

April
2008

GRACE SPOTLIGHTER

EASTER IS THE TIME FOR FEASTING

Lent was a time for fasting. For forty days our desire was to bring our bodies into submission, to train ourselves to live not by food but by every Word that proceeds from the mouth of God. No one ever got stronger, nor was the devil ever overcome, by doing what the body wants. Successful armies and successful athletes are those who know discipline and self-control.

But now Lent is over. Easter is the time of feasting! Jesus lives. Death is done. Sin is forgiven. Creation is remade. The rules are broken. It does not matter whether you kept the fast or not. Nor does it matter what grievous sins you have committed. It doesn't even matter how faithful or faithless you have been. Jesus lives! It is the time of the feast. Let no one fast. Let no one repent or hang his head in sorrow or consider his sins anymore. Jesus lives! Death is dead! Sins are removed and God is pleased. And the body, our one-time enemy, is redeemed and restored, its joys are cleansed and sanctified. Eat, drink, and be merry — laugh and rejoice, for Jesus lives!

Jesus is risen from the dead, not for our fasting and discipline, not for our patience and submission, but for His perfect love, to our unending joy. The rules are broken. The lazy are victorious. The weak are strong. The sinful are holy. We feast for this next week of weeks in forgiveness and grace. We seek no moderation, no self-control, for the Lord our God is generous and extravagant and has crushed the devil on our behalf.

Jesus lives! Salvation and heaven are free and without strings. There is no prerequisite, no charge, no background check. We have been brought



out of bondage and led through the gates of Hell on dry ground. The seal of the grave has been broken, the morning of a new creation breaks forth out of night, and all the sons and daughters of Adam are brothers. In Easter joy the holy angels laugh like mothers watching their babies take their first steps. Creation is remade and we are the firstborn, who have come by the water and the blood to a Temple made without hands, a Cornerstone once-rejected, risen and pristine, holy and perfect, our Bridegroom and Friend. The Resurrection of Our Lord is pure joy-pure delight in the goodness of God and His creation, for Jesus was slain to make us clean, to make us His, and Jesus, our Jesus, Lord of Life, Jesus lives.

Our Lord's suffering is full of irony and paradox. The priests who plotted against Jesus feared the people but not God. The Master served the disciples and washed their feet. Jesus died an ignoble death but called it His moment of glory. He was betrayed with a kiss. He allowed no violence or response in kind against those who come after Him with swords and clubs. He was accused of blasphemy, while the accusers committed it by failing to worship Him. Pi-

late asked "What is Truth?" to the One who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

The people rightly confessed that Jesus deserved to die according to the Law. They were correct, though they didn't mean what they said, even as the high priest prophesied apart from faith that it was expedient that one man should die for the people, and not that the whole nation should perish.

The irony continues. It was the will of the Father that the guilty Barabbas go free and the innocent Jesus die in his place. So also, the people asked for what the Lord wanted when they cried, "His Blood to be upon us and our children!" Finally, no epitaph has ever been so true, no accusation so precise, as "Jesus of Nazareth King of the Jews."

The irony throughout is found in the contrast between the good and gracious will of Our Father and the sinful, evil intentions of the people. They meant it for evil; God used it all for good.

But on Easter morning there was no irony.

Pastor Seaver

TAKING CARE OF OUR MOST PRECIOUS GIFT

When we at Grace consider our stewardship, most often financial giving comes to mind. On occasion we are asked to take an inventory of how we could use our time and talents within our congregation. This year your stewardship committee is asking you to consider "Are you being a good steward of God's marvelous gift -- your life?"

In Genesis 1, God gave life first, before money, before anything else. Being good stewards of our health enables us to be God's instruments more fully. Having good working bodies increases our service to Him and to our families.

As with any thing we pursue in life it is prudent to start out with a vision or a mission. And this year we will focus on "**Committed in Faith and Fitness.**" We will help our congregation assess and improve their physical and emotional fitness and provide opportunities for Christian fellowship/outreach doing "healthy" activities.

To start this initiative, we will be conducting a "brainstorming" session on Sunday, April 13th at 10:30 a.m. in the Library. We would especially appreciate anyone who works in the health care industry or related field to join us. The goal

will be to identify what areas of expertise we have within our congregation, identify what information/activities we can provide and determine if we can impact our community in a "healthy way" that might facilitate our Christian outreach.

