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Worship Times
Sunday – 8:15 a.m.
& 10:45 a.m.
La Voz de la Esperanza
Sunday - 10:45 am

GRACE HAPPENINGS

PENTECOST – Sunday, May 23

8:15 a.m. – Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. – Bilingual Service with Holy Communion
High School Recognition Sunday
We invite everyone to wear red to celebrate the day.
(See more about Pentecost on page 2)

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 30 – 9:00 a.m. Holy Communion
10:00 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship
10:45 a.m. – Esperanza Worship
Saturday evening Holy Communion services begin on
June 5 at 5:00 p.m.
Sunday morning Holy Communion services will be at 9:00 a.m.
Coffee and Fellowship will follow services

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Plan to attend Baobab Blast this summer!

Sunday, June 27 – Thursday, July 1
(Read all about it on page 4)

FAMILY FUN IN THE PARK!

Event: Grass Seats Cinema, *Monsters vs. Aliens*

Date: Sunday, June 13

Time: Dusk (approximately 8:30-10:30pm)

Place: Ashby Park (on 38th St., between Adams Ave. and Amick Ave.)

Cost: FREE!

(See page 5 for more information)



Thanks for the pretty Easter Lily I received for Easter. I enjoyed it a lot. God bless you all.

Palma C. Williams

My heartfelt thanks for all the cards, visits, flowers, words of concern, and prayers while I was hospitalized recently. I am so grateful for my Grace Family. God's blessings to you all.

Pat Rehder

I will always be grateful for the concerns, prayers, inspirational cards, and calls I received during my nine week knee replacement surgery, complications, and rehab. Thank you.

Chris Lehfeld

Thank you Thank you Thank you!

The 7th – 12th grade youth and their parents would like to thank you all so much for your support of our Spring Fundraiser. Thank you for purchasing plants, garage sale items, bake sale items and concessions! Thank you very much for all of your donations to our garage sale and bake sale. We are thrilled every year by how many things are brought in for us to sell at our garage sale and bake sale. This year we made a profit of approximately \$5,700! This money will go towards our trip to the 2012 National Youth Gathering and other summer trips.



Sympathy is extended to Gary, Marion, Tim and Kira Nehmer on the death of Marion's mother, Margaret F. Early, on May 1. Funeral services were held in Palatine, Illinois on May 5.

Red Plants for Pentecost

For Pentecost, May 23, the gardening group is asking for your assistance in providing RED plants with which to array the altar. Any type of red plant is acceptable and should be at the church by 8:30 a.m., Saturday, May 22. At the conclusion of the Sunday services, you may retrieve the plant you brought or you may leave it at the church and the gardening group will incorporate it into Grace's gardens. Also, those of you interested in gardening are invited to join Gardening with Grace. If you have any questions, please call Joyce Lewis at 265-3372.

Lutheran Lakeside News

Leonard Larsen has agreed to serve on the Endowment Advisory Committee for Lutheran Lakeside Camp. The objective of the Endowment Fund is to support the long-term financial stability of the Camp in perpetuity. Thanks Leonard!!

Men in Mission

The next Men in Mission meeting will be held on Thursday, June 3, at 6:30 p.m. The program title is "If You Give a Kid a Camera..." by Denny Rehder.

The Adult Education Committee Needs You!

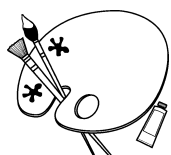
The Adult Education Committee will meet after the 9:00 a.m. worship on Sunday, June 6 (approximately at 10:00 a.m.), in the Conference Room. We are planning for the coming year's Adult Forums. If you would like to contribute your 2 cents worth, please consider joining us and bring your ideas. Please call Carol Mattes at 242-7818 or 745-1642 if you have any questions.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

A volunteer is needed to maintain records of the Grace Memorial Fund. No more than one or two hours per week. Contact Jackie in the office if interested.

Scholarship Applications Due June 8, 2010

Applications for scholarships to Lutheran colleges, universities and seminaries are due in the church office by noon on June 8, 2010. Application forms are available in the church office, and any student who has been a Grace Lutheran Church member for over a year is eligible to apply. Please make sure the forms are returned by the deadline as late entries will not be considered. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Dot Williamson at 267-8633 or the church office.



