

This Week at Grace

Today	9:00 a.m. Worship Coffee & ECC staff reception follow in fellowship hall	Thursday	PIPELINER ARTICLES DUE
	10:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages	Sunday	9:00 a.m. Worship Coffee & Fall Fest muffins follow
Tuesday	6:00 - 8:00p.m. New Member Class		10:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
Wednesday	6:00 p.m. Potluck fellowship 6:45 p.m. Prayer & Praise		4:00 p.m. Circuit Forum

For the week of August 16-22, 2009

Birthdays	Birthdays	Baptismal Anniversaries
August 16 Jack Pellegrin Annie Reaves	August 20 Gloria Fabregas Jessica Neil	August 17 Mark Boudreaux Cain Taylor
August 18 Gage Romano	Chae Pugh	August 20 Eric Smedstad
August 19 Becky Boudreaux	Chandler Theriot	August 21 Ethan Harding LeiLyn Hebert
	August 22 Kathryn Benton	August 22 Jared Moise

In the palm of God's Hands...

HEALTH CONCERNS: Anna Sonntag, Audrey Buquet, Bennie Little, Bill Sullivan, Brice Gifford, Brock Tabor, Connie Oswalt, David Mack, Denise Reaves, Dennis Rhoads, Donald Poincot, Eddie Olivier, Geraldine Lewis, Gary Baker, Genny Brunette, Gladys Dupre, Glen Carpenter, Iva Kohls, Jack Hansen, James Helgren, Jean Frey, John Schlichting, Joy Kraus, Joy Rodrigue, Joy Stegall, Kevin Smith, Kristen Brandtly, Lillian Miller, Lloyd Chiasson, Lynda Kelley, 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 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



Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Ephesians 5:6-21

In this portion of Scripture St. Paul encourages us to be careful about how we live, how we make wise decisions, and then make the most of every opportunity to demonstrate our love for God by helping, supporting and encouraging all people with whom we come into contact.

Today in Sunday School, the children will honor military and peace officers as we study the story "Soldiers Protect Paul." God preserved Paul's life from a mob through the intervention of His appointed servants, the Roman soldiers. *You could discuss, "How did God use these unbelieving Romans to protect His servant Paul? How does God use faithful soldiers to protect us today?"*

NOW... Is the time to order your Fall Festival T-shirt. The shirts are \$10 and we ask that you pay at the time of order. See Cindy Deane in the fellowship hall after church for more information or call her at 262-0763. **DON'T FORGET- FALL FESTIVAL, SAT. OCT.31ST 9AM - 4PM.**

Early Childhood Center Staff Installation and Reception

This morning during the worship service we will be installing the 2009-2010 staff of our ECC. We would like to welcome Anita Armstrong who will be our Terrific Twos Teacher and Linda Meyer the Teacher's Aide in the classroom. Sofie Arceneaux will be the Director and PreK Teacher and Helen Bergeron will be the Teacher's Aide. Karen Harris will work in before and after care. School started Monday, August 10th.

Following the service, a reception will be held in the fellowship hall in honor of these ladies. Please take a moment to introduce yourself to the staff and thank them for the wonderful job they are all doing.

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

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)

Fall quarter Sunday School teachers needed!

The fall quarter of Sunday School begins September 13th with Rally Day. We are looking for volunteers to commit to teach the children through the end of November. Thank you to Lola Ledet, Pastor Rich, Ricky and Rachel Reaves, Carmen Cunningham, Ann Perryman, Cindy Deane and Donna Boger for leading the adult and children's classes this summer. Contact the church office or see Donna if you are interested in serving.

Yearning for His learning, His Spirit in us burning!

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. in Grace's fellowship hall. Lunch will be provided.** 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 on the table by Pastor Rich's office. Contact Rana DaSilva if you are willing to help with set up and clean up.

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Today
Service Elder - Gordon Fitzgerald
Scripture Reader - William Muenchinger
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Greeters - D. & D. Boger
Offering Stewards - D. Boger & G. Meyer
Altar Guild - M. LaCour & C. Oswalt
Ushers - D. & K. Boger, J. Deane & R. LaCour

Next Sunday
Gordon Fitzgerald
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Victoria Shroyer
Bonnie Dupre
A. & J. Kraus
M. Beach & P. Cuneo
D. Akins, D. Armstrong & J. Souther

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost August 16, 2009

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 Richard & Denise Reaves in celebration of their granddaughter Annie's ninth birthday which is today.

