

# GRACE SPOTLIGHTER

*"I speak in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves of uncleanness, and of lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves of righteousness for holiness. For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

— Romans 6:9,20-23

## AFRAID TO BE FORGIVEN?



Cicero and Brutus chafed under Caesar's pardon. By his generosity Caesar made it clear that he had power over their lives.

In the United States the president has the power to pardon. It is the ultimate authority,

the ability to subvert justice and allow crime.

As demonstrated in the case of Richard Nixon, the president's pardon can even mean that the accused does not have to face the charges. He is not tried, neither is he allowed to be accused. His guilt is obvious, but the president lets him off the hook - he gives his life back to him. The power to wage war and take life pales in comparison to this power.

Once there was a poem written about how the author didn't want Jesus to forgive her. He could forgive everyone else, but not her. She didn't want that debt. She preferred to stand on her own, make her own recompense, and be free. Why?

Was it that she better understood our Lord than we? For she certainly recognized the power that the Pardoner has. She did not want to submit to forgiveness and allow Him that power.

Through baptism our sins are forgiven and we become slaves of God. You cannot have two masters. You will have a master, one way or another, willingly or unwillingly, knowingly or in ignorance. You will either be a slave to sin or a slave to God.

That being said, while being a slave to sin leads to eternal death, it is a scary thing to become a slave to God. It is nothing less than a passage through death, and that is rarely calm and peaceful.

So, too, do slaves of God, still struggling on this side of glory, look back to the slavery in Egypt and, with the forgetfulness of sin, lust for what they once had. We chafe under freedom's restraints. We want to rule ourselves - to have no masters and no consequences.

But what a joy it is to be ever welcomed back to Jesus Christ, to submit anew to that mightiest of powers, to submit to forgiveness and accept it as purest gift, undeserved, unearned, unobtainable, but given out of perfect love.

Here is where and how the Kingdom of God exercises His authority and strength. He is our King, and He rules us by grace, with forgiveness, through pardon, and clemency and mercy. Submission to that forgiveness is awkward and scary. It is embarrassing and feels incredibly risky. But there is no joy on earth like it. Thanks be to God: we have a Master!

Pastor Wade

## THANK YOU, MRS. VANSICKLE



Over nearly half century, Grace School has been blessed with many educators who have contributed immensely to the welfare of children of our congregation. One of those teachers is Mrs. LuAnn VanSickle. For the last four years she has ably and conscientiously served as Christian teacher of our fifth and sixth grades.

With the conclusion of this academic year, Mrs. VanSickle will be leaving the classroom in order to devote herself full time as a mom. It wasn't an easy decision, she said, in light of her love for students and for Grace where she says she has felt so very much at home and has believed the Lord meant her to serve.

Our loss, however, is nothing but gain for the VanSickle's lovely young daughter, Samantha, whom they adopted from China in 2005, and who can look forward to having Mom home full time.

The children and families of our school have benefited immeasurably from her dedication. Mrs. VanSickle's affection for her students has always been evident, and we thank her for the service she's given. We wish her only the best and know that should the day come that she is able to return to a classroom, future students will say as ours have, Mrs. VanSickle is "loving," "kind," "amazing."

# LET'S GET PERSONAL

The devotion here is one of the CROSS POINT messages Pastor Reed has been writing and sending daily to members with E-mail addresses we know. If you would like to receive CROSS POINTS, please make sure we have your current Email.

## Matthew 11:16-20

*"But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to their playmates,*

*"We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn."*

*For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.' The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is justified by her deeds."*

*Then he began to denounce the cities where most of his mighty works had been done, because they did not repent.*

or apply to one's person. I hold my *private* views.

It's only as soon as he begins to get personal: that is, as soon as what he says begins to unsettle me myself, have a critical effect on my private space, my personal life, my ambitions and aspirations, my personal ethics - then its Adios!

But have you thought about just how personal it got with Jesus?

Again and again he faced *ad hominem* attacks ("arguments against the man"). They attacked his character rather than address the substance of his claims. They abused him personally to discredit God's Word.

It got very, very personal.

"He's Out!"

Considering it a blown call, the manager tears out of the dugout. He rushes up to the first base umpire within an inch of his face and let's loose a barrage of complaint.

