

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH & EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

422 Valhi Boulevard Houma, Louisiana 70360

Phone 985-879-1865 Fax 985-879-1833

WWW.GRACEHOUMA.ORG

Pastor - Rev. Richard D. Rudnik
pastor@gracehouma.org

President - Richard M. Reaves, Sr.
pres@gracehouma.org

Church Secretary - Donna Boger
secretary@gracehouma.org

ECC Director - Sofie Arceneaux
ecc@gracehouma.org

Accompanist(s) - Mila Estupinan & Mike Cape

Today

Next Sunday

Service Elder - Dale Boger

Dale Boger

Scripture Reader - Joe Deane

Youth Group

Acolyte - Victoria Shroyer

Jared Moise

Greeters - G. & J. Fitzgerald

Youth Group

Offering Stewards - B. & M. Beach

C. & J. Deane

Altar Guild - A. & A. Perryman

J. Burke & K. Eschete

Ushers - J. Kohls, G. Meyer,

Youth Group

R. Reaves, Jr. & M. Thalheim

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 Laura Naquin in loving memory of her husband Clarence "Kit" Naquin.

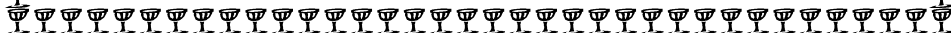


The Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated each week. Those Christians who truly believe that they receive the true body and blood of Christ Jesus our savior in, with and under the bread and wine are invited to partake in the Lord's Supper.

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.



Third Sunday in Advent

December 11, 2011

Introit

*Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,
and grant us your salvation.*

*Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints;
but let them not turn back to folly.*

*Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,
that glory may dwell in our land.*

*Yes, the LORD will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.*

*Righteousness will go before him
and make his footsteps a way.*

*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.*

*Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,
and grant us your salvation.*

Collect of The Day

*Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our
prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by
Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with
the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
forever. Amen. (Sung)*

Divine Service

Third Setting

Lutheran Service Book, Page 184

Pre-Service Music

- | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Hymn | #345 |
| 2. Confession and Absolution | p184 |
| 3. Introit | Bulletin |
| 4. Glory be to the Father... | p186 |
| 5. Kyrie | p186 |
| 6. Salutation | p189 |
| 7. Collect | Bulletin |
| 8. First Reading | Bulletin |
| 9. Epistle | Bulletin |
| 10. Alleluia Verse | p190 |
| 11. Glory be to... | p190 |
| 12. Holy Gospel | Bulletin |
| 13. Praise be to... | p191 |
| 14. Apostles' Creed | p192 |
| 15. The Word for Children | |
| 16. Sermon Hymn | #346 |
| 17. Sermon | |
| 18. Meditation | Mike Cape |
| 19. Offertory | p192 |
| 20. Offering | p193 |
| 21. Prayer of the Church | p193 |
| Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord. | |
| People: Lord, have mercy. | |
| 22. Preface | p194 |
| 23. Holy, Holy, Holy... | p195 |
| 24. The Lord's Prayer (ALL) | p196 |
| 25. The Words of Our Lord | p197 |
| 26. Pax Domini (Amen sung) | p197 |
| 27. Agnus Dei | p198 |
| 28. Communion | |
| 29. Distribution Hymns | #611, #694,
#344 & #563 |
| 30. Nunc Dimittis | p199 |
| 31. Thanksgiving | p200 |
| 32. Post Communion Collect | p201 |
| 33. Salutation & Benedicamus | p201 |
| 34. Benediction | p202 |
| 35. Closing Hymn | #515 |

Postlude

In the palm of God's Hands...

HEALTH CONCERNS: Betty Carpenter, Catherine Lepeure, Cherie Delaney, Clarence Falgout, David Mack, Donna St. Amant, Glenn Meyer, Jerry Barnard, Jim & Iva Kohls, Joelle Gerken, John Bagert, John LeBlanc, Kettie Britton, Kohen Treser & family, Lynda Kelley, Mary Velasquez, Michael Dupre, Mike Brunette, Penny Simmons, Reynold Pitre, Rudy Escobedo, Sandy Waalk, Shirley Keen, Stephanie Dahl, Vanessa Dupre & Wylin Williams



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING: Butch Henderson, Penny Cuneo & Richard LaCour

