

October
2007

GRACE SPOTLIGHTER

THE GRASS IS ONLY GREENEST WITH THE SHEPHERD

The tranquility of the 23rd Psalm may seem an impossible dream. Is it?

While waiting in a lobby someplace recently I had a few minutes on my hands. I picked up a glossy publication titled something like "Luxury Living." Inside, full-scale photographs showed places like nothing I'd ever seen.

A soft-toned twilight picture of a golf course, so delicious it appeared visitors must not walk the fairway but simply float down its sculpted contours. Only lush green and dappled sunlight.

Another page appeared to be an aerial shot of a lavish garden cradling a Cotswold cottage melting into the floral sweep of ferns and tree limbs, each casting its gentle shadows. If you have to ask the price, realize isn't for harried ordinary folks.

The serenity captured by different camera angles made barns look like countryside retreats and breakfast nook windows like transoms to a world off the canvas of a Thomas Kinkade painting.

Thumbing through "Luxury Living" was eye wash, a moment's dream soon left for the next order of business.

The Psalmist wrote, "My shepherd ... makes me to lie down in green pastures: he leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul: he leads me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake"

The serene stillness of those inspired words have brought calm to countless hearts. The image it brings to mind is a land without irksome people, the fret of deadlines or a threat of fear. It evokes green meadows, shade trees and the murmurs of a stream.

Yet how often it seems in our demanding lives that the proverbial fence—the other side of which is always greener—separates us from that peace like a camera lens separates me from the magnificent vistas and million dollar properties only accessible to the few who can afford Palm Beach shoreline or a chalet above Steamboat Springs.

People find themselves longing for the other side of the gate. The saying goes that the other side of the fence is always greener. Yes it is—except from over there looking here!

It's true no professional photographer is ever likely to photograph your kitchen or family room. No sooner than you've pick up, the kids will go through again trailing their inevitable litter or the day's mail and newspaper, pop cans, and cast off socks and shoes reappear as if on queue.

Those images don't get published. They don't put photos of you in your house robe or dad with his feet on the furniture into "Luxury Living."

But certainly the 23rd Psalm was published. And within the folds of its inspired poetry, it's not the table prepared or a chaise lounge on the green at the center. Its not even the pasture or the still waters. It is the people.

My Shepherd. And me.

The Shepherd is our Lord, the gently leading Guardian and Giver of our lives. Unlike the glossy publication which lets you



only look but not live the lavish life, Christ's Word pours out assurance and delivers goodness and mercy to truly live in the comfort of the Lord's own house.

The church is not essentially a quiet place to relax, a spa for the soul, a brief retreat for an hour or so squeezed into chaotic calendars. It's not the prettiness or the quietness that makes the church special.

The church is The Shepherd and His people. The church is Christ shepherding those He loves. The church is Jesus setting for you a Table at which He hosts, supplies and furnishes the bread of life. The church is not where you go to get away.

The church is who you are—the child of God in Christ—carried by the divine protecting arms of God's Son, with bounty overflowing even if it should be against the background of the shadowed valley of death.

Because Christ is with us here at Grace, because His holy Words of pardon and peace are published and proclaimed every day and His sacraments overflow, you can be sure this is the "other side" of the fence, the green and watered land of Christ's domain—no field of dreams or place of broken hopes—but His home open to us all.

We have been led to green pasture beside still waters. No grass is greener than where His Gospel is spoken. No paths are sweeter than where his righteousness flows. No table will ever match the feast He sets with bread and wine which are His own Body and Blood. No staff comforts like His. No rod protect us more. The soothing of our heads with oil is the outpouring of the Holy Spirit received in Baptism.

So, having received in Christ the absolute goodness and mercy of God, we justifiably declare, "I shall never want for anything. The Lord is my Shepherd; I lack exactly nothing!"

"I fear no evil." No peril of mind or soul; no hazard or claim can take me from My Shepherd because He loves and leads me.

And this is no dream. It's the reality even in the midst of a crowded life with all its other demands and duties imposed on us. Tranquility is the condition of the forgiven heart which trusts in Christ. And that peace sustains us even if we never see another sunset or build a cottage in the woods.

This peace is the peace of Jesus no camera can capture nor dream invent. That peace be yours always!

