

# GRACE SPOTLIGHTER

July 25, 2011

Dear Christian friends at Grace,

Your kind decision to extend a call to me as Deaconess in your midst is a reflection of the true Christian kindness and acceptance my husband and I experienced from the first Sunday that we joined you for worship. Pastor Reed ministered so faithfully and meaningfully to my husband and to me during Paul's journey to heaven. All of you have strengthened me in my time of grief. I could not be more honored to have the opportunity to be among you as a Deaconess and friend in Christ.

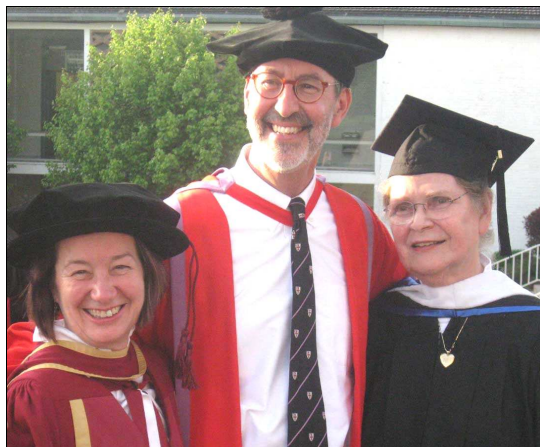
When I began this course of studies, I did not expect to be given the opportunity to actually become a Deaconess. Your call gives me this blessing that I never expected. Pastor Reed has been my mentor throughout these past two years as he helped me learn and encouraged me in my pursuit of these studies at the seminary. It will be a joy to work for him in any way I can be of help in his ministry as the shepherd of God's people here at Grace.

It is with wonder and humility that I accept the call of Grace Congregation to be a Deaconess in your midst as the Body of Christ. May God continue to bless all of us as we work and worship together and grow in faith under God's direction through Pastor Reed. God has richly blessed Grace Congregation with people who love their Lord, and one another, and serve Him tirelessly and willingly. You are truly the Body of Christ, and I am blessed to be among you.

In His Name and Service,



Jean A. McCain



Jean McCain is pictured with Drs. Arthur Just and Cynthia Lumley, directors of the deaconess program following commencement at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, at which she received the Masters Degree in Diaconal Studies.

## TEACHER BIERLEIN INSTALLATION, SEPT. 18



Please join us Sunday, September 18 for the installation of our newly called educator, Heather Bierlein.

Mrs. Bierlein joins our Grace Lutheran School faculty with specialty in primary grades, reading, and language arts.

## PASTOR REED RECEIVES INVITATION TO NIGERIA

Pastor Reed has received a formal invitation from Pastor David Erber to represent Grace, Auburn, at the 75th Jubilee celebration of the Lutheran Church of Nigeria held this September in Obot Idim, Nigeria.

Through the Together in Ministry program, Grace has supported Pastor Erber's missionary ministry in Africa for over 25 years. Grace has consistently partnered with others in support of the Christian missionary efforts God has blessed through Pastor Erber.

The Lutheran Church of Nigeria was founded in 1936. Her people have planned a week-long celebration culminating Sunday, Sept. 11. Pastor Reed has been invited to participate at the celebration at Cross River, and thereafter travel to the mission station and school at Jos.

He will also be representing the Michigan District. It is a humbling honor to be given the privilege to support Christian missionary work, and Grace has been blessed to do so for many years. Pastor Reed's presence is an acknowledgement of that partnership.

Also attending the celebration will be Pastor Bob Smith of Frankenmuth who has served in the mission field and was ordained into the ministry at the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Lutheran Church of Nigeria. Pastor Reed and Pastor Smith have been colleagues and friends for 20 years. They will travel together from Flint to Lagos, Nigeria, Sept. 6 and thereafter to points inland.

It is a tribute to the alliance of support congregations like Grace with the pastors and people in Nigeria that this invitation has been received. Since it is a formal invitation and not Pastor's initiative, there may be those who would wish to give support with prayer and financial assistance. Pastor will give a thorough report upon return home.

# RENT A PASTOR

Dear Grace Family,

I've been peppered recently with phone calls which generally begin, "Do you do weddings?"

The answer is a little more complicated than a simple yes or no.

All pastors occasionally encounter someone trolling the phone book for a "minister" But I've been flooded lately by those who say they got my name from the internet. Finally, I asked, "From where exactly?"

