

GRACE NOTES



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MAY 22 CELEBRATIONS & EVENTS

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Four eighth graders will be confirmed at the 11:00 a.m. service.

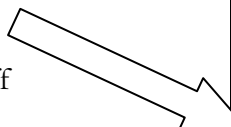
SUNDAY SCHOOL STAFF/LEARNING GUIDES APPRECIATION

Please join us at 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship hall to honor our hardworking, dedicated Sunday School staff and Confirmation learning guides!

SUNDAY SCHOOL GRADUATION

We will celebrate the end of another great Sunday School/Confirmation year at 9:45 a.m. and the students will be graduating to the next grade.

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MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH



Please join us for a wonderful Mother's Day Brunch on Sunday, May 8, from 9:30–10:30 a.m. Bring your Mom, Grandma, and any other special women in your life! A great meal will be served. A freewill offering will be taken with all proceeds going to those teens attending Confirmation Camp at Michi-Lu-Ca in July.

SERVICE TIME CHANGE

From May 29 through September 4, second service will begin at 10 a.m. There will be no Sunday School during this time.

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GRADUATION AT GRACE

Graduate Sunday will be held on June 5, at both services. High school seniors, please let the church office know which service you will be attending. A reception will be held between services so that the congregation may congratulate you. Please wear your cap and gown.



Howell High School Baccalaureate will be held Sunday, May 22, at the Howell High School auditorium. This special service of reflection and spiritual direction is sponsored by the Howell Ministerial Association. All high school students are invited to this service to honor the class of 2011.

Do you have a college graduate in your family? If so, call the church office so that we may recognize them.

HOMETOWN WORKCAMP



This year's Workcamp will take place July 10–15 and will be a "Home Town" Workcamp.

What does this mean? This year we will be helping those in our own community. We will be helping at Salem Lutheran in Flint, helping those in need at Grace Centers of Hope and also helping some families in Livingston and Oakland counties.

Who can be involved? Anyone who will be in the 8th grade in 2011/2012 and up. Already graduated? You are welcome to join us. Adults, parents we need your help. We are looking for many hands—many hands make light work. Bob Clise has offered to chaperone this new adventure for our church.

Youth Volunteers

How will it work? We will meet at Grace every morning, have breakfast, pack our lunches and away we go! Off to do Gods work helping others through the love we share in Christ. If you cannot make the complete week it's ok—anytime you can give will be appreciated!

All proceeds from our fundraisers will go to help purchase the materials needed for these projects. They will go to buy wood, tile, paint, whatever is needed.

Contact Bob Clise at 734-878-6368 or the church office 517-546-3350 if you can help.

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

Thank you to everyone that donated goods and helped set up, sell and clean up at the spring rummage sale. Over \$650 was earned, which will go to help different programs at the church.





So often in life we see a need and feel inadequate to meet that need. We have a defeatist attitude that something cannot be done. It is very easy to jump to the negative when confronted with a challenge.

Easter Sunday presented a challenge with regards to the Easter breakfast. When you attempt to feed 150 people there are all kinds of potential problems. Who is going to buy the food? Who is going to prepare the food? Who is going to serve the food? Who is going to clean up the food? There are many reasons to be negative and believe that it is just too big an undertaking.

Don't say that to Ken and Tammy Lane and their kids or Bob and Judy Clise. They put on one terrific Easter breakfast and they did a majority of the work themselves with a little help from others. It's amazing what one family can do when you have a 'can do' attitude. Henry Ford said, "Believe you can, believe you can't, either way you'll be right."

When God's people are confronted with a challenge don't be so quick to go negative with your thoughts and comments. Take a moment to remember what God has done throughout history with a few willing hearts. But don't take my word on it, next time you bump into Ken and Tammy Lane and their kids and Bob and Judy Clise tell them they can't make a difference by themselves. I dare you too!

Pastor Tom

MAKING STRIDES AGAINST BREAST CANCER INFORMATIONAL RALLY

Making strides toward a world with more birthdays!

Come and find out what Making Strides is all about on Thursday May 19, from 6:30-8:30 p.m., at Grace Lutheran Church in the Fellowship hall. This is a community based event which will take place on October 15, 2011 in downtown Howell at the courthouse.

