



# Grace Reformed Church

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# Words of Grace

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## Thanks be to God!

*Praise His Holy Name!*

*Please join us for our  
Thanksgiving service  
On Wednesday,  
November 25 at 6:30pm*



Congratulations to Lisa Vegter who won the grocery store gift certificate in the October WOG. Lisa won when she was the second person to email the church office with the correct answer.



Do you think there may be a hidden message in this month's issue?

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# News from the Leadership Team

Dear Grace Family,

As I was prayerfully reading through my Sabbatical Journal last night, I was reading a section that focused on seven questions that I was asked to write on and seek God about. These questions flow out of what Paul said to Timothy in 2 Timothy 3:14, "But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you have learned it." What is it that I am convinced of that forms how I live my life? So here are those seven questions that I want to encourage you to prayerfully think about:

1. Who is God?
2. What is God up to; do you understand His purposes for you?
3. Who am I according to God?
4. What has gone wrong; do I live as though I can get my needs met apart from God?
5. What has God done to change what has gone wrong?
6. How is He at work right now?
7. What is necessary for me to cooperate with what God is doing?

These seven questions are really important for you and I to be convinced of if we are going to join God in what He is doing. I encourage you to prayerfully work through these questions over the next month. I am praying for you...

Love,  
Pastor Barry



## "Praying for the GRC Leadership Team"

- \* Pray that the Elders will have wisdom as they discern together how we need to join God in what He is doing.
- \* Pray for the Elders as they seek God's heart in shepherding the Grace family towards God's purposes.
- \* Pray that the Deacons will have wisdom as they minister to the hurting in our community.
- \* Pray that the Deacons will have discernment as they oversee God's money in our church's budget.
- \* Pray for the ministry leaders to have clarity on how the ministries they oversee can join God in what He is doing.



## Prayer Opportunities

- 8:15am Sundays- Prayer Room—praying for the first service.
- 10:05am Sundays- Prayer Room—praying for the second service and for those needing prayer.
- 6:30am- Wednesdays, Men's Prayer- Prayer Room
- 6:30am –Wednesdays-Women's Prayer- Sue Bishop's home
- 9:00am & 10:30am- Prayer Room—praying during the worship service.
- 6:00pm on Monday Nights Prayer Room—praying for the leadership teams while they meet.
- Prayer Walking—during the week
- Prayer Vigil in the sanctuary—one Saturday a month



- 1. Note from Pastor Grant
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- 4. Forgettable Fact
- 5. Potent Quotables
- 6. Uh, That's Funny?



Hello Family,

Men always ought to pray and not lose heart. Luke 18:1

We all know people in the church who are faithful men and women of prayer: They receive countless answers from God, but at times, are disheartened because certain prayers for loved ones remain unanswered. Yet they keep on praying, encouraged by the parable in Luke 18. This story features a widow who badgered a heartless judge for help and finally got it.

Jesus ended His parable with a question: If an unrighteous and disrespectful judge finally answers a pestering widow's pleas for help, shall not God answer His own children who cry to Him day and night? The expected answer: "Of course He will!" Keep on praying and see how God and don't let-up until He tells you.

Blessings in Christ,

*PASTOR GRANT*

2. SOMETHING FOR YOUR HEART

Why Pray Out Loud?

So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, 'Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me.'

John 11:41-42

Why do we pray out loud? After all, it makes some of us really uncomfortable to pray in front of each other. And it makes others of us really bored to listen to each other pray. Why do it? Isn't God famous for knowing our thoughts, and aren't we famous for believing that He hears our thoughts?

I think Jesus reveals one of the benefits of praying out loud in front of each other in today's verses. He says clearly that His vocalized prayer of thanks was for the benefit of those listening. He wanted to leave no room for doubt that the giant miracle they were about to witness came from the God of the universe -- that He was God's Son.

In a similar way, when I ask God for help with something right out loud in front of you, you're much more likely to give God the credit when that good thing happens. Vocalizing our prayers and thanksgiving in front of each other is another way to remind each other how huge and powerful our God really is.

