

August  
2006

# GRACE SPOTLIGHTER

## Treasure Cove Success!

Wow! ...The five evenings of Treasure Cove Vacation Bible School was a huge success. Over 80 children attended with better than half being non-Grace children. In five evening activities and lessons the children hunted for Chester's five missing gems: a diamond, sapphire, amethyst, ruby, and emerald. Clues at each of the five class areas led them to discover the location of their gems at the VBS Closing gathering. Nine adults also attended the theme oriented adult version of VBS complete with crafts and games.

The theme of "Jesus is Our Treasure" taught and reinforced the beliefs that Jesus cares for us and showed He is God's treasured Son. In another lesson, the story of how Jesus humbled himself by washing the feet of the disciples was taught, demonstrating through example how we should serve one another. Lesson four reinforced the belief that Jesus rose from the dead for our salvation and lesson five that he has chosen us to be His valued treasure. These lessons encouraged the children to live generously with thanks, treasure and worship Jesus, serve one another, follow Jesus as forgiven servants, and share the treasures He has given us.

The entire narthex and school was converted into a shipwrecked tropical island theme for this charged event. Every inch of the school and

narthex was used for Real Treasure Crafts, Seashore Bible Stories, Seashore Bible Challenge, Gem Games, and Snack Shack. A 10 foot palm stood adjacent to an 8 foot painted canvas depicting a sun drenched tropical seashore. Children ducked to get



Part of our 19 Green group students doing outdoor games with Mr. Craig Liberacki !

through the school entry door's lush tropical rainforest simulation only to be captured by the hallways inviting cool water theme. Alluring posters placed on hallway bulletin boards depicted the theme of a tropical island and were painted by the very talented Cherye Krueger and Jan Klimaszewski. Fear Factor and Treasure Cove games were even forced indoors into the gym because of inclement weather.

Variations of the Treasure Cove theme and daily lesson were found in each of the six VBS 3-10 year old venues. Examples include the Cupcake treasure chest snack, tropical island themed picture frame

craft, the hidden treasure search game, Jesus Priceless Treasure song, the puppet theater story presentation, the science lesson connection to the stories and the interactive real life lesson applications. Fear Factor, ages 11-14, led the children to address fears that may otherwise not be ad-



Our ever working snack ladies.



dress. Adult bible study challenged biblical knowledge and examined the same events that were addressed in the children's VBS. Every

class leader put their best effort into making VBS a positive experience for students young and old. Our end of the week Ice Cream Social was a great hit, especially because of the very warm weather we had every day. We served up one hundred fifty five sun-daes!



Barb Bartz, Alyssa Bebeau, & Pam Whalen with the Blue Group

## Anticipating the Start of School

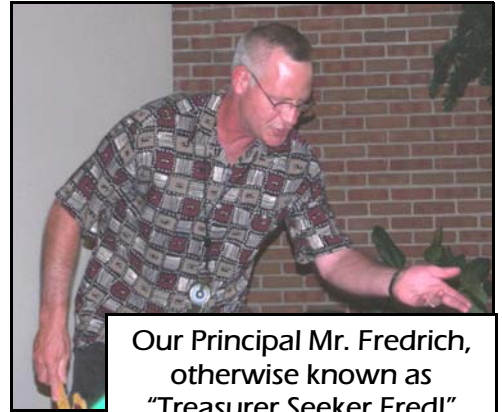
Grace Lutheran School will soon open her doors for the start of our 47<sup>th</sup> school year, and we are all eagerly looking forward to starting again. All students in the kindergarten, first, second, third, fifth, and seventh grades, as well as any new students, will receive a home visit from their teacher, Ms. Rudick, Ms. Schroeder, Mrs. VanSickle, or Mr. Fredrich. They will contact you in the near future to set up an appointment. The teacher will be bringing along all the necessary administrative forms. School registration day is Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Registration and tuition fees may be paid in installments. However, we request that you make every attempt to honor your financial obligation on registration day. For those who registered in April, the registration/technology fee remains \$260.00 per student and a deposit has already been paid. The registration/technology fee for those who did not pre-register will be \$275.00 per students. The tuition as established by the Board of Elementary Education, for non-member families, is \$1250.00 each for the first child and an extra \$1050.00 for additional children. This year, new students receive a 50% tuition reduction. It is expected that member families contribute an appropriate amount, comparable to tuition, to the church through their regular weekly offerings. Grace Lutheran School admits students of any race, color, sex, and national or ethnic origin.