Starting in April, take a minute and stop by our **Committed in Faith and Fitness** Activity/Information board located in the narthex. We'd like to learn more about your interests and current exercise/fitness activities. Let us know if there is a particular health topic that you would like to have more information on.

If we made a list of the blessings our Lord has given us to support our earthly existence, good health would certainly be at the top. He daily watches over us and bountifully provides all that we need to support this life. In 2008 may our congregation join together and become better managers of



"Afraid yet filled with joy," the Gospel describes the women Easter morning. We get accustomed to grinding along, meeting disappointment, and expecting as many or more "downs" than "ups." We don't quite know how to be or how to act with such exhilarating, life-changing news: "He is not here; he has risen, just as he said."

And then to be directed by the angel to carry this precious announcement. The resurrection of Jesus has an

immediate personal impact on women sent instantly forward with this banner message, "He has risen just as He said."

Without training, without any guidance except to go quickly, without experience in these things—they go. We can understand "afraid yet filled with joy."

Yet who do they meet first as they run with this magnificent announcement? Jesus himself! They threw their arms around him. They looked into his beloved eyes. They adored and worshipped him. This was the best of the best! Jesus was alive after having died.

The Gospel is just Jesus, greeting them, soothing them, and

calming their fears. But more. He sends them on. "Go, tell my brothers." Go; go in my joy. "Tell them I will meet them in Galilee."

What laughter must have been in our Lord's voice, urging them to put wings to their feet. Hasten your way. I want them to know. And I want **you** to have the joy of telling them.

Isn't that one of the thrills about magnificent news—the very joy of telling it, of seeing others light up with amazement and surprise? Of celebrating all that you know is true! Even this joy Jesus would grant them by sending them to tell it.

He entrusts the news of that for which he gave his life, the undeniable Gospel of his death and resurrection to you and me. Don't you love it!

We aren't left in the pew just to get an Easter memo. We are invited, urged, and loving thrust out of the nest, to put wings on our feet and mirth in our telling this astonishingly wonderful news, "Jesus, who was crucified... has risen, just as he said."

Now, go tell anybody. "Go, make disciples of all nations." And who will you meet as you go? Jesus himself. Because he promised, "I will be with you always, to the very end of the age."

— Pastor Reed

(From one of the Grace web page devotions)

Jesus, our Forever Friend Friends are great gifts from God... and the greatest friend of all is Jesus, our Savior!

Grab your gear and join Friendship Trek, a wonderful hike through the Bible to meet Jesus, our Forever Friend. Kids find fun, faith, and friends at Friendship Trek. Experience Jesus' friendship, enjoy meeting friends, and learn to care for one another.

Kids explore friend-filled Bible stories about Jesus. They run to follow Jesus as He reaches out to a new friend named Matthew. They go along as a centurion's friends ask Jesus to heal the man's servant—and He does! They trek to the temple as Jesus heals a blind friend, then go to Bethany to see Jesus raise His friend Lazarus from the dead. Finally, they scurry to a locked room on Easter evening to witness the ultimate love Jesus showed by giving His life for His friends.



Meet at the Trailhead

Each day begins at Trailhead Opening where kids meet their Friendship Circles and Circle Guides. They sing, pray, and start with Alex, a trail guide. Four new friends join Alex on a mountain hike and experience conflicts that raise issues about the kids' friendship with Jesus and one another.

Then kids hike their own Friendship Trek to five sites where they unpack the Bible story and explore the friendship Jesus offers.

Best Friend

Friends are great gifts from God, and Jesus is the greatest friend of all! God bless you as you share Jesus, our Forever Friend, with old and new friends this summer at Friendship Trek, our Grace VBS, June 23-26!

We invite any and all helpers to gather for a preliminary planning meeting on **Tuesday, April 8, 7:00 p.m.** Helpers with music, games, lessons, snacks, publicity, decorations, and more all lend themselves to making a wonderful summer occasion for children and our church. Please put on your calendar the dates for VBS and our first preparation meeting.



God's Help with Discipline

Peter Fredrich, Principal

Your children are your disciples. You are the model of what you want them to grow up to be. If these sentences are a bit scary, they should be. The answer to that fear is to pray. Pray fervently, pray often, pray with confidence that God stands ready to answer your prayer in ways that you cannot imagine. God loves you and chose you to be the parents of these children. He will gladly support you in the task He has assigned to you.