Think: Are you hesitant to pray in front of other people? Do you know why? What can you do to start to overcome that timidity?

Pray: Thank God that He doesn't need you to pray out loud in order to hear your prayers, and ask Him to help you to become comfortable talking to Him in front of others sometimes for their benefit and His glory.

Do: Make a point to pray out loud with at least one other person this week. (It can even be your mom!)  
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3. SURF REPORT

- Surrogates Movie Review

<http://www.planetwisdom.com/movies/review/surrogates/>

- Fame Movie Review

<http://www.planetwisdom.com/movies/review/fame>

4. FORGETTABLE FACT

It's against the law to burp or sneeze in a church in Omaha, Nebraska.

5. POTENT QUOTABLES

Nothing is a waste of time if you use the experience wisely.

- Auguste Rodin

Courage is fear that has said its prayers. - Dorothy Bernard

6. UH, THAT'S FUNNY?

Q: What do you call a boomerang that doesn't work?

A: A Stick.

# The Wisdom of Depending on God

by Gail Rodgers

Carrie was frustrated. Anger played at the edge of her heart. Why didn't God answer her? Why didn't He rescue her in her situation as she begged Him too? She began to pray less. One day she realized she had stopped praying except for her habitual prayer before meals. She realized she had quit expecting anything from God. Her trust in His goodness had melted away in the heat of her struggle and God's silence.

Countless Christians have experienced their prayers erode to a trickle of empty words of habit or panic button prayers. Some lose faith when life's hard circumstances make no sense and God fails to intervene as they think He should. Others simply get too busy to bother. Many experience feeling let down and disappointed by the church or other Christians and paint God with the same brush.

It's easy to begin depending on our own best thinking when we lose heart in expecting God to answer our prayers. Trusting God, when our path in life grows muddy, is not an easy task. The mud of weariness, busyness and hurt can cause us to trip and even fall. We wonder how we will ever get up again. Faith can feel like a thread that threatens to break.

Trusting God with your life, even when it makes no sense to you, is to choose to grab hold of the pearl of wisdom. As Christian women we know the vital connection prayer is to our God, yet we can let it slip away from fingers muddy from falling. We must be deliberate in choosing to cling to it. There is great wisdom and reward in depending on our God even in the silence.

Maintaining that vital connection to God in prayer is a choice. Step by step, through the fog on our pathway, we can choose to trust that God has our best interest at heart and lean on His strength to get us through our day... or ... we choose to shrug Him off with little expectation and lean wearily on our own understanding.

When we live our lives with prayer on the fringe we are really telling God that we don't trust Him. Often with our lips we declare trust but with our lives we show that we really don't believe He will see us through. Ask yourself the hard questions...

Do I really trust God to have my best interest at heart?  
Do I really believe He will strengthen me today to walk where I need to walk...even in the dark and the silence?

Choose to increase your trust in God and to bring prayer into focus from the fringe of your life. These steps will help you firmly grasp that treasured pearl...and you will discover the wisdom of depending on God. Choose to TRUST.

**T** Thank God for the things He has done in your past. Go back as far as you need to.

Begin to chart His track record in your life. Ask Him to remind you of times past when He was there for you. Then find something in your life today to be grateful for. Living thankfully is God's will for your life.

"Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus" (1 Thessalonians 5:18).

**R** Repent...say you are sorry to God for intentionally allowing things in your heart and your life that you know would disappoint Him. Having a rebellious heart toward God's ways in one area of your life can cause your prayers to hit the ceiling in other areas. Take an inward look and ask for God's help in changing attitudes, thoughts, motives and actions that need a correction.

"If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened: but God has surely listened and heard my voice in prayer" (Psalm 66:18 & 19).

**U** Unify broken relationships. Whether you have offended someone or have been offended, God leaves the ball in your park to seek restoration. If restoration isn't possible give God the broken pieces and ask Him to root resentment out of your heart. Bringing peace to fractured relationships brings blessing. "Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God" (Matthew 5:9).

