

GRACE NOTES

SEPTEMBER 2011

“Lord, teach us to pray.” Luke 11:1

Jesus’ disciples ask of him “Lord, teach us to pray.” I wonder why it would be necessary to ask Jesus to “teach” them to pray. Didn’t they already know how to pray? Didn’t their parents teach them to pray? Didn’t they pray in worship? Had they not repeatedly come before God reverently asking for their daily needs? Sure they did. They must have. So, what are the disciples really asking as they request of Jesus “Lord, teach us to pray.”

Jesus answers their question on two levels (Luke 11: 5-13). First, he literally teaches the words of what we call “The Lord’s Prayer.” (Luke 11:2-4) Then he goes on to describe how prayer works. (Luke 11: 5-13) He uses the example of someone asking a friend for food to serve an unexpected guest. Certainly the request for bread for such an important situation will be granted. He then drives home the point when he says, “Ask, and it will be given you; search and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.”

How does our Lord teach us to pray? According to these words in the Gospel of Luke, Jesus teaches on two important levels. He gives us literally the words, the Lord’s prayer. And secondly he gives us the correct attitude of prayer. Pray expecting to receive the good things that the Father knows we need.

When we pray the Lord’s prayer (or any other prayer), we should do so knowing in our hearts that the Father hears and is more than willing to grant us every blessing that is needed. Pray with confidence!

“Lord, teach us to pray,” ask the disciples. I really can’t believe that they don’t know any words to pray. However, Jesus gives them the words. I believe their inquiry has more to do with the attitude and expectation of prayer. Jesus encourages them and us to pray confidently that our Father in Heaven hears and gives us every blessing we need.

Together in Christ,
Pr. Ron Nichols

Grace Lutheran Church Women September, 2011

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give thanks in all circumstances,--- (Respond)
for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. | Thess 5:16-18

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THANK YOU ALICE for your good work and friendship among us!

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Capital Campaign Update

Updates regarding the Capital Campaign:

Presently members of the Capital Campaign are gathering bids and information to be presented to the congregation regarding costs and specifics.

Pr. Mark Halaas of Stewardship Key Leaders has been hired to lead our Capital Campaign. Pr. Mark Halaas has been a pastor for twenty five years. Prior to seminary ordination he worked in the area of higher education advancement at Concordia College in Moorhead and at Boston University. Mark has had a variety of experiences in ministry, serving several congregations in the Saint Paul Area Synod and also as an interim senior pastor for churches in Wisconsin, Illinois, North Dakota and Minnesota. Amidst his congregational ministry, Mark was the regional director for the ELCA Foundation in the Twin Cities area – serving individuals, families, and congregations in the area of planned giving stewardship. Pastor Mark recently served as Director of Development of the Central Lutheran Church Foundation in Minneapolis and currently serves as Interim Pastor for Administration at Sharon Lutheran Church in Grand Forks, North Dakota. He is a consultant with the ELCA Stewardship Key Leader program for congregations.

A timeline has been identified as “Kick-Off” weekend October 8th and 9th. Commitment Sunday will be held November 13th.

More information will be coming soon in bulletins, newsletters, announcements and special mailings.

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Mission in Action (formerly Day of Doing) September 1 and 15, 2011 8:30 -12:30

(We will not be having MIA on the 5th Thurs. in September)

THANK YOU! We had a very successful rummage sale. We made a little over \$1100 which is the most we have ever made. We had more clothing and white elephant items than ever before. We had so much we overflowed into the Fireside Room with the men’s clothing. Thank you to everyone who donated. It is very much appreciated!

Also want to thank everyone who helped sort, set up, work at the sale and help with packing up. We ended up with 2 pickup loads that went to VIM in Pipestone plus we are storing some items for SHARE. This is about what we normally have left when the sale is done. There were several “newcomers” on our sorting and sale days. We thank them for coming and helping us. Want to especially thank Alice Birkeland and Gen McClure for all the pricing they did on the white elephant items. If you saw all the tables you would know that they spent many many hours pricing each item. They did an excellent job.

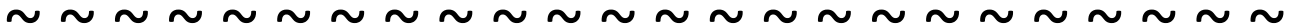
We are writing this before Quilt Weekend so can’t comment on that yet.

School bags have been in the tote by the east door and have noticed that they have been picked and many have been returned already. Thank you for your willingness to help the children in other countries. We will try to get them all packed up and sent out now in September so bring the completed bags in as soon as possible. Thank You!

We are looking forward to having a normal routine again. It’s been a great and busy summer. God has truly blessed us.

God bless you and have a great fall!

Ardie and Mary



Chancel Choir is beginning rehearsals again on September 7th at 7:00 p.m. We are looking forward to singing for Pastor Josh's installation worship! All are welcome and hope to see you in choir! Please join us if you want to share in this music ministry. Any questions? Contact Jennifer Bakken at 283-4240.

Installation of Pastor Joshua Enderson

Installation of Pastor Joshua Enderson as Associate Pastor of Grace Lutheran Church is scheduled for September 18th at both the 8:15 AM and 10:45 AM worship services. Special guest and preacher representing the SouthWestern Minnesota Synod will be Shetek Conference Dean, Pr. Ted Kunze. Pr. Kunze is also Pastor of Christ Lutheran Church, Slayton, MN. A time of fellowship and treats will be held in Pr. Enderson’s honor between services in the Fellowship Hall.

