



GRACE NOTES

A Communications Ministry of Grace United Methodist Church

Building up the church
to the glory of God.

Ephesians 4:12

June 2008

Children's "Elijah!" Fires Up Mother's Day Weekend

by Cheryl Ameiss

An empty throne awaits. Near it, five children dressed in jeans and white shirts play hand bells. The piano joins them, followed by tunic-clad children entering the Chancel, singing "Lord, we are your people." Thus began "Elijah!," the Grace children's musical presented in worship Mother's Day weekend May 10 and 11 by the Angelus and Cherub Choirs, Junior Singers and Children's Bell Ensemble.

"I chose 'Elijah' because it is a wonderful, action-filled story that is biblically based and not just a 'feel good' musical," said Director of Children's Music Ministries Lynn Leitzen. Written by Mark Patterson, "Elijah!" portrays the faithful prophet's journey through the wilderness, his unwavering trust in God, and his dramatic request of God to send fire down upon the people of Israel so that they could see the power of the true, living God.

The reason for choosing this musical was not lost on the children. Said Hannah Truckenbrod, who played Jezebel in the double-cast production, "I think this musical was chosen to show that we all know the right thing to do in our hearts, but sometimes we think too much about what others will think once we've done it." Remarkd Kelly Shugh, who portrayed Obadiah, "I think it was chosen because many people may be going through hard times right now, and sometimes knowing that God is there helps push them through. Also, if people are beginning to drift away from God, learning about all He did for us helps draw them back." All agreed with Nick Ameiss, who played both King



Playing prophets of Baal in the Grace children's musical May 10 and 11, (from left) Natalie Wagner, Rachel Wiskari and Alicia Leitzen "cheer" for their god to bring down fire upon the altar.

Ahab and Elijah: "This musical is about not worshipping other gods."

The congregation was introduced to several characters throughout the musical, played enthusiastically by the dual cast of Grace youngsters. They heard from various narrators (Kristen Basgall, Alicia Leitzen, Kristen Riedinger, George Thompson, Cheyenne Watkins, Breanna and Rachel Wiskari); they met King Ahab (played by both Nick Ameiss and Mak Jungnickel, who both also portrayed Elijah on the day they were not playing Ahab). Midway through the musical, Jezebel (Hannah Truckenbrod and Julianna Doll) and Obadiah (Ben Correll and Kelly Shugh) joined King Ahab in a compelling trio about killing those who believe in Yahweh. Palace Guards were portrayed by Christopher Blair and George Thompson, and the crows who fed Elijah in the wilderness were played by members of the Angelus Choir. Michelle Irwin and Emily Blair portrayed the Widow of Zarephath, who, when preparing to make bread with the last of her oil and flour, was asked by Elijah to trust that God would continue to pro-

vide for her if she would make bread for him.

The highlight of the musical for the children, and perhaps viewers too, was when the prophets of Baal (Alicia Leitzen, Natalie Wagner and Rachel Wiskari) joined with the prophets of Asherah and Yahweh in a "showdown" to prove who is the true God. This involved some lively cheering to incite the god Baal to send down fire upon the altar of the Lord. The people eventually turned to Yahweh when only he would send down fire, an effect that was brilliantly accomplished by the use of red, yellow and orange streamers

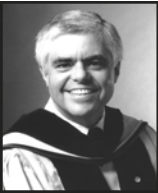
whipped into a blaze by the cast. "I loved the way the streamers snapped like real fire," said Rev. Carol Madalin of the colorful props that were crafted back in March at the annual Children's Musical Lock-in.

For two busy months, Grace children worked diligently preparing to present "Elijah!," and their efforts showed. Many thanks to all of our choristers, their parents, our dedicated staff and assistants, and to Directors Lynn Leitzen (Jr. Singers), Sue Riedinger (Cherub Choir), Renee Roscoe-Morrison (Angelus Choir), and Angela Sterchi (Children's Bell Ensemble). Through "Elijah!," the children and our congregation learned more than Old Testament Bible stories. They learned lessons for life.

The May 11 Mother's Day presentation of "Elijah!" was dedicated to the memory of Elaine Jungnickel, who devoted many hours and significant talent to Grace children's musicals throughout the years. She is truly appreciated and dearly missed.