Through prayer, God will help you

- treat your children with respect and gently, but firmly hold them responsible for treating you and other family members with equal respect. Your family should show and feel unconditional love for each other at all times.
- be honest about your mistakes. Apologize and accept forgiveness. Explain why you were wrong and what you should have done instead.
- provide an environment that encourages your child to obey. Take care to watch and help them learn to resist temptations. Know what is going on when you are with your children and when they are away.
- to set limits and hold firm to them. Children have a love/hate relationship with limits. They desire the safety and security provided by limits, but they are also in a near constant state of challenging them as they grow and learn.
- to show unconditional love. Consistency and courtesy in your words and actions will build a solid level of trust between you and your children. As children grow and learn, our level of trust needs to grow alongside that physical development.
- deal with a misbehavior as close to the event as possible. In terms our child can understand, explain what was wrong and what behavior is desired.
- stay calm when disciplining your child. Remember that you are modeling desired behaviors all the time. Children learn how to push parent "buttons" as readily as they learn to push the buttons of their siblings. We are adults and can learn to ignore the button-pushing. In doing so, we teach a powerful lesson about dealing with disappointment.
- to redirect your child to desired behav-

iors. With young children, this is how you remove temptations. With older children it is important for modeling successful behaviors. You do your child no favor by concentrating on what you do NOT want him or her to do. Spend more of your discipline words and actions on what you WANT your children to do.

- see things from your child's point of view. The motivation behind each mistake, misbehavior, or bad choice is sin and our sinful nature. This is no less true for our children than it is for us as parents.

Raising children of God in this chaotic world is an overwhelming task – a task for which we are no match. Our strongest blessing is the fact that God does not merely charge us with this responsibility, but stand ready to help us in every aspect of it. God loves your children even more than you do. He wants and knows what is best from them. We just need to ask Him.

We held Open House/Early Registration in mid-March. If parents were unable to attend that evening, we are still accepting early registration until April 30th. Our goal of having an open house/early registration was to register current students early, and meet new prospective parents and answer any questions. Kindergarten – eighth grade registration fees for 2008-09 will be increased.

However, any family that registers early and pays a non-refundable deposit of \$100.00 per child, will only pay \$285.00 registration, this year's fee. Again, the deposit must be made before April 30. Any new students that are non-member of Grace Congregation are encouraged to register as well and for next year, will only have to pay half of the regular tuition fees. Our goal is to get new faces in our school. We are convinced that once they enroll and become a part of our school family, they will stay. All members of Grace Congregation have no tuition, and support the work of the school through their regular Sunday offerings.

Spring Break this year is the following week, March 31 through April 4. Classes also resume the following Monday, April 7.

Achievement testing for all of our students will be the week April 7– 11. Please make efforts to insure that your child does the best. Make sure that your children get plenty of sleep, receive a balanced breakfast and lunch, and receive a lot of encouragement and praise for jobs well done. As soon as results are available, parents will receive a copy of their children's test results.

JUNIOR HIGH HIGHLIGHTS

Religion instruction discusses God's power and grace in the church following Pentecost. The students will understand that we are a part of the New Testament Church. It is essentially a study of the Book of Acts. We are "fearfully and wonderfully" made.



We have just begun the study of the human body systems. Life Science will focus on the skeletal, muscular, and digestive systems of the human body. Our globetrotting has brought the class to countries of Southwest Asia and North Africa. As a result of huge oil profits, these areas have enormous wealth along side absolute poverty. This part of the world, an area of great ethnic diversity, suffers from political and economic instability. Mathematics is a part of each of our lives. We use it when we figure our incomes, go shopping at the grocery store, or examine our monthly Consumers Energy bill. The seventh grade will look at these topics as well as additional ones for April's math discussions. The eighth grade will be analyzing linear equations.



Our students enjoyed a close-up look at a tortoise during our Wetlands' Assembly.

