



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

Grace Gazette

Spring Fever, Senioritis and New Directions

It’s tough to be inside when the sun’s shining and flowers are blooming. You’d rather ride a bike, take a walk or play tennis. That’s Spring Fever! Which is similar to Senioritis – you know, the disease High School seniors get when they’ve almost made it to graduation and are totally bored. Spring Fever and Senioritis are the same in that when you have them, you’re thinking about going in a new direction, rather than doing the same old thing.

God doesn’t have Spring Fever or Senioritis, yet God does get tired of the same old trouble and brokenness which comes out of his

creation. So, he sends Jesus to die for our sin and then raises him from the dead in order to take us in a new direction in our relationship with him. The new direction is called “trust”. We are invited to trust God! We are invited to trust God so much we lay everything in his lap with the confident hope that God will see us through. We are invited to trust God so much we give ourselves away to others, knowing that it will make a meaningful difference in the world.

Trust!

It’s what’s new between God and us - - - and each of us is invited to do more than try it. We are

encouraged to live this way!

Aren’t all the good relationships you have based on trust? They have to be, or you couldn’t get through the day. God tells us we can trust him above all others, even if we haven’t trusted God that much before. This is way better than Senioritis or Spring fever, both of which are over with quick enough. And, this is way better than living with fear, discouragement or isolation. God is our God. God is with us. God promises to work for good in our lives. We are invited to trust.

Pastor Kent



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Special points of interest:

- *Sunday, May 16th—Sunday School Singing at 10:30 Worship*
- *Sunday, May 23rd—Music Sunday at 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Worship*
- *High Seas Vacation Bible School—August 10-12*



Take the “Grace Congregational Life” Survey!

The Fact Finding Group has put together a survey to give the people of Grace a voice. This survey will be a way to gather information which will better prepare us for calling an Associate Pastor. For example, answers from this survey will give everyone an idea of what role an Associate Pastor could play – or what ministries we need to enhance or develop.

Along with helping us prepare to call an Associate, this survey will give real time information to Grace’s leadership today – helping us to work together to build the Church and share the Good News.

There will be **many opportunities for you to take this survey.**

- There will be specific meetings you can attend
- You can come into the Church office to take it.
- Or, you can go online at the Grace website – www.glcwr.org, print the survey off and then take it at home.

When a majority of Grace people take the survey, it will more accurately describe the future we all want for Grace Lutheran Church. Make sure you are heard by taking the Grace Congregational Life Survey. (it will only take about 20 minutes)

Dates for your calendar...

Sunday, May 9th—Mother’s Day

Sunday, May 16—Sunday School singing at 10:30 worship

Sunday, May 23rd—Music Sunday

Sunday, May 30—The Summer Schedule begins – one service only – at 9:00 am.

Have you been looking for a devotional for that child in your life who is not quite a teenager or is in that “in between” stage? Well check out the “Gotta Have God 2”, “Gotta Have God” for boys or “God & Me! 2” for girls devotionals. Each title has a book for these age levels 2-5, 6-9 or 10-12. Check them out at <http://store.tyfi.org>.



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.”

Connect bobbers with fishing for people and you have May’s Ministry of the Month! As you’re wrapping your mind around this, think about how **you** reach out to others. When you’re at worship, do you get to know people you’ve

never met before? Do you give others the same friendly welcome you’ve received? Do you invite others to worship with you? It’s all part of the ministry of Evangelism – and it takes all of us to make it happen. So, stay tuned

in May to learn what bobbers have to do with reaching out with the Good News!





ALL HANDS ON DECK! Vacation Bible School Sign-up

Get ready to set sail on a voyage into God's word. Climb aboard the High Seas this summer for Vacation Bible School August 10th, 11th, and 12th from 9:00 to 4:00. To sign up to volunteer or for more information contact: Christie Witt, Alyssa Lee or Kevin Cushman.

↘ New friends

Date: August 10, 11 and 12

↘ Amazing crafts

Time: 9:00 am-4:00pm

↘ Swashbuckling Bible adventures

Ages: For children who have completed 5 year old Kindergarten through 5th Grade

What to bring: Sack lunch with drink each day, school supplies for Stuff The Bus and a guest

Cost: \$10 per child return registrations by Sunday, July 25th (checks made out to Grace Lutheran Church)

↘ Wild games

Name: _____

Age: _____ **Birthday:** _____ **Last grade completed:** _____

Allergies or other medical conditions: _____

↘ Incredible music

Name: _____

Age: _____ **Birthday:** _____ **Last grade completed:** _____

Allergies or other medical conditions: _____

↘ Lip-smacking snacks

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone #: _____ **Email:** _____

In case of emergency, contact #: _____

Mother: _____ **Father:** _____

Home church: _____



If your child brings someone who is not a Grace Lutheran member they will be placed in the same group together. Attach \$10 per child with registration.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 8:00 Traditional Worship 9:00 Sunday School 9:00 Adult Education 10:30 Contemporary Worship	3 12:00 Coffee House 6:30 Support Group	4 5:00 AAUW Fellowship Hall 6:00 Fact Finding Group 6:30 Boy Scouts Youth Area	5 9:00 TOPS 6:30 Adventures In Confirmation 6:00 Choir	6 6:30 Men's Breakfast at Four Star 8:30 TOPS 4:45 TOPS	7	8 9:00 Adopt-A-Highway
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23 MUSIC SUNDAY 8:00 Worship 9:00 Sunday School 9:00 Education 10:30 Contemporary Worship 2:00 Fellowship Hall Reserved	24 12:00 Coffee House 5:30 Board of Evangelism 6:30 Support Group	25 6:30 Quilting	26 9:00 TOPS	27 6:30 Men's Breakfast at Four Star 8:30 TOPS 4:45 TOPS	28	29
30 9:00 Worship	31 Memorial Day— Church Office Closed					