

# News of Grace

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We also remember the families of  
Jeanne Pankey, whose father, Leo Fleming, passed away

Jon Karsten, whose mother-in-law, Sue Bruski, passed away

## RUMMAGE



As we look forward to the Annual Rummage Sale and Spring Salad

Luncheon, we have been notified that we need NEW coordinators for each event. If you, or a group of members, are interested in assuming this role, please contact Peggy in the Office, Verna Furze (354-7728), or Caroline Weise (354-8060).

*New  
Coordinators  
Needed*



## Sunday School News

*Help us sponsor a child!*

Sunday school would like to join the youth in their mission to help alleviate world hunger. Our goal is to sponsor a child for one year by contributing our Sunday School offering to this wonderful cause. As offerings are collected each Sunday, students will have the opportunity to chart our progress toward this goal. Students will be receiving their own Sunday School envelopes, which they will use for our Sunday School offering during our opening.

To get this program going we would like to sponsor a child immediately, so our children can fully understand the impact of their efforts. In order to do this, we need to raise \$300. This would allow our children to have a photo of the child we're sponsoring and correspondences. If you would like to make a contribution to help us accomplish this goal, please see Tracey Urlaub or Peggy Tomaszewski. We would greatly appreciate any contribution you could make.

## Annual Meeting

Our annual meeting will be held Sunday, March 4, 2007 following 9:30 a.m. worship in the dining hall. Please plan to attend!

## College Corner

Please contact the church office if you would like your student listed in our monthly newsletter. Thanks!

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### *Ruth Circle*

The Ruth Circle will not meet during the months of February and March. Members will plan to attend the mid-week Lenten services on Wednesday evenings.

### *Thank You*

Thanks to all who attended the men's retreat on the 10<sup>th</sup> of February. It was a beautiful day, enjoyable fellowship, very good lunch, and the gathering produced some ideas for future use. A special thanks to "Wally" for the use of the "lodge" and for making the chili, and to Fred Wegmeyer for donating the meat for the chili, Bill Dones for help in set up and cleanup, and to all of you for the serious thoughts during our study of the beatitudes with Pastor Williams. It was a perfect time to brag about the "Mixt Nutz," share some of the unusual happenings of our members! We will try for another gathering during warmer weather!! God's blessings!!

Thank you for all your cards and prayers on behalf of myself and our son, Kevin. They were a great comfort through many dark days. We are now seeing the "light at the end of the tunnel." Praise God.

Don and Verna Furze

### *Throw Pillows Needed*

Large throw pillows are needed for our Sunday School area. If you have pillows you would like to donate, please see Vicki Denstaedt or drop them at the church office. Thanks!



Current Gift and Memorial Items			
Item	Estimated Cost	Given To Date	\$\$ Still Needed
Boiler Fund	37,150.00	16,662.78	20,487.22
Air Conditioning	9,000.00	6,963.00	2,037.00
Driveway/ Parking Lot	24,000.00	0.00	24,000.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>70,150.00</b>	<b>23,625.78</b>	<b>46,524.22</b>

**GRACE EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Staff & Leadership Telephone Numbers**

**CHURCH OFFICE** ..... 354-2640  
 Pastor..... Owen Williams (home) ..... 356-0957  
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 Music Director..... Berniece Lyon..... 471-2377

**ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD**  
 President ..... Dennis Werblow ..... 354-5560  
 Vice-President ..... Rick Engstrom ..... 354-5133  
 Exec. Secretary ... Gudrun Seck..... 354-4440  
 Treasurer ..... Doug Chroninger..... 595-2482

**WORK GROUP LEADERS/COUNCIL**  
 Education..... Tracey Urlaub ..... 354-4705  
 Worship ..... Sandy Welch..... 356-0061  
 Discipleship..... Hazel Hibner..... 354-8079  
 Property ..... Ed Czarnecki..... 354-8990  
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 Finance ..... ..

