

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH & EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

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Today

Next Sunday

Service Elder - Joe Deane	Joe Deane
Scripture Reader - Gordon Fitzgerald	Youth Group
Acolyte - Annie Reaves	Jacob Cinnater
Greeters - D. & D. Boger	Youth Group
Offering Stewards - R. DaSilva & B. Kinsella	C. & J. Deane
Altar Guild - J. & P. Wegner	M. Johnston, K. Schwausch & L. Souther
Ushers - J. Kohls, G. Meyer, R. & R. Reaves	Youth Group

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 Plaisance family in loving memory of Gwen Goins.



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 8, 2012

Introit

*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 | #590 |
| 2. Holy Baptism | p268 |
| 3. Confession and Absolution | p184 |
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| 5. Glory be to the Father... | p186 |
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| 19. Sermon | |
| 20. Meditation | Mike Cape |
| 21. Offering | p193 |
| 22. Offertory | |
| 23. Prayer of the Church | p193 |
| Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord: | |
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| 24. Preface | p194 |
| 25. Holy, Holy, Holy... | p195 |
| 26. The Lord's Prayer (ALL) | p196 |
| 27. The Words of Our Lord | p197 |
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| 29. Agnus Dei | p198 |
| 30. Communion | |
| 31. Distribution Hymns | #618, #592,
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| 32. Nunc Dimittis | p199 |
| 33. Thanksgiving | p200 |
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| 35. Salutation & Benedicamus | p201 |
| 36. Benediction | p202 |
| 37. Closing Hymn | #597 |

Postlude

In the palm of God's Hands...

HEALTH CONCERNS: Abbie Schmitt, Andy Kraus, Betty Carpenter, Cherie Delaney, Courtney Rushing, David Mack, Donna St. Amant, Erma Winston, Glenn Meyer, Heidi Guidry, Jim & Iva Kohls, Joelle Gerken, Lynda Kelley, Ruth Mack, Sandy Waalk, Stephanie Dahl, Vanessa Dupre & Wylin Williams

ELDERLY: Barbara Hillman, Gertrud Weidmann & Stella Gilbert

EXPECTANT MOTHERS & BABIES: Kristan Plaisance & Rebekah Spolarich

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



First Sunday after the Epiphany Romans 6:1-11
 By the same power of God that raised Jesus from the grave we are by virtue of our baptisms empowered to live renewed lives that demonstrate we really are the redeemed people of God. Our words and works of love as God's stewards are the proper responses to God's great love for us in Christ and a blessing to those around us.

The Baptism and temptation of Jesus serve as the lesson focus for Sunday School this week. Jesus is baptized into and takes on our sin, and faces our temptations so we, in Baptism, would receive His goodness, His holiness, and His purity. *Parents could ask, "Why is it important that Jesus be baptized? Why is it important that we are baptized?"*

"How many young people are hurt, angry, and resentful that their parents robbed them of their siblings - brothers and sisters they would have grown to love and who would have supported them throughout their lives? May God give them the grace to forgive one more painful fruit of the abortion culture and give us the courage to stand against this practice in whatever way possible." *Rev. Don Richman, LFL International Representative - A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life - www.lutheransforlife.org*

BUILDING SECURITY & STEWARDSHIP

If you're among the last to leave the church building at any time, please be sure **all** doors are locked **and** closed completely. Also, please make sure all thermostats are returned to vacant-building settings.