Murals To Be Painted On Sunday School Walls!

Through an endowment award we will soon have colorful, bright and welcoming murals on the north wall down by the elementary Sunday school rooms and the walls leading up the stairs to the middle school and high school rooms.

This is a very exciting project! We have hired a professional muralist to sketch the designs on the walls. He is inviting and encouraging us to help with the painting. Once our work is done the artist will apply the final touches to ensure a professional and high quality look.

Please join us in this fun opportunity! The painting will begin mid May with a target completion of mid June. We invite youth (fifth grade and older) and adults to help with this exciting project. To sign up for a volunteer time or have any questions, please contact Cherie Rissman at 270-0278.

Grace Lutheran Spring Break Getaway Cruise



We are planning a four-day Baja Mexico Cruise aboard the Carnival Paradise out of Los Angeles on March 14, 2011. We will visit the ports of Catalina Island and Ensenada, Mexico, as well as have a day at sea to enjoy the ship itself. Prices for this great cruise start at \$346 per person. For each cabin we have in our group, we will earn \$100 for the 2012 National Youth Gathering—our first cruise in 2008 raised \$1,100! For more details call Ross Peeler at 223-9440.



*To our friends at Grace Lutheran
Church,*

*Because you have shared in our lives through
your faith, friendship and love, we invite you to
share the beginning of our new life together at
our marriage ceremony on June 25, 2010, at
5:30 in the evening here at
Grace Lutheran Church.*

Sarah Dewein and Tyler Reihmann

DMARC's Most Needed Food Items

- * 100% juice (tomato, orange, or vegetable in a can or plastic bottle)
- * Fruit (canned in water or 100% juice, not in heavy syrup)
- * Vegetables (tomatoes, green beans, mixed vegetables, or sweet potatoes, canned with no salt added)
- * Beans (dry or canned in water)
- * Peanut butter
- * Meat (tuna or chicken canned in water)
- * Whole-grain dry pasta or egg noodles
- * Brown rice (regular or instant)
- * Vegetable soup (low-sodium)
- * Whole grain crackers (wheat saltines)
- * Spaghetti sauce
- * Cereal (instant or regular oatmeal with no sugar added, whole grain Cheerios, Wheat Chex, Wheaties, granola or shredded wheat)
- * Shelf-stable low fat UHT milk (in aseptic packaging, no canned milk)
- * Infant/baby formula
- * Diapers and baby wipes
- * Personal products (shampoo, soap, Feminine hygiene, toothpaste, or deodorant)
- * Fresh whole grain bread items (with generous expiration dates)
- * Fresh fruits and vegetables (potatoes/sweet potatoes, bananas, apples, carrots, grapes, oranges, tomatoes, melons, broccoli, or bell peppers)



Register for Vacation Bible School



Join us for a *Baobab Blast* this summer!

Registration materials are available at the VBS display in the Gathering Hall or in Grace Hall. Keep the parent letter for your information but please fill out and return the registration and health forms to the church office before the first day of VBS so that we can plan accordingly.

Grab a few flyers to share with your friends, too! Watch the names on the Baobab tree in the Gathering Hall grow with each registration. Thanks to Natasha and Rich Voelker for their work in this creation!

We also need lots of **volunteers** to make Baobab Blast a success. Volunteer opportunities are available in a variety of areas and range from donating supplies to directly helping with that week to giving scholarships. Please stop by the VBS display for more information. Thanks in advance for your help! We can't do it without you!

Remember that Grace has a child abuse prevention policy, so we will be asking all of our teen and adult volunteers to sign off on it. Thank you for your help with this important piece.

Questions? See Stephanie Johnson, Beth Flannery, MeLissa Lawson, or Kristin Medhurst.

