF THE LCMS

The synod Blue Ribbon Task Force on Synod Structure and Governance (BRTFSSG) is making recommendations for changes at the LCMS 2010 convention. Proposed changes could significantly change the character of our synod. Every member of the synod is invited and encouraged to voice their opinions through an online survey available at <http://BlueRibbonSurvey.com>. If you are not computer savvy but wish to participate, please contact Pastor Rich to make arrangements.

This Week at Grace

Today	9:00 AM	Worship Coffee and Fall Festival muffins follow
	10:45 AM	Sunday School for all ages
	4:00 PM	Circuit Forum
Tuesday	6:00-8:00 PM	New Member Class
Wednesday	9:30 AM	Bible Study
	6:00 PM	Potluck Fellowship
	6:45 PM	Prayer & Praise
Friday	7:00 PM	Music With A Message
Saturday	10:00 AM	Volunteer Jazz Brunch - Sheraton NO Hotel
	6:00 PM	NO Recovery Service - Prince of Peace
Sunday	9:00 AM	Worship Coffee and biscuits
	10:45 AM	Sunday School for all ages
	5:30 PM	Youth Group Meeting & Pizza Party

For the week of August 23– 29, 2009 BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

August	24	Elizabeth Bischoff
August	26	Pat Bauman

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

August	24	Jerry & Lola Ledet
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Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost **Ephesians 5:22-33**

In marriage it is crucial to practice loving stewardship of that special relationship. If we are not married we are still encouraged to love and care for others just as Christ does for His body - the church. Maturing stewards seek to do those things that bring honor to God and blessings to others.

"Timothy Is Taught" serves as the lesson in Sunday School today. Though Paul could speak of himself as Timothy's spiritual father, God had actually raised Timothy in faith through instruction in the sacred Scriptures by his grandmother Lois and his mother, Eunice. *Families could discuss, "In what way did Timothy's family help him grow in his faith? How does God help us grow in faith as a family?"*

The next Fall Festival meeting has been rescheduled to Wednesday, September 9th after Prayer & Praise.

RALLY DAY AT GRACE

GLC will observe Rally Day on Sunday, September 13th. Third graders will receive their Bibles and the children will begin their fall quarter classes.

There will be an "Ice Cream Social" after worship in the fellowship hall. Join us and celebrate Rally Day with your church family at Grace.

Yearning for His learning, His Spirit in us burning!

Come Celebrate the Ongoing Recovery

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in New Orleans East will host an All-New Orleans worship event, "K4: Giving Thanks for Four Years of Recovery" on Saturday, August 29th at 6 p.m. LCMS World Relief and Human Care director Rev. Matt Harrison will preach and Dr. Kim Jo-vanovich will provide the musical offering on one of New Orleans largest and most beautiful pipe organs. A Jambalaya Supper open to all precedes the service at 5 p.m. If you wish to car pool to this event contact Pastor Rich. We will be leaving Grace at 4 p.m.

MEMBER BOXES

Please remember to check your member box while at church. If you don't see your name on the list, please contact Donna or Gordon by calling or emailing the church office at secretary@gracehouma.org.

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER NEWS

The ECC Staff would like to thank everyone who attended worship service and the reception on Sunday, August 16. We are so blessed to have a support system for our ECC. The Preschool/PreK class is full and the Terrific Twos has openings on MWF only! We are always in need of paper products such as: 5oz Dixie Cups, Paper Towels, and Napkins.

The Thrivent Stewardship Seminar scheduled for Wednesday, August 26th has been cancelled and will be rescheduled to a later date.

RUMMAGE SALE ITEMS NEEDED

Now is the time to clean out your closets and garages and bring your used items (no clothing, please!) in for the Rummage Sale. Used novels and children's toys are a big seller. You may leave your donations in the fellowship hall marked "Rummage Sale". Any questions? Call Rana DaSilva at 868-0091.

New email addresses

We are no longer using the bellsouth.net email address for church. Note new addresses: Donna: secretary@gracehouma.org; Pastor Rich: pastor@gracehouma.org & Sofie: ecc@gracehouma.org

In the palm of God's Hands...

HEALTH CONCERNS: Audrey Buquet, Bennie Little, Betsy Michel, Bill Sullivan, Brice Gifford, Brock Tabor, Butch Henderson, Connie Oswalt, David Mack, Denise Reaves, Dennis Rhoads, Don Babin, Donald Pincot, Eddie Olivier, Eloise Ourso, Geraldine Lewis, Gary Baker, Genny Brunette, Gladys Dupre, Glen Carpenter, Iva Kohls, Jack Hansen, James Naquin, Jean Frey, John Schlichting, Joy Kraus, Joy Rodrigue, Joy Stegall, Kevin Smith, Kristen Brandtly, Lillian Miller, Lloyd Chiasson, Lynda Kelley, Mattatline Butler, Matthew Taylor, Mila Estupinan, Pat Rabun, Percy Songe, Randy & Sarah Smedstad, Thelma Krohn, Todd Mueller & Wanda Williams

EXPECTANT MOTHERS & BABIES: Casie Duplantis & Pamela Navarre

NEW MOTHER & NEW BABY: Laura & Abbie Marie Schmitt

ELDERLY: Elaine Cofield

MOURNING A LOSS: the families of Anna Sonntag, Dora Lutz Mays, Beau Brandtly, John Shover, Evelyn Theriot & Inez Smith

SERVING IN OUR ARMED FORCES: Matt Babin, Brandon Darce, Stephen Darce, Caleb Dufrene, Jack Hansen, Todd Mueller & Matthew Spolarich

MISSIONARY FAMILY IN VIETNAM: J.P., Aimee & Celeste Cima



YOU ARE INVITED TO A PIZZA PARTY & YOUTH GROUP MEETING!

Sunday, August 30th at 5:30pm at Grace

There are many items to discuss including plans for the balance of 2009 and all of 2010. There are both conventions and concerts coming up we need to discuss and plan for. This is a very important meeting. All 4th graders - 12th graders are invited to attend and bring a parent to join us for pizza.

Thanks,
Denise Reaves
868-0965 (home)
209-1943 (cell)

Mark Your Calendar

Prepare for "Mission Moments"

If you feel tongue-tied and a little fearful when it comes to sharing your faith with others, you're not alone. Come to the Equipping to Share workshop Saturday, September 12 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (lunch provided) in Grace's fellowship hall. This fun and simple offering will help you be ready for those "mission moments" — those times when God uses you to share the Gospel. Bible-based and interactive, the Equipping to Share workshop draws on current research to provide timely, practical ways to recognize and engage the lost with the Gospel. This is your opportunity to train for His mission, so please join us. A sign up sheet along with workshop information is in the fellowship hall. Contact Rana DaSilva if you are willing to help with set up and clean up.