**S** Share the journey. When times are tough and trust wears thin, find a friend to pray with you and for you. Tell someone your struggle and ask her to walk with you awhile on the road of life. Getting help in our weakness leads to healing and to power in praying.

"Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective" (James 5:16).

**T** Take time to spend with God. If your heart is dry set aside some time to listen to praise music and use the words of the songs as prayers from your heart. Till up the ground that has become hard from the worries of life. Learn to spend time in the presence of the Lord and find refreshing beyond what you can imagine.

"He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust"" (Psalm 91:1 & 2).

Depend on God in new ways today. Trust Him... even in the silence and in the dark. The wisdom of depending on God will bring results in your life that will surprise you. "My God, in whom I trust"... with expectation!

*Gail Rodgers has a passion for discovering and sharing how the Scriptures apply in very practical ways where we live and walk each day. She is a wife, mother of three, businesswoman and a pastor to women. She resides in Alberta, Canada with her family. Visit Gail's website at [www.gailrogers.ca](http://www.gailrogers.ca).*

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# Family Corner

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Tantrums and Whining

Creative discipline for temper tantrums and whining

by Lisa Whelchel

If your kids throw fits or whine, take a look at these discipline ideas:

### Throwing a Fit

- Does your child slam the door when she's angry? You might tell her, "It's obvious that you don't know how to close a door properly. To learn, you will open and close this door, calmly and completely, 100 times."



- If your child likes to stomp off to his room or stomp around in anger, send him outside to the driveway and tell him to stomp his feet for one minute. He'll be ready to quit after about 15 seconds, but make him stomp even harder.
- The same goes for throwing fits.

Tell your child to go to her room to continue her fit. She isn't allowed to come out and she has to keep crying for 10 minutes. Ten minutes is an awfully long time, and it's no fun if your parents tell you to cry.

- Another way to handle temper tantrums is to simply say, "That is too disruptive for this house. You may continue your fit in the backyard. When you're finished, you are welcome to come back inside." When there isn't an audience, the thrill of throwing a temper tantrum is gone.

- If your child asks for something and then argues or throws a fit when you tell her no, tell her that no matter what she asks for, from that moment on the answer will be an automatic no until she can accept the answer "no" respectfully.
- I heard of a grandmother who was buying shoes for her 10-year-old grandson. He threw a fit when he realized he wouldn't get the more expensive pair. So she leaned down and whispered in his ear, "If you continue to embarrass me, I will kiss you all over your face right here in the middle of the store." He stopped immediately.

### Whining

- No whining and no begging are allowed at our house. My children know that if they add "Please, please, please" when asking for something, my response is an automatic "No, no, no."
- Our children's piano teacher told me that when she was a little girl and would start whining about something, her mother would stand there, looking confused — as if she were speaking a foreign language. Then her mother would say, "I'm sorry but I do not understand 'Whinese.' Would you please speak to me in English?"
- Jeremiah 17:9—"The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?" There will be times in our children's lives when they will be tempted to follow the world's philosophy: "If it feels good, do it." There will be other times in life when they must do things they don't feel like doing. It is important to teach our children as early as possible that our feelings are a gift from God, but that they can't always be trusted. From the first time they whine, "I don't feel like it," remind them, "Be the boss of your feelings!" This phrase will become even more valuable as our children get older.

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# Mission Corner

## Rowland Jr. and Jane Van Es

### MINISTRY FOCUS Theological Education

#### LOCATION

Limuru, Kenya

#### PARTNER

St. Paul's  
University



#### **What Need Is God Showing Us?**

St. Paul's University, a seminary in Limuru, Kenya, needs qualified lecturers. The college is expanding and has a vision for serving the educational needs of Kenya, where 70 percent of the population is Christian. The new business department in particular has a shortage of full-time staff.

#### **What Is God Telling Us to Do?**

God has called the RCA to partner with St. Paul's to help the administration find qualified faculty to teach in its bachelor of divinity and bachelor of business administration programs and to help St. Paul's become a fully accredited Christian university.