Volunteer Training Date: Tuesday, June 15 from 7:00-8:30pm

Dates of VBS: Sunday, June 27 – Thursday, July 1

Time: Sunday, 10:00am-12:30pm, followed by potluck picnic

Monday through Thursday, 9:00am-4:00pm

Before and after care available from 8:00-9:00am and 4:00-5:30pm Mon-Thurs

Ages: 3 year-olds through those currently in 5th grade (***Please note: The 3-5 year-old program will be available on Sunday and then on Monday through Thursday from 9:00am-12:00pm only.***)

Family Night: Thursday, July 1 from 5:30-6:30pm

Cost: FREE! (thanks to an Endowment grant)

Vacation Bible School Scholarship Fund



The five themes presented in the Bible School curriculum this summer are trust, love, follow, care and share. We have the opportunity to “share” our Bible School ministry with a group of inner city kids from Des Moines’ east side. **The Bible School committee had devised means such that there would be no cost for attending Bible School. That was before we had the opportunity to “share” our ministry with children who do not regularly hear the stories of “love”.** Now we must “trust” God to provide a way for us to “follow” Jesus and “share” our ministry so that others may hear the stories. **We are estimating 50 extra children at a cost of \$35.00 each** (books, art materials, admissions to the zoo and Science Center, snack, T-shirt). “Care” and “follow” with us by contributing to the Bible School Scholarship Fund. We would appreciate any help you can provide.

Stephanie Johnson, MeLissa Lawson, Kristin, Medhurst, Beth Flannery, Julie Honsey and Deb Carter (Bread of Life Church)



FAMILY FUN IN THE PARK!

Are you ready for some fun in the summer sun and under the starry skies? Are you ready to kick off the doldrums of a long winter and a wet spring? Remember the fun we had at the farm in the fall and at game night in the winter? You're in luck!

The Family Fun Team at Grace is encouraging families of all ages, types, and sizes to mark the evening of **SUNDAY, JUNE 13** on your calendars for the fifth annual **GRASS SEATS CINEMA** event right here in Beaverdale. It is sponsored by the Beaverdale Neighborhood Association and promises to be great fun for all! This year's family friendly movie will be *Monsters vs. Aliens* and will be shown outdoors in Ashby Park beginning at dusk (approximately 8:30pm). Bring your own lawn chairs and blankets, and get ready to settle in for an evening of relaxation and fun. Concessions will be available at the park as well.

Please sign-up on the youth and family bulletin board across from the library so that we know to look for you and can try to reserve an area for our group. Join us!

Event: Grass Seats Cinema, *Monsters vs. Aliens*

Date: Sunday, June 13

Time: Dusk (approximately 8:30-10:30pm)

Place: Ashby Park (on 38th St., between Adams Ave. and Amick Ave.)

Cost: FREE!

Questions? See Michelle Voelker, MeLissa Lawson, Stacy Speck, or Stephanie Johnson.

Global Mission Education Event

Do you have an interest in the global church? Would you like to explore ways in which we can enhance connections with local and global Lutherans while gaining practical skills for mission? Would you like to learn about service that is sustainable, respectful, and cross-culturally sensitive?

If so, this summer's global mission event may be right up your alley. On July 16-17 an event called the ELCA Global Mission "Glocal Gathering" (combining global and local) will be held in Austin, Minnesota. The variety of skill building workshops includes:

- Mission 101
- Mission Trips
- Stewardship
- Cross-Generational Engagement
- Social Action
- New and Renewing Congregations
- "Glocal" Worship

We would love to send a team from Grace! The Lay Ministry Team has funds to cover the cost of registration and may also be able to help with travel expenses. Interested? Take note of the following information and talk to Stephanie Johnson.



What: ELCA Global Mission "Glocal Gathering"

When: Friday, July 16 2:00pm-
Saturday, July 17 5:30pm

Where: Our Savior's Lutheran Church
1600 W. Oakland Ave.
Austin, MN 55912

Cost: \$35 registration plus some travel expenses covered by Lay Ministry Team

Music Notes.....

