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Grace Lutheran Congregational Mission Statement:

Called together by the Holy Spirit, Grace Lutheran Church is a loving family of believers, growing in Christ through God's Word and Sacraments, and reflecting God's love by ministering to others and sharing His Word with the community and the nations.

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KayLeigh Meers & Matthew Jacobs

May 14, 2011

Brianna Jones & Corey Isaak
June 18, 2011



Laura Engelstad & James Lucas
June 25, 2011

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If you move or change your phone number, please call the office at 232-1516 with your new information - help us keep up-to-date! Thanks!

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Office hours are 9:00 am to 3:00 pm Monday - Friday.
Deadlines: Sunday bulletin - Wednesday at noon
Newsletter - 20th of the month at noon

Treasurer's Report

Year-To-Date as of:	4/30/11	5/31/11
Receipts (inc.\$22,056 special funds)	\$117,281	\$146,554
Expenditures	\$121,778	\$150,517
Difference	-\$4,497	-\$3,963

A CONFIRMAND PROFILE AND CONFESSION OF FAITH

In May we had 6 junior confirmands. Each of these young men and women were required to write an essay about their understanding of a faith relationship with Jesus. These essays were read the Wednesday evening before Confirmation Sunday. This month's newsletter highlights confirmand Morgan Christ and her essay.

This past year Morgan attended Moorhead Middle School. She is the daughter of Tim & Julie Gullings. Next year Morgan will be attending Moorhead High School.

Morgan's interests and hobbies include: Hockey, tubing and hanging out with friends. At this point in her life Morgan has aspirations to be a pediatrician.

Morgan's Essay:

The first day of 8th grade Confirmation my homework was to memorize Ephesians 2:8-10. As a group we had to say it over and over until everyone memorized it and from that day on we have said it once every class.

That same day I learned about the arrow. The arrow represents God coming to us.

Why is it important for me to believe in Jesus? It's important for me to believe in Jesus because he died on the cross to take away my sins. If I didn't believe in Him or He didn't exist, I wouldn't be able to go to heaven because of the sin that Adam and Eve did and the sins that I do.

Why is it important for me to be confirmed? It's important because I need to make a personal confession of the faith and need to make a life long pledge of fidelity to Christ.

What does the Bible teach me about The Lord's Supper? The Bible teaches me that before I take The Lord's Supper I am supposed to examine myself by recognizing that I have sinned. It also says that in The Lord's Supper I express a common union in the teachings of the Christian faith, also known as "close communion."

Why is it important for me to take The Lord's Supper often?



It's important because I need to admit that I'm a sinner and confess my sins to God so that I may receive forgiveness for what I have done. I also need to take The Lord's Supper to remember Jesus' suffering and to remind me that He died for me. I also need to take it so that I can seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit to amend my sinful life.

Why is it important for me to be a member of a congregation? It's important because I am supposed to be part of the visible church and an active Christian. It also helps strengthen my faith by worshiping with other Christians of the same religion.

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Carolyn Walsh is working on a Director of Christian Outreach degree from Concordia University. She will be leaving in September to serve as an intern with Lutheran Bible Translators in Botswana for 18-24 months. She will be working with the Rudowske family in Kang from September 2011 through May 2012 and the Veith family in Maun from May 2012 to the end of her internship.

Some of her responsibilities will include facilitating the translation and use of the Scriptures in the languages of Botswana for the purpose of Christian witness and spiritual growth as well as learning about the languages and cultures of Botswana, principally Setswana. She will also participate in any necessary linguistic survey work which will be required. She will also be included in any other tasks that aid translation and Scripture use as they arise. It is her responsibility to develop and maintain prayer partners and do the fund raising for this internship. The total cost of the internship is estimated at about \$32,000 - \$12,000 of which needs to be raised before her departure in September.

On Sunday, July 31st we will hold a congregational pot luck following worship so that Carolyn can share more information about her internship and missionary work in Botswana. We will also take a free-will offering that Sunday to help with the cost of her internship as well as pledge support as a prayer partner throughout her internship. We praise God for the privilege to support a missionary from our own congregation!

-Pastor Suelzle

Dear LYF and Grace members,

I have this one last chance to say goodbye to all my youth. I want to thank Grace Church for providing me with 11 successful years of doing youth ministry, showing and teaching the youth and others about Jesus.