ELDERLY: Barbara Hillman, Gertrud Weidmann & Stella Gilbert

EXPECTANT MOTHERS & BABIES: Kristan Plaisance & Rebekah Spolarich

NEW MOTHERS & BABIES: Alyce & Jonah Eschete; Wendy & Jacob Hardin; Laura & Madison Schmitt; Christy & Gabriel Thomas

MOURNING A LOSS: the families of Alan Brandel, Anita Harper, Bill Sullivan, Chris Smith, Cody Davenport, Colton Riley Doyle, Herman Woodside, Jean Frey, Joyce Shugart, Myrtle Cannon, Pat Kelly & Tyreik Gregoire

SERVING IN OUR ARMED FORCES: Brandon & Heather Darce, Caleb Dufrene, Jack Hansen, Kyle Turcott, Leo Lampinen, Mark St. Romain, Matthew Spolarich, Stephen Darce and Todd Mueller

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

Third Sunday in Advent I Thessalonians 5:16-24
 Watch and wait with joyful expectation! Our God of peace will be with us and keep us safe and blameless in body, soul and spirit as we wait for our Lord's glorious coming again to rescue His people - His stewards - from all the pain and tears that come with living in this fallen world. Live today as if our Lord is coming again tonight or tomorrow.

Biscuit Maker

December 18 - Seth Cunningham

FOOD BANK SUNDAY

Thank you to everyone who participated with Food Bank Sunday last week. \$90.00 in cash and groceries were donated.

Our next collection will be Sunday, January 1, 2012.

Grace's Mission

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

This Week at Grace

Today	9:00 AM	Worship/Mite Boxes
	10:15 AM	Coffee and Mission Guild Baked Goods follow Fall Fest Charites Check Presentation Youth Group Meeting
	10:45 AM	Sunday School for all ages
	12:00 PM	Confirmation Class Voters Assembly (sanctuary)
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting (conference room)
Wednesday	9:30 AM	Bible Study
	6:00 PM	Advent Supper - Thrivent Chapter
	7:00 PM	Midweek Worship
Thursday	10:00 AM	Circuits 1,2, 4 & 14 Conference (Dist. Office)
Friday	12:00 PM	ECC Christmas Program (sanctuary) - All are invited to attend
Saturday	2:00 PM	Heritage Manor Bingo & Christmas Carols - Hosted by LWML/Mission Guild Distribution of Christmas Baskets
Sunday	9:00 AM	Worship
	10:15 AM	Coffee and Youth Group Biscuits follow LWML/Mission Guild Mtg. (conference room)
	10:45 AM	Sunday School for all ages
	12:00 PM	Confirmation Class

Pipeliners articles are due Tuesday, December 20th

For the week of December 11 - 17, 2011

BIRTHDAYS

December	12	.....	Penny Cuneo
	14	.....	David Braden
			Kristen Schwausch
			Lainey Vogel
	16	.....	Stacie Bauman
	17	.....	Breiyah Kinsella

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

December	13	.....	John & Patsy Wegner
	17	.....	Tom & Brigitte Kinsella

If you're looking for hope, peace, joy, and love this Christmas season, look to God.

"The ultimate 'crisis pregnancy' occurred when an unmarried virgin is told she will conceive and carry and give birth to the promised Messiah. And hear Mary's quiet confidence, "I am the Lord's servant...may it be to me as you have said" (Luke 1:38)...there were certainly those in Nazareth whose tongues wagged about the 'trouble' Mary was in. But she accepted this that all the world might know hope!" *Pastor Mark D. Barz, Pastor, Crown of Life Lutheran Church, San Antonio, Texas - A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life - www.lutheransforlife.org*

As we observe this Third Sunday in Advent, Sunday School students will study the story "An Angel Visits Mary." In the womb of Mary, Jesus, the Son of God, became a man so that we sinful people might become adopted children of God and share in the inheritance of heaven. *Parents might ask, "How does God make us His children? What do we inherit as God's children?"*

Advent Suppers & Worship Schedule

Advent suppers will be hosted by different groups in the church and begin at 6:00 p.m. Worship service will follow at 7:00 p.m.

December 14 - Thrivent Chapter
December 21 - LWML/ Mission Guild

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Saturday, December 24th 6:00 p.m.
(note time change from 7:00 p.m.)

Christmas Day Worship Service
Sunday, December 25th 9:00 a.m.