#### **How Are We Doing What God Is Asking?**

RCA missionaries Jane and Rowland Van Es Jr. teach students who are either preparing for ministry in the bachelor of divinity program or preparing for a business career through the bachelor of business administration program. Rowland has masters' degrees in economics and divinity and teaches in both of these disciplines at St. Paul's. Jane has a master's degree in sociology and experience working with primary health care programs. She coordinates a certificate program in Christian ministry for spouses of theological students, teaches sociology and psychology to students pursuing a bachelor's degree, and assists with the master of arts program in pastoral care and HIV/AIDS.

#### **Who Is Our Partner?**

St. Paul's University is an international and ecumenical institution that exists to prepare men and women for ministry in the Christian church and in society.

Its students come from many countries and church traditions, providing a rich diversity of views and cultures. Originally called St. Paul's Divinity School, the college was founded in Kenya in 1903 by the Church Missionary Society. The school changed its name to St. Paul's United Theological College in 1955 when the Anglican Church of Kenya, Presbyterian Church of East Africa, and Methodist Church of Kenya formed a ministerial-training partnership. The Reformed Church of East Africa joined the partnership in 1973 and the National Council of Churches of Kenya joined in 1995. In 2007 the name was changed to St. Paul's University.

#### **Up Close and Personal**

Rowland grew up in Taiwan and the Philippines, where his parents were RCA missionaries. He and Jane have spent many years in Africa, serving in Sierra Leone, Malawi, and the Gambia before moving to Kenya. They have two daughters, Jennifer (born in 1993) and Michelle (1996), who were both born in Malawi.

*There's a holy high vocation  
Needing workers everywhere;  
'Tis the highest form of service,  
'Tis the ministry of prayer.*

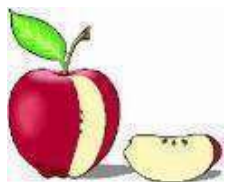
Woodworth

**Intercessory prayer is  
life's real work.**

#### MISSION OUTREACH FUND SPECIAL GIFTS

##### July 2008- June 2009

Greater Europe Mission (Justin & Janelle Kaiser)  
Campus Crusade (Tim Rasmussen)  
Wycliffe Bible (Sandra Schneider)  
First Love International (Camila Bekius)  
InterVarsity Christian Fellowship (Eric Pederson)  
Life Promotions (Youth Ministry)  
Wycliffe Bible (Carla Vande Zande)  
Romania Missions (Steve Racicot)  
Every Tribe Ministries (Ron & Marge Sanford)  
Youth With a Mission (Tom & Deb Possin)  
Camp of the Woods (Mission trip supplies)  
Ometepe Orphanage (Mission Trip support and supplies)



*Core - Prayer*

*Seeds - Studying the Word of God*

*Leaf - Growing Relationships*

*Fruit - Blessing to the church, community and world*

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Prepare to send out "Joy to the World!" Thurs. Nov. 12, 7-8:30 p.m. Create 3-4 greeting cards for U.S. servicemen, missionaries around the world, and your own family members or friends. You'll choose from four beautiful designs by our own Traci Soeller and Margie Gundelach. You'll also have an opportunity to add a personal message. We'll do our crafting in the fellowship hall. All materials and a dessert will be provided for \$6 per person. Sign up and pay at the information center by Sunday, Nov. 8. If you would like to host a table to help others make cards, contact Traci Soeller 517-0616.

All Women of Grace and friends: Take a break from holiday madness, relax with friends, and prepare your hearts for the Christmas season. Make plans to attend the "Festival of Holidays" event on Tuesday evening, Dec. 8. It will be held at South Hills Golf Club in Fond du Lac. Cost of the event, including buffet supper, is \$12 per person. If you would like to host a table, contact Mary Beth Beekman 924-4552. Each hostess will provide service for eight, favors, and a centerpiece. Watch the bulletin this month for more details.

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## Healing Choice: Protecting Your Mind

by Rick Warren

"We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ" (2 Corinthians 10:5 NIV).

Your mind is a special gift from God. It can potentially store 100 trillion thoughts. And it is a tool that God wants to use in your ministry to fulfill his purposes.