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Pastor's Journal

Simple Pleasures, Spiritual Blessings

We have come to that season when large numbers of American men take on the task of cooking. Skills dormant throughout the winter reappear as days get longer. There is something deeply satisfying in domesticating the flame of the barbeque, in creating the traditional crosshatch marks, in mastering the grill.

It isn't that many of these same skills don't apply to the kitchen. It is just that the implements there are already domesticated. Temperature controls, timers and a plethora of special purpose pots and pans cannot compare with raw fire, cast iron and stone in their ability to hearken a simpler time and clearer values.

Even a \$5,000 stainless-steel outdoor propane gas grill station cannot completely obscure a primal reality. The barbecue links us to something more primitive than our sophisticated lives usually admit. The fire, the food, the raw and the cooked, the binary opposition of predator and prey, connects us with the deep architecture of our souls. We hear echoes of an ancient hunter-gatherer past and, for a brief moment, achieve dominion over creation.

Okay, so barbeque grills are not very efficient in turning energy into usable cooking heat. Charcoal briquettes, once a by-product of the auto industry, are now formed from the waste of other processes, and that is good. But both the manufacture of charcoal and its use restore carbon to the atmosphere that had been stored in trees. Outdoor cooking contributes more than its fair share to global warming.

Still, the simple pleasure of family and friends gathered for a cook-out, with conversation and yard games for entertainment, offers its own spiritual blessing. May you have many such simple blessings this season.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Bob's "Journals" also appear in Positively Naperville

2007-08 Grace Confirmands Join Family of Faith May 18th

Thirty-six eighth graders joined the Christian faith and the membership of Grace United Methodist Church in a confirmation ceremony Sunday, May 18, that interim Coordinator of Youth Ministries Gaye Lynn Loufek described as "transformational." Even if some of the students seemed hesitant throughout the confirmation process, which began last fall, they were "bubbling over," said Gaye Lynn, the day they were confirmed. "I said to them, 'If any of you isn't sure about what you've done after you are confirmed, you need to come see me,'" said Gaye Lynn, whose care and concern for these students each year is genuine. "I am there for each and every one of them, whether during confirmation, after or many years later," affirmed Gaye Lynn. Last month in *Grace Notes*, Pastor Lisa Telomen (who also provides extensive staff support to the confirmands every year) urged the Grace congregation to remember their pledge to uphold and support our con-

firmation students as they embark upon their journeys in faith. Many thanks to our 2007-08 small



Confirmands Katherine Widup (left) and Claire Leitzen serve as acolytes May 18.

group leaders, mentors, staff, substitute teachers, parents, and wonderful confirmands! Confirmation classes for 2008-09 eighth graders will begin in September. For those who want to get a jump on confirmation this summer, there are student/parent and student/mentor packets in the church office. Contact Gaye Lynn Loufek at 630-898-8986 with any questions.



Sarah Clewett shares her confirmation essay with the congregation and fellow students.



Parents, grandparents and mentors surround their confirmands with love and support.



Spotlight On...

THE GRACE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Grace Church is a striking building.

Not only does it embody the spirit of our Lord and His people, it emanates a tangible, physical sense of strength, majesty and grace. Outside, whether it be the first buds of spring, the blaze of October woods, or a pristine blanket of fresh-fallen snow, our property offers a well-kept, stunning backdrop for each of the changing seasons. Inside, our spacious rooms, bustling Activity Center and Fellowship Hall, intimate Chapel, and hallowed Sanctuary feel at once sacred and homey.

The physicality of one's place of worship is well-founded in the Bible. The book of Exodus, for example, illustrates in great detail the construction and trappings of the Lord's temple. The proper keeping of God's house is tantamount to honoring God and, literally, to facilitating the ministry of the local church.

Here at Grace, the people charged with this "holy house-keeping" are our Board of Trustees. Throughout the year, they tend diligently and lovingly to our church properties, equipment, investments

and resources in support of our vision and mission: *Building up the church to the glory of God.*

In addition to property management, the Trustees have multiple legal and administrative functions. They ensure that any articles of incorporation are kept up-to-date, assume responsibility for all use of our church buildings and grounds, and maintain adequate insurance coverage on all of our church properties. Trustees are held accountable to our Grace Church Council and work closely with our Staff-Parish, Stewardship and Finance, and Business Administration Committees. They also work with the Grace Church Foundation, which administers the Trustees' investments.