Valley Lutheran High School will provide instrumental music instruction by Mr. Wolf. Hot lunch will continue to be offered through Auburn Area Catholic Schools. There will be hot lunch served the first day of school, September 5<sup>th</sup>. All students have a subscription to World Book Encyclopedia online. It can be accessed from your home computer. The web address is [www.worldbookonline.com](http://www.worldbookonline.com). The

school ID is "lutheran" and the password is "school". A sports physical is required for all students participating in any sports.

Classes will begin September 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:45 A.M., Pastor Reed will lead opening worship at 9:30, and daily termination at 3:25 P.M. We all look forward to seeing you on August 24<sup>th</sup>.



Our Principal Mr. Fredrich, otherwise known as "Treasurer Seeker Fred!"

### Grace Lutheran School 2006-2007

<i>August 24</i>	<i>School Registration Day</i>
<i>September 5</i>	<i>First Day of School</i>
<i>September 29</i>	<i>Mid-quarter Progress Report #1</i>
<i>October 19 &amp; 20</i>	<i>No School: Teacher In-service / Convention</i>
<i>November 3</i>	<i>End of First Quarter Marking Period</i>
<i>November 8</i>	<i>Parent / Teacher Conference in Evening</i>
<i>November 9</i>	<i>Noon Dismiss -Parent / Teacher Conference</i>
<i>November 10</i>	<i>Noon Dismiss -Parent / Teacher Conference</i>
<i>November 22—24</i>	<i>Thanksgiving -No School</i>
<i>December 8</i>	<i>Mid-quarter Progress Report #2</i>
<i>December 17</i>	<i>Children's Christmas Program</i>
<i>December 22</i>	<i>Christmas Vacation Begins at end of school day</i>
<i>January 3</i>	<i>Classes Resume</i>
<i>January 19</i>	<i>End of Second Quarter Marking Period</i>
<i>February 15</i>	<i>Noon Dismiss—Parent / Teacher Conference</i>
<i>February 16</i>	<i>Noon Dismiss—Parent / Teacher Conference</i>
<i>February 16</i>	<i>Mid-quarter Progress Report #3</i>
<i>February 19</i>	<i>Midwinter Break—No School</i>
<i>March 5 – 11</i>	<i>Lutheran School Week</i>
<i>March 23</i>	<i>End of Third Quarter Marking Period</i>
<i>April 2 - 6</i>	<i>Spring Break</i>
<i>April 9</i>	<i>Classes Resume</i>
<i>April 9 -13</i>	<i>Achievement Test Week</i>
<i>May 4</i>	<i>Mid-quarter Progress Report #4</i>
<i>May 13</i>	<i>Examination Sunday</i>
<i>May 20</i>	<i>Confirmation Sunday</i>
<i>May 24</i>	<i>Grandparent's Day</i>
<i>May 25</i>	<i>School Picnic</i>
<i>May 28</i>	<i>Memorial Day - No School</i>
<i>June 3</i>	<i>Graduation Sunday</i>
<i>June 7</i>	<i>Noon Dismiss</i>
<i>June 8</i>	<i>Noon Dismiss - Last Day of School</i>

Hours are 8:45AM to 3:25 PM

## CPTL News

"Train up a child in the way he should go, even when he is old he will not depart from it..." Proverbs 22:6

### What is Scrip?

Scrip is a program to purchase gift cards/certificates for use at various businesses. Our CPTL ( Christian Parent Teacher League) receives a percentage profit from the purchases. The profit then is divided between the CPTL general fund and registration fees for those families who purchase SCRIP.

### Who can participate?

Any member/non member of Grace can purchase SCRIP. The forms are available on the usher's desk in the narthex. Our next order will be submitted on Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup>. Please leave your order form and check made out to Grace CPTL in the office or it can also be given to Ann Balzer-Scrip Program Coordinator. If you have any questions on how the program works please ask either Ann or Karla Weiss. This is a very easy to help our CPTL raise funds to be used in our school.

## Global Care Packages for Uruguay

During VBS we collected items for the kid's packages to be sent to Uruguay. To add to these the school children will be collecting the same items for their mission in the month of September. All members of the church are encouraged to also donate items for the Kids Care Kits or Mothers Care or Teachers Care Kits. All this information is in the narthex on a table. Any further questions

please contact Don Pfannes, 662-4337.