Then someone told me, "WeddingVendors.com"

Sure enough, there I am on page 1 right next to my competitors, "An Officiant at Teacup Wedding" and "La Donna Wedding Officiants & Ceremony Coordinating Services."

Tucked among beauty salons, bridal shops, caterers, dance instructors dj's, florists, limousine chauffers, and videographers is my category "Officiants and Ministers."

My misfortune was to be at the top of the list because an anonymous web master plucked my name from somewhere, gave it a "for sale" sign, and began to advertise me as a wedding vendor.

I acknowledge that most callers have been polite when I try to explain that I'm a pastor not an impresario.

No one has hung up on me as I try to say tactfully that celebrating a church wedding is not an expression of opportunistic marketing but of ongoing ministry. Christian marriage is created by God's design and reflects Christ's love for His bride. It doesn't receive its beauty out of a bazaar but from hearing the Word of God.

Most callers have listened politely. But as practiced shoppers, they know it usually takes a few phone calls or store visits to find what they are looking for. A bride is unlikely to find her gown at the first place. You taste samples from caterers, etc. Callers were no more offended by my criteria than if they heard a baker answer, "Do you do weddings?" by explaining his essential vocation is to feed the hungry. "Yea, that's nice ... but do you do weddings?"

Jesus declared, "I have come that they may have life and have it to the full." He does not speak this from a sales counter. He declared it at a feast.

The free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord (Romans 6:23b). When wine ran low at Cana, no one ran to a variety store. Jesus turned simple water into the finest vintage. No one signed a receipt for it. No one got a bill. No one settled up after the reception.

It is the *free* aspect of ministry that is definitive. It is service. Unfortunately, in our society we regard the "service sector" as providing benefits to be paid for.

Now, obviously, the church uses money as a means of exchange. But *free* giftedness, free service, and freedom from all debt or expense regarding the gifts of God's kingdom within the fullness of Christ is the beginning and entirety of our faith.

Can you imagine WeddingVendors.com listing Jesus? Subsequent wedding shoppers beyond Cana could ask, "Do you do weddings?" Yes, He does weddings, but He's not for sale. This is a very big point — especially for Christians.

There is a Bible story about a man named Simon Magus. He was a guy who thought he could get customers if he could simply duplicate the healing miracles of the apostles. He saw a way of making money. In Acts 8 he offered to pay Peter and John for such power. They turned him down in no uncertain terms, calling him to repentance.

God's grace is not for sale.

God's blessings are not to be trafficked.

God's Word, mercy, and benediction are for bestowal only.



There is no tab; no fee. There is no price but that which has already been paid. Pastors are not for hire, nor is the church a commercial business.

The sin of simony, paying in the church for its benefits is named for that Simon I mentioned in Acts 8, and simony is contrary to the very Gospel itself.

I realize much about weddings is mercantile, and in its proper sphere there is nothing wrong in hiring a caterer or renting a limousine. But there must never be anything in the ministry of the Word that puts a price tag on hearing the pronouncement of grace on lives redeemed and sanctified by Jesus.

By the way, weddingvendor.com has since removed my name. I got a note back from some guy named Trevor who said he fully understood I didn't want the business.

Actually, that's not what I said. *I think it went right past him.*

But I'm glad you understand. God bless you.

*Pastor Reed*

## Please Send Us a Missionary

From September 5-11, the Lutheran Church of Nigeria celebrates its 75th Jubilee.

In the 1920s European missionaries (not Lutheran) were working hard in the Akwa Ibom area of Nigeria. A young man, Jonathan Ekong, heard about a white man living in a neighboring area.

Curious, he and a couple of friends went to see what the white man was like. They heard him preach and were moved by the Gospel.

They went home and told family and friends about what they had heard. In consequence, the Ibesikpo people invited the missionary to their area. When he was unable to come, they asked for another.

When this wasn't possible, the people asked if one of their own could be trained to be a pastor for them.

When this didn't work out, the Ibesikpo people decide to pool their resources and send someone to America to look for a church that could come to them.

Jonathan Ekong was chosen and sent to America.