The man doesn't move. He doesn't even lean backward.

The manager throws his cap on the ground, kicks dirt on the bag. He waves his arms. He rallies the crowd. It goes on for a minute or two.

You know if he touches the ump, he'll be thrown out of the game. And you wonder what he finally actually said that after two minutes of rant and rave caused the umpire to dramatically pitch his finger toward the showers and toss that manager for good.

You can bet it was something *personal*.

Referees and umpires are accustomed to objections to their calls. In a fast moving game someone will invariably disagree with one ruling or another.

But you cannot invade a man's personal space.

Touch him with as much as one finger, say something that attacks his person rather than his decision, and out you go.

So, the advice to all ball players, to all men, all employees, all voters, all people—

Don't get personal! It's the quickest way to get yourself booted.

Is that the way it should also be in the church? Teach the rules. Play by the rules. Take the consequences like a grown-up.

But don't get personal?

Don't invade my personal space. Don't speak to me beyond generalities or get inside my personal life. Should it be that even God comes just so far but it be unacceptable if He (or a pastor or elders or other Christians) start to go beneath the surface and get personal.

Is it all fine and dandy to instruct catechism, lay out beliefs and doctrines, recite formalities, but come no closer? A pastor can say all he wants and hold all sorts of views. But I have a personal space that must remain untouchable.

That's the Obama presumption. His pastor says all sorts of whacky outrageous things, but that doesn't mean the parishioners believe them



They called him a "glutton and a drunkard." They insulted him by calling him "a friend of sinners!"

But here is where the true nature and temperament of our Lord is revealed.

Does he stand there unmoved with his arms folded, cool and distant? Is He impassive and untouched? Is He a judge or umpire who just stands the heat longer than most but is ready to throw that sucker out on his ear?

Or does Jesus take it all very personally?

Does he take our slights and injuries personally? Does he feel the hurt, agonize over us, and cry inside? When you and I object or complain to being unfairly treated—when someone chooses to snub worship for recreation—when His own people want to castigate a wrong-doer rather than forgive him—when someone turns their back on another rather than speak lovingly, does Christ take this personally? Without question.

We cannot fathom the emotion and passion which coursed through our Lord as he struggled with the burden of our sins every day. All his life must have been like one uninterrupted mule-kicking.

Yet Jesus has always considered it personal with you. He absolutely takes your life personally by having bound himself and all he has to you in Holy Baptism. His thoughts are always-always-always with you.

Remember one recent Sunday lesson;

*"Can a woman forget her nursing child, that she should have no compassion on the son of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you. Behold, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands."* (Isaiah 49)

His personal investment took Jesus to the cross. His personal care is like the Good Samaritan, to kneel over us, bind our wounds, carry us to safety, provide for every need, and promise to pay every cost.

The only thing that can ruin a man is his own refusal, to reject the person of Christ, and hold jealously his own private space. Like the cities where most of his mighty works had been done, their doors were closed; their hearts were closed. They told Jesus, "This far but no more."

Christ took no satisfaction in censuring them because he had come to redeem them as he has done for us.

Only when someone refuses to repent must God call them as he sees them.

But it will always be personal with our Lord.

To this very day he gives His very person to you. His personal word of forgiveness, His personal assurance to be with you always. Even his private heart he opens to you in grace. We have a personal Savior. This is something Christians know personally. How truly wonderful He is.



# Friendship Trek

## Vacation Bible School



**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 will find fun, faith, and friends at Friendship Trek. Experience Jesus' friendship, enjoy meeting friends, and learn to care for one another.

### **Meet at the Trailhead**

Grace VBS begins June 23, at Trailhead Opening where kids meet their Friendship Circles and Circle Guides. They sing, pray, and start with Alex, our 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 thank those who will be Helpers** with music, games, lessons, snacks, publicity, decorations, and more. You can yourself to making a wonderful summer occasion for children and our church. Please put on your calendar the dates for VBS .



## Sun Sizzle is not Sun Safety

By Principal Peter Fredrich



The change in the ozone layer has made for a change in our exposure to the harmful parts of the sun's rays. Our ancestors of generations back

had daily exposure to large amounts of the sun, yet ours is the generation with the greater risk of skin cancer.