## Parents, Grandparents, Grace Congregation-

We have many volunteer positions that will need to be filled for our 2006-2007 school year. Look for the sign up poster in the office during school registration. You do not have to be a parent of a current Grace student to volunteer; the children enjoy seeing any visitors help out their school. Getting involved means working together to provide the best education possible for our children.

## A Whopping Thank You

A whopping thank you is extended to the more than 50 VBS volunteers and uncountable donations. Knowing that each one of us has a very busy schedule, the gift is of serving to help others is heartwarming. Without your help it would not have been a success. Your unselfishness, volunteerism, patience, and thoroughness modeled the servitude that was taught to the children in VBS. Thank you so very, very much. Deb VanTol

## Corn Festival Float

What does Christmas tree boughs, purple swimming noodles, a glue gun, cordless screwdriver, yards of used sandy colored carpet, a very hot summer week, frequent threatening short summer showers, and a group of talented and dedicated women have in common? Answer: the makings of a winner Corn Festival Float. Yes, Grace's Tropical Island theme float that advertised Treasure Cove VBS took 2nd place in "Best Use of Theme" category in the parade on July 16. While watching the

## We Are Abundantly Blessed

Many people refer to the days of August as the "dog days of summer." Temperatures in August in most parts of our country can be pretty uncomfortable. But what may seem like a curse to some is actually a blessing to others. In the corn growing regions of our country farmers welcome the heat.

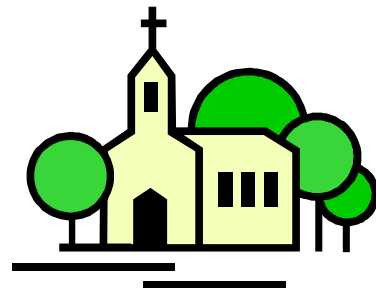
Heat and cold, like summer and winter, remind us that we are easily dissatisfied with things as they are right now. We have a chronic longing for something better. And, chances are very good that when we get what we are longing for, it's still not enough.

St. Paul learned the secret of contentment and shared it with Christians of all ages in Philippians 4:11b-13: "I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through him who gives me strength." St. Paul could have added being content regardless of the season of the year.

Maturing stewards learn the difference between needs and greeds and receive blessings from the hands of a good and gracious God with thanksgiving and then use them in ways that honor him and benefit others.

So, thank God for August and the blessings it brings. Each day and each month God's blessings are new. We join the hymn writer in praising God with these words: "Every morning mercies new fall as fresh as morning dew; Every morning let us pay tribute with the early day; for Thy mercies, Lord, are sure, Thy compassion doth endure." (TLH, 537, verse 1)

When it comes to receiving God's abundant gifts with thanksgiving, *maturing stewards do the right things for the right reasons and strive for excellence in all they do!*



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# Summer Outdoor Worship

## And an afternoon of potluck/picnic and vintage base ball

August 20, 2006  
9:00 am Outdoor Worship



Start the day in worship with fellow members of Grace.  
Enjoy the afternoon at the picnic and ball match.

11:00 am Grace Lutheran Church Picnic  
Following the Service  
Bring a dish to pass and your table service  
Adult and Kid's Outdoor Games



1:00 pm Vintage Base Ball Match  
The Bay City Independents  
vs  
"Amazin' Grace"

Bring a blanket or chair and enjoy a carefree afternoon of entertainment as our own Amazin' Grace Ball Club makes it's debut against the Independents of Bay City. Step back in time to the 1800's when base ball was a gentlemen's game. A time when the game was played without fences, without gloves, and without overpaid players. Join us to see the brand of base ball that started it all, when bases were 42 paces apart, an out was recorded when one hand was lost, and instead of doing the wave, the spectators would yell "Huzzah!"

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### Multiage Classrooms: A new theory? By Annette Rudick

This summer I took a graduate course at Saginaw Valley State University. An assignment for this course was to research and write a paper on a contemporary issue. I have taught in multiage classrooms for 13 of my 17 years of teaching in Lutheran schools.

As I began to research this topic, I found many articles in professional educational literature on this very subject. It seems that our public education systems in many parts of the country are looking at the benefits of placing students of multiple ages in the same classroom. The information and research I found support what many Lutheran educators, including myself, have been saying for years.