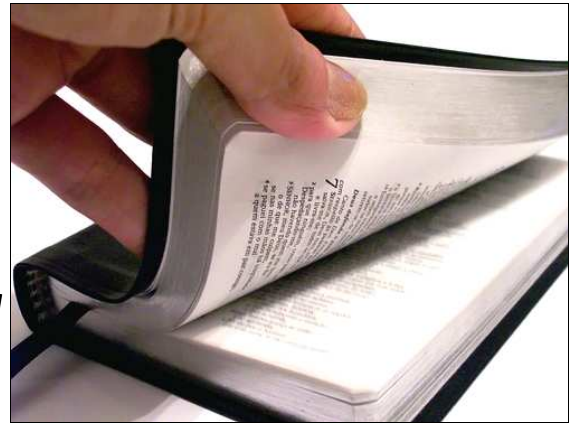
There he connected with Missouri Synod Lutherans, and in 1936, seventy-five years ago, Pastor Henry Nau was sent as the first LCMS missionary to Nigeria.

How strong is the hunger to hear the Gospel? May we ask ourselves.

# Bible Class Offerings for 2011 – 2012

A directive from Our Lord:  
***“You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me.”***

John 5; 39



One of the many benefits for which we praise God – indeed, the central gift – is the blessing of His Holy Word. It makes us “wise unto salvation”, gives constant testimony of Christ and His gifts, and provides a guide for Christian living. How thankful we become when we contemplate the availability of this Word of God that we all possess.

Each of us must consider the use of God’s Word in worship, home life, and in personal

devotional life, but for purposes here, our fellowship together around the Word of God in Bible study. Our congregation has made opportunities available for Bible study and would urge your participation in this year’s offerings.

For your own benefit, and to assist us in planning studies for the year, please take some time to fill out the questionnaire on the back of this page and return it to church as soon as possible.

## ***Bible Studies for the Year***

- Pastor Reed’s class – Sunday Morning 10:30 – 11:15
- Mrs. Gengler’s Women’s class – Sunday Morning 10:30 – 11:15. Will begin later in September with study of Joshua
- Mrs. Weiss’s Youth Class – Sunday Morning 10:30 – 11:15 Grades 8 – 12
- Gym Activity – Sunday Morning 10:30 – 11:15 Variety of activities for all age groups through 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Activities: Opening and short lesson, crafts, games, songs, and snacks.
- Men’s Study – Monday evenings – 7:30 – 9:00 Most recently studied the Book of Concord (The Lutheran confessions)
- Wednesday – Men’s Breakfast/Bible Study 6:30 AM – Currently studying Creation/Evolution
- Women’s Bible Study – Saturday mornings at 8:00 – studying “That the World May Know.”



*Oh that I  
had wings  
like a dove!  
For then  
would I fly  
away, and be  
at rest.*

Ps 55:6

We urge you to take advantage of all the fine programs that center around the study of the Scriptures and provide a fine fellowship with other Christians of our congregation. Please take time to fill out and turn in the following brief questionnaire.

Please give your opinion and turn in at church as soon as possible.

\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No Do you currently attend a Bible study at Grace?

\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No Do you agree Bible study is an important part in the life of a Christian?

\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No Would you be interested in studying any of the following topics?

\_\_\_ Book of the Bible \_\_\_\_\_ (example)

\_\_\_ The parables of Jesus

\_\_\_ Evolution/Creation

\_\_\_ Problems/issues in Lutheranism

\_\_\_ Fundamentals of Lutheranism

\_\_\_ Lutheran Music and Liturgy

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No Can you suggest a time to hold a study that would be workable with your schedule?

If so, when \_\_\_\_\_

# THE STORY

*Always to be studied and shared*  
**Your Text Here**

## **WELCOME BACK!**

*Principal Miss Annette Rudick*

We welcome Mrs. Heather Bierlein to our staff. We are excited with the ideas she has in the area of Reading and Language Arts for the K - 4<sup>th</sup> grades!

All of our teachers are enthusiastically preparing for the beginning of our 52<sup>nd</sup> school year. Our two full-time and two part-time teachers met in June and August in preparation for our revised departmentalized schedule. A departmentalized schedule allows each teacher to focus his/her instruction in one or two curricular areas. This allows teachers to follow student progress through their elementary years which will

allow the teachers to plan how they can best help each student.

The core subjects for each teacher are:

Mrs. VanSickle will teach Reading/Language Arts to 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades

Mrs. Bierlein will teach Reading/Language Arts to K - 4<sup>th</sup> grades

Mr. Gledhill will teach Science and Social Studies.

Miss Rudick will teach Religion and Math.