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer is the American Cancer Society's premier event to raise funds and awareness to fight breast cancer. Hundreds of Making Strides walks are held nationwide each year to celebrate people who have battled breast cancer, educate people about ways to reduce their risk, and empower communities to join the fight.

Everyone is welcome—men, women and children of all ages are encouraged to participate.

For more information contact Michelle Hebert, Event Chair Coordinator for the Howell event at 517-672-1268 or go to the website: www.cancer.org/stridesonline.

Hope to see you on May 19th!.....

Please help me make strides towards more birthdays!



EARLY LEARNING CENTER

This past month we came back from spring break and it seemed like half of the month was gone!

Our two's playgroup resumed class after having their spring vacation. The children moved from learning about kangaroos to exploring different aspects of spring. A great time was had by all! Remember, if you have a favorite 2 year old in your life, have the parents give us a call to come and experience our wonderful and exciting two's program.

The three year olds and four year olds came back from spring break and had a special day where we had the Howell Fire Department and one of our firefighter parents (Dennis Cotton) come in and talk with the children about how firefighters are just normal everyday people even though they are dressed up in a special uniform and how to get out of your house if the smoke detectors go off. Ask your favorite preschooler the catch phrase Firefighter Dennis taught them about this! ☺

The three's spent time learning about spring and all the wonderful things that go along with it. The weather (unfortunately there hasn't been much spring weather this year), MUD, grass, flowers, and butterflies. They also experienced Monet and tried their hand at his artistic style. They also spent time learning about healthy hearts and teeth. We were very lucky to have visitors from the community come and talk with the children about these topics.

The four year olds continued learning about fire safety after the firefighters visited. They learned about how to call 911 and WHEN to call 911. They then moved into bike day where they cleaned, decorated and rode their bikes. They made message tubes and put them on their bikes so that they have an easy way to deliver mail to their friends! The children then worked on preparing for their Mother's Day event and their special surprises for moms.

We hope that you and your families had a wonderful Easter with your families.

Michelle Tatara
ELC Administrator



COUNCIL CORNER

The Council met on Thursday, April 14.

The Council approved reports from the ELC, Youth Administrative Liaison, the Music Director and the Pastors.

The financial report was accepted as written with additional funds being paid on our building loan. We continue to be on target to possibly pay off the loan by 2012.

Charlie Cobb presented a design for the coffee nook in the narthex. Council approved the construction of this coffee corner and the purchase of the coffee urns that will have 3 separate spouts including one for hot chocolate.

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The baptismal font has been fixed by Charlie Cobb.

The interview committee for the Youth Director Position presented Mike Capra as the final candidate. The Council approved the appointment of Mike to begin May 1.

The Youth committee will do local projects for Work Camp and are looking for youth who will want to help as well as any adults that might be interested. Please let Greg Stiles know if you are interested in helping and if you know of projects that need to be done.

Twenty-five choir robes were donated to the choir from First United Methodist Church of Farmington. The choir can use some new voices to fill all those robes.

The "Kids Against Hunger" campaign received a donation of \$500, which puts us on a great track to making the \$2500 we need to fill all those food packets.

Yours in Christ,
Barbara Carter, Council President

FAMILY AND FUN WITH TAE KWON DO

Mark Hearn, a 2nd Degree Black Belt (and the owner of Perfect Maintenance, Grace's janitorial company) would like to offer a family Tae Kwon Do/Self Defense program on Monday nights, here at Grace. This program would give parents and their child(ren) an opportunity to interact with each other while learning valuable skills, discipline and self respect in a safe, healthy and fun atmosphere.

Students will learn various kicks, punches, forms and self defense with an emphasis on NOT being aggressive with this knowledge. The will learn RAD:

- Recognize (recognize potential danger)
- Avoid (stay away or walk away if possible)
- Defend (defend when necessary)

This beginner course for all ages will teach the basics of Tae Kwon Do, Hapkido, traditional Korean forms, one step sparring and self defense. You will have the opportunity to advance at your own pace WITHOUT any pressure.

Students will learn discipline, respect for others as well as self-respect, self control, balance and coordination, all while having fun.