Pastor

**The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity 09.
September 2007**

Dear friends of Grace,

Greetings from the saints in Ansbach, Germany!
Please accept this, my second report from the mission field.

One thing I forgot to note in my last report is some ongoing translation projects I've been undertaking. As many of you now know, when the Missouri Synod was formed back in 1847, 2/3 of the pastors were trained and sent by the pastor of this little Bavarian village of Neuendettelsau. Pastor Wilhelm Loehe's church is St. Nikolai Lutheran Church, named after Saint Nicholas (where we get "Santa Claus"). Because there are about 7 million Lutherans in America owing their heritage to this one village pastor, you can imagine how many English-speaking Lutherans come to visit and see his church. For this reason, Pastor Singer ("the 10th pastor after Loehe") initiated a project to write a little church guide to explain the significant things to see here. Then a local church scholar and I translated it into English. It should soon be off the presses, and my reward is to receive about 50 free copies. In the event that any of you are interested, I would love to send you a copy. Just e-mail me (sweayer@freenet_de).

A second translation project comes also by way of Pastor Singer, with whom I have made a nice friend. Since 9-11 there has arisen a great interest in the fastest growing world religion of Islam. It just so happened that his colleague finished a 15-yr. project of living amongst Muslims in various countries of the Middle East trying to understand how they view the West (Europeans & Americans). The first edition of this book was just published, and he requested that I consider translating it. I agreed. It is a slow process but a rewarding one.

In other news, we only just returned from our vacation in the States days ago and are still suffering tremendous jet lag. Our visit at Grace on the 12th of August was wonderful. I enjoyed being in the pulpit that 11th Sunday after Pentecost and speaking with the Bible Class. I realize many of you were enjoying "fellowship" of a different kind at the church camp, so we greet you as well!
Many thanks to you who gave gifts. We especially en-

joyed the fresh produce! Germans do not eat corn on the cob, which is too bad. They don't know what they're missing.

After we left Auburn we went down to Texas to be with Lynn's folks for a couple of weeks. One neat thing that happened was we were able to visit one of my "congregational members" from Germany! That's right, Germany. Keith & Barb Schreckengost, from Giddings, Texas, were attending my chapel in Ansbach for the past year. During that time Barb became pregnant with her first child, but sadly, Keith deployed to Iraq before the birth. Barb made the logical choice to move back home for the 15 months that Keith is away and had her baby in Texas while she lived with her mom and dad again. Giddings happens to be right on the way to Houston where we were going to visit Lynn's only aunt, so we stopped in, saw Barb and baby Paige, and had a nice visit and a prayer. This was really great.

Just one other piece of news before I close, Erin Gorsuch has now "joined" our chapel and has been very faithful in attendance. Her husband is also deployed. We met her at the vet clinic when our kitten was getting her shots. Erin is the assistant vet in Ansbach. Her newest hobby is sewing, and she is taking classes at night. I have asked her to help me replace all the parameters in the chapel, as well as sew new communion cloths for the Lord's Supper. She's very willing and able, and I'm glad to have her help since my skills go as far as sewing a button back on a shirt!

Finally, school starts this Tuesday. Irene will attend her new college prep school in town while the boys start 1st grade at her old school. Maggie will continue at her Kindergarten. We're all doing well, and we hope the same for you.

As this report is being read we are gathered around Word & Sacrament at the altar in Ansbach. Always know that we pray for Pastor Reed and for all the members of Grace congregation each and every Sunday in our Divine Service.

We love to hear from you. Our contact info. can be found on the Grace website. We especially greet the Bartz family, Ben & Freeda Van Tol, Mr. & Mrs. Pfannes, LeRoy Taglauer and Dick & Bonnie Frank, along with all our friends at Grace.

In Christ, - *Pastor Seaver*

Are Your Children Penny Wise?

Peter Fredrich, Principal

America is the richest nation in the world, yet we have the lowest savings rate of any industrialized nation. American children spend billions of dollars in a given year and the largest increase in bankruptcy rates is found in young adults under age 24. In fact, more college students drop out of school because of finances than academics. There is no reason to believe that Christian families are exempt from these statistics.