There will be four groups of children traveling from class to class:

K - 2<sup>nd</sup> grades

3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grades

5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grades

7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grades

We are beginning our school day earlier this year in order to comply with state requirements. Our

school day will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 3:25 p.m. Students may begin arriving in the building at 8:15 a.m.

Classes will begin Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. Pastor Reed will lead opening worship at 9:00 a.m. All school parents and congregation members are welcome to join us for this worship service. School will end at 3:25 p.m.

We look forward to an awesome school year! Our awesome God has provided us with this wonderful opportunity to serve Him. We put our trust in Him and serve with the abilities He has given each one of us.



### **Notes From Mrs. V in Room 3**

Hello and welcome back! If you don't already know me, my name is LuAnn VanSickle, I am a mother of three daughters and have been married for 25 years to my best friend, Bob. My oldest daughter, Abbi started Veterinary School at MSU in August; my daughter Emily graduated from high school and will attend Delta College this year; and finally, my youngest daughter Samantha is in the second grade attending St. John Lutheran in Midland, where we are members. I look forward to guiding the 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders at Grace with Language Arts and Reading.

This year is gearing up to be one of our most exciting ever! My classroom library has expanded and is ready and waiting for eager readers who



love traveling to different places and times. We will cover all genres of literature in grades 5 through 8 as the students experience the styles profes-

sional authors utilize. They will come to love reading – if they don't already! In English language arts we will fully incorporate the writer's workshop concept to help each student discover their own ability to communicate through writing as they hone their skills in the conventions of English. We will also explore and try our hand at all genres of writing – with our audience and purpose always in mind. My goal is to have them view themselves as true authors and gain confidence in their skills as we progress through the year.



Please keep our school, the staff, and all our families in your prayers as we begin another academic year. Keep an eye on the hallway outside room 3 to get a view of what the students are accomplishing – they will amaze and astound with their talents!

### **Mrs. Bierlein**

Hi. My name is Mrs. Heather Bierlein. I am very excited to be joining the faculty of Grace this year. I will be teaching Kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> Grade in Language Arts/ Reading.

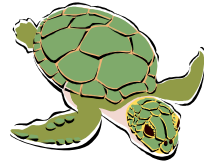
I am a graduate of Concordia Ann Arbor with a degree in Elementary Education and also just finished my master's degree program in Elementary Education from Central Michigan University. This will be my ninth year in the teaching ministry. I am married to my husband, Chris, and we have a daughter, Eva.

I am looking forward to working with the children this year and meeting many new people. I have many exciting things planned for this school year and can't wait to get started. Come check out the magic treehouse.



### Mr. Gledhill

We may lament the close of summer vacation, but I am certainly excited for another fun-filled year of learning at Grace Lutheran. Granted, I am particular to the science and social studies aspect of the curriculum, but it is sure to be an academically-thrilling year all around. The staff has gathered multiple times to assure a detailed, fluid, and structured year. We have field trips and assemblies set in the schedule already. We have our specials (P.E., Art, and Spanish) already lined up as well. It makes it all very exciting for us as teachers. It is our second year with the departmentalized system. We found it extremely successful and look forward to nothing but the same. My science curriculum is in the process of changing.



Grace has used Discovery Works for many years. They are no longer in circulation. I have met with Miss Rudick and networked with other Lutheran educators as well as researched on-line for a replacement publisher. After several possibilities, I have chosen a curriculum by Bob Jones University Press. It is a bible-based science curriculum. That is what first attracted me to it. That, along with the fact that it was one of three that was discussed and recommended by a committee dealing with the same issue of the cancellation of Discovery works. I am very excited to be the director of this new learning in my classroom. The added bonus is, I only needed the 4th grade level. I have a stock of materials for the remaining grades. This way I can use 4th grade as my control group, and then decide if I want to use that as my over-all curriculum for science at Grace.

The social studies will not be up for revision for a few years yet. I will continue the rotation that we have used at Grace for

several years. The k-2 used a 2nd grade curriculum last year, so I will use the 1st grade curriculum this year. The same rotation will be used for 3rd/4th grade and 5th/6th grade. The 7th/8th grade (which is a big class this year) used World Geography last year. This year, I will delve into the American Nation. It will allow me to get into the details of the U.S. history and the highlights that made us... us. The upper grades also have a different science curriculum from Discovery Works. Last year we studied Earth Science. This year we'll move into Life Science. I will finally be able to get into dissection with my students. I am so excited for that!