The cost for each class will be \$5 for single or \$3/person for groups. If you are interested or would like more information, or would prefer classes held on a different night, give your name and phone number to the church office. Email to grace312@sbcglobal.net or phone 517-546-3350.



YOUTH AND FAMILIES MINISTRIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We have age level classes for all children ages 2 years through 5th grade, each Sunday from 9:45–10:45 a.m.

May Sunday School Schedule:

May 1—The Empty Tomb

May 8—NO SUNDAY SCHOOL. Join us for Mother's Day breakfast

May 15—Wedding Banquet

May 22—SS Staff/Learning Guide Appreciation/Graduation

May 29—NO SUNDAY SCHOOL. Happy Memorial Day Weekend

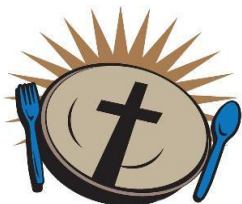


Sunday School teachers, join us for the last Sunday School teacher meeting of this school year on Sunday, May 1, at 9:45 a.m. in the First/Second grade classroom. We will be discussing end of school year items.

Please join us on Sunday, May 22, at 9:45 a.m., in the Fellowship hall to honor our hardworking, dedicated Sunday School staff and Confirmation learning guides! We will also celebrate the end of another great Sunday School/Confirmation year and the students graduating to the next grade. See flyer/e-mails for details on breakfast donations to bring. Each person attending will receive a special gift!

BASS LAKE FESTIVAL—(HIOTC/TEEN CLUB)

For any High School teen that is interested in attending the Bass Lake Festival, it will be held August 5–8, at Michi-Lu-Ca. This year's theme for this special outdoor music event will be "Rooted." Many activities are planned, such as music from The Mark White Band, George Moss, and Will Serrano, Skillshops, Bible studies, a Coffee House, karaoke, an ice cream social, and storytelling/wood carving talents of First Century Ministries. If you would like to attend this exciting weekend, see Mike Capra or Karen Warsop by Sunday, May 22, and pay \$95 to register.



Senior Worship

SENIOR WORSHIP

Welcome all seniors. Service at 11:00. Luncheon to follow.
Wednesday, May 18, 2011



RECIPE OF THE MONTH

This month's recipe was submitted by Trudy Esch.

Stuffed Pepper Soup

Yield: 10 Servings

Amount	Measure	Ingredient -- Preparation Method
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2	Pounds	Ground Beef
1	Can	Tomato Sauce -- 28Oz
1	Can	Diced Tomatoes, Undrained -- 28Oz
1	30 oz	Water -- 30 oz or more
2	Cups	Cooked Long Grain White Rice
2	Cups	Chopped Green Bell Pepper
2		Beef Bouillon Cube
¼	Cup	Packed Brown Sugar
2	Teaspoons	Salt
1	Teaspoon	Pepper



In a large saucepan or Dutch oven, brown beef; drain. Add remaining ingredients; bring to a boil.

Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 30-40 minutes or until peppers are tender.

Soup may be thick; add water as needed. This soup recipe can be doubled and it freezes well.

MEIJER REWARDS

We received a check for \$102 from Meijer that will go towards expenses with Hometown Workcamp. If you would like to be a part of bringing extra money to Grace's Youth programs, you can sign-up at a Meijer store or online at meijer.com. Use Grace's code of 772497. You will receive a card that you present to the cashier each time you shop at Meijer. Grace receives a percentage from the total purchases from all Meijer Rewards members.

BEHIND THE VEIL

Poet Joan Walsh Anglund called death "a thin curtain...less than gauze, between us." John Taylor said, "While we are mourning the loss of our friend, others are rejoicing to meet him behind the veil."

Thanks to Jesus' resurrection from the grave, death holds no power over God's children. Although we still grieve lost loved ones, we are assured that they have eternal life through faith in Christ.

We can take comfort knowing that those whose earthly lives have ended are in heaven forever — and that we'll soon celebrate with them.