“For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil.” (1 Timothy 6:10) This verse is probably the most familiar on the topic of money. We are warned not to worship money, but we are not encouraged to be uneducated on the subject either. Just as the love of money can rule our life, the worry over finances can hinder our trust in God as well. With God’s help, we strive to raise our children in faith. Part of this requires us to show our children how to be in the world but not of it. A proper understanding of the place of finances in our lives is an essential aspect of this Christian training.

The first step in teaching children about financial matters is to model God-pleasing behaviors. Seek financial counseling for yourself to be sure that you are doing what you can to keep the love of money as well as the worry of money from being central in your life. Show your children how you stick to a budget and promptly pay off balances on credit cards. Children need to understand that debit and credit cards do not make money appear out of thin air – and the use of them carries responsibilities. Part of explaining the concept of a budget is to teach the 10-10-80 plan. In this plan, we show trust and thanks to God for His blessing by giving 10% to His work, saving 10%, and using the remaining 80% to care for the needs of our family.

For school-age children, we can begin teaching about money when they begin to earn an allowance. There are many ways to set up chores and allowance for your family. Do what works for you children, but be sure to use both Law and Gospel. Rules and rewards work best when they are accompanied by forgiveness and mercy. When your children begin to receive and allowance or gift money, help them set up a saving and giving plan. To

keep this concept concrete for younger children, it works well to put money into separate (giving, saving, spending) envelopes.

Many families are in tight financial situations or even in financial crisis. If you are such a family, remember that you are loved and forgiven by your Savior. Seek help for your struggles. Face the issues that led you to debt. Seek financial counseling. Pray and study God’s Word that He may help you with this struggle as He has helped you with other struggle in the past. Do not let your debt or lack of knowledge about finances keep you from training your children. It is not His will for you to suffer. In the same way you give your tithe, give your issues about money to God and remember His promise from Malachi 3:10: “Trust me in this, says the Lord Almighty, and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.”

Our new school year is well under way and already very busy.

- Our first mid-quarter progress report will be issued to all students on October 2. Students have five more weeks to improve these grades.
- We have five students involved in instrumental band. They practice twice each week under the leadership of Ms. Lindsey Meyer of Valley Lutheran High School.
- Our Grizzly soccer season is in motion. Our last home game is October 2nd. The Bay/Midland League Soccer Tournament will be held at St. Paul, Frankenlust, October 13th & 14th. Come and cheer for your team!
- Mrs. Debra Dambro has our entire student body busy on the computers. Each child spends approximately twenty minutes, twice each week under her guidance.
- Each Monday the students receive instruction in Spanish taught by Gladys Lerner of the Bay City Public Schools.
- Our volleyball team is in need of a coach. If you are interested, contact athletic director Terry McNally or Craig Harrison. Once we have a coach, practice can begin. The league begins play later in October.
- School pictures will be taken by Innovations October 8.
- Our teachers have been examining

new Christmas programs and as soon as we decide, it will be ordered, and we will begin practicing it.

- Students in grades 5 – 8 will be screened for scoliosis later this month as well.
- Vision screening for children in grades 1,3,5,7 will be administered in mid-October.

JUNIOR HIGH HIGHLIGHTS

The year has begun, and our junior high is "into" the year. It is exciting to see the inactive minds of summer brighten to the challenges school. Much introductory material has been reviewed, and a regular schedule and routine has begun. Religion examines the New Testament Gospels, the "Good News" that Jesus loves us, forgives us, and is preparing a place for us in heaven. Pastor Reed is focusing on the doctrinal aspects of our church as he instructs the students in Confirmation four days each week. A while ago it was common for people to spend most of their lives in the same town or place in which they were born. Today your neighbor may be someone from another state, another country, or another continent. How do people in the rest of the world live? How do we get along with them? World geography will help our junior high students learn about other people and places and what issues are important to them. Life science explores the cell, the basic structure of all living things. We will investigate the make up of cells and see how plant and animal cells differ. Pictured, are Bethany Weiss and Danielle Balzer examining a slide under the microscope. Nouns and pronouns are the area of emphasis in our English series, with both grades looking at their proper use and placement within a sentence. In the area of math, we are progressing at a nice rate. The seventh grade has completed our first chapter, which reviews addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division of whole numbers and fractions. The eighth grade will begin exploring rational numbers. They will learn the four basic operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division as they apply to integers and rational numbers.