So here we go, everyone. The 52nd year of God-blessed education at Grace Lutheran. God's richest blessings to you and yours.

*Jeffrey Gledhill*

### Youth News

Sixteen youth and three adults traveled to Macinac Island to participate in the Michigan District Senior High Youth Gathering. We enjoyed beautiful weather, Christian fellowship, music, bible studies and many other activities. While on the island,

we also participated in a community service event. Initial plans were to do some landscaping projects at Turtle Park, but at the last minute they changed it up and took us to the community stables where we were to spread some "mulch." We soon found out that what the islanders call "mulch" and what we call "mulch" is

not the same thing. Our teens were good sports about it, though, and got the job done. The composted manure was spread in record time.

We will start Bible Class again after Labor Day weekend. We welcome any 8-12th graders to join us after Church in the youth room.





*Given in Memory*

**Paul Netkowski**

By

Ric & Maggie Garlinghouse  
 Letson & Loris Goedecke  
 Gil & Barb Bartz  
 Dallas & Judy Eichman  
 Rosie Taglauer  
 Fred Lytle  
 Ruth & Julie Roth  
 Kim & Brenda Gray  
 Larry Bauer  
 Bill & Elaine Schmidt  
 Cindy Pajot  
 Neil & Barb DeShano  
 Don & Darlene Pfannes  
 Les & Lorim Helmreich  
 Marvin & Donna Wegener  
 Terry & Gail Wegener  
 Barb Lesner  
 Mike & Carol Bickman  
 Cindy Diaz  
 Kim & Betty Herbolsheimer  
 Ray & Deb Garcia  
 Pauline Behmlander  
 Carrie Taft  
 Rose McNally  
 Elmer & Irene Taglauer  
 Bruce & Judy Lance  
 Ray & Sherry Ralph

**Walter Arnold**

By

Mary Keidel

**Bill Reiss**

By

Elmer & Barb Reiss

**Ruth Skryme**

By

Margene Stroup

**Frank Martin**

By

Bruce & Judy Lance  
 Pauline Behmlander  
 Elmer & Barb Reiss

**James Gray**

By

Don & Darlene Pfannes

**Cecelia Crane**

By

Bob & Olive Schmidt  
 Les & Virginia Behmlander  
 Les & Shirley Gray

**Harlan Eiseman & family**

Caroline Behmlander  
 Joseph Steger  
 Loretta Reinecke  
 Pete & Becky Walraven  
 Pearl Bli  
 Rosilyn Taglauer  
 Gordon & Fay Schroeder  
 Leonard Eigner  
 Pauline Behmlander

**Gene Wirsing**

By

Gil & Barb Bartz  
 Iris Dominowski  
 Pete & Cindy Fredrich  
 Steve & Deb VanTol  
 Rose McNally  
 Pauline Behmlander  
 Clara Wirsing  
 Paul & Linda Varner  
 Gary & Deb Pyle  
 Duane & Lynn Schmidt

**Mark Ruthruff**

By

Dale & Sharon Pickelman  
 Elmer & Irene Taglauer  
 Rose McNally

**Isabell Steaban**

By

Don & Darlene Pfannes  
 Rose McNally  
 Rosilyn Taglauer  
 Bob & Olive Schmidt  
 Tom & Ruth Wegener

**Shirley Pfundt**

By

Kim & Betty Herbolsheimer

**VLHS Entertainment Book Sale**

Books will be on sale from any Valley Lutheran student or at the school office starting August 30. They only cost \$25! What a deal since these books are filled from cover to cover with valuable coupons and discounts. Great for personal use and as gifts! Contact any VLHS student, the VLHS office at (989) 790-1676 or Julie Weiss at (989) 781-5963. Bethany Weiss can sell you a book see her after church or give her a call. The sale ends September 14th.

**Zion Lutheran Church**

Smorgasbord Dinner & Bazaar held October 2, 2011. The bazaar is 10:00 am to 2:30 pm. The dinner is 11:30 am to 2:30 pm. Suggested donations are: Adults \$8.00, Adult Take-Outs \$8.50, Children (5-12) \$3.50.