RUN AGAINST DRUGS



The Livingston County Community Alliance (LCCA), is a non profit organization whose members are dedicated to reducing the use and abuse of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs by our youth. Survey shows, that Livingston County youth are using alcohol, marijuana, opiates, and other drugs at rates higher than the national averages. The LCCA is hosting its' 8th annual **Run Against Drugs** on June 11, 2011. The run is LCCA's major annual event dedicated to bringing awareness of substance abuse issues in the county. This run is a morning of fun events and activities for kids and their families. The kick off is at 8:30 a.m. with the 5K / 10 K Run or Walk and the kids run will start at 9:30 a.m. This year's site for the run is at the Barnard Center in Howell. The mornings activities include bounce houses, face painting, free massages, dog training demonstrations, blood pressure checks, painting activities from the ceramic studio, fingerprinting and ID cards for kids courtesy of the Howell Police Dept., and much more!

Registration for the 5K / 10K Run-Walk is \$20 until June 6, or \$25 day of event. Through the generous sponsorship of Citizens Insurance, the first 100 kids registered for the run are free and receive an official Run t-shirt. After that the registration for the kids run is only \$5 and includes the t-shirt.

All proceeds raised are dedicated to future youth led substance abuse prevention efforts in the county by form of mini grants. All youth organizations are encouraged to apply. Some of the past events that used LCCA grant funds were "kick butts day" at Hartland Middle school, the SADD chapters have received grants, girl scout troops, and more. We are also in need of volunteers to help the day of the run.

Information about the LCCA and the Run Against Drugs, as well as volunteer registration forms, sponsorship level sheet, and a sample of past youth led projects will be available on the table.

Submitted by Charle R. Kline

Thank you, everyone, for your cards, prayers and well wishes, both for my health and at the death of my mother. You are always so gracious and accommodating.

God Bless, Connie Peterson

Thank you to Charlie Cobb, Ken Keith and Reggie Hasenbusch, for your contributions to the soon-to-be installed coffee corner. Your hard work and talent is greatly appreciated.

Pastor Tom Huff

Thank you to all that helped with the Easter Egg Hunt. You helped make a fun time for many children!

Karen Warsop

A NOTE OF



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Dear Pastor Tom and Pastor Sharon,

On behalf of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) of Livingston County I would like to thank you for letting me use a room at Grace to hold the six-week NAMI Basics class (from February 10 through March 17). Your support for NAMI is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely, Cheryl Hayes, President, NAMI--Livingston County, and Co-teacher of NAMI Basics

A big thank you to all that helped prepare, cook, serve and clean up at the Easter breakfast. Thanks to everyone that supported this event—around \$280 was made to go towards materials for Hometown Workcamp. Also, thanks to Bob Clise for his bread donation.

Karen Warsop

Thank you for your calls, cards and visits during my recent illness. A special thank you for the beautiful prayer quilt and all the prayers. It is so comforting to be a part of such a loving and caring church family.

Bless you all, Earlene Grubaugh

To all who knew and loved Norm Rose.

To all who sent cards, prepared food or just said a comforting word, I say thank you. He will be missed. To all who attended his service, and it was so many, thank you. It was a beautiful service, a great tribute to my dad. He was smiling down with sunshine and blue skies. How about all the veterans in our church? Awesome to see a military service like that we know he was proud of it. Thanks to my church family who has been so comforting.

Kathy & Keith Boyes and family, and the entire Rose clan: Sandy & Jim Coddington and family, Dale & Darla Brunet and family and Bonnie & Greg Lieberman and family

To Grace's Fellowship committee,

Wow! What can I say after the wonderful memorial for my dad, Norm Rose, except thank you, thank you, thank you, to this fantastic team that worked the luncheon afterwards. Huge thanks to Pat & Dave Isom, Diane & Darrel Sterzinger, Earlene Grubaugh, Jane Halliday, Reggie Hasenbush, John and Jeanette Vlahos, Carolyn Salvatore, and Nancy O'Brien. They worked very hard and all of them loved how my dad made everyone feel happy. You all did a beautiful job with all those people who stayed for the luncheon and then had it all packed up for us to take back to dad's house.