The risk for our children is even greater than it is for us. Just like parents who never rode in a car seat when they were young, learned to strap children into safety seats, those of us who didn't bother with sunscreen when we were little need to learn, teach, and model better sun safety behaviors for our children. Children experience more than half their total life's sun exposure by age 18.

This childhood sun exposure is what will put them at risk for skin damage. Now is the time to instill good habits. Common sense does not always prevail when it comes to sun safety. Here are some common sun safety MYTHS that do not hold up in the light of day:

- We do not need to worry about sunburn on a cool day.

Clouds and cool weather do not filter UV rays. The danger for sunburn may actually be stronger under these circumstances, as the coolness of the air keeps a child from feeling the heat of sunburn.

- Sun damage does not happen during the winter months.

While we do not need sunscreen under our snowsuits, the rays of the winter sun are just as damaging to our eyes and any exposed skin. We need sun protection year round.

- We should use sunscreen at the pool but we do not need to worry about short period of backyard play.

Most damage is attributed to short amounts of daily exposure. Sun protection procedures are recommended any time you are exposed to the sun.

- Darker skin color and sun tans offer the protection we need.

While darker skin color provides some protection, this is only equivalent to sunscreen with a low SPF. Any skin can burn. Also, a sun tan is only evidence of sun damage. It does not provide UV protection or prevent further damage.

In order to build up safety habits that stand up to the strong rays of the sun, let's examine some ABC's of sun safety:

A. is for avoid. Avoid the strongest rays of the day by limiting sun exposure between 10 am. and 4 p.m.

B. is for babies. Babies have skin that is very sensitive and are even more vulnerable to sun damage. Babies younger than 6 months are too young for the safe use of sunscreen and should be protected from the sun in other ways.

C. is for cover-up. Clothes offer another avenue of defense. Clothes that are opaque (you can't see your hand through them) will offer another layer of protection.

D. is for doctor. Take your child to see a physician if a sunburn causes blisters. Some medications can put your child at greater risk of sun damage.

E. is for eyes. Sunglasses need to provide 100% UV protection. Sunglasses that are not marked in this way will only keep your child's eyes from any natural protections eyes can provide by stopping them from squinting.

F. is for find shade. Look for tree shade when picnicking or playing on the playground. You may consider a shade tent. Avoid sandboxes or playground sets that are in areas of the yard with little shade. Hats with brims provide shade for the face and neck and should be a part of an everyday outside fashion statement.

The sun shines every day, whether we see it or not. In order to teach these habits to our children, we need to follow them all of the time,

whether or not they are watching. The best way we teach our children to do something is to model that behavior. God has provided us with information about how to stay safe and healthy. Following that advice on a regular basis is not always easy. You may think you have a losing battle in getting your children to change habits, to wear hats and sunglasses if they do not see their friends doing it. Whether they admit it or



not, your children look to you first when choosing habits.

The end of our forty-sixth year of Christian education has almost reached us. Our graduating eighth graders will receive their diplomas at the completion of the 9:00 service on June 1. Class valedictorian is Catherine Clare, daughter of Mike and Leslie Clare. Jesse Kalitta is class salutatorian and is the son of Paul and Maria Kalitta. The other two graduates are Emily Brandt and Elyssa Webber. Congratulations to all of these fine young Christians.

The School Board has received information from Mrs. VanSickle that she has decided to resign as classroom teacher at the end of this school year. Her obligations of parenthood, a truly daunting task appointed by God, dictates that she must turn her focus elsewhere at this time. She has asked for all of our prayers as she concentrates on the guidance of her own children. The School Board is looking at all options. They are primarily concerned with continuing to provide a quality Christian education for our students, as Mrs. VanSickle has done during her four years with us, without hiring a full time replacement. They will keep the congregation and school families informed of any final decisions that are made.

Special Person's Day was held on May 22. It was a wonderful day complete with a worship service, excellent food, and a mixed bag of musical presentations by the entire student body. The very next day, May 23, our classrooms all journeyed to Williams Township Park for a school picnic complete with hot dogs with all the fixen's followed by a lot of fun and games. The weather was absolutely gorgeous! Thank you, Lord.

The School Board has not yet adopted a calendar for the 2008 - 09 school year as we have not yet received the Bay City Public School's schedule. The calendar will be available in August. The first day of school next year will be September 2. Our starting and ending times also will not change with hours being 8:45 - 3:25.