As I write this article for the month, I need to begin by THANKING all those individuals and ensembles that provided music during the worship services that were held this past year. It is wonderful that we have such talented musicians who are willing to share their time and talents with the congregation here at Grace. It has been a busy year! I know that during the months of November, December, January and the first part of February, it was reassuring to know that there were many people “stepping up to the plate” to help as we transitioned from a full-time minister to an interim. It was a great experience working with each the various ministers that filled the pulpit during that time. Each shared their expertise and willingness to work for the congregation members. As we now transition into our summer schedule there are several things that need to be brought to your attention.

We will move to one service on Sunday beginning on May 30. This service will be at 9:00 AM with coffee following the service in the Gathering Hall. We will be using Setting 2 at this service, though on May 30th we will use the Tanzanian Service. We will also begin our Saturday evening service on June 6th at 5:00 PM and will use Setting 8. This year the location for this service will be in Esperanza Chapel. There has been some talk about its location and the Worship Committee, after much discussion, decided to move to the Esperanza Chapel this year and will evaluate the move during the October meeting.

Each of the ensembles of Grace will have provided music in worship during May. The Youth Choir finished their singing schedule on May 2, the Youth Bells and Chapel Chimers on May 16, Grace Brass and Chancel Choir on Pentecost, and the Grace Bells on May 30. These groups will take a well-deserved hiatus during the summer, though Grace Bells may have a monthly rehearsal since Grace Church will be hosting a Hand Bell Ringers Workshop on October 9. John Behnke, Concordia University in Milwaukee, will be the guest clinician. Mr. Behnke is also an organ recitalist and will present an organ recital on Friday evening, October 8. In conjunction with this concert, Grace Bells will accompany Mr. Behnke on the recital as together they will perform two of John's compositions.

A potluck supper will be held on May 26th at Denny and Pat Rehder's to finish the year. Members of Grace Bells, Grace Brass and Chancel Choir are invited. I will provide the beverages. Members are asked to bring a covered dish to share. Please see Pat concerning ideas for food to bring.

A liturgist schedule has been compiled and published in the Visitor. Please keep it handy and if there are any problems, please contact me as soon as possible. The schedule also includes the Saturday service liturgists and accompanists. As in previous summers, I am looking for those that would be willing to share their talents during the summer worship services. I have received commitment from a few people, but there are still many Sundays that need to be covered. If you would be willing to share your talents, please give me a call or an e-mail.

While it is a bit premature to think about, regular rehearsals for our ensembles will begin at the end of August. Rehearsals for Youth Choir, Youth Bells, and Chapel Chimers will begin on September 15th. It is my hope that many more of the youth will take advantage of the ensembles. Carol and I both enjoy working with the youth of the church. We appreciate the parent's effort to see that these students are able to participate in this church activity.

Summer is fast approaching and with that brings vacations and for us, a wedding. Our family is looking forward to many of our relatives being able to be with us as we celebrate the wedding of Sarah and Tyler. I will be out of the office for a week beginning June 22. Rich Snyder will be filling in for me on June 27th.

See you in church.
RICH

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Council Minutes

April 27, 2010

Present: Mary Helt, John Rissman, Rich Snyder, Dan Warren, Gary Nehmer, Julie Honsey, Carla Peterman, Kathy Bowermaster, Pastor Johnson, Joyce Lewis, Kristin Medhurst

Finance Committee Members: Kevin Krause, Tom Selander

Kevin and Tom presented reports from the Finance, Stewardship and Endowment Committees as well as hosted questions from the council regarding the workings of those committees.

Additions were made to the agenda and it was adopted.

The minutes from the March meeting were adopted as printed.

Staff Reports

The written reports were received.

Unfinished Business

- Latino Ministry Proposal was presented by the committee, discussed and approved with two changes being made to the initial proposal.
- Constitution/Bylaws/Revision: Rich will continue his faithful coordinating of our institutional documents.

New Business

- The dates for the annual Synod event are May 21 and 22. Grace's representatives will be Rich Snyder and Kristin Medhurst.
- Pastor presented a preliminary congregational survey.
- Pastor presented a sample of the letter that will be sent to inactive members as well as a list of those members.
- The council approved that the Bible School Committee be allowed to solicit scholarships from the congregation to defray the cost of inner city kids participating in Grace's Bible School. The committee will determine the amount needed for each kid.