Multiage education has been defined as the practice of teaching children of different ages and ability levels together. The practice of graded instruction (1<sup>st</sup>-grade, 2<sup>nd</sup>-grade...) has been part of our education system since the mid-1800s. Before that, however, what was known as the one-room schoolhouse (multiage education) was the practice. There are many advantages of multiage classrooms: 1) younger children are given opportunities to observe and imitate older children; 2) older children are given leadership roles as they help younger children; and 3) children are usually with the same teacher for more than one year, allowing for the teacher to be familiar with each child's developmental progress.

A goal of multiage education is to shift attention from teaching curriculum to teaching children. In other words, teaching should reflect what the children need to learn, not necessarily what the curriculum mandates the children should learn. For this reason, the multiage curriculum is structured differently. Some subjects can be combined and taught together. Many skills and concepts can be practiced in learning centers. Students choose which center they want to work at when they have completed their assigned work. Their time while waiting to be taught the next lesson is used more productively.

Cooperative learning experiences and peer tutoring are also valuable tools. Children discover the value of helping another child find the answer to a problem rather than just giving the answer. Children can also learn from collaborating on a project. Adults work together on a project and get ideas from each other. Allowing children to practice this at a young age will better prepare them for when they enter the work force.

Prior experiences and background play a large role in a child's development. Minor changes in routines at home can provide parents with ways to encourage their child's development.

If you are interested in reading more about multiage education, please contact Annette Rudick for copies of the articles that were used to research this topic.

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## Serve-a-thon News

The Serve-a-thon had a wonderful three days of weather for some needed improvements at the church and school. Of the twenty Youth that could participate in this event, five showed their support to their church. Kristy Brandt, one of our newest members, and Kevin Whalen put in the longest hours by working 16 and 8 hours respectively. These five Youth members raised \$727.00 for the church roofing fund.

Friday began as four school doors were primed and prepped for a needed facelift. Kristy and Kevin put in three hours of work accompanied by both of their parents. The school doors and door frames were in great need of some TLC and were definitely a long and tedious project.

Saturday was yet another beautiful day with a lovely breeze bringing some added energy to the long day and many projects ahead. Once again, Kristy (our old die hard) and

Kevin Whalen arrived bright and early with their parents and Chris Roth added to the effort with his mom while Drew Schmidt and his mom came later in the day. They accomplished an amazing



**Gayle Woods sanding down the door frame.**

amount of projects for one day and a few workers. Doors, frames, and hallway trim received a second coat of paint, the sidewalks were edged, the handicapped parking signs got a new coat of green, the benches were painted, classrooms were vacuumed, and all of vacation bible school was picked up. It was quite a long day but with the aid of our excellent parents, Deb VanTol, and Lee Krueger, the school and church were looking better and better. After enjoying a morning of worship thanking our Savior, two Youth member arrived

with the aid of their parents and friends. Kristy appeared; ready to go, along with her fellow Youth member, Kye Sugden. Kristy bared the heat and cleaned the sidewalks while her parents put a new coat of paint on the school outside hand-rail. Kye, his dad, and cousin repeated the painting of the door frames. Gayle Wood added to the effort as we threw her a paint brush and she did some damage with a coat of paint on the doors.

Our deepest gratitude goes to our extra congregation helpers: Lee Krueger, Deb VanTol, and Gayle Wood. We thank you for supporting our effort and making some success to this drive. An excellent amount of thanks also to our long list of donors:

Kristy Brandt and her parents, Alan and Mary Jo, deserve an awesome amount of thanks as their efforts of participating for the entire 16 hours raised \$465.50.