In 2007, Grace Trustees participated in major activities at both of our parsonages. At our 1561 Swallow Street building, Trustees were responsible for the removal of a sagging basement ceiling, replacing it with a new suspended ceiling. They also made electrical repairs. At the 754 Torrington Drive property, the Trustees oversaw the resurfacing of the driveway and the installation of a new asphalt shingle roof, attic fan and bathroom fan. Outside the church building, the Trus-

tees made sure that sinking sidewalks and pavement were repaired; they also held two church clean-up days, one in June and one in November. Inside, the Activity Center flooring was replaced, CCTV cameras and monitors were added to the sanctuary, and the church office was remodeled with new carpet, office cubicles and painting. In addition, re-incorporation was completed with DuPage County, which officially records Grace United Methodist Church with its present name. Plans for 2008 include a spring Work Day (which occurred May 10 of this year), a fall Work Day, re-keying of locks, signage system enhancements, improved lighting in the Activity Center, and automatic door openers at the main entry.

Grace Board of Trustees members for 2007 include: Class of 2010—Sally Davis, Jan Johnston (Secretary), Harold Workman; Class of 2009—Rex Dailey, Mike Walczak, vacancy; Class

of 2008—Larry Hartman (Chair), Ellie Lindsay, who will begin a second three-year term, and John Stuart, who is leaving the board after his three-year term of service. Board members who left the Trustees in May of 2007 are Nancy Huber and Greg Lacy. "Grace Church members can be proud of our property and building," said Chairman Larry Hartman, who is leaving the Board this month after six years of service. "In addition to our paid staff's maintenance, the Board of Trustees relies on many volunteers for our semi-annual Work Days, ongoing weeding of flower beds, and special projects. I would encourage families to help in the next Work Day in the fall as a way of giving back to our church," said Larry.



Among other responsibilities, the Grace Board of Trustees makes sure our building is at its best.



Side-by-Side Sets Off for "Rebirth" in New Orleans

"God is not unjust; He will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped His people and continue to help them." (Hebrews 6:10)

These are the words that will be held dear by the 95 adults and youth who are setting off in vans for New Orleans June 7 to help bring new life to the devastated area.

"We go in great anticipation," said interim Coordinator of Youth Ministries Gaye Lynn Loufek. "We have no idea how we

will respond to what we see, and we have no idea the impact of the work we will do. God has never promised that the journey would be easy, but He did say that the arrival would be worth the trip."

It is with prayer for their safety and thanksgiving for their willingness to do God's work that we bid farewell to our 2008 Side-by-Side participants. They will return from New Orleans on Sunday, June 15, undoubtedly full of stories of hope and changed lives. Many thanks to our share-

holders (a shareholder is defined as anyone who contributed to Grace's April pledge appeal or designated funds to our summer missions) and to all who supported our four fundraisers for summer youth-sponsored missions, which raised nearly \$6,500 for our trips to New Orleans and Indianapolis (July 27-August 1). The large wooden cross in the narthex displays ribbons with the names of our trip participants and shareholders.

Music Notes

Fond Farewell Leaves Open Pianist Position

After many years as New Life Singers' talented piano accompanist, Claudia Winterrowd and her family are moving to downstate Illinois. Grace's New Life Singers choir is thus seeking a pianist/accompanist. This is a paid position for an experienced accompanist. The New Life Singers sing twice per month at the 8:15 service on Sunday mornings and rehearse Wednesday evenings, 7:15-8:45 p.m., from September through May, with occasional extra services and seasonal presentations. If you are interested in this position or would like further information, please contact New Life Singers Director Sherrie Holdeman at 630-983-8313 or sherriejth@comcast.net. You may also contact Grace Director of Music Dan Wagner at 630-355-1748 or danwagner@peopleofgrace.org.

Summer Hymn Sing!

During the month of August, musical preludes to worship services will be replaced by a Hymn Sing. Have you ever wished we would sing some of your favorite hymns? Now is the time! The Hymn Sing will begin about 10 minutes before service time. Just make a list of your favorites and give them to Nancy Staton, our Principal Organist. You may leave your list in the church office for Nancy, or you may e-mail her at ncstaton920@yahoo.com. You may also send your requests by mail to 1101 Bauer Road, Naperville, IL, 60563. Be sure to indicate any dates you will be out of town, and Nancy will make sure that your hymn is sung when you are in worship. Your choices may be Christmas, Easter, patriotic, old, new—just so you love them! Start your list soon!