*Life
Science*

**Danielle Balzer
and
Bethany Weiss
examining
a
slide
under
the
microscope.**

5 & 6 Grade Happenings

Fall has arrived and the students have acclimated back into the school routine very well. Monday afternoons are filled with special classes; Art with Mr. Larson is an hour of creativity and dabbling in new techniques, then Spanish lessons with Mrs. Learner as they steadily acquire a second language. Every morning the students are saying the Christian pledge along with the U.S. pledge of allegiance, hearing devotions from God's Word, and writing a paragraph in their journal. Our classroom exhibits Christ's love in that we use His example to guide our actions and we freely forgive one another with the help of the Holy Spirit.



Mrs. Learner plays a game with the students.



Matt and Travis collecting trash.

We are a fun-loving class as well. Most days we share stories of our lives that are amusing and help us find humor in even the most mundane tasks; we even take those rib-tickling experiences and write them down during Writer's Workshop.

It is not all fun and games in grades five and six, however, we have created our year-long service project schedule. We began by cleaning up neighborhood trash on our way back from a fieldtrip to the Auburn library. The students did this act of kindness to try and bring about a positive change for their school and the surrounding area. In this month of October yard work will be done for those who need assistance. It's not too late

to call the school office (662-4791) and request raking, picking up sticks, etc., for yourself or someone you know that could use our help. We do these projects not for the Earthly praise or pat on the back, rather as an outcome of the great love and mercy God has shown us through His Son, Jesus. Each month we will update you on our next act of service if you feel a desire to join us in our project we welcome the hands and hearts!

Try to get out and enjoy the fall beauty in this gorgeous state of Michigan! God's blessings!!



Rebecca Hunt and Melissa Vennix showing off their library books at the Auburn Library.

October's Update For Room 4

The first quarter is really flying by. Here's a little update about what we've been studying.

In religion, we've studied the creation and the fall into sin. We've also learned about Adam and Eve's sons, Cain and Abel, Noah and the flood, the Tower of Babel, and Abraham and Sarah. By the power of the Holy Spirit working through God's Word students know that man was once perfect, created in God's image. Although we are no longer perfect, we can trust in Jesus for forgiveness, depend on the Holy Spirit's power to become more Christ like, and rely on God's promise of a new life now and in eternity.

In math third grade is learning how to carry in multiplication. Fourth grade is converting measures using a three step process. We've been reviewing our basic facts and procedures as well as learning some new ones. Second grade is learning about halves. We've divided shapes in half, circled half of a group, and we are telling time to the



Lucas, Evan & Jacob making a hand rainbow!

half hour.

In science we've been studying the earth and how wind and water erodes it. We've made it "rain" on "mountains" creating "rivers and valleys." We even made glaciers with rock, dirt, and water. Then we used them in an experiment to see how glaciers erode the earth.

We're using God's gift of lan-

guage to write and identifying the four sentence types. Third grade is also working on capitalization while fourth grade is writing friendly letters. Fourth grade will start a flat friends assignment this month where they'll write to a relative or friend of the family, sending them a flat friend (paper person), asking them to take the flat friend around with them, and then send the friend back along with a letter describing where the friend went.

All students are working hard toward their AR goals. We look forward to starting Book It this month. It's a reading program sponsored by Pizza Hut. Kids can earn free pizzas just by reading. We are still looking for reading buddies. If you would like to help us out, please contact the school. We are looking for reading buddies for Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:55-3:15 and on Wednesday from 2:00-2:20.



Grades K, 1 & 2

Our first month of school is already behind us! We are settling into our routine quite nicely. We have 14 excited students in our classroom in the morning and 10 in the afternoon. If you stop by to visit our classroom, be prepared. Some of our students really like to hug!

In Kindergarten, we have been practicing our alphabet, colors, shapes, and how to write our names. In 1st grade we have been reviewing our sounds for our letters and learning our addition facts. Kindergarten and



Roy taking time out to smile for our camera.

