

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
& EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER**

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<b>Today</b>	<b>Next Sunday</b>
Service Elder - John Wegner	John Wegner
Scripture Reader - Gordon Fitzgerald	Bonnie Dupre
Acolyte - Michael Thalheim	Hannah Cuneo
Greeters - Mary Lou Johnston	D. & G. Akins
Offering Stewards - C. & J. Deane	B. & M. Beach
Altar Guild - J. Burke & R. DaSilva	K. Eschete & M. LaCour
Ushers - D. & K. Boger, J. Deane, & R. LaCour	D. Akins, D. Armstrong, G. Fitzgerald & J. Souther

**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 Boger family in honor of Donna & Peyton Kraus' birthdays & Gabriella Corbitt's baptismal anniversary all celebrated today.

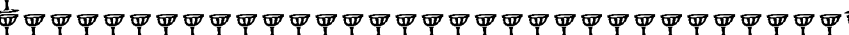


**The Sacrament of Holy Communion** is celebrated each week. Those Christians who truly believe that they receive the true body and blood of Christ Jesus our savior in, with and under the bread and wine are invited to partake in the Lord's Supper.

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 Baptism of Our Lord**

January 10, 2010

**Introit**

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

*Behold my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights.*

*I will tell of the decree:*

***The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you.***

*Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,  
and the ends of the earth your possession.*

*You shall break them with a rod of iron  
and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."*

*Now therefore, O kings, be wise;  
be warned, O rulers of the earth.*

*Serve the LORD with fear,  
and rejoice with trembling,*

*for his wrath is quickly kindled.  
Blessed are all who take refuge in him.*

*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.*

*Behold my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights.*

**Collect of The Day**

***Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, 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                         | #410                  |
| 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                 | #405                  |
| 18. Sermon                      |                       |
| 19. Meditation                  | Mike Cape             |
| 20. Offertory                   | p192                  |
| 21. Offering                    | p193                  |
| 22. Prayer of the Church        | p193                  |
| Pastor: Lord in Your mercy,     |                       |
| <b>People: hear our prayer.</b> |                       |
| 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          | #814, #618,<br>& #412 |
| 31. Nunc Dimittis               | p199                  |
| 32. Thanksgiving                | p200                  |
| 31. Post Communion Collect      | p201                  |
| 34. Salutation                  | p201                  |
| 35. Benediction                 | p202                  |
| 36. Closing Hymn                | #394                  |

Postlude

### In the palm of God's Hands...

HEALTH CONCERNS: Abbie Schmitt, Audrey Buquet, David Mack, Debbie & Eddie Olivier, Emmett Pillault, Gary Baker, Geraldine Lewis, Gladys Dupre, John Schlichting, Kevin Smith, Kristen Brandtly, Lloyd Chiasson, Lynden Duplantis, Matthew Taylor, Mitch Bascle, Paden Kohls, Percy Songe, Stephanie Dahl & Vicki Stieb

NEW MOTHER & BABY: Casie & Lynden Alivia Duplantis

ELDERLY: Elaine Cofield

MOURNING A LOSS: the families of Mary Boger & Joy Kraus

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

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



### First Sunday after the Epiphany

**Romans 6:1-11**

We became stewards when we were born. We became Christian stewards when we were baptized. By the marvelous working of the Holy Spirit we are equipped to live in new and different ways. May our deeds as well as our words reflect the truth that we really are the children of God!

Jesus' Baptism (Luke 3:15-22) is the Bible story in Sunday School today. God sent the Holy Spirit at Jesus' Baptism, announcing that Jesus was God's son. At our Baptism, God makes us His children through the work of the Holy Spirit. Let your children tell you the dramatic events of this story, and share with them that because of God's wrath and anger over sin, the people were looking for a Savior. We, too, need a Savior, for God is angry with our sin. But thanks be to God, who in His mercy makes clear at Jesus' Baptism that we need look no more, for the Savior is here!

### Fall Festival Charities Presentation

The Fall Festival Charities Check Presentation will be in the fellowship hall following our worship service today. Join us as we share the fruits of our Tenth Annual Fall Festival with The Bunk House, Terrebonne Churches United Food Bank, Project Learn (operating out of Bayou Grace) and St. Vincent de Paul Pharmacy.



### Grace's Mission

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

### Many thanks to...

all the people who assisted with decorating the church and service preparation during Advent and Christmas. We appreciate Mila and Mike for the extra time they took in preparing special music for our services. Those of us who attended services last month were truly blessed.