Adjourn with Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Honsey, Council Secretary

**Finance Committee
Report to the Congregation - April 2010
results**

Below is a summary of the income and expense of Grace Lutheran Church for the past month and Year to Date.

Offerings above budget for the month due to higher Easter offerings & unpledged, pledged activity is below budget

We had a favorable variance to budget, however this was primarily due to expenses that were budgeted for which the actual expense has yet to occur.

We expect a favorable variance for the full year due to additional pledges received after the budget was approved.

Any favorable variance has been committed to restore the \$23,149 benevolence reduction that was made to balance the 2010 budget.

Operating Activity Summary (Grace)

| | One Month Ended April 30, 2010 | | | Year to Date April 30, 2010 | | |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------|
| | <u>Actual</u> | <u>Budget</u> | <u>Favorable (Unfavorable)</u> | <u>Actual</u> | <u>Budget</u> | <u>Favorable (Unfavorable)</u> |
| Offerings | 41,224.41 | 38,482.00 | 2,742.41 | 155,256.74 | 156,864.00 | (1,607.26) |
| Other Income | 2,655.60 | 2,269.33 | 386.27 | 11,916.39 | 10,579.91 | 1,336.48 |
| Total Income | 43,880.01 | 40,751.33 | 3,128.68 | 167,173.13 | 167,443.91 | (270.78) |
| Expenses | 41,166.59 | 41,697.97 | 531.38 | 151,850.02 | 162,456.16 | 10,606.14 |
| Net Income (Loss) | 2,713.42 | (946.64) | 3,660.06 | 15,323.11 | 4,987.75 | 10,335.36 |

New in the Church Library

Dinner and a Movie Anyone?

Do you like to eat? Do you like to watch movies? Would you like to get together with friends from Grace, enjoy a meal and watch a movie? We have just the opportunity for you! The Lay Ministry Team has purchased 3 books from Group's Dinner and a Movie series: G-Rated, Adrenaline Rush and Friendship, Faith and Fun for Small Groups. You'll share in a tasty meal, a great movie, and then relate the movie to your faith. Each book is packed with movie possibilities, suggested Scriptures, recipes, invitations, decorating ideas, activities, movie descriptions, and discussion questions for 12 movies. Some movies you can watch are: "The Bourne Identity," "Raiders of the Lost Ark," "Miracle," "Star Wars," "Apollo 13," "O Brother, Where Art Thou," "It's a Wonderful Life," "Cast Away," "Chocolat," "Mary Poppins," "Chicken Run," "Cars," "Swiss Family Robinson," "The Wizard of Oz" and many other titles. *Great for a fun night, family night, youth group, or weekend retreat.* Interested? Check out the books in Grace's Library! They can be found on a rolling book cart. Pick one up for your next fellowship or family event and enjoy.

Parenting Resources

If you didn't have an opportunity to take part in one of the two parenting series this past year, or if you did and you'd like a refresher – good news! Both series are available in Grace's library on the same rolling book cart as the above mentioned movie Bible studies. The titles are Value-Packed Parenting: Raising Rock-Solid Kids in a Pleasure-Driven World and Running the Rapids: Guiding Teenagers Through the Turbulent Waters of Adolescence. Both include DVDs and other resources and are written and presented by Dr. Kevin Leman. If you have questions about either of these resources, please contact Cherie Rissman.

I Can Make a Difference, by Marian Wright Edelman, is a beautiful book for people ages. The author has drawn from a variety of cultures and peoples to compile these stories, poems, songs, quotations, and folktales that speak to the readers, to let them that they can make a difference in today's world.



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We Are Still Married by Garrison Keillor is a collection of stories, poems, and letters at the time of Ronald Reagan, "the President who never told bad news to the American People". Keillor was born in Anoka, Minnesota, graduated from the University of Minnesota, and has worked in Radio since 1963. He was the founder and host of a Prairie Home Companion and has written several books.