FIFTY PLUS

Men and Women, Singles & Couples

FUN, FOOD, & FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, October 2, 2011**(new date)



5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Gathering Hour 5 to 6
(Greet and meet, Hobby/Craft
display)

Meal at 6:00

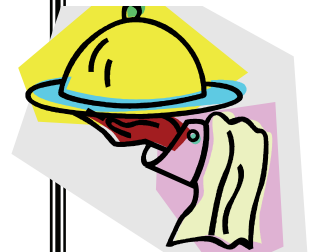
-followed by musical program-

Please bring a sample of your hobby, craft, etc. for display.

(Drop off at church that day or bring at 5:00)

FREE tickets will be available at all church services
and in the church office.

Tickets are needed to give an approximate count for the meal.





September 2011

Rev' Up Rally Day September 12

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<i>1</i> 8:30 Missions in Action 4:30 Book Study	<i>2</i> 3:00 Telecast Ch 3 (Knology) 6:00 Rehearsal	<i>3</i> 3:00 Wedding - Alyssa Radisewitz & Nate Damagala 5 ³⁰ Wor/Comm
<i>4</i> 8:15 Wor/Comm 9:15 Coffee 10:00 Wor/Comm	<i>5</i> LABOR DAY Office Closed	<i>6</i> 9:00 Staff Meeting	<i>7</i> 7:00 Men's Study 6:15 Wor/Comm 7:00 Chancel Choir	<i>8</i> 4:30 book Study 7:00 Exaltation Worship Team	<i>9</i> 3:00 Telecast	<i>10</i> 5:30 Worship
<i>11</i> Revved Up Rally Day 8:15 Worship 9:15 Coffee 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Forum 10:45 Worship 12:00 Rally Day Lunch	<i>12</i> 9:00 Bible Study 10 & 4 Telecast Ch 3 (Knology) 6:30 Vibes 7:40 Echoes	<i>13</i> 9:00 Staff Meeting 2:00 GLCW Ex Bd 5:00 Ex Ministry 6:45 Parish Planning Council 8:00 Ministries	<i>14</i> 7:00 Men's Study 6:15 Worship 7:00 Chancel Choir 7:00 Orientation Conf 6-9 8:00 10th Gr Conf 8:15 Bread of Life Worship Team	<i>15</i> 8:30 Mission in Action 4:30 Book Study	<i>16</i> 3:00 Telecast	<i>17</i> 5:30 Wor/Comm
<i>18</i> 8:15 Wor/Comm 9:15 Coffee 9:30 SS & Adult Sty 10:45 Wor/Comm 5:00 Ministry Retreat	<i>19</i> GRACE NOTES DEADLINE 9:00 Bible Study 10 & 4 Telecast 6:30 Vibes 7:40 Echoes	<i>20</i> 9:00 Staff Meeting	<i>21</i> 7:00 Men's Study 6:15 Wor/Comm 7:00 Chancel Choir 7:00 Gr 6-9 Conf 8:00 Gr 10 Conf	<i>22</i> CIRCLES 4:30 Book Study	<i>23</i> 3:00 Telecast	<i>24</i> 5:30 Worship
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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



- Sept 1: Jacob Bruynes, Derek Lundgren
Sept 2: Christina Schomacker, Trinley Venderburg
Sept 3: Lisa Dinger, Pam Kopp, Norm Overgaard
Sept 4: Rebecca Hoogland
Sept 5: Isaiah Bartels, Jim Bartels, Damon Eisma, Peggy Gust, Lori Hess, Lyle Matthiesen, Larry Nelson, Caroline Thorson
Sept 7: Marie Bell, Matt Mostad, Tom Sandager
Sept 8: Pam Bierman
Sept 9: Allison Beyer, Alice Birkeland, Bonnie Carlson, Emersyn Remme, Kyle Remme
Sept 10: Paul Arends, Matthew Stensland-Bos
Sept 11: Cindy Barnes, Joshua Stroh
Sept 12: Carolyn Ketterling
Sept 13: Hannah Ehlers, Tyler Fick, Delores Harner, Jeff Hartquist, Jana Read, Jay Sommers
Sept 14: Gladys Hemme, Chad Overgaard, Zachary Overgaard, Megan Petersen
Sept 15: Kathy Aaker, TyAnn Kramer, Paula Lammert
Sept 16: Dwight Gangestad
Sept 17: Carol Broesder, Bev Viessman, Sarah Zebe
Sept 18: Ruth Bendt, Jed Matthiesen, Kathy Sommers
Sept 19: Jarv Boisen, Stacie Busse-Remme, Greg Gabrielson, Kendall Meyer, Diane Rabenberg, Karen Roberts
Sept 20: Doris Tofteland
Sept 21: Jon Lusty, Rylee Olson, Becky Runnoe
Sept 22: Mabel Overgaard, Melissa Sandbulte, Ardith Tofteland
Sept 23: Tatiana Gust, Florence Helle, Zane Hiller, Rhonda Olson, Dylan VonHoltum
Sept 24: Carly Olson
Sept 25: Kyle Ferguson, Saul Hoven, Wesley Smedsrud, PatricaViessman
Sept 27: Sadi Altman, Eleanor Johnson
Sept 28: Art Dahlen, Robert Lange, Larry Reverts, Nathan Stensland-Bos, Jill Wagner
Sept 29: David Helle, Nicholas Rolfs, Shirley Thoreson, Jenn Wendland
Sept 30: Tammy Barnhart, Gayle Beers, Kaitlyn Deragisch, Lyle Olson, Dale Remme, Torlief Thompson

Radio Sponsors September

- Sept 4: In memory of Aagot Oldre, from family & friends
Sept 11: In memory of Orville & Rosemary Aanenson from their family
Sept 18: In memory of Howard & Birkie Remme from Dave & Lynn Remme
Sept 25: In memory of Joyce Herreid from Warren