JIRANI CHILDREN'S CHOIR!

What a treat! On Sunday, **July 20**, 4:00 p.m., the Jirani Children's Choir will present a concert at Grace!



They will also be providing music at the 11:00 worship service that day. Producing songs that cannot be heard anywhere else, the 35 members of the Jirani (which means "good neighbors" in Swahili) Children's Choir move audiences across the world to tears with their beautiful, joyful songs of praise. Perhaps even more moving is the story of how this choir began and where it has taken its young choristers. From the Korogocho-Dandora (which means "garbage dump" in Swahili) slum of Nairobi, Kenya, where youngsters are fighting hunger and adversity every day, these children nevertheless had musical talents that were waiting to shine. Under the leadership of conductor and artistic director Jae Chang Kim, who auditioned over 400 children for this endeavor, the Jirani Children's Choir was formed as a way to recover hope for these children. Now, the smiles have returned to their faces, and the seeds of their dreams have begun to sprout. Don't miss their songs of hope and inspiration here at Grace July 20! **Grace families:** We are looking for 18 families to house the Jirani Choir children (aged 10-

18) and their adult assistants from Sunday, July 20, after the concert through Wednesday morning, July 23. Ideally, we would like one adult and two children with each family. If you can help in this way, please contact Rev. Lisa Telomen at 630-355-1748, ext. 226.

May 3 Glee Club Concert Premieres Song from Jackson Berkey



As part of the Naperville Men's Glee Club's 20th anniversary concert series "The Promise of a Song," a song by composer Jackson Berkey (left) called "Keep A-Goin'" was commissioned in honor of Bill Langham's 75th birthday at the Glee Club's Spring Concert May 3 at Grace. Berkey has over 300 compositions in his published catalog and has composed the music scores for all of the international and national award-winning American Visions video series of national parks. He is also a nationally renowned pianist and recording artist. The Naperville Men's Glee Club (of which Grace men Bill Langham, Ralph Keiser, Joe Michael, Roger Hendrickson and NMGC President John Bodine are members) was thrilled to have premiered this song, and Grace is privileged to have hosted this concert.

MUSIC AND ARTS AT GRACE—OH, THE POSSIBILITIES!

Consider the following ministry opportunities as you enjoy your summer! Please note, all choirs and music groups resume rehearsals the week of August 24.

FEATURED OPPORTUNITIES:

Grace Youth Chorale (Grades 8-12) Led by Dan and Vickie Wagner; rehearsals Sunday afternoons, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Like to act, dance, sing? Join the Youth Chorale and participate in the **November 16 Fall Musical**, with Guest Director and Choreographer Kris Visher, one of Naperville's finest leaders in musical theater.

Grace Concert Series Board of Directors

We are seeking adults who love the performing arts and want to serve in the administration and logistics of developing the area's finest series of concerts right here at Grace. Reach the community with a high-profile subscription series; inspire and witness to our faith through sacred music; celebrate the gift of music through emerging and well-known vocal and instrumental artists; develop a self-funding plan with high community impact and a mission heart! If interested, contact Dan Wagner.

Adult Vocal

- **Chancel Choir** (adults, college) Led by Dan Wagner; rehearsals Thursdays, 7:30-9:00p.m.; Sundays and concerts
- **New Life Singers** (adults) Led by Sherrie Holdeman; rehearsals Wednesdays, 7:15-8:45p.m.; Sundays and concerts
- **Grace Praise Team** (adults, college) Led by Lynn Leitzen, Dan Wagner; rehearsals Tuesdays, 7:15-9:00p.m.; Sundays, concerts
- **Chamber Singers** (by audition-adults, college) Led by Dan Wagner; rehearsals Thursdays 7:30-9:00p.m.; Sundays and concerts

Student/Children Vocal

- **Youth Chorale** (see above for details); Sundays and concerts
- **His Grace Youth Praise Team** (Grades 9-12) Led by Lynn Leitzen; rehearsals Sundays, 5:30-7:00p.m.; Sundays, concerts

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Grace Seeks Full-time Youth Director

From the Grace Youth Ministry Search Committee

The volunteer youth leadership team at Grace United Methodist Church is seeking a new full-time Director of Youth Ministries. Together, we seek to foster a community of youth and adults sharing and growing in faith in Christ, to create an environment that encourages trust in God and each other, and to encourage the development of a personal and group sense of purpose and meaning in the Holy Spirit. We want to empower our young people for leadership and service in the community and our adult leadership team in their walk with the Lord. We seek to lead by example and engage by participation. We desire a person called by God to share Christ with others, to be "real" with youth, and to walk this journey of faith together with us.