Our faculty has reviewed our reading curriculum. We will continue with the Harcourt series we find so solidly

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grounded in the basics. We will be purchasing additional resources for our students. To pay for these additional resources and to alleviate some financial burden of the congregation, the Board of Elementary Education has raised the registration fees for the next school year to \$295.00. Those who registered early will only pay this year's rate of \$285.00. Tuition fees charged to non-members of Grace Congregation will remain at \$1,250.00 with additional children in the same family paying \$1050. Grace members are not charged tuition. It is expected that contributions to our church cover at least the same amount that is charged to our non-members.

Looking forward to August, school registration will be **Thursday, August 21<sup>st</sup>**.

To help make the transition between classrooms easier, our teachers will be visiting the homes of any students who will be new to their classrooms. Registration materials will be brought along by the teacher as well as many other things that will help our students get started on the right foot with a new teacher. Students not receiving a home visit will have the registration materials placed in their church mailbox early in August.

I should be in the office most days during the morning hours. Feel free to con-

tact me with any concerns or questions. Our first day of school in the fall will be Tuesday, September 2.



**Emily and Diondra ready to return Jesse's volley an intense game of volleyball.**

**Greetings! From 5th & 6th**

The month of May is drawing to a close as we reflect upon our school year. What a great time we had in Room 3! It seems like only yesterday we were getting acquainted learning about weather and Newberry Award winning books, God's creation of the world, and the pre-historic period in North America. Now we are concluding our science unit on the changing earth, writing our own poetry, studying the Old Testament kings, and looking at the constitutional convention after the Revolutionary War.

We had a chance to write and perform our very own fairy tale plays. Ms. Rudick's classroom was our gracious audience! Here are some photos of our plays.

One was a new twist on the story "The Three Little Pigs", called the "Three Little Birds and the Big, Bad Hunter". Matt Feinauer wrote the script and played one of the birds along with Melissa Vennix and Bailey Heading; Travis McNally played the hunter. The other story was a take off on the Cinderella tale, called "Cindershella" written by Rebecca Hunt. She played Cindershella in our play along with Abbie Hockemeyer as the evil step shell mother and the fairy shell mother, Laura Clare as the evil step shell sister, and Dylan Jean as the Shell Prince. Both plays were well-

received and took much time and effort to prepare. The students created all the props, scenery and backdrops for the plays. Great job 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders!

The students are ready for a break. Summer is approaching and the sun and blue sky are calling them. I regret that I will not be coming back to teach at Grace next year. The Lord is steering me in a different direction; one that began with the adoption of my youngest daughter, Sam. She needs me at home with her right now, and I am compelled to leave. I will miss all of you – your encouragement and support have made these four years fly by and be a true



**Happy Cinco de Mayo Party with Senora Learner the Spanish teacher.**

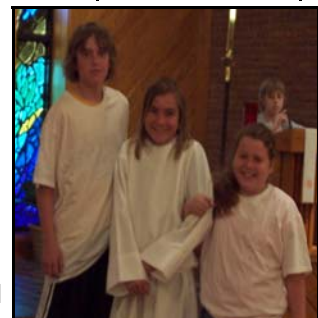
**"Cindershella" Travis, Becka,**



**"Three Little Birds and the Big Bad Hunter"**

blessing to me and my family. My thoughts and prayers will continue for this congregation, school, and the children I was so honored to serve.

"Til we meet again, God's blessings be with you. Mrs. VanSickle



### Looking Back at May's Main Events

Spring has finally sprung and the room 4 students have been very excited to get outdoors to participate in many spring activities. Some of these activities include soccer, track, four square, capture the flag, softball, kickball, and baseball. It is very encouraging to see so many students becoming actively involved with extra curricular activities both within and outside of school.

Education doesn't only happen within the classroom walls. With the warmer weather, students have been



**Spencer & Colton trying to catch water balloons in their baskets**

able to get outdoors and enjoy the fresh air and God's spectacular creation with science, physical education, and art class. In science, we've been studying the weather. We created wind socks and anemometers with the help of friends and relatives. We've been using them to track the wind direction and speed. We've drawn pictures with chalk and created a beautiful masterpiece on the sidewalk, and we've been outdoors running a quarter to a full mile for Presidential Fitness.