5 & 6 Grade Happenings

How comforting and uplifting to now say, "Alleluia, Christ is risen!" The 5th and 6th grades hope your Easter celebration is a joyous, growing experience! We welcomed the month of March with National Lutheran School's Week and a good time was had by all! We ate pancakes, wore our "Grace Grizzly" gear, worshipped with hundreds at Valley Lutheran, dressed up in our silliest attire and had ice cream and a movie. Thank you to our parents for all their support and the goodies for the staff each day as well. We enjoyed our pampering! The week wrapped up with our Social Studies and Art Fairs complete with prizes from our adopted artist Mr. Eric Larsen. Thanks Mr. Larsen for sharing all your artistic gifts with our students and your generosity with the Art Fair!

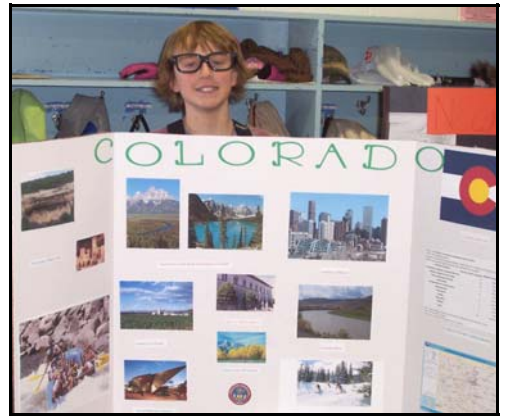
On Thursday, March 13th Bailey Heading and Laura Clare competed in the Bay/Midland Spelling Bee. They both gave it their best shot and went home wiser and more prepared for the re-match next year. We are so proud of both of you! Look out 2009 competitors, these girls are intense and focused on success!

Our annual open house for interested new comers and pre-registration for school

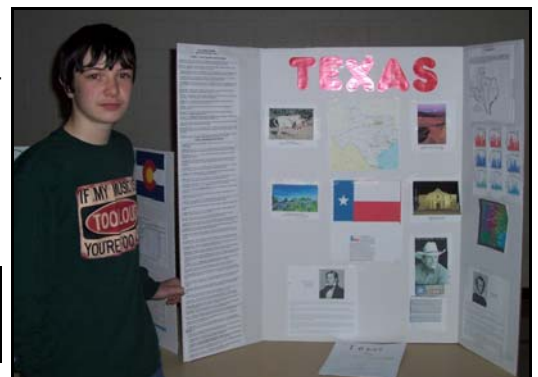
families took place on March 11th. The Lord brought new faces to our school and prospects for additions next year. Remember to tell all your neighbors, friends and relatives about the great things going on here at Grace! Pray for our efforts and the Lord will care for our students as He promised to do in Proverbs 22:6, "Train a child in the way he should go, and when his is old he will not turn from it." We are eager and ready, guided by the Spirit, to share the good news of Christ and all the required academics with students in grades K – 8.

Our class is excited about the events to come! We will all take a week to rest and relax then it's on to our service project to help pack food for kids in hunger with an event at Valley Lutheran on April 11th, then we are off to tour the capital in Lansing on the 15th. Enjoy the longer days and warmer weather as we get spring in full gear!

- Room three
- the 5th and 6th grade class



Travis giving his State report on Colorado.



Dylan giving his State report on Texas.

3rd & 4th Grade Happenings

Lutheran School's Week was a success. The students and staff enjoyed praising God together and getting a little wild and crazy too. The celebration included videos, popcorn, sundaes, dressing crazy, a worship service at Valley Lutheran, wearing school colors, and enjoying a delicious breakfast. At the end of the week the students sang and played their Orff instruments in church. After the service, the art fair and the social studies fair were held in the gym. Art fair winners in our room were Michael and Morgan. Again, we would like to thank our CPTL for the monetary donations, pizza, and their continued support. Thank you also to all Lutheran School's Week volunteers. You've made this special week possible with your kindness and generosity.

St. Patrick's Day fell on a Monday this year; students wore green and ate green snacks. We made shamrocks out of geometric shapes. It was a fun afternoon.

Students have been studying the six body systems in health. They are making a model of our body as they learn what's inside us and how we function. To enhance their learning, we went to the Midland Center for the Arts and viewed the Grossology exhibit. Students got to climb a skin wall, slide through a model of our digestive system, walk in a nose, and make

a statue belch and vomit.

At the wetlands assembly students learned about snapping turtles, snakes, minks, and red-shouldered hawks. They learned to leave a snapping turtle be (if you pick it up by the tail you may injure its back), that minks were hunted for their fur, Michigan has a snake that looks like a rattle-snake (but isn't poisonous at all), and that red-shoulder hawks can see long distances. All of the animals we saw were endangered or threatened.