Our current Junior and Senior High Youth Ministry is built on Sunday morning Sunday School, mid-week and Sunday evening meeting times, retreats, and significant mission trips in the summer. This summer, we will take over 120 youth and adults on youth-sponsored mission trips.

This position requires at least a four-year college degree and four years of related experience in paid or volunteer positions. United Methodist Certification in Youth Ministry and Seminary education is a plus. Salary and benefits are commensurate with the community of Naperville, Illinois, and candidate qualifications. For more information about this position, please contact Pastor Bob Atkins at 630-355-1748, ext. 230.

"Hand in Hand" Series Helpful to Parents and Caregivers

By Erin Cetera

The second annual workshop series for parents and caregivers of young children concluded on May 6 with a well-received presentation by Dr. Thor Johansen of Samaritan Interfaith Counseling Center. Dr. Johansen spoke about ways to encourage and guide young children to accomplish family goals. His tips to improve family time together were very helpful.

The series also included presentations by Erin Cetera, Director of Weekday Children's Center; Margaret Harrison, Director of Christian Education at GUMC; and Rev. Adrienne Ann Ilseman, a well-regarded body/mind/spirit educator and minister of healing arts. Claudia Hutchison, Director of Parent's Day Out, acted as coordinator of logistics for the series.

Families of over 20 young children benefited from the workshop topics, designed to meet the needs of today's young families. Clarifying family goals, sharing faith at home, and relaxing together rounded out the information sessions. Families participating in the workshops reported that they appreciated the suggestions of encouragement and support. They also found it helpful to share with others about similar issues they face on a daily basis.

This series was co-sponsored by Grace United Methodist Church, Parent's Day Out, and Weekday Children's Center. Funding for speakers was provided by a grant from DuPage Association for the Education of Young Children.

GRACE PERSONALS

Sympathies to the Friends & Families of...

Mary Czaplak, cousin of Marian Cronin

Helen Hartman, stepmother of Larry Hartman

Beverly Hess, stepmother of Ericka Wagner

Sherry Puffett, aunt of Sharon Thomsen

Connie Schoenherr

Baptisms

Henry Thompson and **Charles Michael**, sons of Andrew and Jill Rye, were baptized on May 18

Yasmin Gentry, **Danielle Janet Horwitz**, **Jenn Laird** and **Patrick Thomas Smart** were baptized May 18 during their confirmation ceremony

Celebrations

Rich McClelland and **Becca Grabenstetter** were married on May 17

Brett Meurer and **Shannon Patterson** were married May 31

Rev. Lois Parr, former Grace Church pastor, celebrated her 50th birthday on May 2

Colleen and **Peter Schmuckal**, daughter and son of Liz and Robin Schmuckal, graduated with honors with a B.A. in Music from Northern Illinois University and a B.S. in Computer Science from Northern Illinois University, respectively

Angela Sterchi graduated summa cum laude with a B.S. in Nursing from Aurora University

Rev. Carol Madalin was ordained to the Order of Deacon in Full Connection on June 7

Letters of Thanks

Dear Grace Family,

Recently, I had my fourth cancer surgery. Once again, my sons and I want to thank the people of Grace for their calls, cards, and prayers. It means so much! Special thanks to Pastor Bill for being at Rush Hospital at the crack of dawn, to Pam Riley, and to the Grace Prayer Shawl and Prayer Ministries.

Sincerely,
Beverly Crowder

Dear Friends,

It was so good to see all of you and enjoy a wonderful evening together at "Under the Acacia Tree." It always amazes me to see what God can do when He brings His people together for a given purpose. I felt so blessed to see the tireless time you all put into making the event a success. You see, brothers and sisters, the work is the Lord's, and ours is just to be channels to let His blessings flow to His Children! What a noble mission we have! I wanted to thank everyone for your wonderful contribution towards furthering God's Kingdom down here on earth. Thank you for supporting our Sudanese and Kenyan internally displaced persons. May God fill your cups until they "runneth over," and may you experience Christ's presence in your personal life each day.