Lutheran Women in Mission

All ladies of Grace are invited to join us at the LWML/Mission Guild Meeting next Sunday, December 18 at 10:15 a.m. in the conference room. This is the last quarterly meeting of the year and we'll be making plans for the new year.

All are invited to join us December 17th at 2:00 p.m. at Heritage Manor on Polk Street for Bingo and Christmas Carols. The residents and staff look forward to our visit every year!

Social Ministry is putting together Christmas food baskets for the needy. 20 GLC families have responded and "adopted" a basket. Thank you so much for your generosity. Some of the families we are helping have a lot of kids. If you were unable to sponsor a basket, consider picking up some red beans and rice and dropping it off at the tables in the fellowship hall. We'll use these to bolster our Christmas baskets to the larger needy families.

BLOOD DONORS NEEDED

If you are interested in donating blood, and are at least 17 years old and 110 lbs, please call the TGMC Blood Donor Center at 985-873-4025 or come by the Center located in TGMC's Medical Annex Building behind the hospital on Belanger Street (across from the parking garage).

Hours of Operation: Monday—Friday 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Extended hours on Tuesday 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. (by appointment only)

For more information call the TGMC Blood Donor Center – 985-873-4025 or 985-873-4026.

Lutheran Witness Subscription Renewal Time

Now is the time to renew or start a new subscription to the "Lutheran Witness". The cost is \$13.00 for a year's subscription. The church receives a free monthly copy. You may make out a check to GLC with "Lutheran Witness" noted in the memo line and place this in the offering plate. **Subscriptions must be turned in TODAY.** See Donna for more information.

Early Childhood Center

The ECC will have a Christmas Program on Friday, December 16 at 12:00 in the Church. Everyone is invited to attend. We have our wish list trees for each classroom if anyone is interested. They are on the cubbies near the two year old class. Please take a tag, enclose the amount for the tag, and put check/cash and tag in envelope. Please make checks payable to Grace Lutheran ECC. You can put it in the ECC box in the church office. We will order the supplies. Thank you for all your generosity throughout the year! The ECC will be closed for the Christmas Holidays Dec. 21-Jan. 2.


Fall Festival 2011 Check Presentation

Proceeds from this year's festival will be given out this morning during fellowship time to The Bunkhouse Homeless Shelter, St. Vincent de Paul Community Pharmacy, Terrebonne Churches United Food Bank and Project Learn LaTerre (Family Literacy Program).

We are pleased to announce that each charity will receive \$4000.00 - including matching funds from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. This amount is wonderful considering this year's crowd was smaller and the inclement weather. God is so good!

Thank you again to everyone who helped with this year's Fall Festival!

 **Thrivent Financial for Lutherans®**
Let's thrive!



A Time of Giving

GLC's Youth Group Service Project of the Christmas Season is collecting needed items for The Haven (the battered women's shelter of Houma) a non profit agency. Please bring an item and place it in the basket in the fellowship hall. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Suggested items:

Diapers * Baby wipes * Lotion * Deodorant * Soap * Toothpaste * Shampoo * Conditioner * Hair spray * Multi-cultural hair products * Hair brushes * Hair combs * Feminine products * Socks * Women's undergarments * Blankets * Sheets * Bath towels * Dish cloths * Paper towels * Bathroom tissue * Dish wash liquid detergent * Bathroom cleaner * Floor cleaner * All purpose cleaner * Laundry detergent * Garbage bags * Blue ink pens * Note pads * Journals * Crayons * Coloring books * Family oriented board games

Growing in Christ,
GLC Youth Group



A Time of Giving

GLC's Youth Group Service Project of the Christmas Season is collecting needed items for The Haven (the battered women's shelter of Houma) a non profit agency. Please bring an item and place it in the basket in the fellowship hall. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Suggested items:

Diapers * Baby wipes * Lotion * Deodorant * Soap * Toothpaste * Shampoo * Conditioner * Hair spray * Multi-cultural hair products * Hair brushes * Hair combs * Feminine products * Socks * Women's undergarments * Blankets * Sheets * Bath towels * Dish cloths * Paper towels * Bathroom tissue * Dish wash liquid detergent * Bathroom cleaner * Floor cleaner * All purpose cleaner * Laundry detergent * Garbage bags * Blue ink pens * Note pads * Journals * Crayons * Coloring books * Family oriented board games

Growing in Christ,
GLC Youth Group