That's why we have to be choosy. We have to control what--or who--we allow into our minds. What's true of computers is true with humans--garbage in, garbage out.

**The Bible says there are five things that we are to guard against:**

- 1. We are to guard our minds against false teaching--**The Bible encourages us to contend for, "The faith which was once and for all delivered to the saints" (Jude 1:3 NKJ). That means the Gospel message that's been passed down for 2,000 years. How do you guard your mind against false teachings? Know the truth. If you know the truth, you can instantly spot a lie. Treasury agents are not trained to detect counterfeiting by handling counterfeit bills. They give them real bills and study them so well that when a counterfeit dollar bill is put in their hands, they immediately know that it's false.
- 2. We are to guard our minds against temptation--**Psalm 101:3 says, "I will not set before my eyes anything that is worthless" (ESV). That's a good verse to put on your television. When was the last time you actually got up and switched channels because what you were seeing was worthless? When I start to feel tempted, I often say, "Lord, I mentally put on the helmet of salvation that Scripture talks about in Ephesians 6:17." What does a helmet do? It protects my mind. When I do this, I'm saying, "Lord, I want you to cover my mind with your blood. I will be guarding my mind from temptation."
- 3. We are to guard our minds against counterfeit spiritual experiences--**Galatians 1:6-8 says even if an angel tells you something different than what the Word of God says, don't believe him.
- 4. We are to guard our minds against pride--**Pride is the sin that God judges quicker than any other single sin. Aaron got prideful, and God smote him. Uzziah got prideful, and God smote him. Pride is the sin that got Satan kicked out of Heaven. People will tell you things that will puff you up. You have to remain humble and not let pride enter your mind.
- 5. We are to guard against an overworked mind--**We strain our minds too much by overwork. This can cloud our ability to make sound judgments. That is why we need to have a day of rest every week.

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Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.

~James 4:8



## The Giving Tree will be Up & Running November 15- December 13

The purpose of this ministry is to provide gifts, food and a reminder of the **TRUE** meaning of Christmas to each family in need and to share the joy of Jesus' love with them by caring for and showing God's love in a personal way.

To get involved an individual adopts a family member by picking a tag, purchasing the gift(s) requested, wrapping the items and returning them to Church. The tag lists the age, gender and gifts requested including size of clothing. Monetary gifts or gift cards may also be donated by dropping them at the Information Center.

The Bread Basket donations from now through December are kept at church to distribute to these families. We generally do a food drive in November. The Evangelism Channel, or people within the Church family, donates a large meat item such as ham or turkey. We need a total of 12 this year. Please sign up at the tree in the narthex.

A delivery team brings the gifts to the family between December 19 -23, and shares the joy of Jesus' love with the family. Pick up from 1-4pm on Saturday, December 19 or after worship on Sunday the 20<sup>th</sup> of December.

Secret shoppers are a vital part of this ministry opportunity. The seventh person to give me the exact location of this message will win a gas card. People who have time to shop will gather the requested gifts that have yet to be donated on December 14 from 6-8pm. They will also gladly shop for you. Gift-wrapping will be December 15 from 1-4pm. Pack and Sort will take place on Friday, December 18 from 2-4pm.

Contact Person  
Nancy Wuest 517-4957

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### GRC Newcomers Class

Sunday, December 6 at 2:00pm  
Sign up at the GRC Info Center

## Soldiers Care Packages for Christmas

A tree has been set up in the Narthex with ideas for care package items for Christmas. Take a tag, purchase your items, write a letter and return to church by November 15. Remember to keep your gifts small, as the packages are small that we send out. We have ten soldiers that are connected to our church and we want to make sure they are loved and prayed for over the Christmas season. If you have any questions please contact Bonnie Springborn 923-0500



**It's time again to sign up for the children's Christmas program.** Practices are going to start on Saturday, November 7, from 10:00-11:30 and will run every Saturday, except Nov 28. We will also practice on Wednesdays from 6:00-6:30 starting on Nov 18. The program will be both services on Sunday, Dec 13. If your child, from Kindergarten on up, would like to participate, you can sign up at the info center or at children's choir.