Thank you church family, from Norm Rose's daughter, Kathy, son-in-law, Keith and the rest of his loving family: Jim & Sandy, Dale & Darla, Bonnie & Greg and all his grandchildren and great-grandchildren

Thank you, Pastor Sharon,

From the bottom of our hearts we thank you for the wonderful service you set up for our dad. You portrayed to all what we talked about. I know he was smiling down on all of us. After all, look what the blue skies and sunny day turned out like. Thanks also for being his friend over the years. Don't forget, the stage leaves in five minutes.

Thanks from Kathy & Keith, Sandy & Jim, Dale & Darla, Bonnie & Greg, and all the kids



Don't delay: Saving today is one of the best ways to secure your retirement

Most people nearing retirement have an important piece of advice for those in their 20's and 30's: Start saving for your retirement now.

Although most boomers are optimistic about retirement, if they could do it over again, many would get serious about their future needs much earlier in life.

In fact, according to a fall 2006 survey of 2,500 U.S. adults age 45 to 64 by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, many baby boomers want others to learn from their mistakes. For example, 86% of those surveyed urged younger generations to start saving as soon as possible.

Interestingly, while 56% of boomers expect to enjoy a standard of living equal to or better than their parents, their confidence is not well-founded.

A majority of those surveyed have not made any formal retirement preparations. What's more, they're more likely to consult with family than a financial professional regarding retirement strategies. This may help to explain why 71% of baby boomers worry about not having enough money in retirement.

Regardless of where you are on your journey to retirement, there's never been a better time to get serious about preparing for what lies ahead.

If you need help preparing for retirement or would like to discuss how Thrivent Financial can help you achieve your financial goals, contact **Michale Miller, Financial Associate, at 734-260-4284** or michael.e.miller@thrivent.com today, or visit Thrivent.com.

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Open Hands

Dwight Zscheile

During the month of May our stewardship emphasis is centered around our building. There will be opportunities to paint, clean, and de-clutter and we hope that everyone contributes in some way. Further details will be forthcoming in the Sunday bulletins.

What does it mean to live with open hands, rather than clenched fists? It is a simple gesture, isn't it? Open hands are ready to receive or to give. They are relaxed, but also vulnerable. Clenched fists are closed. You can hide things in them. They can be a formidable weapon. Clenching your fists requires energy and strain.

The Bible tells about a man who comes to Jesus with a big question: "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" He's a righteous man, a leader, an upstanding member of the community who has faithfully kept the commandments. Jesus looks at him and gives him an answer that he doesn't want to hear—go and redistribute your possessions to the poor.

God lives with open hands. God gives freely to us, creating and sustaining everything that is, providing all that is necessary for human flourishing. God's hands are open in vulnerability to us, the vulnerability of an embrace that we do not always return, but sometimes reject. These are the open hands of the cross.

We are created in God's image to be givers. We are to live with open hands, receiving and giving, rather than closing off our hearts and hands from one another out of fear and scarcity. Jesus invites the rich man to accept a reality that will befall him anyway—you can't take your wealth with you into eternity. When you die, it all goes back in the box. We might as well start sharing it now so as to draw closer to our fellow humans in need.

How does this work? Over the years, giving has become one of the most important spiritual disciplines in my life. Like going to the gym or praying, there are some days in which I really don't feel like doing it. I get worried about money and have the impulse to clench my fist. But this is a practice I've committed to in response to God's generosity to me. I have not given away all my money and possessions; but giving away at least 10 percent of my income each year keeps me in closer relationship with God and those in need.

God has come to us in Jesus with open hands, wide open hands. May we open our hands and hearts in turn. Amen.

A CHILD'S PERSPECTIVE

A group of second-graders was quizzed about what ingredients their mothers are made of. One child said, "God makes mothers out of clouds and angel hair and everything nice in the world, and one dab of mean."

To the question "What does your mom do in her spare time?" one youngster said, "Mothers don't do spare time."

When the children were asked "Why did God give you your mother and not some other mom?" one child replied, "God knew she likes me a lot more than other people's moms like me."



PSALM 23

The Lord is my Shepherd = That's Relationship!

I shall not want = That's Supply!

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures = That's Rest!

He leadeth me beside the still waters = That's Refreshment!

He restoreth my soul = That's Healing!

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness = That's Guidance!

For His name sake = That's Purpose!

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death = That's Testing!

I will fear no evil = That's Protection!