Visitors from the community also popped in during May. We had the choir from Western High School come by and perform several songs for us including "Lollipop" and "You've Got a Friend in Me." Also a representative from the Auburn Library stopped by and told us all about the summer program and the activities that will be held there over the next few months. I hope that all the students sign up. There are some nice prizes.

Other memorable times students partook of were Special Persons'



**Morgan with Grandparents making a windsock**

Day and the school picnic. Students and their loved ones worshiped, learned, and ate together. After lunch we played two recorder pieces and sang songs. For the picnic we shuttled over to Williams Township Park. We played games, built sandcastles, and had a water fight. Students enjoyed playing on the playground and eating grilled hotdogs, chips, and other picnic foods.

May 30 was our last day; we had a great year and want to say thank you to all the parents and volunteers that made it possible.

*God Bless – Enjoy the summer!*

### Grades K, 1 & 2

The end of the school year has arrived. How did it get here so fast?! We were very busy the last month of school.

Of course, at the beginning of the month we were preparing our Mother's Day gifts. We designed our own project this year! Everyone had to turn in a "plan" to Miss Rudick. Once the plan was approved we were able to go to the art room and choose anything we needed to complete our Mother's Day gift. It was a very exciting time! There were many creative projects completed.



**Molly making her mother a Mother's Day card**

Then there was Special Person's Day. We had a good day with our special people. In the classroom we learned what it was like when our special person was our age. We found out some really interesting things. Then in the afternoon all of the students displayed their musical talent. Our class enjoyed singing our action songs which we sing frequently in the classroom when we need to move around and "get the bugs out".

Then there was the school picnic. That day is always fun too...even when it rains. We always manage to have fun!

We also were able to visit the Auburn Public Library the last week of school. The children's librarian there gave us a tour and told us more about the summer reading program. We really enjoy reading in our classroom so that was an especially enjoyable field trip! Of course, we did have work to complete before the end of school. Kindergarten learned how to solve story problems in math.

**Alexis with Grandparent Deb Arnold**



The kindergarten students are also beginning to read very well!

1<sup>st</sup> grade learned how to carry and borrow in math. They also began writing very short stories. 2<sup>nd</sup> grade began writing longer stories as well as very silly sentences using their vocabulary words.

We have been very busy! Our brains are nearly full! We know we are ready for the next grade now. It's scary and exciting to think that the school year is over. It's even more exciting to think about next year when we will be in the next grade. We will enjoy the summer to rest and refresh our brains!!! Have a wonderful summer! God be with you!



*Given in Memory*

**Edgar Wegener**

By

- Harlan & Rosie Taglauer
- Mr. & Mrs. Chet Wirsing
- Mr. & Mrs. Tom Idzior
- Mr. & Mrs. John Hupfer
- Kim & Betty Herbolsheimer
- Mr. & Mrs. Les Goedecke
- Carol Fitzgerald
- Mr. & Mrs. Dallas Eichman
- Mark Geneseo
- Oscar & Luella Ittner
- Jack & Dorothy Greenleaf
- Barb & Wayne Forster
- Alvin & Ruth Forster
- Roger Eichman
- Gil & Barb Bartz
- Neil & Sandra Schmidt
- Donna Geneseo
- Mart & Polly Eichinger
- Linda Bebeau
- Gordon & Fay Schroeder
- Earl & Irene Schmidt
- Mark & Cindy Pajot
- Jim & Gloria Kundinger
- Harold Kundinger
- Lucille Koehler
- Armond Kipfmiller
- Arline Kernstock
- Tom & Sandy Ittner
- Charles & Florence Day
- Dan & Karen Cieslinski
- Rosemary Bush
- Ralph & Edith Schwab
- Bonnie Cole
- John & Connie Gengler
- Lorine Knoerr
- Erv & Judy Kuch
- Alvin & Eileen Rosenbrock

**Ray Landis**

By

John & Iris Dominowski

**Cookies - Cookies - And More Cookies!**



*Yummmm!*

Every month Grace congregation delivers homemade cookies to the Lutheran Boys' Home in Bay City. Scott Peterson, Director, states that the boys look forward to these special baked goods. Grace is the only church in the area the last few years to take upon themselves this service project! How easy this is! However, we need more people to help supply the cookies. Won't you please consider providing these tasty treats? There is a sign-up sheet on the usher's desk in the church narthex. It would be great to have at least three sign up per month for baking 3-5 dozen cookies each. Thank you ahead of time for volunteering!