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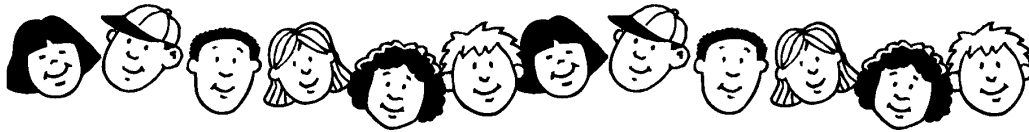
The Heart of Christianity, Rediscovering a Life of Faith, by Marcus J. Borg, is both challenging and illuminating. He explains how we can be passionate believers today. He describes two quite different answers to the question, what is the heart of Christianity? The first is an earlier vision of Christianity entitled "Seeing the Christian Tradition Again". The second part of the book is "Seeing the Christian Life Again". Borg is the author of Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time.

Stones into Schools, by Greg Mortenson, tells of his promise to construct a school in an isolated pocket of the Pamir Mountains in the secluded northeast pocket of Afghanistan. Mortenson could not build that school before constructing many others, and that is the story he tells in this dramatic new book. The author believes in promoting peace with books, not bombs, and has built more than 130 schools in Pakistan and Afghanistan, most of them for girls. He is the author of Three Cups of Tea.

Women at Ground Zero, by Mary Carouba and Susan Hagen. Two California women tell how, without any press credentials, literary agents or inside contacts, they went to the heart of New York City's greatest disaster to find and tell the stories of the female heroes at 9/11. Their presentations are laced with humor, poignancy and the powerful message that anything is possible.

Four Feet, Two Sandals, by Karen Lynn Williams and Khadra Mohammed. This book is a lovely story of caring and sharing in difficult circumstances. It was inspired by a refugee girl who asked the authors why there were no books about children like her. The story is based on a camp in Peshawar, a city on the Afghanistan-Pakistan border. The story is illustrated with warm colors and sensitive brush strokes.

The Last Week, by Marcus J. Borg and John Dominic Crossan. Two top Jesus experts offer what they believe is the real story of Jesus' final week in Jerusalem. They chronicle the mounting tension that forced everyone in Jesus' path to pledge allegiance—either to Rome's way of power and oppression or to His way of love and equality.



Grace Kids Care Center

Providing quality care in a Christian environment for children Ages 6 weeks-5 yrs.

Open Monday – Friday 7 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Full time daycare with a preschool program included for children 2-5 yrs.

For more information call 276-0943

Grace Happenings in June

If you are looking for faith, fellowship and fun, Grace has lots to offer.

Social Groups

Hannah Circle - 2nd Monday, Sept-May, 7pm *Contact Michelle Voelker, 279-9283, rvoelker1@mchsi.com
Lydia Circle - Tuesday, June 15, 6pm *Contact Marilyn Nizzi, 270-2017, mmnizzi@q.com
Martha Circle-4th Thursday, Sept-May, 9:30am *Contact Barb Tussing, 278-2039 or Pat Bordt, 277-6109
Grace Quilters meet every Thursday, 9am *Contact Louise Bergman, 276-6826
Men In Mission meets Thursday, June 3, 6:30pm *Contact Jack Frost, 279-1283, jfrost0907@msn.com
Senior Members' Group meets Sunday, October 3, 5pm. *Contact Marilyn Vesey, 314-4020

Study Groups

Adult Bible Study meets each Tuesday morning 8:45-10:15am. New this year-meets during summer months!
*Led by Pastor Tim Johnson, 276-6873, timjohnson@q.com

Mission Group

Companion Congregation Committee - Mission teams coordinate community projects & visits with our companion congregation Msindo Parish in the Pare Mountains of Tanzania. *Contact Jane Ridnour, jrid8@aol.com

Caring Ministries

Church Service to Go DVD copies of Sunday church services are delivered to homebound members upon request. DVDs also available in Grace Library. *Contact Sharyn Nelson, 270-6491, acyalum@msn.com
Three Legacies Alcoholics Anonymous Groups meet every Monday evening, Grace Hall, 6-8 & 8-10pm
Stephen Ministry is a one-to-one care giving ministry for those experiencing personal problems such as grieving or crisis situations. *Contact Howard Kulzer, 280-7991, hkulzer@mchsi.com