**Our Fearless Leader Sarah VanTol**

**Kristy painting the Handicap pole out front.**



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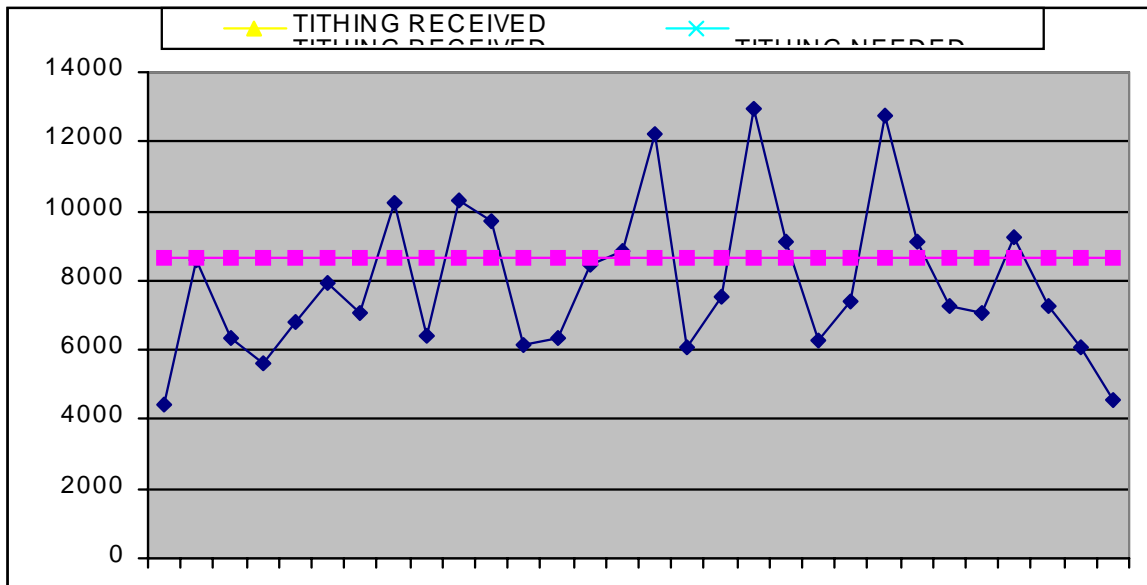
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UNPAID BILLS as of JULY 22, 2006

VENDOR	FEB. Amount	MAY	JUNE	JULY
Valley Lutheran Tuition	1,940.00			
Indiana District		45.00		
I K O N		743.58	490.24	477.33
Universal Build.		606.00	606.00	1,212.00
Straley Press			107.00	
Mich.Dist LCMS			3,283.00	3,283.00
David Reed				100.00
Waste Mgmt.				79.34
Tom Wegener				50.00
Concordia Pub.			55.25	1,309.87
Blue Cross/Blue Shield				2,866.23
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	1,940.00	1,449.83	4,486.24	9,794.92
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## ***August Birthdays & Anniversaries***

1 Robert McCloy, Nicole Monkhouse, 2 Matthew Dambro, Matthew Lechner, 3 Ryan Clarey, Kathy Feinauer, Kurt Greenleaf, LeRoy Krueger, Caitlyn Schmidt, 4 Dawn Jeglic, 5 Roland Lavier, 6 Gary Sauer, Rick Walter, 8 Gordon Marner, Russell Schmidt, 9 Rhonda Klann, 10 Eric Roth, 11 Wendy Greenleaf, Jason Thompson, 13 David Anderson, Douglas Behmlander, Daniel Dambro, Jack Greenleaf Sr, Bradley Keidel, Michael Kent, 14 Michael Horneber, 16 Roger Schmidt, 17 Linda Bebeau, 18 Laurie Kozuch, 19 Steven Lindstrom, Mary Machul, Jay Ousterhout, Joy Ousterhout, Herb Pfundt, David Reed, 20 Lori Hockman, Hilda Wegener, 21 Cara Bebeau, 23 Joyce DeFord, James Lance, 24 Kim Gray, 25 Sage Alexander, Rosemary Bush, Corey Keidel, 26 Margaret Garlinghouse, 27 Kayla Bejcek, Denise Gray, Jayden Jezowski, 28 Roy Behmlander, Michael Dominowski, Susan Roth, Gayle Wood, 29 Jessica Melick, Annette Rudick, 30 Martin Eichinger, 31 Brian Klimaszewski, Fay Schroeder

### ***Anniversaries***

Benjamin & Beth Jankens, 9 James & Gloria Kunding, 10 Richard & Bonnie Frank, 11 Kevin & Penny Mularz, 13 Wayne & Patsy Schroeder, 15 Thomas & Rebecca Feinauer, Cliff & Janet Vennix, 16 Ramon & Debra Garcia, 21 Gordon & Fay Schroeder, 23 Allan & Mary Jo Brandt, 29 James & Janet Dietlein, 31 Robert & Karen Wegener