1st grade have also been completing activities to find out how well they listen. They must listen to the directions and then color the picture or draw more according to the directions. Kindergarten and 1st grade are a lot of work, so after story time, we take some time to rest our brains and our bodies before we continue our learning.

2nd grade is also reviewing phonics activities before they begin their reading textbook. There are many sounds to remember from last year. They are also finding out that there are still more sounds to learn! Spelling has also become more challenging in 2nd grade. The words are longer and harder. The 2nd grade students are also learning many new things in the afternoon in Ms.

Schroeder's room.

Story time is right after lunch recess. I would like to extend the invitation to any congregation members or parents who would be interested in coming in to read to our class during story time. I have many books to choose from in the classroom or you may bring in your own book to read. If you are interested in this project, please contact Miss Rudick.



Rayferd working hard on his studies.



Alexis and Molly during break time.

Thanks!!!

Our class has been very busy and full of energy! They are also very excited about learning. We pray that you are also excited about learning new things, even if you are not in "school" anymore.

Lutheran Layman's League Retreat

Theme for 62nd retreat, Let Your Light Shine.

A group of men from Grace attended a retreat at Camp Arcadia located on the beautiful shores of Lake Michigan.

Our retreat started Thursday with registration, getting settled in assigned rooms, a euchre tournament, enjoying German lemonade and an evening lunch.

Friday, rise early for a golf tournament in the rain and everyone enjoyed the golf, not the rain. On this day a Sheriff and his deputies start to do their duties, and the fines are a dollar for whatever they decide to fine you for, for example, did you brush your teeth, if you did pay \$1.00 or if your not warring shocks pay a dollar. This is all in good fun and the fines go to Lutheran Hour Ministries. One deputy was our own Steve Vantol.

Along with all the fun there's very excellent lecture assemblies led by very competent leaders. There was an assembly in the morning and also the afternoon.

There was free time, some flew kits, some went swimming in Lake Michigan, some visited spook hill (ask one of us about it) a ball game to watch and enjoy German lemonade or play in the ballgame.

The lectures were on: Lutheran Theology in the Hymns of "Paul".

Study of David.

Living Life at 212 degrees. What makes our life boil.

Biblical Mandate.

Participants through the week-end: Rev. David P.E. Maier, David A Rutter, Paul Schneider.

Think about coming to Camp Arcadia 2008, first week-end after Labor Day



Grace Lutheran Laymen's League

Grace LLL is made up of those that support Lutheran Hour Ministries by praying for God's blessing upon the ministry, volunteering time, supporting the ministry financially.

We are involved at Grace by supporting Project Connect. This is a tract project that is located in the narthex, also smaller version called Project Connect Junior; these are located in hospitals, nursing homes etc.

We also sent gifts and care packages for those less fortunate in other parts of the world.

The LLL helps with the Saginaw Valley Good Friday Committee.

Provide Bible Class material.

Along with other LLL groups from the Saginaw Zone in the spring, we go to Camp LU LAY LEA and get the camp ready to accept campers for another season of fun and learning.

Participate with Lutheran Hour Sunday, our only money drive, also our time to talk to new sponsors for support in Bring Christ to the Nations- and the Nations to the Church.

PEOPLE OF CHRIST WITH A MESSAGE OF HOPE

Interested ? contact Don Pfannes, ambassador of LLL to Grace Lutheran

LADIES NEWS

Some people idolize movie stars; some, popular singers; others, wealthy heads of corporations. But Martin Luther—no way! Listen to Tom Wegener and you'll see just how much he thinks of and knows about Martin Luther. Tom will be the guest speaker for the October 9th Ladies of Grace held in our Library at 7:00 pm. We are sure to learn a lot of new information about the great reformer. We will also be packing up the school kits, and health kits this night for Lutheran World Relief.

For all those wondering, **NO** there will not be a Bazaar this year but, **YES**, there will be a Holiday Bake Shoppe. Once again there will be cookie and eisenkuegle workshops in the kitchen, but this year we're asking that all members bake lots of their favorite cookies, Christmas breads, pies and coffee cakes. The date for the Holiday Bake Shoppe is Saturday, November 10, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. With all working together we hope to have a very successful event!

Holiday Bake Shoppe

Plans are underway for our Congregational fall event. The Grace Holiday Cookie Shoppe.