Blessings to you and yours,
Florence Mubichi

If you have a letter or personal news you'd like to share, please e-mail gumcnotes@peopleofgrace.org, or call 630-355-1748, ext. 240.



Great news on our final tally concerning the April Appeal for making up our 2008 pledge deficit – we have an additional \$192,359 toward our targeted \$215,000! This a testament to the commitment at Grace to continuing our efforts to make a difference in the world, in our community, and for our church members. Grace Church Council has met, reviewed the recommendations of the Stewardship-Finance Committee, and approved adjusting the 2008 budget from \$1,525,000 to \$1,575,986.

A key requirement to ensuring confidence and commitment from our members is to provide clear direction for Grace in our missions and ministries as well as openness in addressing issues, concerns, and opportunities for improvement. To this end, survey data collected as part of the Natural Church Development program has been

reviewed briefly with Church Council. Many thanks to those who participated in the survey. The program emphasizes eight key quality characteristics: Empowering Leadership; Gift-Based Ministry; Passionate Spirituality; Effective Structures; Inspiring Worship; Holistic Small Groups; Need-Oriented Evangelism; and Loving Relationships. Preliminary results showed two areas in which we as a church could improve our effectiveness – Empowering Leadership and Effective Structures. These characteristics relate to how well we engage our members in assuming leadership roles in the church and how well we enable them to work together toward common goals. Additional data processing and assistance from NCD volunteer consultants will follow, and we will report our results.

A task force initiated last month to review our Children’s Education program has

gathered a team and defined action plans for identifying opportunities for improvement. The task force will be interviewing members, looking online for ideas, and visiting other churches to identify best practices. Progress will be reported over the next few months.

We are in the midst of identifying replacements for members retiring from their three-year positions on various Grace committees or in chair positions. Please consider how you may be able to contribute your gifts and talents. We need your help to move forward!

Be welcoming! Greet new members and long-time members alike. Introduce yourself to someone new. Wear those name-tags, and make Grace sing out with energy and engagement!

“Rebuilding Together” Bolsters Single Mother’s Household of Eight *By Thatch Irwin*

Over the course of three work dates this spring, Grace members participating in “Rebuilding Together-Aurora” (a non-profit volunteer initiative to help low-income homeowners with home renovation and repair) rolled up their sleeves and got out their tools to help Sanjuana Mendosa Silva, a

single mother living with eight people in her small house in Aurora, IL. She works six days a week and couldn’t have been more appreciative of the work our Grace team did. This included removing and replacing 18 windows, installing a bedroom heat supply, repairing a living room ceiling, wall and hole in the base-

ment floor, replacing a bathroom shower kit, old toilet, kitchen faucet, bedroom door and garage door, installing knobs on kitchen cabinets, a new cabinet with microwave oven, new carpeting, new shelving, new ceiling fans in the un-air conditioned house, building a new laundry room, priming

and painting a garage and the entire interior of the house. Many thanks to Grace team members Mark & Char Schwabero, Jon & Kendra Hanrath, Pat Bassett, John Giovanni, Tom & Britney Smart, Scott Abderhalden, Steve Southworth, Greg Robinson, Jerry Schlegel, Barbara & Larry Hartman, Bob Plummer,

Brian Fahs, Mike Doll, Thatch Irwin, Clarence & Kyle Boot, Craig Keenan, Ginny & Don Chivas, Rev. Lisa Telomen, Sue & Dick Fein, Susan & Sarah Marseille, Billy Shipbaugh, Tom & Connor Ludovice, Tom Stark, Ryan Harder, Jeff Sinitean, John Irwin, and Kay Ellen Farison. Together, we built hope for a neighbor.

Linking Up to Grace *by Pastor Lisa Telomen*

Making disciples – that is our charge from Jesus at the beginning of his ministry and again at its end. In Matt. 9:35-10:14, Jesus sends his disciples out with him for the first time, two by two, to help people recognize and receive the abundant blessings God has for all people. He tells them two important things: 1) they are to focus their efforts on their own people, the Jews, and not attempt Samaritans or Gentiles yet; and 2) there will be people or towns who don’t welcome them.