Music Groups

Chapel Chimers, students in grades 3-5, practices Wednesday evenings, September- early May
Youth Bells, students in grades 6-12, Practices Wednesday evenings, September- early May
*Contact Carol Woodruff, 971-5609, cl.woodruff@mchsi.com
Youth Choir, students in grades 1-5, Practices Wednesday evenings, September- early May
Grace Bells, high school and adults, Practices Wednesday evenings, September- late May
Chancel Choir, high school and adults, Practices Wednesday evenings, September- late May
Grace Brass-Brass Players practices on Sundays, 9:30am & Tuesdays, 6:30pm, September- late May
*Contact Rich Dewein, Director of Music, 276-6873, rdewein@msn.com

Activity Groups

Book Discussion Group meets on Wednesdays. During the summer we meet once a month in homes of our members.

***Contact Delores Larsen, 278-1326**

Gardening Group, meetings to be announced include gardening on the church grounds, tours, sharing perennials, gardening tips.

***Contact Loree Nelson, 274-6322, LNelson@gislason.com**

Grace Memory Makers, meets Tuesday, June 15, 6:30-9:30pm for scrapbooking which highlights the events at Grace.

***Contact MeLissa Lawson, 279-4714, zesws6@msn.com or Heather Nelson, 278-4733, heathernelsondc@msn.com**

Embroidery Guild meets Thursday, June 17, 6:45-9:00pm in Grace Hall. Also June 7 & 14 from 9am-4pm. Embroidery piece work. Membership in Embroiderers' Guild of America \$43

***Contact Helen Ringgenberg, 255-2395**

Other groups that often meet during warm weather months are the Runner's Group and RAGBRAI riders. Contact the Church Office, 276-6873, for information on any of these happenings.

June Birthdays



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| June 1 | Jeremy Jorgenson Danielle Russell | | |
| 2 | Marvin Simonsen Mason Sims | | |
| 3 | Lisa Brown | | |
| 4 | Achmed Johnson Virgil Olson Erica Schwarz Leslie Denton Jimmy Carias | | |
| 5 | Jennifer Geringer Molly Riordan Natasha Voelker | 18 | Vivian J. Swanson Marilyn Nizzi Andrew Bro |
| 6 | Debbie Curry Jared Ladd | 19 | Arthur Behn Diana Johnson Luis Reaza |
| 7 | Michele Frommelt Morgan Sindergard | 20 | Jerry Granzow Jessica Lyle Benjamin Rider |
| 8 | Jeannie Harlan Samuel Ruiz | | Marina Vasiljevic |
| 9 | Steven Harlan Christopher Frommelt | 21 | Paul Kallenbach Lori Bondura |
| 10 | Brian Riordan Stephanie Shepard | 22 | Corrine Tiedge Martha Mitchell |
| 11 | Jacob McCann | 23 | Ava Marie Bothe Delmar Vernia Katherine Bruns |
| 12 | Lee Johnson Lyle Burnett | | Sharena Curry Megan Riordan |
| 13 | James Beeler Michele Turner Stacy Speck | 24 | Sandra Roehrick Michelle Kennedy Gloria Gonzalez |
| 14 | MeLissa Lawson Jason Hill Joshua Habick Nile Kretschmer | 25 | Barbara Tussing |
| 15 | Paul Grodt Sandra Meyer Allison Hofman Cody Jorgenson Peter Mattes Kenneth Schwarz Joseph Gutmann | 26 | Fern Varme Marilyn Oberg Lela Behn Megan Richmann Steven Lomen |
| 16 | Donald Schroeder Joseph Honsey | 27 | Vivian Feilmann |
| 17 | Eugene Krauss Rita Stackhouse Curt Johansen Matthew Jordahl | 28 | Norma Black Joann Pierce Cynthia Cooper Shannon Murray |
| | | 29 | Leanne Davis Elizabeth Gronert |
| | | 30 | Steve McCann |