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 Sunday School..... Caroline Rhude ..... 595-3720  
 ..... Staci Chroninger ..... 595-2482  
 Jr/Sr High Youth Dir... Vicki Denstaedt ..... 354-2270  
 WELCA ..... Dorothy Gentry ..... 354-2270  
 ..... Dorothy Hansen ..... 354-3563

## February 2007

**Finances**

GENERAL FUND .....\$ 12,505.25  
 BUILDING FUND .....844.00  
 CHRISTIAN GROWTH .....337.00  
 SYNOD .....82.00  
 OTHER .....1,362.19  
 TOTAL.....\$15,130.44

**Attendance**

SATURDAY WORSHIP (4) .....111  
 SUNDAY WORSHIP (4) .....406  
 ASH WEDNESDAY .....153  
 TOTAL.....670

# OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE THE LORD

MARCH 2007

## ACOLYTES

04  
11  
18  
25

## HOSPITAL

04 CAROLYNNE WEGMEYER  
11 BETTY DULEBOHN  
18 DENISE TIMRICK  
25 JANET CHRONINGER

## LECTORS

04 CORRINE FRALEY  
11 BONNIE URLAUB  
18 CAROLYNNE WEGMEYER  
25 JIM KARSTEN

## USHERS

Team #2  
JOEL SUSZEK TOM BRENNAN  
CODY SUSZEK ARLIE PREVOST  
BARI MACNEILL BRETT HANSEN

## GREETERS

04 JEAN BARROW, VICKI CRIPPS  
11 TOM & BETHANY BERTRAND  
GLORIA MOORE  
18 TOM & JOAN BRENNAN  
25 BOB & MAUREEN LANCASTER  
AMELIA BRISTOL

## COUNTERS

MARGE LEE  
CHRIS CHRISTOPHERSON

## ALTAR GUILD

SANDY WELCH BEV SUSZEK  
KATIE WELCH GLORIA GRAHAM

## NURSERY

04 PAM AGIUS & KATIE WELCH  
11 BETH MATZKE & CHILDREN  
18 KAREN SLAGHT  
25

## COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

JOE GENTRY  
WAYNE CHRISTOPHERSON

## FLOWERS

04 GROVE  
11 GARANT  
18  
25

## COFFEE HOURS

04 JOEL & CINDY SUSZEK  
11 ARLIE & RENA PREVOST  
18 BILL & DALAIR DONES  
25 JOE, DAWN & DOROTHY GENTRY

***We are looking for volunteers. If you are able to serve in any of these areas, please contact the church office. We could use your help!***

***IF FOR SOME REASON YOU CANNOT KEEP YOUR DATE, PLEASE TRADE WITH ANOTHER PERSON. MAYBE YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS NOT ON THIS LIST BUT IS WILLING TO LEND A HAND. THESE ARE GIFTS THAT DON'T COST MONEY... PLEASE LET THE OFFICE KNOW ABOUT TRADES. THANK YOU AND BLESS YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD.***



## *Ecumenical Mid-Week Lenten Worship Schedule "Beatitudes of Promise"*

6:00 p.m. Soup Supper

7:00 p.m. Worship

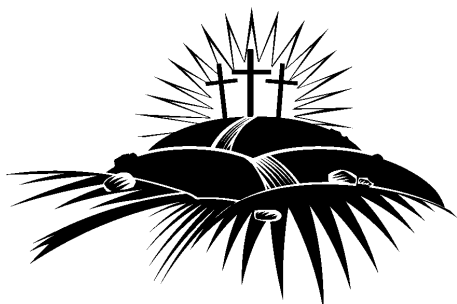
<u>Date</u>	<u>Theme</u>	<u>Host Church</u>	<u>Preacher</u>
Feb 21	The Promise of Heaven	Grace Lutheran	Pr. Tom Orth
Feb 28	The Promise of Comfort	1st Presbyterian	Rev. Karen Thompson
Mar 7	The Promise of Inheritance	Trinity Episcopal	Pr. Tom Orth
Mar 14	The Promise of Righteousness	1st Congregational UCC	Fr. Bruce Michaud
Mar 21	The Promise of Mercy	Grace Lutheran	Pr. Steve Hammond
Mar 28	The Promise of Seeing God	1st Presbyterian	Fr. Bruce Michaud
Apr 5	The Promise of Peace	Trinity Episcopal	Pr. Owen Williams

### *Prayer Shawls & Other Prayer Ministries*

Please join us on Wednesdays to work on prayer shawls, prayer journals, prayer scrapbooks, or your own prayer ministry project. Come when you can and leave when you must. Enjoy the fellowship as you work on your prayer ministry project. Any questions contact Bunny Lyon (471-2377) or Cheryl Lang (595-6236).

### *Grace Lutheran Scholarship Applications*

Scholarship applications for active members of Grace are now available on the table in the Narthex. A list of scholarship criteria is included with the application. April 1, 2007, is the deadline to apply.