But they are to continue on, seeking out those who are ready for God’s word. Recently, we confirmed new disciples in our church and welcomed more new members. We are also in the process of surveying new members and our worshipping congregation to see in which areas folks would like to work on the harvest God is providing us. As one uses a different harvester for wheat than for corn, we want to maximize our efforts by

helping people to use their God-given talents and strengths in the ministries where they can bring the most benefit and reach the most people. Offer your musical skills to bless our worship time! Offer your friendliness to help us welcome visitors and new members! Offer your cooking and shopping to help us feed the hungry! Offer your construction skills to help us build homes for the needy! Offer your phone skills to help us reach people for prayer, special

events, reminder calls... God and Christ don’t call us for ministry without filling us and equipping us; but they can’t use us for the kingdom unless we say “yes” and step up to serve. Let us begin with those close to us – Grace people, our friends, neighbors, colleagues. Let us open our eyes and hearts to the needs in others’ lives, and then ask God to help us see how we, the people of Grace, can begin to meet these needs. The harvest is

plentiful, but the laborers will only be few if we say “no.” Let us say YES! to Christ’s equipping and sending us – to New Orleans, Indianapolis, to the hungry in Naperville, the homeless in Aurora, our neighbors in need of a cook or a driver, the dying in Myanmar, the homeless in Kenya, those seeking Christ in Russia...

Serving Christ with you,
Rev Lisa E. Telomen





ANNOUNCEMENTS

Comprehensive church announcements appear weekly in "Grace in Mission," our Sat./Sunday bulletin insert, and online at www.peopleofgrace.org.

This Weekend-June 7 & 8-Don't Miss:

- Rev. Carol Madalin's ordination to Deacon in Full Connection Saturday, **June 7**. There is still room on a bus traveling from Grace to Pheasant Run Mega-Center in St. Charles and back, 5:30-9:30 p.m. Round trip fare is \$10; contact the church office at 630-355-1748 if you're interested in riding the bus.
- There will be a Ministry Sunday service and reception Sunday, **June 8**, 3:00 p.m., in honor of Pastor Bill and Erma Bryan. Held at North Central College's Kotten Chapel (329 School St. in Naperville), this event recognizes the ministerial services of the Bryans to churches throughout the years. This event also celebrates the initiation of the **Bill and Erma Bryan Endowed Scholarship** at the Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston; there will be an opportunity to give to this scholarship fund at the Kotten Chapel service June 8.
- Run or walk in a 5K at Neuqua Valley High School Sunday, **June 8**, celebrating the life of Tom Schlegel. The race begins at 8:00 a.m. on the east side of the NVHS campus (near the auditorium) and finishes inside the stadium. Packet pick-up begins at 6:30 a.m. in the Fine Arts atrium/lobby. Fee is \$30 and includes a t-shirt for the first 400 registrants. For more information, visit: <http://www.beboldweargold.com/ts5K.htm>

In Recognition...

Grace Church acknowledges many of our people this month. On May 31/June 1, in worship and in a special bulletin insert, we recognized our Christian Education Teachers, Disciple Class Graduates, Graduating High School Seniors, Music Ministry Members, and Side-by-Side Participants.



Make-up Photo Directory Sessions Still Available

If you missed being photographed for our 2008 pictorial directory at Grace, you can still schedule a make-up session at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Naperville. Make-up dates are June 3-7, June 12-14 and June 20-22. Please contact Good Shepherd at 630-961-9220 to schedule your make-up appointment.

Grace Book Club

Grace Book Group will meet Thursday, **June 25**, 12:45 p.m., to discuss Anne Morrow Lindbergh's Gift From the Sea.

Summer Yoga Highlights Prayer, Scripture, Music

This summer, Minister of Healing Arts Rev. Adrienne Ann Ilseman will be launching a new themed yoga practice, incorporating scripture, meditation, music, asana (the physical forms), and prayer. Sunrise Shine Yoga is a six-week Thursday morning program, **July 3-August 7**, 6:30-7:30 a.m. Evening Praise Yoga is a four-week program on Tuesday evenings, 7:00-8:30 p.m., on **July 15, July 29, August 5, and August 12**. All sessions are in the Grace Chapel. Cost for each series is \$48 or \$10 per morning session (60 minutes) and \$15 per evening session (90 minutes). Please register in advance with Rev. Carol Madalin at 630-355-1748, ext. 246.