Our class also entered a competition held by Magic 106.3. It is called "Jim and the Magic Beanstalk." The object is to grow the tallest bean plant. We are competing against twenty other schools. Our class is invited to the final judging on Saturday, April 5, at Abele's Greenhouse at 10:15 a.m. Students have



Fourth graders planting their beans for Jim and the Magic Beanstalk Contest

been watering the plant and talking to it. Some students have read to it at DEAR time. We have also been using a lamp to give the plant some extra light.

Hope you all had a Happy Easter!
God Bless,

Ms. Schroeder



Kaylee & Spenser slide out of the large intestine as they play in a model of our digestive system.

Grades K, 1 & 2

March was a very busy month! Lutheran Schools Week was at the beginning of the month. There were many special activities including going to Valley Lutheran High School, participating in the Art Fair and Social Studies Fair, and many different dress up days.

Then the following week we had a Wetlands Assembly. We saw four different animals: a mink, a red-shouldered hawk, box snake, and a snapping turtle. It was lots of fun!!! The next week we went to Chippewa Nature Center for their Sugarbush program. We learned all about how sap is made into maple syrup. Come check out the pictures and sentences we wrote about the Wetlands Assembly and our visit to Chippewa Nature Center.

We are looking forward to going to Chippewa Nature Center two more times yet this year. It is a really fun place to learn and visit!

At the end of the month we had our first Kindergarten Round-up. We will have another one on April 15th. If you know of anyone interested in sending their child here for kindergarten, let them know about our Kindergarten Round-up times!

Of course, we have also been very busy with other school work in the classroom. We have been working hard on our writing skills and group work skills. All of us are also becoming better readers. Many 1st grade students are taking their Accelerated Reader tests all by themselves! Our math skills are progressing also. We have been working on telling time, counting money, measuring in inches and centimeters, and learning the difference between a cup, pint, quart, and gallon.

As you can tell, our class has been very busy and full of energy! We are all very excited about learning. We all are especially excited when we get to work together on projects. We pray that you are also excited about learning new things. We also pray that you take the time to worship our Lord and Savior at every opportunity.



Here are two groups working on their reports from the trip to the Chippewa Nature Center.



Given in Memory

Dorothy Gettel
By
Pauline Behmlander

Minnie Pacholka
By
Don Wackerly, Sandy Harrison

Mike Loderash
By
Vi Koehler

Angeline LeVasseur
By
Don & Darlene Pfannes

Benefit for Geoffrey Goodman Spaghetti Dinner & Bake Sale
Trinity, St. James Munger
Friday, April 4, 2008
4 PM-7PM

A Touch of Italy
Benefit for Thrivent Builds for Bay County Habitat for Humanity
At Zion Lutheran, Bay City
Saturday, April 5, 2008
3 PM-7 PM

Boy Scout Troop 141
Pancake Egg Breakfast
Sunday, April 13, 2008
Williams Township Hall
8 AM-1 PM

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Please check the bulletin board in the hallway at church for more information on up coming activities.

***Depend on
Jesus, He Can Carry
Any Cross***

A Message from Pastor Ken Klaus

**Do you ever get
tired of being sold?**

We live in a culture where we are bombarded with selling messages - "Buy now and save!" - 24 hours a day on television, radio, billboards, the Internet. Everywhere, someone is trying to sell us something.

When I read the Gospels, I rejoice to see Jesus is not a seller of stuff; He is the giver of salvation, the Savior from sin, the carrier of crosses.

That is God's truth, which we need to remember during the season of Lent. Jesus is the lover of sinful humanity who gave His life so we might have life eternal.

Jesus came to offer up His very life to give us what we truly, eternally need: forgiveness. He did not come to convince us to buy the market's newest product which promises us lasting happiness.

Read the story of Jesus' life and you will soon see that He was fully dedicated to doing the job which the Father had appointed. He knew that job would entail unspeakable suffering and a cursed death on the cross. His life was giving, not selling.

Instead, Jesus' example of self-sacrifice is the ultimate evidence of how much the Lord loves us.