## Ringbells.org

We ask you to help the Salvation Army again this year by volunteering to stand behind the red shield and ring the Christmas Bells! Sign up to volunteer at [www.ringbells.org](http://www.ringbells.org) and click on "Fond du Lac, WI". Choose the shifts you want to reserve "In as



much as you have it unto the least of these my brothers, you have done it to me." When you ring bells, it truly reaches out in Christian service throughout the year.

Adult Sunday School ~ Come and join us for a great experience every Sunday @ 10:30am •**Song of Solomon**—meets in the old office near the kitchen •**Study of Matthew** – meets in the Fireside Room- a verse-by-verse study on the life of Jesus •**Men's Study** – meets in lower level choir room – an opportunity for men to grow in their relationship with God and other men

# Local Evangelism

## Care INC of Fond du Lac

Over the past two years, groups of people from various denominations have gathered together with a heart for Jesus and a love for others. Care INC (in Christ), is a collaborative project uniting churches in Fond du Lac and surrounding areas to more effectively address the needs within our community and assist those experiencing hardships. Working together, Care INC desires to accomplish this by identifying and utilizing the gifts of the Christian community by strengthening our skills and abilities to serve those in need. Through church unity and specific operations, Care INC identifies ways to minister to the physical and spiritual needs:

**Overall mission:** To share and embody God's love in transforming lives

### Spiritual needs:

- Build personal relationships
- Provide Biblical counseling
- Connect to fellowship
- Discipleship
- Mentoring (spiritual, financial, nutritional, etc)

### Core needs:

- Maintain a central resource place for those in need to get information and referral

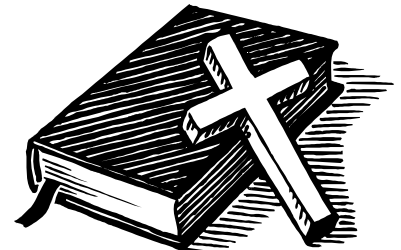
- Connect our faithful with those in need
- Work collaboratively with organizations and agencies
- Avoid duplication and competition (central data system)
- Identify and address needs of "those who fall through the cracks"

Throughout God's Word we are reminded to be faithful in caring for those in need.

For the poor will never cease out of the land; therefore I command you, you shall open wide your hands to your brother, to your needy, and to your poor in your land.

Deuteronomy 15:10-12

Is this the kind of fast I have chosen, only a day for a man to humble himself? Is it only for bowing one's head like a reed and for lying on sackcloth and ashes? Is that what you call a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? "Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter—when you see the naked, to clothe him, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood? Isaiah 57:5-7



Please be in prayer as you seek to join God in this ministry. For more information, please see Diane Nick, Joe Cameron or Dorothy Cameron.



**Praise The Lord!**

■ Praise **God** for who He is!

■ **Jackson Jeremy Simon** was born on

Oct 5 in Racine, WI. He weighs 9 lbs 3 oz and is 19.5" long. His very excited parents are Jeremy and Nicole (Markel) Simon; proud grandparents are Phil & Diane Simon and Chuck & Jackie Gunderson

■ Congratulations to Terry & Laura Streeter on the birth of their daughter **Miranda Grace Streeter**, born October 6. She is 6lbs, 2oz and 17½ ". Excited big sister is Brooke!

■ Nicole and Jason Berg, along with big sister Isabelle, welcomed **Owen Jason Berg** into their family on Oct 20. Owen was born at 3:32pm weighing 9 lbs 6 oz, and is 20" long. Proud grandparents are Phil and Diane Simon. Praise God for a safe delivery and healthy baby!