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
	10:45 AM	Sunday School for all ages
	12:00 PM	Confirmation Class
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday	9:30 AM	Bible Study
	6:00 PM	Potluck Fellowship
	6:45 PM	Prayer & Praise
Sunday	9:00 AM	Worship
		2012 Board of Directors & Elders Installation
	10:15 AM	Coffee and Youth Group Biscuits follow
	10:45 AM	Sunday School for all ages
	12:00 PM	Youth Group Meeting Confirmation Class

For the week of January 8 - 14, 2012

BIRTHDAYS

<i>January</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>.....</i>	<i>Lynda Kelley</i>
	<i>10</i>	<i>.....</i>	<i>Donna Boger</i>
			<i>Peyton Kraus</i>

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

<i>January</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>.....</i>	<i>Gabrielle Corbitt</i>
	<i>14</i>	<i>.....</i>	<i>Kaeden Shroyer</i>

Holy Baptism

Today we celebrate with Jenny Jones as she receives new birth through the washing of Holy Baptism. May we all continue to grow in God's Word as we look forward to His promise of eternal life.

FOOD BANK SUNDAY

Thank you to everyone who participated with Food Bank Sunday last week. \$100.00 in cash and groceries were donated. Our next collection will be Sunday, February 5, 2012.

Biscuit Makers

January 15 - Jared Moise
29 - Billie Bohannon

How we give is more important than how much we give.

Thank You!

A big "thank you" to everyone who helped with taking down the Christmas decorations yesterday. The "degreening" always goes better with many helping hands!

2012 Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes for 2012 are in the members boxes. If you did not receive any and would like some, please contact the church office or Cindy Deane.

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.

Devotionals are in...

"Our Daily Bread" December 2011 - February 2012 and "Portals of Prayer" January - March 2012 are on the table in the narthex and the round table by the sacristy.

Just a reminder...

Board of Directors Meeting, Tuesday, January 10th at 7:00 p.m.
Board of Directors and Elders Installation Sunday,
January 15th during the worship service.

Prayer Listings in Bulletin

December 31st marked the end of the quarter and we are beginning the new year with a revised prayer list. If you wish to add a request, please let the office know via email to secretary@gracehouma.org or by dropping a note at the church office or by calling (985) 879-1865. On behalf of all those who benefit from your faithful prayers, thank you and thanks be to God.

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.

Youth Group Christmas Project Update

The youth group would like to thank everyone for helping them collect items for The Haven last month. We know Christmas is always a busy time of year with all the extra things that are on everyone's list. Thank you for adding them as they appreciate the gifts of love.

God's blessings,
The Youth Group

Christmas Food Baskets For Needy Families

I would like to take this opportunity to say THANK YOU for all the donations given for last month's food baskets. We were able to serve 22 families. A very special thank you to Roy and Edith Labat for the donations from Toys For Tots. We gave gifts to 39 children ages 1 yr. to 17 yrs. We also received turkeys for the baskets from our local Thrivent chapter.

Blessings to everyone!

Connie Oswalt,
Social Ministry Chairperson

Early Childhood Center News

We would like to say thank you all for the wonderful Christmas presents and for donating to our Wish List Trees. We collected \$594.00! The toys have been ordered and should be arriving very soon!

Early Registration for the Summer/Fall programs will begin in February. Registration will be open to the public beginning in March. If you know of anyone who would be interested in registering, please give them our website: www.gracehouma.org. The new information will be on the website in February. Forms can be printed out and turned in on March 1. If you have any questions, please talk with Mrs. Sofie.

Thrivent Choice Dollars

Thrivent members have the opportunity to give back to their preferred congregation, school ministry, camp, college, social ministry or district on an annual basis. While we are now in 2012, Choice Dollars designated for 2011 can be directed until March 31, 2012. You can direct your Choice Dollars by calling **800-847-4836** and say "Thrivent Choice" and then say "Choice Dollars" and then press 1 and a representative will work with you to help direct Choice Dollars to your preferred recipient. You can also direct Dollars by going online at www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice.

The Baptism of Our Lord Prayer

Lord Jesus, John the Baptist proclaimed You as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. You stepped into the waters of the Jordan River to be baptized and fulfill all righteousness on our behalf. You had no sins for which to repent, but as the perfect, sinless Lamb, You gave Your life as the sacrifice for our sins. Help us to live in repentance and joy, showing Your love to others. Amen.

Portals of Prayer January - March 2012