

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
& EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER**

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Today	Next Sunday
Service Elder - Gordon Fitzgerald	John Wegner
Scripture Reader - Bonnie Dupre	Joe Deane
Acolyte - Michael Thalheim	Adeline Perryman
Greeters - D. & L. Kelley	D. & G. Armstrong
Offering Stewards - B. & M. Beach	R. DaSilva & B. Kinsella
Altar Guild - M. Johnston & A. Perryman	M. LaCour & K. Eschete
Ushers - D. Boger, J. Kohls, G. Meyer, & R. Reaves, Jr.	D. & K. Boger, J. Deane, & R. LaCour

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 Thalheim family in celebration of Jeannie's birthday tomorrow, August 31st and for blessings received.



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 Thirteenth Sunday
after Pentecost
August 30, 2009**

Introit

(The congregation will please respond with the bold print.)

*Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!*
*Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.*
*Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.*
*Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.*
*Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with a willing spirit.*
*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.*
*Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!*

Collect of The Day

(All pray together)

O God, the source of all that is just and good, nourish in us every virtue and bring to completion every good intent that we may grow in grace and bring forth the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. (Sung)

Divine Service

Third Setting

Lutheran Service Book, Page 184

Pre-Service Music

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| 1. Hymn | #905 |
| 2. Confession and Absolution | p 184 |
| 3. Introit | Bulletin |
| 4. Glory be to the Father... | p186 |
| 5. Kyrie | p186 |
| 6. Gloria In Excelsis | p187 |
| 7. Salutation | p189 |
| 8. Collect | Bulletin |
| 9. Old Testament Reading | Bulletin |
| 10. Epistle | Bulletin |
| 11. Alleluia (First version) | p190 |
| 12. Glory be to... | p190 |
| 13. Holy Gospel | Bulletin |
| 14. Praise be to... | p191 |
| 15. Apostles' Creed | p192 |
| 16. The Word for Children | |
| 17. Sermon Hymn | #566 |
| 18. Sermon | |
| 19. Meditation | Mike Cape |
| 20. Offertory | p192 |
| 21. Offering | p193 |
| 22. Prayer of the Church | p193 |
| Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord; | |
| People: Lord have mercy. | |
| 23. Preface | p194 |
| 24. Holy, Holy, Holy... | p195 |
| 25. The Lord's Prayer (ALL) | p196 |
| 26. The Words of Our Lord | p197 |
| 27. Pax Domini (Amen sung) | p197 |
| 28. Agnus Dei | p198 |
| 29. Communion | |
| 30. Distribution Hymns | #567, #568,
#635 & #559 |
| 31. Nunc Dimittis | p199 |
| 32. Thanksgiving | p200 |
| 33. Post Communion Collect | p201 |
| 34. Salutation | p201 |
| 35. Benediction | p202 |
| 36. Closing Hymn | #655 |

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

EDUCATING A NEW GENERATION OF LUTHERANS...You can listen to in-depth discussions on subjects like: The Ordination of Women & the Endorsement of Homosexuality, Christ in the Old Testament, The Person & Work of the Holy Spirit, The Defense of Marriage Act, "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince" and more. Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken and produced by Lutheran Public Radio. 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 ECC Biscuits follow
	10:45 AM	Sunday School for all ages
	5:30 PM	Youth Group Meeting & Pizza Party
Pastor Rich out of town Monday, August 31 - Saturday, September 5		
Wednesday	6:00 PM	Potluck Fellowship
	6:45 PM	Prayer & Praise
Sunday	9:00 AM	Worship/Food Bank
		Coffee and ECC Biscuits
	10:45 AM	Sunday School for all ages
Monday	OFFICE CLOSED – Labor Day	

**For the week of August 30 - September 5, 2009
BIRTHDAYS**

August	31	.....	Jeannie Thalheim
September	1	.....	Rose Lirette
September	3	.....	Jack Hansen
September	5	.....	Jerry Benton
			Gordon Fitzgerald
			Joelle Gerken
			Cade Kyzar

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

August	31	.....	Devin Dupre
September	1	.....	Niyah Shroyer
September	4	.....	Jenna Hage
September	5	.....	Hannah Cuneo

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost **Ephesians 6:10-20**
Stewards are like warriors who equip themselves for action. Because the devil is so active in our world we can find it challenging to live as God's faithful stewards. Prayer helps to keep us in close contact with our God who will strengthen us to live productive lives as His stewards.

The lesson focus for Sunday School today is "Titus, the Pastor." As God called Paul to the preaching office for the sake of His elect and their eternal life, so He also called Titus and the pastors Titus appointed in Crete as gifts to His Church. *You might discuss, "How did God strengthen Titus for his service? Why has God given us a pastor?"*

Pastor Rich will be out of town Monday, August 31 - Saturday, September 5. We pray he has a safe trip and visit with his family in Tennessee.

FOOD BANK SUNDAY

Next Sunday is "Food Bank Sunday" and we will be collecting monetary donations and groceries for the Food Bank. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER NEWS

We would like to thank the Boger family for donating a tent for the playground and setting it up. It is great to have shade on the playground during these sunny days. We would like to add four kid size picnic tables to go under the tent. If you know someone who would like to donate a picnic table, please let Sofie know.

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.

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

Many thanks...

to all who have baked goodies for the Mission Guild and muffins for the Fall Festival these last few months. Also, we appreciate those of you who have made donations to these groups. The ECC thanks the congregation for their support on biscuit Sundays.

"Life wins!" We live in this message. We strive to help fellow Christians connect this message to the life issues. This message compels us to address these issues in our society. Only this message can ultimately turn people away from the god of death and restore value and dignity to life." *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb executive director of Lutherans for Life* This "Life Quote" is from Lutherans For Life-www.lutheransforlife.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, 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, Todd Mueller & Wanda Williams



EXPECTANT MOTHERS & BABIES: Casie Duplantis & Pamela Navarre

NEW MOTHER & NEW BABY: Celeste & Isabella "Bella" Grace Cima 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

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. **TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO SIGN UP.** Contact Rana DaSilva if you are willing to help with set up and clean up.

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!