

GRACE GAZETTE

Grace is a Christian family—Welcoming people to live God's Word and strengthen their faith.



Gratitude, Grace, Giving

The Ripple Effect

Who is Your God and What is He Like?

This is for everyone who is NOT in Confirmation class right now.

- If you had to write a paper on “What you believe about God” – what would you say?
- If you had to describe your God to someone who didn't know God, what would you tell them?
- What words would you use to describe God – and which words would come out of your mouth first? Powerful – close at hand – loving – angry – upset about sin – forgiving towards the sinner – all knowing ???

The truth is, we are limited in what we know about God because God is so great – and God is so different from us. God's ways are not our ways – God's choices are not our choices – God's thoughts are not our thoughts. As Professor Gerhard Frost once wrote, “God is unknowable at the depth at which I must know him.”

God is unknowable, until God reveals himself in the person of Jesus. So that now, whatever we know about God comes from what we see in Jesus. And when we look at him, we see someone who is kind and gracious in unexpected ways. In him, we see someone who loves the unlovable, in spite of themselves.

Which is pretty good news for those who feel unlovable – whatever the reason may be.

From Jesus, we learn that God is love. We discover that God encourages our hearts by forgiving our sins. And we receive a welcome which is like no other – where God says to us, “My son, my daughter, you will always be mine.”

So, God is not who we imagine God to be. God is who Jesus reveals him to be. And the words which we can use to describe God to others, because of Jesus, are the ones which touch our hearts the most – “Savior” – “Friend” – “Loving Father”.

Who is your God? Your God is the One who came down to save you and bring you back to him because he loves you dearly. That's what you can tell yourself and others.

Pastor Kent

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Special points of interest:

- Geocaching Bible Study
Sundays at 9:00 a.m. meet by the visitor parking signs
- The Shack Discussion Group—Tuesday, October 6th at 6:30 p.m.
- Tailgate Party, Sunday, October 11th at Noon
- Commitment Sunday, October 18th
- Confirmation Sunday, October 25th at 10:30 a.m.

Grace's Mission Trip

Grace's first official Mission Trip will take us to Guatemala, February 6-13. Why Guatemala? Number one - because the need is so great. We will be working with the people of the dump - the poorest of the poor - whose primary source of existence is foraging through the local dump. They need medical care, an uplifting word and hope for a better future. Number two - because there is a partnership with a local physician, Dr. Oscar Paredes. We can support the work he is already doing in that area, while adding something more.

On this Trip, we will provide the following:

- Medical, dental and optical care.
- A Vacation Bible School for children - sharing God's love with them.
- Training and skills for adults, helping them to become more self sufficient.

"How can you be involved?" You can make the trip to Guatemala as part of the Mission Team. Offer yourself and your skills so a well rounded team can make an impact for these people. (In order to be on the Mission Team, you will need to fill out an application.) Check out the Grace web site to look over an application - or pick one up at Church. **These applications are due October 11th.**

Or, you can sign up to be part of the Ground Crew. These people will make the trip possible by doing a great number of jobs right here in Rapids. This includes prayer - planning - gathering supplies - and a dozen other ways to provide support to the Mission Team.

This is an exciting and challenging way for us to put our faith to work while caring for people in need. But many, many people are needed to make the Mission Trip successful. Take this opportunity to be involved.

And if you have any questions - talk to Pastor Kent or Stacy in the Church office.



Sunday Highlights

October 4th - come to the Youth Center at 9:00 am to hear the latest news about our goal of calling an Associate Pastor.

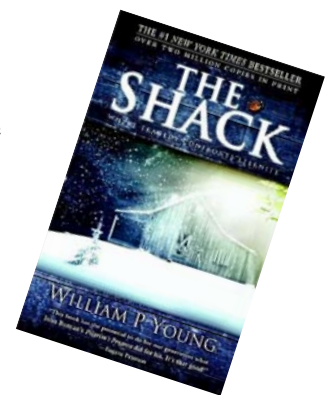
October 11th - Party at the "No Packer Game Tailgate Party"! Wear your team apparel to worship. Bring a dish to pass. Get ready for some fun. Hot dogs, hamburgers, brats, beverages and utensils will be provided.

October 18th - Commitment Sunday! Bring your Commitment Card to worship for a special celebration of the ministries we accomplish together.

October 25th - 18 Confirmation Students will be confirmed at the 10:30 service.

The Shack - a Discussion Group

If you've read the book, "The Shack" by Wm. Young and have wanted to talk about it, come to Church on Tuesday, October 6th at 6:30 pm. We'll get a chance to discuss the themes which come out of this book and how it helps us learn about who God is.



Tiny Toes

Mini Dance Camp

The moment your little one has been waiting for has arrived! That's right the first—Tiny Toes Mini Dance Camp is beginning Saturday, October 24th—10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the sanctuary at Grace. Snacks provided.

What do we do at Mini-camp? We will take a story of God's love and grace and bring it to life with music and motion. Then we share that story with others by participating in the following Sunday's worship services. (Typically the end of the 8:00AM service and somewhere in 10:30AM service)

Who can come to Mini-camp? Pre-school thru 4th grade. Basically, if your child can walk, follow directions, enjoys music and/or has expressed an interest, come and join us!

What happens if we can't be there this time or my child changes their mind? If you can't make this one be sure to look forward to future mini-camp opportunities. The benefit of the series of camps is that your commitment is limited to that camp/dance. (Although I hope they will have fun and their schedule permits participation throughout the year)

What do they need to wear for participating in Sunday Services? Black (stretch yoga type) slacks, long sleeve white shirts dance shoes or white footie socks.

If you have any questions please contact Christine Sullivan at 423-5895 or christines@charter.net.

Tiny Toes Mini Dance Camp

Name _____

Grade _____ Age _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

HERE'S the CONNECTION

Has a son or daughter gone off to school? maybe enlisted in the military? moved from here to another town to start a new career? The Grace Family does not want them to go away untouched. We have the GRACE CONNECTION to help keep them close. We want them to know that we are always thinking about them, caring for them, and praying for them. Occasional cards or even care packages from Grace will remind them they are still part of this family no matter where they go. Please fill out a Grace Connection form and return it to the box on the hallway table, or to the office.



Grace Connection

Please connect with _____ (name)

At _____ (street address)

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Student
 Service
 New Career

Special Concerns _____



Prayer Partners

“Revelation Coffee” Saturday, October 24th at 9:00 a.m. You’ll find out who’s been praying for you – and next year’s Prayer Partner list will be started so you can be connected to someone by prayer. If you’ve been in Prayer Partners or want to be – this coffee is for you. Contact the Church office 423-2330 or tammy@glcwr.org to let us know you’ll be there. Call Lin Arterburn 421-4055 or Bev Bergeson, 421-1271 with any questions about Prayer Partners.

Nursery volunteers,

please check your calendar so you can plan to attend one of the short training sessions being offered the next two Sundays - October 4th, October 11th. Please come to the nursery at 9:30 am to learn about the nursery check in system we will begin using Sunday, October 18th. It's not a big change, but you'll want to know what's happening the next time you are working in the nursery caring for the little ones.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 8:00 Traditional Worship 9:00 Adult Education 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Contemporary Worship 12:00 Discover Grace	5 6:30 Support Group	6 6:30 Discussion Group	7 9:00 T.O.P.S. 5:30 Board of Youth 6:30 Adventures In Confirmation 6:30 9th Grade Confirmation 6:30 Choir	8 6:30 Men's Breakfast at Four Star 4:45 T.O.P.S.	9	10 Wedding
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