The office and ECC staff enjoyed many tasty treats and gifts from the congregation. We are grateful for your thoughtfulness.

*"Thank you" does not seem enough to encompass the gratitude I feel for all the kindness the people of Grace poured out on me this Christmas. Your generosity is humbling. Your financial gift helped me make the decision to take a much wanted trip skiing with friends in Oregon in February. All of the other gifts warmed my heart. The plethora of sugary treats with which you supplied me was wonderful, but makes me wonder if you understand what I mean by the term "expanding ministry." Thanks to everyone for the wonderful outpouring of affection. I pray God blesses my ministry among you in the same fashion.*

*--Pastor Rich*

### 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](mailto:secretary@gracehouma.org).

### Board of Directors Meeting

The 2010 Board of Directors will be meeting this Tuesday, January 12th at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room. All committee chairpersons are reminded to have their monthly reports in the BOD boxes prior to the meeting.

### Early Childhood Center

We would like to thank all of you who donated money for the Christmas Wish List Trees. The items have been ordered and we are anxiously awaiting our new toys. This week during "Jesus Time" we are talking about Jesus being born and how everyone celebrated his birth. We are so happy to know and love him. We know that Jesus Loves Us! We are having chapel on Thursday. We are starting to have chapel with the Terrific Two's beginning this week!

### 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.

**Cancer Benefit  
for  
Debbie and Eddie Olivier**

*Saturday, January 23, 2010  
from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Amelia Community Center,  
1109 Lake Palourde Bypass Rd.*

Debbie Olivier, the sister of Kim Cape, along with her husband Eddie both have been diagnosed with cancer within four months of each other. Debbie was diagnosed with anal cancer in October shortly after her husband Eddie was given the news he had esophageal cancer. They are both undertaking chemo therapy and Debbie has to take additional radiation treatments which has required her to take leave of her job with the St. Mary Parish School Board. Eddie has had to go from full time to part time at Courtesy Motors and while Courtesy has been very gracious in trying to help him by allowing him to work when he can, they will be closing up shop soon and Eddie's job will come to an end. He has previously worked for Frank's Motors in Morgan City.

This benefit lunch for Debbie and Eddie is being planned by family members including Kim and Mike Cape who you can see for details. Plate lunches of Jambalaya and white beans will be served in addition to other activities such as a silent auction, bake sale and other fund raising events. There will also be live music by Mike's band, OneWayToHeaven, featuring Christian music followed by the Cross Over Band featuring 70's music and then Tommy G & Stormy Weather with swamp pop. There are advance lunch tickets for sale at \$6.00 each or if you would like to help in any way please contact Kim or Mike.

If you need more information on making donations or purchasing tickets please contact Kim @ 985-226-5726 or Mike @ 985-856-5568.

Thank you for keeping Eddie and Debbie in prayer.

**This Week at Grace**

Today	9:00 AM	Worship/Food Bank Sunday Coffee and Mission Guild Baked Goods follow Fall Festival Charities Presentation
	10:45 AM	Sunday School for all ages
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday	9:30 AM	Bible Study
	6:00 PM	Potluck Fellowship
	6:45 PM	Prayer & Praise
Thursday	5:30 PM	Confirmation Class
Sunday	9:00 AM	Worship Coffee & Youth Biscuits follow
	10:45 AM	Sunday School for all ages
	5:30 PM	Youth Group Meeting

**For the week of January 10 - 16, 2010  
BIRTHDAYS**

January	10	.....	Donna Boger
			Peyton Kraus
	12	.....	Erick Songe

**BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES**

January	10	.....	Gabriella Corbitt
	14	.....	Kaeden Guidry
	16	.....	Bonnie Dupre

**FOOD BANK GIVING SUNDAY**

**Thank you** to everyone who participated with Food Bank Sunday last week. \$150.00 in cash and groceries were donated. Our next collection will be Sunday, February 7, 2010.

**Your generosity is greatly appreciated!**

**Biscuit Makers**

January 17 - Adeline Perryman & Jared Moise  
January 31 - Ross & Annie Reaves

**Youth Group New Year Info**

Just a reminder that the youth group will be meeting next Sunday, January 17th at 5:30 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. They'll be hosting a "Chili Cook Off" on Sunday, February 28th after Sunday School. Tickets for this event will be available the end of January.