**THRIVENT GIVING PLUS® PROGRAM**

*Q: Who is eligible to participate in this program?*

A: According to updated information, if you are a "Thrivent Product Owner," you are eligible to participate. Although you may be both a "Member" and a "Thrivent Product Owner," the only criteria for eligibility is being a "Thrivent Product Owner." For instance, both an individual between 16 and 21 years of age with Thrivent insurance and the parent who purchased that insurance are eligible to participate in this program – two eligibilities for one product.

*Q: Are there inexpensive ways to become eligible for this program?*

A: You may be able to transfer a product from another company to Thrivent. A husband and wife can both become eligible by purchasing \$1,000 in jointly owned mutual funds. Only by discussing your specific situation with a Thrivent Financial Representative will you receive the correct answer for you.

*Q: Is my contribution to Grace Lutheran School tax deductible?*

A: Your contributions to Grace School for this program are tax deductible and will be shown on your annual record of contributions for your church envelope number. Donations by your child will appear on his or her annual record of contributions.

*Q: How many contributions may I make under this program in one year?*

A: You may make as many contributions as you wish ranging from a small amount to larger amounts until you reach the maximum of \$600 – for instance, you could make 10 donations of \$60, 20 donations of \$30, 30 donations of \$20, 100 donations of \$6, or a combination of unlike amounts -- \$100, \$50, \$25, \$200, \$75, \$10, \$20, etc. until you reach \$600. If you are not able to donate the full \$600, any amount, as shown in the preceding question and answer, will help our school and church. Where else can one increase their contribution by half again as much – this is a wonderful opportunity!!!

*Q: Do I need to donate the \$600 at one time to receive the \$25*



## Summer Movie Night

Featuring...

# Night at the Museum

Bring the family and invite some friends for a fun evening at Grace for a large screen presentation of "Night at the Museum."

Where else can you find a family film with dancing monkeys, conquering Roman civilizations, Teddy Roosevelt, Sacagawea, Atilla the Hun, and Dick Van Dyke? This movie has plenty of laughs during one very interesting "Night at the Museum."

We hope to see you with your lawn chairs for a fun evening for all ages on:



**TUESDAY  
NIGHT,  
JUNE 10TH  
8:00 PM**



### **50's Night—Friday July 18**

One, two, three o'clock, four o'clock rock. Do you like the nostalgic times of the 1950's? How about classic cars, hula hoops, coney dogs, poodle skirts? And the music, rock n' roll, Buddy Holly, Elvis, Doo Wop. It's all going to be right here in our parking lot. There will be the music of the 50's blaring throughout our parking lot. There will also be some classic cars from that decade. We have planned some children's games that were played in "those" days. Music, dancing, refreshments, come join us, something for the whole family. This is going to be a hoot!



### **Outdoor Worship Service—August 17**

Talk about a busy day. We will have our annual outdoor worship service at nine o'clock. This will be followed by a picnic lunch around 11:30. Then, the big challenge match in old time baseball, Grace verses Monitor. It's not that we got tired of playing the Bay City Independents. Fact of the matter is they got tired of running the bases and scoring so many runs so we decided to give them a rest. This is going to just about be an all day affair. And what a day it will be. Worship, food, entertainment and fellowship, wow!!