Although some preachers simply and others bluntly state a Christian's life is easy, that kind of thinking is never found in the words of the Savior. The truth is, following Jesus means carrying a cross. Look at the Old Testament heroes of faith. Which one of them was without a cross? Noah, Abraham and Sarah, Joseph, Moses, David, and so many others carried crosses placed upon them because of their commitment, their faith, and their witness.

Whatever cross you carry ... the risen Savior is by your side making sure that cross doesn't crush you.

Jesus' earthly father, Joseph, stood by Mary when he knew the child she was carrying wasn't his. That was a cross. Mary consented to be the mother of the Messiah, even though that meant tongues might wag and she would someday stand at the foot of the cross, watching her Son die - saving her and those who put Him there.

Jesus said those who follow Him will carry crosses.

As one of Christ's redeemed children, you are not an exception.

If I visited all **The Lutheran Hour®** listeners and could ask



them, "What cross is yours because you follow Jesus?" the list would be lengthy. Some have been passed over for promotions because they would not sell out the Savior; others have lost the love of someone close to them because they would not compromise their values. Space won't allow me to continue the list.

Whatever cross you carry, let me assure you that the risen Savior is by your side making sure that cross doesn't crush you. He will, by divine promise, help you carry your cross until the appointed time for it to be removed altogether.

This you can believe, for the Christ has said it will be so. It is, along with faith, forgiveness, and life eternal, one more gift which comes from the Lord. He is, after all, a Savior, not a seller of stuff.

May the forgiveness of sins the Christ has won for you through His life, suffering, death, and glorious resurrection be with you during this season of penitence and always.

In Christ I remain His servant and yours,

Pastor Ken Klaus

Speaker of

The Lutheran Hour

Unpaid bills as March 17, 2008

		2007	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	
VENDOR	Amount						
Valley Tuition	Tuition	9,285.00					
MISSION	Missions	13,440.00			2,500.00	2,500.00	
PAYMENT							
Universal Bldg	Cleaning service		606.00	1,212.00	1,212.00		
I K O N	Copier contract		212.00		396.00		
Office Reimb	Office supplies		181.89				
Mileage Reimb	Pastors mileage		1,036.64				
Ch. Budget Envel	Church envelopes			780.64			
Concordia Pub	Publications				59.50	45.37	
Organist	Organist services				100.00		
Ch Ext Fund	Mortgage					2,628.00	
A T & T	Telephone					191.24	
B C B S	Medical premiums					2,816.70	
Concordia Plan	Employee benefits					1,341.24	
		22,725.00	2,036.53	1,992.64	4,267.50	9,522.55	40,544.22

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH TITHING 2008

WEEK	TITHES RECEIVED		TITHES NEEDED		YTD + or -
		YTD	WEEKLY	YTD	
6-Jan-2008	\$7,098	\$7,098	\$8,150	\$8,150	-1,052
13-Jan-2008	\$6,031	\$13,129	\$8,150	\$16,300	-3,171
20-Jan-2008	\$5,769	\$18,898	\$8,150	\$24,450	-5,552
27-Jan-2008	\$5,884	\$24,782	\$8,150	\$32,600	-7,818
3-Feb-2008	\$8,492 *	\$33,274	\$8,150	\$40,750	-7,476
10-Feb-2008	\$5,534	\$38,808	\$8,150	\$48,900	-10,092
17-Feb-2008	\$6,131	\$44,939	\$8,150	\$57,050	-12,111
24-Feb-2008	\$7,996	\$52,935	\$8,150	\$65,200	-12,265
2-Mar-2008	\$8,803 *	\$61,738	\$8,150	\$73,350	-11,612
9-Mar-2008	\$7,521	\$69,259	\$8,150	\$81,500	-12,241
16-Mar-2008	\$8,319 *	\$77,578	\$8,150	\$89,650	-12,072

Attention Ladies!

On Tuesday, April 8, the ladies of Grace congregation are invited to a cookie exchange. We'll meet at 7:00 pm in the library. Bring three dozen cookies to share and be prepared to take a box home with you. Also, cookie sampling is encouraged while we elect (or re-elect) officers for next year.