For Thou art with me = That's Faithfulness!

Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me = That's Discipline!

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies = That's Hope!

Thou annointes my head with oil = That's Consecration!

My cup runneth over = That's Abundance!

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life = That's Blessing !

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord = That's Security!

Forever = That's Eternity!

Face it, the Lord is crazy about you.

May Birthdays



and Anniversaries

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| 2 Denny Davis | William Lane | 20 Matt Evens | Dean Norton |
| 3 David Tiihonen | 11 Linda Oumedian | Jason Vandeven | Payton Vandeven |
| 6 Connor Norton | 13 Priscilla Walsh | Cole Sova | 28 Kasey Hewer |
| 8 Brady Hewer | 14 Michael Lane | 21 Eric Warsop | 30 Aimee Althouse |
| 9 Darrel Sterzinger | Mason Sova | 24 Kaia Davis | Andrew Huff |
| Bret Coy | 15 Robert Lappala | 25 Lainey Byrd | 31 Susy Hall |
| 10 David Wendel | Joseph Walsh III | 27 Melia Hougaboom | |

Special Birthday wishes to:

Ione Simpson celebrating her 87th birthday on May 10th.
 Charles Butcher celebrating his 99th birthday on May 17th.
 Joann Merians celebrating her 73rd birthday on May 19th.
 Lorraine Kline celebrating her 90th birthday on May 20th.
 Delores Rose celebrating her 80th birthday on May 23rd.



May Anniversaries:

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| 9 Mike & Thelma Weller | 18 Ralph & Esther Snyder |
| 10 Jerry & Jackie Douglass | Reg & Rosie Hasenbusch |
| 12 Dave & Gerri Hager | 27 Robert & Mary Lou Rupp |
| 13 Craig & Dana Webb | 31 Brad & Amy Sova |
| 17 Charles & Mildred Butcher | |



Memorial Gifts

MEMORIAL FUND

Ellen Lemar

Earlene Grubaugh

Ruth A Owens

Earlene Grubaugh

Norm Rose

Earlene Grubaugh
 Dale & Cindy Salewsky
 Kathy & Tom Trader
 Al & Jane Halliday
 Pat & Randy Showerman
 Kathy & Keith Boyes
 Bob & Judy Clise
 Radney & Beverly Tucker
 Tom & Nancy O'Brien

Joan B Tewers
 Lexyann Staber
 Don & Betty Yax
 Wilbur & Joyce Klann
 Jo Ann & Jim Merians
 John & Jeanette Vlahos
 Darrel & Diane Sterzinger
 Ken & Kathie Keith
 Dave & Gerri Hager
 Beth & Bruce Baker
 Alan & Carol Blight
 Kirk & Julie Gunning
 Ione Simpson
 Thelma Rossetter
 Dave & pat Isom

Ruth Criche
 Linds Schick
 Ralph O Benson
 Russell & Doris Coddington
 & Family
 Gary & Kathie Ayotte
 Deb & Keith Rubley
 Bonnie & Jerry Kamminga
 Anonymous Donor