**UNPAID BILLS as of MAY 21, 2008**

		2007	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY
VENDOR	Amount					
Valley Tuition	Student tuition	9285.00				
MISSION PAY-MENT	Missions	13440.00	1500.00	2500.00	2500.00	2500.00
Mileage Reimb	Pastors mileage	842.66				
Concordia Pub	publications				200.00	
Concordia Pub	publications				150.00	
Concordia Pub	publications				81.15	
Universal Bldg	cleaning service				1209.80	1212.00
I K O N	copier contract				396.00	
I K O N	copier contract				133.72	133.72
Pastor Reed	mileage				199.66	
Pastor Reed	prescriptions				54.51	
Concordia Pub	publications					375.00
Concordia Pub	publications					59.50
B C B S	health care prem					2816.70
Concordia Plan	employee benefits					1341.24
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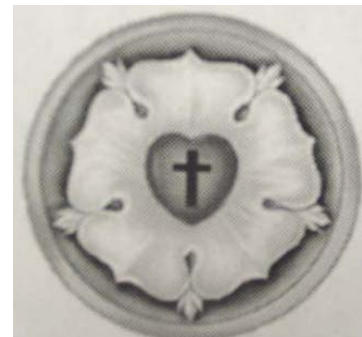
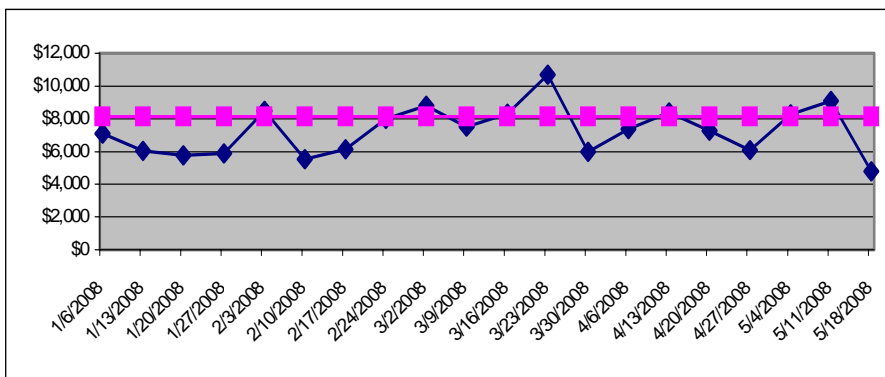
**TITHING:**

**LUKE 6:38**

*Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.*

**WEEK TITHES RECEIVED**

DATE	RECEIVED	NEEDED	YTD + or -
6-Jan-2008	\$7,098	\$8,150	-1,052
13-Jan-2008	\$6,031	\$8,150	\$16,300
20-Jan-2008	\$5,769	\$8,150	\$24,450
27-Jan-2008	\$5,884	\$8,150	\$32,600
3-Feb-2008	\$8,492 *	\$8,150	\$40,750
10-Feb-2008	\$5,534	\$8,150	\$48,900
17-Feb-2008	\$6,131	\$8,150	\$57,050
24-Feb-2008	\$7,996	\$8,150	\$65,200
2-Mar-2008	\$8,803 *	\$8,150	\$73,350
9-Mar-2008	\$7,521	\$8,150	\$81,500
16-Mar-2008	\$8,319 *	\$8,150	\$89,650
23-Mar-2008	\$10,688	\$8,150	\$97,800
30-Mar-2008	\$5,978	\$8,150	\$105,950
6-Apr-2008	\$7,373	\$8,150	\$114,100
13-Apr-2008	\$8,388 *	\$8,150	\$122,250
20-Apr-2008	\$7,263	\$8,150	\$130,400
27-Apr-2008	\$6,088	\$8,150	\$138,550
4-May-2008	\$8,261 *	\$8,150	\$146,700
11-May-2008	\$9,101 *	\$8,150	\$154,850



# Youth News

The Youth have been preparing to attend the Senior High Youth Gathering held on Mackinac Island at the end of June. The theme is "Treasure Island" and we anticipate having a great time while listening to inspiring Christian speakers and bands. Those attending are Kristy Brandt, Dan Dambro, Chris Roth, Haleigh McNally, Kevin Feinauer, Shaun Ruff, Kevin Whalen, Nolan Morford, Kye Sugden, Jessica Ruff, Drew Schmidt, Nathan Morford and Elise Varner. Pam Whalen and Al Brandt will be the adult chaperones. It's always a great opportunity to bond as a Youth Group and strengthen our faith while worshipping with many other teenagers with the same beliefs.

While at the Gathering, we'll be taking an afternoon to head over to St. Ignace for a Servant Event. We'll be planting shrubs and trees, and doing some general clean-up at a home built by a group similar to Habitat for Humanity.

In preparation for our time on the Island, we will have Gathering Bible Studies after church the first three Sundays in June. On June 8th, there will be a brief parent's meeting before the Study. The Bible Studies are mandatory for those attending the Gathering, but anyone is welcome to join us, parents included.