Annual Church Picnic July 20

Don't miss this Grace tradition of fun, food and fellowship on the Field! Watch our *Grace in Mission* Sunday bulletin inserts for more details.

Fellowship of Christian Men Visit "Field of Dreams"

FCM's next quarterly meeting will be a field trip to Field of Dreams movie site/baseball attraction in Dyersville, Iowa, on Saturday, **July 26**. All family and friends are welcome! Two options for this day are: 1) Arrive at Field of Dreams at 11:00 a.m.; lunch at 11:30 with owners; 12-4 p.m., play ball or just relax; return at 4:30; or 2) same as above, but stay overnight, with sunset, fellowship and BBQ following playing ball/relaxing, and breakfast in the morning. RSVP by June 30 to Bob Pacanowski at 630-355-0804 or Bobfod@aol.com.

All Faiths Night with the Kane County Cougars

Celebrate our faith with fellow Grace family members at the Kane County Cougars' All Faiths Night Tuesday, **August 5**, 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5; sign up for yours in the Activity Center on Sundays.

DuPage Habitat Golf Outing

DuPage Habitat for Humanity is seeking sponsors, golfers and drawing prizes for its

first annual Gold Outing on Monday, **August 11**, at Klein Creek Golf Club. Cost is \$150 (includes green fees, cart, welcome bag, lunch, after-golf cocktail party and buffet dinner). To register and for more information, visit www.dupagehabitat.org.

"Prayer Group for Men"

Men, join us on Sunday evenings from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the Chapel for a weekly opportunity to gather in prayer and develop a more dynamic relationship with God. Contact Charlie Volz at 815-609-2567 for more information.

College ChristCare Group Continues Throughout Summer

Grace's college group will meet every Tuesday evening this summer from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at Josh and Christine Freeman's (1527 Selby Rd. in Naperville). We will not meet June 24 or July 8. This group is open to graduating high school seniors, college students, and young adults through age 25. Please contact the Freemans at 630-416-8810 or cfreeman@wowway.com with questions or for more information.

Why be **SQUARE?**

Sleep in Sunday mornings and attend our Circle of Worship Saturday evenings, 5:30pm, in the Activity Center

An intimate, family-friendly alternative to Sunday morning worship

The deadline for July *Grace Notes* news is **Monday, June 30**

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- Graded Children's Choirs (Grades K-7) Junior Singers led by Lynn Leitzen; Cherub Choir led by Sue Riedinger; Angelus Choir led by Renee-Roscoe Morrison; rehearsals Wednesdays, 5:00-6:00p.m.; Sundays and musicals

Hand Bells

- Grace Bell Ensemble (adults, college) Led by Val Dudley; rehearsals Wednesdays, 7:00-8:15p.m.; Sundays and special events
- Children's Bell Ensemble (Grades 4-7) Led by Angela Sterchi; rehearsals Wednesdays, 4:00-5:00p.m.; Sundays, special events
- RETURNING THIS FALL! Youth Bell Ensemble Led by Angela Sterchi; rehearsals TBD; Sundays and special events

Instrumentalists

- Grace Brass Ensemble (experienced high school, college, adult players) Led by Dan Wagner; rehearsals Tuesdays, 5:00-6:00p.m.; Sundays and special events
- Orchestra (experienced high school, college, adult players) Led by Dan Wagner; rehearsals TBD; Sundays and special events
- Praise Bands (details on page 4)



For more information about any of these music/arts opportunities, contact Minister of Music Dan Wagner at 630-355-1748, ext. 232, or danwagner@peopleofgrace.org.



Vacation Bible School
July 14-18, 2008
Catch the Wave of God's Love!

Be sure to register your children (age 3 by 1/1/08 through the completion of 4th grade) for Vacation Bible School this summer! We'll have lots of fun "Surfin' through the Scriptures" and learning the essential "Be-attitudes": **Be Kind, Be Obedient, Be Forgiving, Be Bold, Be Believing!** Register in the Grace Church office, in the Activity Center on Sundays, or online any time at www.peopleofgrace.org. Please return completed forms to the church office.

We need lots of volunteers to help with all the fun! Adults, college students, teens (7-12th grade), apprentices (5th/6th grade), we need you! Volunteer forms are also in the church office, Activity Center, and online.

**Contact Margaret Harrison at 630-355-1748 with questions*