**Pray For Those With Immediate Needs:**

- Dick Brace
- Nancy Larson
- Victoria Vegter
- Norm Wilcox
- Elly Vande Slunt
- Jacob Schaalma

**Pray for those in the Military:**



**Remember Our Members in the Military**

- Steven Wilcox
- John Tynan
- Zack Heeringa
- Read DelPonte
- Todd Olig
- Thomas Flynn
- Kory Bestul
- Kyle Bestul
- Robert Henry
- Joshua Bledsoe
- Ryan Merrill

**Pray for those in Nursing Homes:**

- Hazel Bell (FdL Lutheran Home)
- Ed & Joyce Wuest (Grancare)
- Jim & Dorothy VandeBerg (Walnut Grove)
- Lavern Riel (Prairie Ridge)
- Susan Merkt (American House)
- Margaret Pennings (FdL Lutheran Home)

**Pray For Those With Long Term Needs:**

- Susan Moore
- Owen Ahern
- Judy Brechlin
- Marlene Ellefson
- Linda Tessmer
- Pat McLean
- Steve Bolda
- Nancy Hoffman
- Dave Frieders

Dear Grace Family,

Praise God for such a caring and praying church family. Your prayers and support have carried me through the chemo and radiation and each day I am gaining some strength. Thanks also for the many cards of encouragement that I have received along with visits and phone calls.

I will be going to Froedtert Hospital on October 22nd for a cat scan and meeting with the Dr. who will be doing the surgery. If everything goes well I should be having the surgery around the end of October or the first part of November. I covet your continued praying as I face this surgery and during my recovery.

God has been continually walking by my side during this past 4 and 1/2 months. I have a favorite scripture verse and that is Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

Thanks again for all your support and may God Bless the entire Grace Family.

Marlene Ellefson



To the Grace Church Family,

My thanks to all of you for the gift certificate, cards, calls, visits and prayers during my hospitalization.

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# GRC Ministry Schedules

Ministry	Date	1st Service	2nd Service
Greeters	11/1	Dan & Bonnie Springborn	Roland & Mary Ritzema
	11/8	Bill & Ann Vande Zane	Derald & Donna Ohm
	11/15	George & Fran Trewin	Greg & Robin Fuhrman
	11/22	Keith & LueAnne Bestul	Dave & Berdie Rae Nett
	11/25	Tony & Ginny Ferdinand	Thanksgiving Service
	11/29	Darrell & Margie Gundelach	Dan & Bonnie Springborn
Prayer Partners	11/1	Bill Hageman, Judy Albert	Diane Nick, Dorothy Cameron
	11/8	Chuck & Toni Stanley	Greg & Robin Fuhrman
	11/15	John Luteyn, Bonnie Springborn	Clark & Inez Koechel
	11/22	Diane Nick, Dorothy Cameron	Vern & Eunie Jurgens
	11/25	Jack & Jan Witte	Thanksgiving service
	11/29	Mary Ritzema, Linda Drendel	Del & Hope DelPonte
Computer	11/1	Noel Skogen	Emily Skogen
	11/8	Laura Streeter	Josh Schaalma
	11/15	Darrell Gundelach	Dan Milczski
	11/22	Keith Bestul	Brady Beekman
	11/25	Laura Streeter	Thanksgiving service
	11/29	Darrell Gundelach	Josh Schaalma
Nursery	11/1	need volunteers	need volunteers
	11/8	need volunteers	need volunteers
	11/15	need volunteers	need volunteers
	11/22	need volunteers	need volunteers
	11/25	need volunteers	need volunteers
	11/29	need volunteers	need volunteers
Close the Building	11/1	Bill Hageman	
	11/8	Vern Jurgens	
	11/15	Del DelPonte	
	11/22	Jack Witte	
	11/25	Dave Thoune	
	11/29	Dan Holdridge	
FIRST IMPRESSIONS	11/1	Blue Team	
	11/8	Green Team	
	11/15	Red Team	
	11/22	White Team	
	11/25	Yellow Team	
	11/29	Orange Team	
Ushers		Dave Thoune	Craig Gruening
		Chuck Bloedorn	Roland Ritzema - sub

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***Offering & Attendance***

9/27	\$10,695.03	268/108
10/4	\$14,758.12	259/130
10/11	\$7,475.80	263/105
10/18	\$12,305.30	277/89

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