## Anniversaries of Baptism



**March 3**  
Arnold Jahnke

**March 5**  
Amy Townsend

**March 6**  
Andrea Rich

**March 8**  
Daniel Bauer

**March 13**  
Evelyn Lancaster

**March 17**  
Patricia Schultz  
Adam Urlaub

**March 19**  
Joel Suszek

**March 23**  
Robert Greene

**March 24**  
Mark Suszek

**March 26**  
John Kuligowski

**March 27**  
Eleanor Coddington

**March 28**  
Allison Urlaub

**March 29**  
Stephanie Gillard

**March 31**  
Harry Grove



## Birthdays

**March 1**  
Daniel Bauer  
Anna Greene  
Harry Grove

**March 2**  
Micah Olsen  
Alisha Poirier

**March 3**  
Diane Hayka  
Mark Suszek

**March 5**  
Judy Cross  
Dorris Doult

**March 6**  
Patrick McCourt  
Tiffany Suszek

**March 7**  
Marie Williams

**March 9**  
Matthew Gillard  
Jody Libka

**March 10**  
Lois Hibner

**March 11**  
Norm Timm

**March 12**  
Donice Ziberna

**March 15**  
Kathy Piontkowski

**March 16**  
Lynn Olsen

**March 17**  
Joan Brennan

**March 18**  
Kayla Bertrand  
Vicki Cripps  
Doug Lund

**March 19**  
Bonnie Cross  
Kelly Poirier  
Tyler Suszek

**March 21**  
Anna Lewis

**March 22**  
Gerald Lancaster  
Erica Wilson

**March 23**  
Brent Barrow

**March 24**  
Tracie Werblow

**March 25**  
Kristin Rich  
Sheri Smith

**March 28**  
Shane Adamski

**March 29**  
Janet Chroninger  
Nicholas Wysocki

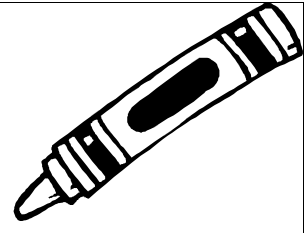
**March 31**  
Matthew Elliott  
Eugene Hatch  
Kirsti Keskimaki  
Emma Suszek



## Wedding Anniversaries

8th Harry & Jeanette Grove  
16th Jerry & Diane Hayka

# Kid's Page

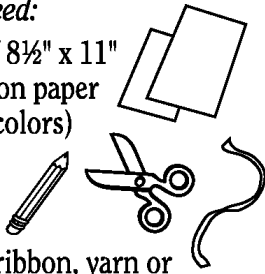


## A PRAYER REMINDER

Many times we fold our hands together to pray. Here is a "handy" craft that can help you remember what to include in your prayers.

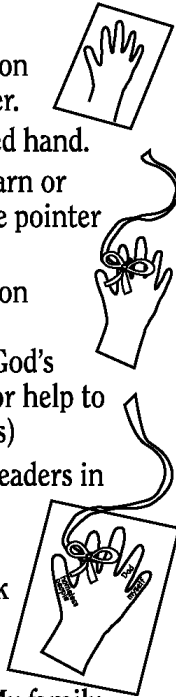
### What you need:

- 2 sheets of 8½" x 11" construction paper (different colors)
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Crayons
- 1 piece of ribbon, yarn or string about 6-12 inches long
- Glue (white or glue stick)



### What to do:

1. Trace your hand on one sheet of paper.
2. Cut out the traced hand.
3. Tie the ribbon, yarn or string around the pointer (index) finger.
4. Write a message on each finger:  
*(Pointer finger)* God's guidance (pray for help to follow God's ways)  
*(Middle finger)* Leaders in my life (teachers, pastors, etc.)  
*(Ring finger)* Sick and old people  
*(Pinky finger)* Myself  
*(Thumb)* My family
5. Glue the hand onto the other sheet of paper.
6. Start with the ribbon finger and pray for God's help. Then pray for all the people on each finger.



Just for

# KIDS

## Remember to Pray

There are many verses in the Bible that talk to us about prayer. Solve the puzzle below to see the lesson Paul teaches about prayer in Philemon 1:4. Think about your own life and your prayers.



Use the alphabet code to fill in the blanks, and then read Paul's message.

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z  
 Z Y X W V U T S R Q P O N M L K J I H G F E D C B A

" R Z O D Z B H G S Z M P N B  
 T L W Z H R I V N V N Y V I  
 B L F R M N B K I Z B V I H ...."

... Philemon 1:4, NIV

Answer: I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers ....