



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

Grace Gazette

“Rejoice in the Lord, always, again I will say—rejoice!” ~Phil 4:4

It is good to be able to have joy in your life. Yet when I read this word from Philippians, I always rebel – just a little bit. I want to say, “Don’t tell me I have to have joy. What about those days I don’t feel happy?”

I guess I need to relax, because this word from Philippians is not an order – “Have joy or else!” It’s an indication of what’s possible. The writer wants us to know God has not been stingy when it comes to giving us reasons for joy.

Now, the word “rejoice” means having your joy brought back to you. The word, itself, recognizes the times when we are down by telling us that God works to restore our joy. Which means joy is not something we conjure up on our own. Rather, it is

another one of God’s gifts to us.

And, it is God’s work in us – which takes the pressure off of us to come up with joy. After all, when we are truly angry, sad or disappointed, the last thing we need is for someone to tell us to cheer up.

But what we do need is what God provides – real joy in the midst of everything else that is happening.

Now, God gives this joy, first of all, through a word of forgiveness. Knowing we are forgiven for the worst of what’s in us and the worst of what we’ve done gives us relief - - - and therefore, joy.

God also gives us joy by telling us over and over again that we live in the presence of His unmovable, unchangeable love. Knowing God’s love

cannot be taken from us gives us a reason to rejoice.

Finally, God gives us joy in each other. When we’re called into the body of Christ, Jesus tells us we are his friends. Then, we are invited to be friends with each other. Having a caring Church family is another reason for joy.

I sense that joy and friendship at Grace when I hear people talking to each other – truly listening to one another – and laughing together!

Yes, we can rejoice in the Lord always, because God is generous in giving us reasons for joy. May you experience that joy each day.

Pastor Kent



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- *Friday, July 23—Grace Block Party—7-11 p.m.*
- *High Seas Vacation Bible School—August 10-12*
- *Island Sunday—August 22nd at 9:00 a.m.*

Keeping Your **COOL** —a Summer Bible Study Experience

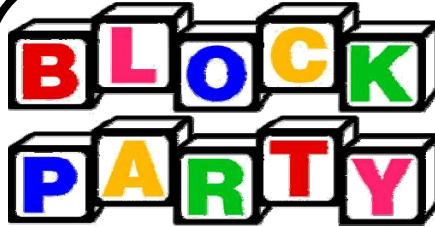
Summer is a time when we hope to relax and get rid of some stress. To help us all do that, we'll have a Bible study which will give us some resources to deal with stress. The study will go from July 8th to August 3rd — meeting at Church at 6:30 pm. Each week, we'll look at a different Bible passage and talk about not only the causes of stress, but also how God's Word can help us manage stress. Keep your cool this summer and gather with others to study God's Word!



Shoes and Socks—The

children of Wisconsin

Rapids community thank you, the congregation of Grace Lutheran church, for your generosity. Since the Shoes and Socks ministry began in early March, this church has donated 34 packs of socks, 24 packs of underwear, and 32 pairs of children's shoes, all brand new!!! Please know that these items have been greatly needed and appreciated. This is an ongoing need, so will be an ongoing ministry. The Church in Society committee thanks you for your contribution to this ministry.



Get Ready to Bust a Move, and Shake that Groove Thing ya, ya!!

Join us for a night of dancing and fun at the

Grace Block Party. Friday, July 23rd from 7pm- 11pm, in the Youth Center, right here at Grace. Invite a friend to join you for a fun night out, while we kick up our heels and share some laughs. Feel free to bring your own CD's---the DJ's will be taking requests! See you there! Any questions, contact Ann Trzinski or Ginny Raddatz.



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."



Do you enjoy getting together with friends and family, sharing some food, having some fun, and maybe growing in your faith in the process? Well that is what the Fellowship board is about! Our mission is "To Foster Faith Through Fun and Fellowship". We organize many different

events during the year to give members the opportunity to meet and get to know others through fun activities. One way to do this may be to join the Grace Dining Groups, accompany the crafters for a weekend in Mt. Morris, attend a tailgate or movie/pizza party, go tubing at Power's Bluff,

or partake in a friendly game of bingo. If you like to camp, our Grace-family is camping at Vista Royale in Bancroft August 20-22. As always, all are welcome. No matter what the activity, our goal is to include food, family and fun!

Welcome

You'll find the Call family in a cozy log home in the woods. Jeremy purchased the home in 2005 and has done lots of remodeling; this year he plans to replace the siding. Jeremy enjoys doing handywork and fixing things, he works as a project engineer at Innovative Machine Specialists in Marshfield. He grew up on a dairy farm, and he still enjoys doing some farm work, planting soybeans & corn with his brother each year. Melissa enjoys doing some gardening at home, she'd like to add to her collection of perennials, something she learned from her mom who is a master gardener. Melissa works as an underwriter for Sentry Insurance. She also enjoys reading and taking lots of pictures of her family. Logan is completing 9th grade at West Junior High. One thing you will learn quickly about Logan, is that he loves to play hockey - so much - that he plays or attends camps year round. Jeremy even managed to flood a hockey rink for him in the front yard. His little sister Caitlyn, is in 2nd grade at Grant school. She's a dancer, and can't wait for her recital in May. This summer she is looking forward to spending two weeks with her grandparents and getting to go to Bible school. Their sweet little guy Sam, is six months old and a really good baby, they say he's only fussy in church.



Golf season is upon us, and that means time to get to work for Steve Crubel who works as an assistant superintendant for Bull's Eye Country Club. Bri Crubel is a sixth grade teacher at Howe school; she'll be teaching 5th grade next school year. Lilly, is their 20 month old daughter. They say she loves being outdoors, going for rides in her bike trailer or imitating mom and dad with her own lawn mower and gardening tools. Steve, naturally enjoys golf and taking care of the outdoor landscaping jobs. Bri likes to be artsy and creative, scrapbook and get together with other moms.

The Planer family enjoys taking road trips; the Dells, Minoqua and the zoo's in Madison and Milwaukee are favorite destinations. They get away to Florida when the weather gets cold, with Jason's parents wintering down there they have a place to visit. They also enjoy getting out to do some fishing. Jason is a technical service rep for Worzalla Publishing; he likes working with a range of different clients from those in New York to our local writers. Jessica is the childcare director for the YMCA: where they care for 200 kids in various programs. Their son Braedon, just completed Kindergarten. He's into Star Wars, Lego's and reading. His brother Logan, likes swimming and soccer, he'll be in third grade next fall.



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