Committees have been organized, but we still need help in the following areas. If you can give a few hours of your time, please contact Carol Mularz. Help is needed with baking cookies on November 6 & 7, making eisenkuegle on November 9, and the cookie room the day of the sale, November 10. We are also asking for donations of baking items. Look for the sign up sheets coming soon.

Recipes that we have used in the past years will be available. If you have any favorite cookie recipe, please make them for the bazaar or share your recipe with us. If you choose to make cookies at home, we will have baking supplies available for you to use.

The following is a list of items needed to bake the recipes we have.

Please have these items in the kitchen by November 5.

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| 1 (5 gal) liquid shortening | 3 # bananas |
| 16 doz. large eggs | 3-12 oz pkgs. White choc. chips |
| 25# bags granulated sugar | 3-12 oz pkgs. Raspberry chips |
| 25 # brown sugar | 3-12 oz. bags chocolate chips |
| 10 # powdered sugar | 2 # coconut |
| 80 # flour | 1 # chopped dates |
| 10# imperial margarine | 10 # peanut butter |
| 1 box baking powder | 3 bags Hershey kisses |
| 1 box baking soda | 1 can cinnamon |
| 3 bottles light molasses | 1 can of cream of tartar |
| 1 bottle dark molasses | ½ # cinnamon red hot candy |
| 12 # Crisco shortening | 8 # raisins |
| 6 # buttered flavored Crisco | 8# oatmeal |
| 3 large containers of sour cream | 1 can nutmeg |
| Food coloring | 4 rolls of wax paper |
| Sprinkles | 3 rolls parchment paper |
| 1 # pecans | 6 rolls heavy aluminum foil |
| 3 # walnuts | 12 rolls paper towel |
| 1 # Spanish peanuts | 1 # slivered almonds |



Given in Memory

Rev. Paul McCain

- By
 Peter & Theresa Keller
 Evelyn Evans
 Jim & Gloria Kundinger
 Duane & Lynn Schmidt

Tom Kuch

- By
 Ervin & Judy Kuch

Roy Behmlander

- By
 Ben & Freeda VanTol
 Bonnie Cole
 Carl & Irene Schmidt
 Tim & Linda Barkell
 Rose McNally
 Steve & Deb VanTol
 Gordon & Marge Marnier
 Jim & Gloria Kundinger
 Edgar & Loretta Wegener
 Debi Stieve
 Duane & Lynn Schmidt

Margaret Pickering

- By
 John & Iris Dominowski

Edward Burkel

- By
 Gary & MaryJane Newman
 Dan & Jill Schmidt

Should We Change the Service Schedule?

In the September Voters' meeting the Elders were requested to review worship schedules. The opinion was given that attendance has changed in recent years giving Grace the opportunity and need to review the schedule. Some members added that the summer schedule with one service was good as it united the church. The Board of Elders will carefully begin examining the worship schedule as we did during 2004 and 2005. Any decision will be weighed against the need to offer meaningful worship and communion on a regular basis, child and adult bible study while enhancing the congregation's growth in Christ. The Elders welcome you to speak with them or send e-mail to: elderchairman@graceauburn.org.

CPTL Scrip Program

The Great Lakes Scrip program is once again starting. If you are new to Grace approximately every two weeks during the school year CPTL (Grace's parent/teacher group) places an order with Great Lakes Scrip.

Scrip is gift cards that can be used as payment or as gifts for over 100 retail stores, gas stations, or restaurants. The profit that is earned from scrip is divided between CPTL and the families who have placed orders.

The profit earned by each family can then be used towards their registration fees for the following school year. An example of how it works is as follows. Say a family orders one \$100 Speedway gas card. They send the yellow form into the school office no later than 9:00 am on the order day along with a check made out to Grace CPTL for \$100.50 (the \$.50 is for shipping.) The order is then sent to Great Lakes Scrip and the family's check is deposited into the CPTL bank account. Grace CPTL would pay \$96.00 to Great Lakes Scrip for the \$100.00 Speedway card ordered. This means a \$4.00 profit on one \$100.00 Speedway card. \$2.00 of the profit is applied to the family who ordered the card to be used towards the following school year's registration and the other \$2.00 is kept by CPTL.