**School Security**

The school doors will be locked at noon each day. When our secretaries leave there is no one in the office to monitor people coming into the building. If you will need to pick up your child early from school, you will need to **call** the office by **12:00 pm**. If you call after 12:00 noon, your call will be answered by the answering machine. The answering machine will not be checked until after **3:30 p.m.**

**Computer Lab Aid Need**

The School Board is looking for someone to teach computer class to our students approximately 5 hours per week through the school year. This person should work well with children kindergarten - 8<sup>th</sup> grades. We do have a listing of what is to be taught. This is a paid position. Interested applicants please contact Miss Rudick at 662-4791 or email her at [miss\\_rudick@graceauburn.org](mailto:miss_rudick@graceauburn.org)

**Take Out Dinner**

St. James Munger  
 Steak Sandwich/ BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich  
 Friday, Sept 23 11 am to 7 pm  
 Your choice of steak or pork sandwich with fries, coleslaw and dessert only \$6.00  
 Hot Dog, fries coleslaw and dessert only \$4.00

All proceeds benefit our Caring Christian Friends fund.

**Come Join Us**

The 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Michigan District Walther League and Young Adults Reunion will be held on Saturday, September 24, 2011 from 11:00 am to 3 pm at the Frankenmuth Bavarian inn Lodge, Frankenmuth. Join your Walther League and Young Adults friends for food, fellowship, merriment and reminiscing. Program speaker will be Michigan District President Rev. David Maier.

Send your reservations and check for \$17.75 per person payable to Elna Kempff, 2252 Mallard DR., Reese, MI 48757 by September 15, 2011 or call Elna at 989-868-9921. Please include list of names and addresses-with maiden names where applicable.

**Lutheran World Relief**

Deadline quickly approaching! Please consider donating items for the World Relief drive (the boxes so marked in the Narthex). The lists of what is needed are available on the ushers' desk in the narthex. The last day to donate will be on October 9th. That means only 7 more Sundays to go. I know that we have had many other drives during this time, but if you can at all find that the Lord leads you to contribute to this cause, please prayerfully consider this and open your wallets accordingly. God continues to bless us greatly in spite of the economic problems around us. Please consider letting this guide you to act in the same way. There are so many who have needs in this world, and even where the Gospel can't be preached in any other way, this opens doors to let many know that Jesus and His people care. Other religions don't have this type of charitable ethic built into their religions - no matter what they may say. It has been said (following the Tsunami in Indonesia) that non-Christian people asked our relief workers why we should care to help them. When told that our motivation was the love of Christ for all people, they became much more open to hearing the Gospel. This may not happen all over, but it has opened doors in more than one place. Every person that we can reach for Christ is worth all of our efforts. Please consider helping out with this very important mission. Thank You!



## **As your parents age ... are you ready?**

Some conversations are too important to wait. As your parents get older, now is the time to have a heart-to-heart about their future, their wishes and potential needs—so you can both be ready. But where do you begin?

Join us for a free workshop

Heart-to-Heart: As your Parents Age is a free, 50 minute educational workshop designed to help adult children start important conversations with their parents to help them make transitions with greater ease and dignity. This workshop can help you gain:

- An understanding of your parents' vision for the future.
- Information to make decisions on your parents' behalf.
- Tips for starting heart-to-heart conversations.

The workshop will be presented by Thrivent Financial representatives Rodney Grigg and Dave Friebe.

When: Tuesday, September 6, 2011, from 5:30 - 7:00 PM

Where: Lutheran Homes Shattuck Manor, 5935 Shattuck Rd., Saginaw, MI 48603

A complementary dinner will be served at 5:30 PM prior to the presentation

Optional facility tours by Lutheran Homes staff at 4:30 or 7:00 PM

Sign up for this free event today! Space is limited.

Contact Rod Grigg or Dave Friebe at 989 686-9620 or email [Rodney.grigg@thrivent.com](mailto:Rodney.grigg@thrivent.com) or [dave.friebe@thrivent.com](mailto:dave.friebe@thrivent.com) by September 1, 2011 to reserve your seat.

The Heart-to-Heart workshop is intended only to educate you about financial decisions. It is broad in scope and does not consider your individual personal financial situation, which is unique. The information and advice may not be appropriate in all cases. No products will be offered for sale.

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### **Thrivent Financial Bay County Chapter**

presents

Comedian, Singer, Celebrity Impressionist

### **Craig Tornquist !**

For the benefit of Bay County Habitat for Humanity

Thrivent Build Home 606 Wilson, Bay City

Saturday, September 10, 2011 3:00 p.m.