Welcome to new Youth Board members Paula Ruff and Sue Roth. We'd like to thank Sarah VanTol and Angie Meyer for all their time and dedication to the Youth Group in the past years. They both have put in many, many hours behind the scenes to enrich our Youth's spiritual lives, as well as making their time in the Youth Group enjoyable. A great big THANK YOU to both of them!

We welcomed the incoming freshmen to the Youth Group with a Mystery Dinner on June 1st. What's a Mystery Dinner, you might ask? Ask one of the Youth Group members...they'll be glad to tell you all about it! Whatever we do, we always have a fun time together. We hope the new freshmen make attending Youth Group one of their priorities...we look forward to getting to know them better!

We are also looking for one or more congregation members to help lead the High School Youth Bible Study this fall. Please consider this if interacting with Youth is something you enjoy. Let either Pastor, or one of the Youth Board members know if you would like more information about this opportunity.



**BBQ Chicken Dinner Fundraiser What a Great Day!!!**



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## ***June & July Birthdays & Anniversaries***

### ***June Birthdays***

1 Jennifer Taglauer, 1 Harry Wegener, 2 Courtney Alexander, 3 Rose McNally, 5 Richard Frank, 6 Amanda Burch, 6 Todd Gray, 7 Zachary Varner, 9 Pauline Behmlander, 9 Betty Herbolsheimer, 9 Angela Meyer, 11 Matthew Feinauer, 12 Ernest Weiss, 15 Donald Hundley, 15 Debra Schmidt, 18 Susan Ralph, 19 Sharon Pickelman, 20 Ramon Garcia, 21 Stephanie Burch, 21 Thomas Robson, 21 McKenna Wisniewski, 22 Crystal Cole, 22 Reid Robson, 22 Margaret Seaver, 23 Scott Rauschenberger, 24 Jacqueline Feinauer, 24 Shirley Gray, 26 Henry Kolm, 26 Susan Reed, 26 Matthew Wolf, 28 Matthew Klann, 28 Janice Klimaszewski, 28 Brandon Walter

### ***June Anniversaries***

3 Henry & Beverly Kolm, 10 David & Susan Reed, 13 Bruce & Judith Lance, 13 Donald & Darlene Pfannes, 15 Paul & Sally Netkowski Sr., 17 Herb & Judy Pfundt, 20 LeRoy & Cherye Krueger, 20 Thomas & Ruth Anna Wegener, 21 Gary & Susan Roth, 24 Donald & Karen Rauschenberger Jr., 30 John & Constance Gengler

### ***July Birthdays***

1 Alyssa Bebeau, 1 Amie Keidel, 1 Gary Roth, 4 Kenneth Weber Jr., 5 Lucille Koehler, 5 Paula Ruff, 6 Marcella Anderson, 6 Stacey Jezowski, 6 Corinne Schroeder, 7 Megan Borchard, 8 Morgan Harrison, 8 Ellen Reiss, 9 Debra Petrie, 10 Kevin Feinauer, 10 Rodney Feinauer, 10 Terry McNally, 11 Carol Mularz, 15 Jerry Lynch, 16 Jim Wegener, 17 Judy Eichman, 17 Kristen Glasser, 18 Catherine Sugden, 19 Christine Fiebke, 19 Rachel Kozuch, 19 Amy Lynch, 19 Phillip Pierce, 21 Brendan Harrison, 21 Roland Reiss, 22 Wade Seaver, 23 Mary Keidel, 23 James Ralph, 24 Kelly Robson, 25 Robert Feinauer, 25 Cherye Krueger, 26 Evan Bickham, 26 Brett Keidel, 28 Khristel Netkowski, 28 Patsy Schroeder, 28 Hunter Steward, 29 Kirstin Meyer, 29 Julie Stark, 29 Donna Wegener, 30 Shannon Gray, 31 Eugene Roberts

### ***July Anniversaries***

3 Gilbert & Barbara Bartz, 6 Steven & Debra VanTol, 7 Robert & Jeanette Harper, 17 Kenneth & Joy Marotzke, 19 Peter & Cynthia Fredrich, 19 Wilmar & Elaine Schmidt, 22 Dallas & Judy Eichman, 22 Gregory & Laurie Kozuch