**Birthday honors for Pat Isom,
 Karen Warsop, & Jeanette
 Vlahos's**
 Earlene Grubaugh

May Servant Schedule

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Lay Asst	Barb Carter	Karen Warsop	John Warsop	Deb Evens	Trudy Esch		Barb Carter		Trudy Esch	John Warsop
Lay Rdr	Barb Carter	Linda Oumedian			Trudy Esch		Barb Carter		Trudy Esch	
Comm Asst	Judy Hanner & Pat Isom	Nancy Collins & Cindy Salewsky				Beth Baker & Russ Evens	Pat Isom & Judy Hanner			
Acolytes	Schedule Pending	Schedule Pending	Schedule Pending	Schedule Pending	Schedule Pending	Schedule Pending	Schedule Pending	Schedule Pending	Schedule Pending	Schedule Pending
Ushers	Darrel Sterzinger, Jim Koslowski & Larry Anderson	Ron Peterson & Connie Peterson	Darrel Sterzinger, Jim Koslowski & Larry Anderson	Ron Peterson & Connie Peterson	Darrel Sterzinger, Jim Koslowski & Larry Anderson	Ron Peterson & Connie Peterson	Darrel Sterzinger, Jim Koslowski & Larry Anderson	Ron Peterson & Connie Peterson	Darrel Sterzinger, Jim Koslowski & Larry Anderson	Ron Peterson & Connie Peterson
Altar Care (Clean Up)	Pam Anderson, Nancy Collins, (Cindy Salewsky)	Pam Anderson, Nancy Collins, (Cindy Salewsky)								
Greeters	Robert & Judy Clise, Tom & Nancy O'Brien, Darrel & Diane Sterzinger	Jane Thompson	Al & Jane Halliday, Tom & Kathy Trader, Don & Betty Yax	Jeanette Vlahos, Becky & Danielle Sellers	Dave & Pat Isom, Keith & Kathy Boyes, Ken & Kathie Keith	Matt & Julie Evens, Sharon, Matt & Emily Childers	Bill & Chris Manuel, Dave & Gerri Hager	Gary & Darcy Honaker	Tom & Nancy O'Brien	

Sign up for next month on the bulletin board in the narthex. Please call the church office to sign up to fill empty slots.

The deadline for articles or items for the June Grace Notes is:

**THURSDAY,
MAY 19, 2011**



Please be sure to submit any items for the June newsletter prior to this date. You may send submissions to the church office, or email to: grace312@sbcglobal.net



Helping Those in Need

Lutheran World Relief
requested items for May: Personal Care Kits

Sturdy Comb

Donation basket located in the narthex

WOMEN OF JOY BIBLE STUDY

All women are invited to join us for the Women of Joy Bible study each month. We will meet on Monday, May 23, at 7:00 p.m. We are having wonderful discussions from the topics in *The Thoughtful Christian* led by Pastor Sharon. Come and be a part of our group!



For an off hours medical or pastoral emergency, please call the Pastors at home at 517-552-1782.

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May 1 ELC Flower Fundraiser 8:30am Trad. Worship 9:45am Learning Hour 11:00am Cont. Worship 12:00pm Social Ministry meeting	2 7:30pm Alanon	3 9:30am T.O.P.S	4 6:30pm Choir 7:00pm Parish Ed	5	6 6:00pm Narcotics Anonymous (Fellowship hall)	7 7:47am Grace Men's Group 6:00pm Setup for Mother's Day Brunch
8 Happy Mother's Day! 8:30am Trad. Worship 9:30am Mother's Day Brunch 11:00am Cont. Worship	9 7:30pm Alanon	10 9:30am T.O.P.S 10:30am Cancer Support	11 12:00pm Circle Bible Study 6:30pm Choir	12 7:00pm Council Meeting	13 6:00pm Narcotics Anonymous (Fellowship hall)	14 Synod Assembly 9:00am Private Event (Fellowship hall) 3:30pm Home Plate
15 Compassion Sunday 8:30am Trad. Worship 9:30am Blood Pressure Clinic 9:45am Learning Hour 11:00am Cont. Worship 12:30pm Relay For Life Fun	16 7:30pm Alanon	17 9:30am T.O.P.S	18 11:00am Senior Worship/Luncheon 6:30pm Choir	19 12:00pm Grace Notes Newsletter deadline 6:30pm Strides Against Breast Cancer (Fellowship hall)	20 6:00pm Narcotics Anonymous (Fellowship hall)	21
22 8:30am Trad. Worship 9:30am Teacher/Learning Guide Appreciation 9:45am Learning Hour 11:00am Cont. Worship 11:00am Confirmation Sunday	23 7:00pm Women of Joy 7:30pm Alanon	24 9:30am T.O.P.S	25 9:45am Love Day Ladies 6:30pm Choir	26	27 6:00pm Narcotics Anonymous (Fellowship hall)	28
29 8:30am Trad. Worship 10:00am Cont. Worship 4:00pm Private Event (Sanctuary)	30 Memorial Day (United States) 7:30pm Alanon	31 9:30am T.O.P.S	Jun 1	2	3	4

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Sunday Schedule

8:30 a.m. Traditional Service
9:45 a.m. Learning Hour (all ages)
11:00 a.m. Contemporary Service

Nursery provided all morning.

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