Looking ahead - - on Saturday, April 26, we will be hosting the LWML Zone Spring Rally. Women from nine congregations in our MidMichigan Zone will be in attendance. Registration and breakfast will be from 9:00 - 10:00 am followed by our speaker, Kathleen Morris from Troy, Michigan. Kathleen is the Regional Religious Life Director of Bethesda Lutheran Homes and Services, Inc. Bethesda has three group homes for the developmentally disabled in our area; one in Saginaw and two in Frankenmuth, housing a total of nine men and eleven women. For an ingathering for the homes, we are asking for donations by April 25th of adult easy to read books (6th grade - Jr. High reading level), easy puzzles (jigsaw, crossword, word search), board games, cards, dominos, checkers, Christian videos, and Christian music CDs.



Looking even farther ahead - - the Ladies of Grace Spring Dinner will be held at 6:00 pm, Tuesday, May 13, in the school library. A Javanese dinner is being planned with special entertainment. Details will follow in the May Spotlighter and Sunday bulletins closer to this date.

Grace Lutheran - Auburn's Kick Back & Scrap is BACK!!!

We are having a TWO-DAY scrapbooking event, April 18-19 to benefit the 7th and 8th grade Spring 2009 trip to Washington D.C. We hope you are able to come join us! Registration forms can be found in the narthex. Bring all your friends for a fun-filled day! We have a few spots left so call Carol at (989) 695-4760 or email at CarolHarrison@msn.com
Make checks out to Grace Lutheran.

Spring Cleaning ???

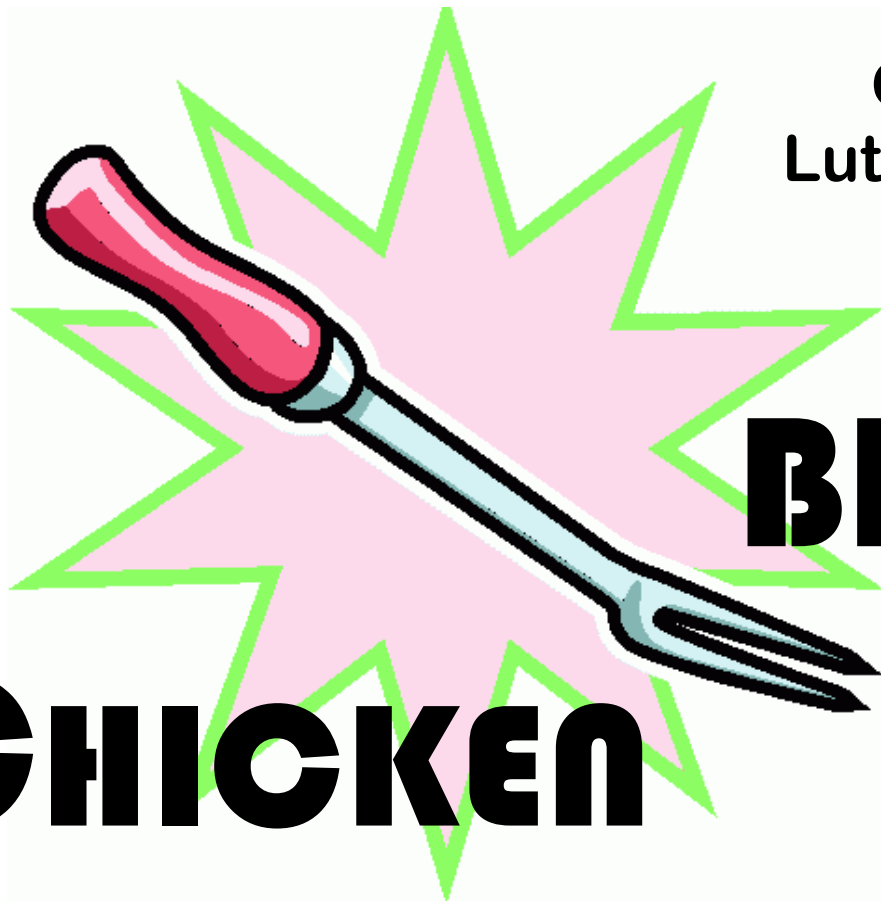
RuMmAge Sale

Grace School is having a garage sale during the annual Auburn Treasure Hunt Days which will be held on May 15-17. The garage sale will benefit our 2009 7th/8th grade class trip to Washington DC.

We would be happy to take your gently used items off your hands. We are looking for any misc. items, and clothes from infant to children size 16.