As We Gather

As hard as it is for many to believe, for those of us who have been drawn to God the Father by faith in His Son, these are among the most comforting words we could ever hear: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is My flesh" (John 6:51). There are only two ways to respond to these words---with thankful faith or with skeptical offense and unbelief. It is a great mystery why some believe and others do not. All we know is that faith is itself the gift and working of God the Holy Spirit, when and where He wills it in those who hear the Gospel (Ephesians 2:8-9; Augsburg Confession Article V). It is as St. Paul says in 1 Corinthians, "Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God.... The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned" (1 Corinthians 2:12, 14). May we abide in Christ that we may live in Him.

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 or Savior, in, with and under the bread and wine are invited to partake in the Lord's Supper. The Apostle Paul's words in 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 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.

AGNUS DEI is sung as per page 163 in the hymnal.

People: Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS "Feed Us Now" #53, "What Is This Bread?" #239, "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" #151 & "The Battle Belongs to the Lord" #205 (The Best of the Best Songbook)

Stand

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE is sung as per page 164 in pew hymnal

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell everyone what He has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

Pastor: For the miracle and gift of faith in our hearts,
People: we praise You, O Father.

Pastor: For Your very body and blood given to us in grace,
People: we praise You, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: For the comfort of Your peace in all our afflictions,
People: we praise You, O Spirit. Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace. Numbers 6:24-26
People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN "Savior, Again to Your Dear Name" (#194 The Best of the Best Songbook)

+ SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

SANCTUS *is sung as per page 161 in the hymnal.*

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the lord. Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: For as often as we eat of this bread and drink of this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Pastor: Remembering what He has accomplished to grant us the gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation, we pray You to dwell among us through Your Word and Spirit, and to keep us faithful that when He does come in His glory, He may find us faithful.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the + Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

+ PREPARATION +

Pre-Service Music

Stand

OPENING HYMN "Come and Behold Him" (#35 *The Best of the Best Songbook*)

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous

People: and His ears toward their cry.

Pastor: When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears

People: and delivers them out of all their troubles.

Pastor: The LORD is near to the brokenhearted

People: and saves the crushed in spirit. *Psalms 34:15, 17, 18*

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us kneel and confess to God that we have sinned and gone astray from His Word and His keeping.

(Silence for Reflection)

Pastor: Merciful Father,

People: we confess that we are, according to our fallen nature, sinners in need of Your deliverance. We cannot free ourselves from our slavery to sin. And so we cry to You for forgiveness and release from our troubles and brokenness. For the sake of Your Son and by His atoning suffering and death on the cross for the whole world, raise us to the eternal life He came to bring for the life of the world.

Pastor: "At one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light." *Ephesians 5:8*

Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, and by His authority, announce the grace of God to all of you. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Stand

INTROIT Psalm 111:1-5, 9

Pastor: Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

People: Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.

Men: Full of splendor and majesty is His work, and His righteousness endures forever.

Women: He has caused His wondrous works to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and merciful.

Pastor: He provides food for those who fear Him;

People: He remembers His covenant forever.

Pastor: He sent redemption to His people; He has commanded His covenant forever.

People: Holy and awesome is His name!

All: 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.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!

COLLECT

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray...

All: Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow His steps in the way that leads to life eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT Proverbs 9:1-10

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE Ephesians 5:6-21

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Stand

VERSE is sung as per page 156 in pew hymnal

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia. *John 6:68*

GOSPEL John 6:51-69

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

(The Gospel is read.)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN "I Am the Bread of Life" (#100 *The Best of the Best Songbook*)

SERMON

MEDITATION *by Mike Cape*

Stand

NICENE CREED (as found on back page of pew hymnal)

Sit

INSTALLATION OF EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER STAFF

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord;

People: Lord have mercy.

Sit

OFFERING

Stand

OFFERTORY "We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise" (#234 *The Best of the Best Songbook*)