Following the last scrip order in July a letter is sent to each family that has participated in scrip telling them how much they have earned towards their school registration fees for the upcoming school year. The school is also made aware of each family's profit and deducts it from the family's total school registration bill. The profits may only be used towards the following year's school registrations and is never paid directly to the family. This year \$727.00 was paid to the school on behalf of 10 families.

The scrip order form is golden rod in color and is attached every other week to the blue school memo that comes home on Tuesday's with your child. At the top of the scrip order form are the scrip order dates. Scrip is almost always ordered on a Monday and is sent home with your child no later than Thursday the same week. In the beginning new scrip families are called on the day the scrip comes home with their child to remind them to ask their child about their scrip order. Each order is placed in a plain white envelope with the family's name on it and it is sealed shut. If you do not want your order to come home with your child other arrangements can be made.

Scrip is an easy fundraiser for CPTL as well as an easy way to earn some of your school registration fees. Scrip can be used just like cash but can not be used to pay store credit card bills, some exceptions to apply. If you have any questions please call Ann Balzer 662-7410 in the evenings. She is the scrip coordinator.



**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL
FINANCIAL REPORT**

August 31, 2007



	Aug. 2007	Aug. 2006	Year 2007	Year 2006
CHECKING ACCOUNT				
Beginning Balance	\$ 3,237	\$ 3,398	\$ 5,340	\$ 4,250
Receipts-Contributions	29,809	27,777	258,478	275,763
Disbursements	<u>30,654</u>	<u>30,246</u>	<u>261,426</u>	<u>279,084</u>
Ending Balance	\$ 2,392	\$ 929	\$ 2,392	\$ 929
TITHING SUMMARY				
Total Gifts Received	\$ 29,809	\$ 27,777	\$258,478	\$275,763
Pro-rated Budget	<u>37,153</u>	<u>37,370</u>	<u>297,255</u>	<u>298,961</u>
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (7,344)	\$(9,593)	\$(38,777)	\$(23,198)

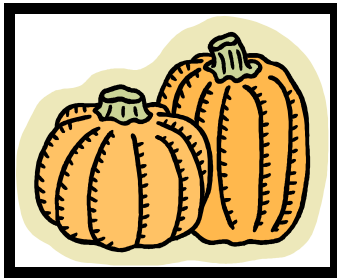
Outstanding Bill are \$31,598.00

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October

October Birthdays & Anniversaries

1 Matthew Dambro, Michael Feinauer, Melissa Netkowski, 2 Roland Taglauer, 3 Ginger Behmlander, 4 Madeline Lynch, Matthew Lynch, David Whalen, 5 Richard Burch, 6 James Ayres, John Gengler, Jack Greenleaf Jr., 7 Esther Greenleaf, Eugene Stagra, 8 Dianna Heading, Erin Kent, Gregory Kozuch, 9 Beverly Kolm, 10 Lynn Schmidt, 11 William Friebe, Donald Wackerly, 12 Judith Lance, 13 Kyle Arnold, Samuel Carlin, 15 Jason Kelly, Jacob Vennix, 16 Linda Varner, Cindy Styn, 18 Rebecca Feinauer, Betty Lindstrom, 19 Walter Wegene, 21 Chad Fournier, Wayne Schroeder, Trevor Zielinski, 22 Janette Fowler, Arthur Prahl, Elmer Smith, 23 Tracey Zielinski, 25 Coryn Lewicki, 26 Kimberly Bejcek, Debra Collins, Harold Fowler, Brian Wegener, 27 Steven Feinauer, 28 Peter Fredrich, 30 Daniel Clarey

Anniversaries

1 Larry & Angelica Keidel, 3 Dale & Sharon Pickelman, 7 Roland & Ilene Taglauer, 8 Gary & Debra Pyle, 10 Richard & Stacey, Dale & Paula Ruff, 12 Ron & Madeline Lynch, William & Jessica Melick Jr., 15 James & Michele Mantei, 16 Harold & Janette Fowler, 19 Jack & Dorothy Greenleaf Sr., Marvin & Donna Wegener, 20 Roger & GeriAnne Schmidt, Eugene & Audrey Stagra

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in the gym*