At the Immanuel Lutheran School, 10th and Lincoln Sts, Bay City

### **Clean, Clever, Family Friendly, Definitely Lots of Laughter!**

Reserve your seats now by email: [dorothy.kridler@thrivent.com](mailto:dorothy.kridler@thrivent.com) or phone 989 879-7739.

Admission is \$10.00 Donation per person, to benefit Bay County Habitat for Humanity Thrivent Build. Children 5 and under are free.

The most FUN you will ever have at a FUNdraiser!

Taylor's performance will be underwritten by Thrivent Financial for

Lutherans, the Bay Co. Chapter, as a service to our community!

All proceeds go directly to the Thrivent Build project at 606 Wilson St., Bay City. with a check or money order to Thrivent Builds, 5115 S Nine Mile, Auburn, MI 48611.



Sunday      Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday      Saturday

# September

Grace Church Calendar

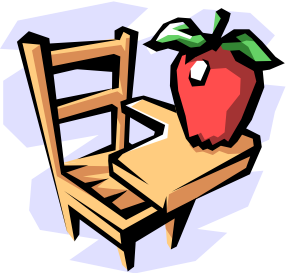
				<b>1</b> 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 11:00 Ladies of Grace Outing Clare
<b>4</b> 9:00 am Morning Worship / (H.C.)	<b>5</b> LABOR DAY	<b>6</b> First Day of School	<b>7</b> 6:30 am Men's Bible Study 7:00 Midweek Worship with Holy Communion	<b>8</b> 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 8:00 am Women's Bible Study
<b>11</b> 9:00 am Divine Service 10:15 VOTER'S ASSEMBLY	<b>12</b> 7:30 pm Men's Bible Class	<b>13</b> 7:00 School Board	<b>14</b> 6:30 am Men's Bible Study 7:00 Midweek Worship Soccer at Henlock	<b>15</b> 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 8:00 am Women's Bible Study
<b>18</b> 9:00 am Morning Worship / (H.C.) Installation 10:30 Sunday School	<b>19</b> 7:30 pm Men's Bible Class	<b>20</b> 9:00 am Ladies Quilting at the Gengler home Soccer vs. St. Paul at Trinity	<b>21</b> 6:30 am Men's Bible 7:00 Midweek Worship with Holy Communion	<b>22</b> Soccer at Faith, Bay City 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 8:00 am Women's Bible Study Soccer Tourn. at Zion, Beaver
<b>25</b> 9:00 am Divine Service 10:30 Sunday School	<b>26</b> 7:00 Executive Board 7:30 pm Men's Bible Class	<b>27</b> Soccer vs. Zion, Beaver at Trinity	<b>28</b> 6:30 am Men's Bible Study 7:00 Midweek Worship	<b>29</b> Soccer at St. John, Arneth 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	<b>30</b>	

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## ***September Birthdays & Anniversaries***

### **Birthdays**

1 Bruce Lance, 1 Alisha Mularz, 3 Dan Card, 4 Pat Kraatz, 4 Maxine LeBeau, 7 Vi Koehler, 7 Bob Schmidt, 8 Dale Ruff, 8 Greg Schmidt, 9 Bryan Kelly, 9 Megan Mularz, 9 Jessica Ruff, 10 Larry Bauer, 10 Mark Geneseo, 11 Judy Pfundt, 14 Jim Klann, 14 Mick Klann, 15 Brenda Krystosek, 15 Elmer Reiss, 16 Eric Alexander, 16 Pam Horneber, 17 Les Gray, 17 Karen Rauschenberger, 18 Sarah Lone, 18 Rayferd Ralph, 18 Kaylee Roebuck, 18 Shirley Wegener, 19 Haleigh McNally, 19 Sally Netkowski, 20 Lee Taglauer, 20 Shirley Trestrail, 20 Sarah VanTol, 21 Susan Shuart, 22 Paul Kallitta, 23 Janet Dietein, 23 Ashleigh Lone, 24 Joy Marotzke, 24 Olive Schmidt, 26 Linda Jean, 26 Margaret Kent, 26 Ken Wegener, 27 Ann Petrosky, 28 Doreen Hetzner, 29 Elliot Hopcroft

### **Anniversaries**

2 Kim & Brenda Gray, 11 Doug & Ginger Behmlander, 12 Russ & Kathy Pickelman, 13 Phillip & Annette Frank, 15 Kim & Betty Herbolzheimer, 24 Jeff & Cathy Sugden, 25 John & Pam Whalen, 30 Mike & Carol Bickham