Please watch the bulletin for drop off areas. If you have any questions or want to schedule a pick up please call Christine Fiebke 496-2009.

Grace
Lutheran
Youth



BBQ

CHICKEN

Sunday May 4, 2008

303 W. Ruth St. Auburn

11:30 am — 2:00 pm

Freshly Grilled Chicken ♦ Baked Potato ♦ Sweet Corn
Creamy Coleslaw ♦ Baked Beans
Topped off with our excellent homemade dessert!

1/4 Chicken

1/2 Chicken

Advance Ticket **\$5.50**

\$7.00

At The Door **\$6.50**

\$8.00

Call 662-6161 for advance ticket savings

Help our youth raise funds to attend Treasure Island, the Michigan LCMS Senior High Youth Gathering on Mackinac Island this summer

We're pleased to serve you as Christ has served us!

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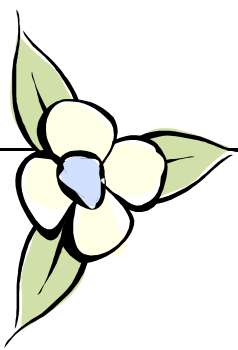
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Grace Church Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6 8:00 (H.C.) & 10:30 Worship	7 7:30 Men's Bible Study	8 7:00 VBS Meeting 7:30 School Board Achievement	9 6:30 am Men's Bible Study 7:00 Midweek Service Testing	10 7:00 Choir Rehearsal Week	11	12 8:00 am Women's Bible Study
13 8:00 & 10:30 Worship (H.C.)	14 7:30 Men's Bible Study	15 9:00 World Relief Quilting 7:00 Board of Elders 7:30 Elementary Band	16 6:30 am Men's Bible Study 7:00 Midweek Service (H.C.)	17 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	18 Kick-Back & Scrap	19 8:00 am Women's Bible Study Kick-Back & Scrap
20 8:00 (H.C.) & 10:30 Worship 9:30 Sunday School	21 7:30 Men's Bible Study	22 7:00 C.P.T.L. Meeting	23 6:30 am Men's Bible Study 7:00 Midweek	24 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	25 7th & 8th Grade Dance	26 LWML Women's Zone Breakfast & Meeting
27 8:00 & 10:30 Worship (H.C.)	28 7:00 Executive Board	29	30 7:00 Ascension Eve Worship (H.C.)			



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Birthdays

3 Sherry Ralph, 3 Kye Sugden, 4 Carolyn Lewicki, 4 Caitlin Schafer, 4 Irene Seaver, 5 Amber Thurlow, 6 Paul Varner, 7 Michele Mantei, 7 Kenneth Marotzke, 8 Gary Rogers, 9 Suzanne Kelly, 11 Cheri Hopcroft, 12 Douglas Bejcek, 12 Sarah Collins, 12 Ellie Simpson, 13 Marjorie Marner, 13 Todd Schroeder, 15 Janet Reisig, 16 Bonnie Cole, 16 Bonnie Frank, 16 Mark Hetzner, 16 Angelica Keidel, 16 Christopher Roth, 16 Susan Sauer, 16 Evan Storey, 17 Eden Lewicki, 17 Matthew Schnell, 18 Gilbert Bartz, 18 Robert Harper, 18 Kim Herbolsheimer, 18 Benjamin Hyatt, 19 Pauline Gehringer, 21 Eric Bickham, 21 Ronald Mularz, 21 Lola Zielinsk, 22 Cecelia Crane, 22 Penny Mularz, 23 Allison Wolf, 24 Carol Harrison, 24 Kevin Whalen, 25 Kathy Feinauer, 25 Gene Meyer, 25 Debra Pyle, 25 Kenneth Reisig, 26 Kristy Brandt, 26 Rosilyn Taglauer, 27 Robert Arnold, 28 Nathan Morford, 28 Zachary Mularz, 28 Sarah Schwartz, 29 Nolan Morford, 30 Jenna Brown, 30 Kelly Cole, 30 Cynthia Fredrich

Anniversaries

1 Michael & Nancy Stark, 4 Ronald & Pamela Kent, 10 Walter & Margaret Barber, 14 Leslie & Shirley Gray, 16 Thomas & Kelly Robson, 22 Rick & Susan Walter, 23 Terry & Diane McNally, 30 Robert & Olive Schmidt