



GRACE IS A CHRISTIAN FAMILY—WELCOMING PEOPLE TO  
LIVE GOD’S WORD AND STRENGTHEN THEIR FAITH.

# Grace Gazette

## “Just The Facts, Ma’am.”

With those words, Officer Jack Webb, from the old TV show, *Dragnet*, would gather information from a variety of people about a crime which had taken place. He would then use the information he gathered to find the most likely suspect.

Well, there’s been no crime, but there is a group of people who are busy “gathering the facts” so they can help us find the “most likely suspect” to be our Associate Pastor. In fact, (no pun intended), they call themselves the “Fact Finding Group”.

They’re gathering facts about the people of Grace – who we are / what we care about / the ministries we do / how we see the future / why we worship and more.

Very soon, they’ll be inviting you to share your thoughts about all of this by filling out a survey.

Gathering the opinions and ideas of as many Grace people as possible will allow this Fact Finding Group to discover our goals and interests. Then, they’ll put together a picture of who we are as a Church – which is the first step toward calling an Associate Pastor.

**S**o...when you hear that the survey is “out there” and ready to be taken, make sure you take it! The Fact Finding Group needs to hear from people of all ages – from those who are new to Grace as well as those who have been around a while – from those who are in leadership

as well as those who have never served on a Board. They want to make sure to hear from everyone. But, in order for them to hear from you, you need to do your part.

Make sure to come to one of the meetings at which this survey will be available. Or take the survey on line and e-mail it back to the Church Office. Or, come into the Church office to take the survey. No matter what, the facts you have to share are of great value in developing goals for the future – as well as for letting a future Call Committee know what we are looking for in an Associate Pastor.

Thanks for sharing the facts as you see them.

**Pastor Kent**

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### Special points of interest:

- *Palm Sunday—Easter Cantata—Worship is at 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.*
- *Newcomer’s Orientation Sunday, April 11th at 9:00 a.m.*
- *Confirmation starts up again on Wednesday, April 14th at 6:30 p.m.*

## Holy Week Worship Schedule

### **Palm Sunday—March 28th—**

The Grace Choir shares the Good News with us through the music and words of the Cantata—"Wondrous Love". Invite a friend to share this special event. Worship is at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

### **Maundy Thursday—April 1st—we worship at 7:00 p.m.**

and focus on the gift of Holy Communion which Jesus shares for the first time on that night. We watch and wait in the Upper Room with the disciples. And some, at Grace, will be taking

communion for the first time, themselves.

**Good Friday—April 2nd—worship is at 1:00 p.m.** as we follow Jesus to the cross. This is the dramatic story of the giving of His life for ours.

**Easter Sunday—April 4th—worship is at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.**—Gather with the family of Grace to celebrate the new life which comes through the resurrection of Jesus. An Easter Breakfast will be served from 9:00 to 10:15 a.m.

## Putting My **faith**<sup>IN</sup> **action**

**A Special Opportunity** What's up with "If The Shoe Fits"? What do Stuff the Bus, the Neighborhood Table and Community Care Day have in common? And what are those people on the Board of Church in Society doing to help our faith grow, anyway?

If you've always wanted to know more about all that the people of Grace do to make a difference in the lives of people here in our area – and what you can do to put your faith into action, then come to Adult Forum on April 11<sup>th</sup>. We'll meet in the entry, right outside the Youth Area from 9:00 to 10:15 am. See you there!

## Have Questions About Grace? Thinking Of Joining?

The first step is Newcomer's Orientation, which will be held on Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 to 10:15 am. Come to the Youth Center to gather information and to ask your questions. Whether you're ready to join or just want to know more, Newcomer's is for you!



## MINISTRY OF THE MONTH

*"A way to help us see how many good things are done by the people of Grace – while making the connection between our faithful giving and all the ministry we do together."*

Prayer happens best when it's done quietly – and without lots of fanfare, just as Jesus suggests.

*"When you pray, go into your room, shut your door, and pray to your Father in secret." ~ Matthew 6:6*

With this in mind, Grace's **Prayer Friends** secretly pray for

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation students. The students don't know who's praying for them – just that someone continues to think about them during this crucial time in their lives. Along the way, the Prayer Friend will send a card or share a small gift to let the student know that they are remembered. Then, on the day they are confirmed, these students get to meet their Prayer

Friends for the first time.

Prayer Friends is a great way to support youth at Grace. If you want to be involved, talk to Kevin and he'll put you on the list of future Prayer Friends. And thanks to all who keep teens in their prayers – whether you are a Prayer Friend or not!

## We're Working Towards Our Goal!

Summer Savings continues to be built up as people make special gifts to this fund. Right now, the total is \$3085.46. Our goal is to gather \$12,000 – which can be reached when everyone gets involved. Make your gift by using the Summer Savings envelopes which are on the Ministry Opportunity Table.

While some can give more – and others struggle, if Grace receives an average of \$15 per person, we will easily reach this goal. So do your best and remember, this is **over and above** what we normally give.



It seems that the magic fairies who have always been there to set up tables and chairs for meetings, clean out coffeepots, pick bulletins up off the floor and generally pick up after us have suddenly left Grace. They didn't tell us

## NEWS FLASH—THE MAGIC FAIRIES HAVE LEFT GRACE!



## Confirmation Classes!

We start up again on Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> and continue through Wednesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. We will take a final look at the New Testament Church and use this opportunity to learn more about putting our faith into action by serving others.

We're asking **all parents** to be at Class on Wednesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. During this time, we'll have students and their parents take a survey (see the article on Pg. 1). Remember, each class meets from 6:30 to 7:45 pm.



## Food Pantry Drive

Bring your gifts of food to build up supplies for our local Food Pantry. Drop off your donations at Church anytime from April 11<sup>th</sup> – April 25<sup>th</sup>. And thank you

for remembering those who are hungry.

## Bingo!

The Board of Fellowship will be holding a Bingo Sunday in the Fellowship Hall April 11<sup>th</sup> from noon until 3:00 pm. Please bring along a wrapped White Elephant gift, something that you have sitting around your home that you never use but don't want to throw away. If you'd like to

participate in a pizza lunch prior to Bingo, a \$1.00 per person donation would be appreciated. Snacks and drinks will be provided.



**Quilting Group  
meets the 2nd &  
4th Tuesday of  
each month at  
6:00 p.m. at Grace.**

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