It is so important to always share Christ with everyone. I have tried to do this here at church. I know that I have fallen short on this. I also know that I have not always done what some might have wanted. That is why it is comforting to remember that we live under God's grace. We need to share the Gospel of Jesus with each other - nothing else in this world really matters except our faith and relationship with our Lord and Savior!

So this is not goodbye to Jesus and to ministry for me. This is just another opportunity for me to teach others about our Savior! Always remember that you are loved, but more importantly, remember that you are loved by the Lord - go live in that Love!

In Christ's love,

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Upcoming Youth Events!

July 7 - Tubing Down the Ottertail - This event is for both Jr and Sr LYF

July 21-23 - District LYF Gathering in Jamestown for Sr LYF
Registration forms and information for both of these events are on the bulletin board by the 9th St entrance.

If you have any questions, please contact Larissa Brelje at larissa.brelje@gracefargo.org.



June 2011

Serve the Lord with gladness!
Psalm 100:2

“The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; for he founded it upon the seas and established it upon the waters.”

Psalm 24:1-2

Finally, I believe summer has arrived! It is energizing to see the sun rise so early, and stay up so late in the evening. The green grass and trees are a treat, after a long winter and a wet and cold spring! Every summer, I am reminded of what a wonderful Creator we have, when I am blessed to look upon and enjoy his creation.

Jan Brelje, LWML President

Upcoming events...

Sunday, July 10 - Potluck after worship service -
Everyone Welcome!

Hear from missionaries Andy and Stephanie Jones about their experiences in Turkey and plans for future mission work in Germany. Bring a dish to share!

Mission Projects this month...

Missionaries:

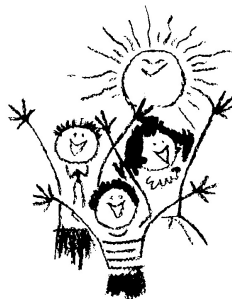
Paul and Ali Federwitz

Andy & Stephanie Jones

Rev. Carl Kaye

Project:

Lutheran Braille Workers - Hazen, ND



Even in the midst of natural disasters which our country experienced a couple of years ago, God promises to provide for our needs. "And my God will meet all your needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:19). He doesn't promise to provide for our wants, but, because of His promise, we know that He will provide for our food, clothing, and shelter. Knowing that God is in control and is faithful, we no longer need to be fearful of tomorrow, but, with confidence, we "seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well" (Matthew 6:33).

Grace Stewardship Board



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4th Annual Thrivent Night at the Redhawks

- What:** Pre-game Picnic & Baseball Game (reserved seating) for only \$7!!
- Date:** Tuesday, August 16th, 2011 at Newman Outdoor Field, 1515 15th Ave North, Fargo
- Time:** 5:30 pm – Gate opens
6:00 pm – Picnic begins (use East Entrance)
7:02 pm – Game starts

Tickets are \$7 and must be paid for when you reserve. Please make your check payable to "FM RedHawks". Deadline for reserving tickets is July 31, 2011. If you would like to sit with the members of Grace Lutheran Church, please sign up in the Narthex before July 31. Indicate if handicap seating is necessary - there is an elevator, but there are steps to the reserved seating section. Children 2 and under are free!



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SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS:

Happy Summer! We hope you all are enjoying the beautiful sunny weather. We look forward to spending time with you all this month on July 24, 1pm-3pm, for a Sunday School Family Fun Day at Island Park. Please join us as we gather together for play and praise, bring a friend!

Also, this month, please consider attending the congregation's potluck on July 31st to support the ministry efforts of Carolyn Walsh who will be leaving for Botswana this fall. The Sunday School children will be following Carolyn's ministry during the 2011/2012 Sunday School year, and the potluck will be a great time for all of us to get to know Carolyn and her work with Lutheran Bible Translators. Praise God for her ministry!

We all pray that you have a beautiful July, and we hope you all find many ways to worship Christ together this summer. ~Kristi Pronovost and Larissa Brelje

Mark your calendars!

July 24:

Sunday School Family Fun Day - Island Park, 1pm - 3pm
(activities will be held at the church in case of rain)

July 31:

Congregation Potluck to support the ministry of Carolyn Walsh

August 7:

Children's Ministry Workshop, Zion, Bismarck

September 8:

5:30pm, Cradle Roll Crossover Party (for 3yr olds and families who will be attending Sunday School for the first time this fall)

September 11: Rally Day!

Vacation Bible School was a great time this year! We would like to thank everyone who helped in any way, but especially the following who gave of themselves to make VBS possible:

Wanda Abraham	Karen Bakke	Jan Blinsky
Al & Janice Brelje	Josh Brejle	Larissa Brejle
Tyla Dahl-Monroe	Karen Hankel	Greta Herschlip
Brianna Isaak	Corey Isaak	Sheryl Jones
Courtney Martinson	Mikayla Mielke	Jane Moltzan
Colin Pronovost	Kristi Pronovost	Jolene Richardson
Becca Sande	Kaylee Sharbono	Kristin Sharbono
Jon Smelser	Pam Smith	John Strifel
Dave Suelzle	Carly Syverson	Nate Walsh
Ruth Walsh		Sarah Wentz

Worship at Grace. . . ^B

What are your priorities? Family? Work? Recreation? God's Word? It is fairly obvious . . . our consciences scream out the answer: The Word is the most important. We are called to be in the Word so that by it we may remain in faith in Jesus Christ and trust His promises regarding this life and the life to come. The rest will fall in place behind keeping that trust. In fact, the rest will come much easier because we will know that we are forgiven for Jesus' sake and can forgive others for the sake of the Savior, as well.

Our Lord invites us to feast on His eternal Word, this summer, and to receive the strength He gives through Holy Communion. That feasting and reception of strength is not just a Fall/Winter activity. It is a year round, week after week event. God calls us to take time out from whatever we are doing, on a Sunday morning or a Wednesday evening, to hear again of His love and of the forgiveness He has given in Jesus Christ. Even in the summer months, we need to sort out the essentials. The priority is the Word. May God help us make it so this summer.

Sunday Bible Class . . . 8:45 am

Sunday Worship . . . 10:00 am Wednesday Worship . . . 7:00 pm



Patriotic Outdoor Worship Service

(Inside in case of rain)

Monday, July 4th - 7:30 PM

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

1000 S 14th Street

Moorhead, MN

(One block South of MSUM Campus)

Freewill offering for Habitat for Humanity

Patriotic Music - Color Guard

Food & Family Fun Activities

Watch MSUM Fireworks from Church Lawn

- bring a lawn chair

Additional Information:

- a... For the ninth year, Our Redeemer is hosting a Patriotic Worship Service on the Fourth of July holiday. The service is held on the church lawn and has become popular with the public. In case of rain, the service will be moved inside.
- b... All are welcome!
- c... There will be a free-will offering for Habitat for Humanity during the service.
- d... Our Redeemer Lutheran Church is located one block south of the Minnesota State University Moorhead Campus. The lawn and parking lot provide a good viewing area for the annual MSUM July 4th Fireworks Display.
- e... Our Redeemer is providing free popcorn and family activities to those who enjoy watching from the site.

There is an opportunity for our congregation to nominate someone to serve in the North Dakota District of the LC-MS. If you would like to serve or know of someone who would like to be nominated to serve as:

- a lay or pastoral board member,
 - a member of one of the divisions, or
 - president, vice-president or circuit counselor in the district,
- please contact George Cushner, Al Brelje or Jim Nitschke by June 30. There is more information on this in the office and any one of these men will be happy to share it with you!

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Festival of the Booths



A Family Campout

The Fellowship Committee is organizing a family campout for Friday, July 15 to Saturday, July 16. We plan to stay at Buffalo River State Park in Minnesota. Fun supplied - you bring food, beverage and lodging for you and your family!

There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex, or you can contact any member of the Fellowship Board (Sheryl Jones, Kathy Cziok, Pam Smith). The sign up deadline is July 1 so we can reserve campsites. The approximate cost is \$20/night. Let us know if you need a tent!

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Fraser Ltd. Stepping Stones Resource Center is hosting a community rummage sale and **NEEDS YOUR HELP!!!**

We are now accepting **gently used** clothing, household items, kitchen gadgets, lawn and garden supplies, electronics, books, furniture, toys, pictures or used frames, and other miscellaneous items for donation. These items will be sold at a rummage sale, with all proceeds going to support programs for transition age youth.

Items can be dropped off at the Center (north side of Fraser, Ltd.) at 2902 South University Drive in Fargo, Monday-Friday between 9am and 10pm. All donations will receive a tax free in-kind donation receipt and must be received by July 15th.

For questions about the rummage sale, please contact Hope or Sarah at 701-232-3301. Thank you for supporting our YOUTH!