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Please join us for

Easter

Worship

Good Friday Service:

Friday, April 2 at 6:30pm

Easter Services:

Sunday, April 4 at 9:00am & 10:30am



ReachOut Certificate:

Five people responded to win the ReachOut gift certificate last month. We were asking for twelve. We will try again this month. Please find the hidden message in this issue and email/call the church office to be put in the drawing. Good Luck! ☺



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News from Leadership

Dear Grace Family,

It is almost here! I feel like I did when I was a child anticipating something that was about to happen that I was looking forward to like Christmas morning or a vacation. What am I talking about? I'm talking about the weekend of April 9-11 as we gather together as the Body of Christ to seek God together in prayer. Daniel Henderson is coming to lead us like he has been doing for 25 years now to help congregations become houses of prayer.

History teaches us that there will be no revival or spiritual awakening unless God's people begin to pray as though we really are dependent on Him! In addition, church history reveals that churches will not become houses of prayer unless pastors and other ministry leaders lead the way through their personal example and function with prayer being valued. Prayer is not the only thing we do, but it is the first thing we do. It is foundational for bringing light to darkness. To bring hope into situations of despair. To bring the power of the gospel of grace into hopeless conditions in the lives of people all around us. Without a doubt, the church of Jesus Christ is key to combating and overcoming the spiritual darkness that seeks to dominate our culture. Authentic transformation of cities and communities and other social entities must begin in the lives of the Christians who live in those communities.

This is what the weekend of April 9-11 is all about. It is trusting God to be God through praying in faith together towards God's purposes. To learn how to pray as a church. To learn how to pray as the church of Fond du Lac as we seek to join God in giving every man, women, and child repeated opportunities to see, hear, and understand the gospel of grace where people live their everyday lives. Being a part of what God is doing to see this happen excites me!!!

Don't miss out on what God is going to do as we gather as His church April 9-11. Say to God, "I'm going to participate in this prayer weekend unless you

show me that I shouldn't attend because You have something better for me to do with the time You have given me the weekend of April 9-11. 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



He is not here...

Youth Page

Dear Youth Families,

Last month a number of high school youth and leaders attended the *Dare 2 Share* evangelism conference held at the Sears Arena in Chicago. Each person had the opportunity to learn and memorize a simple gospel outline and hear strategies on reaching our area schools with the Gospel of Christ. Those in attendance have returned energized for the Kingdom work we have ahead of us.

Over the next few months we will publish articles from *Dare 2 Share Ministries* that are designed to help us use current cultural events and entertainment to share our faith with friends and family.

In His service,

PASTOR GRANT



Jesus, Remember Me

So Robert Pattinson (Edward Cullen-*Twilight* movie) has traded in Bella and his body shimmer for a shot at a non-supernatural romance called *Remember Me*. Word on the street is that if *Remember Me* is playing at a theater near you, it's probably a good time to consider moving.

Remember Me is a film about love embedded in the midst of dysfunctional families, tragedies, and ultimately the need to appreciate each day of life we are given. A worthy message, to be sure, but be warned that the *surprise* ending could be one of the most shameless acts of audience manipulation I have ever seen.

Rather ironic, I think, that a film called *Remember Me* has a plot line that screams out 'Pulleeease forget me!'

By the way, how do you want to be remembered? I guess another way to phrase this question is:

What do you want on your tombstone?

This is an issue that most people don't think through too well, and at the end of their lives there is regret and disappointment because all they have to show for their existence is a history of trivial pursuits and soon to be forgotten accomplishments.

That was definitely the case with a man we only know as 'a criminal,' but check out how he changed it all with the words "remember me":

Two others, both criminals, were led out to be executed with him. When they came to a place called The Skull, they nailed Jesus to the cross. And the criminals were also crucified—one on his right and one on his left. One of the criminals hanging beside him scoffed, "So you're the Messiah, are you? Prove it by saving yourself—and us, too, while you're at it!"

But the other criminal protested, "Don't you fear God even when you have been sentenced to die? We deserve to die for our crimes, but this man hasn't done anything wrong."

Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom."

And Jesus replied, "I assure you, today you will be with me in paradise" (Luke 23:32-33; 39-43).

Here's a person who led a life of crime, and now he is being crucified right beside Jesus. At that moment, he realizes that even though he has wasted the gift of life he was given, he can change the condition of his eternal life with three simple words,

"Jesus, remember me..."

That 'criminal' is now in heaven, but I bet he big time wishes that he had asked Jesus to remember him much earlier in life, because it would have radically changed his journey.

Have you asked Jesus to remember you? Not just when you die, but how about each and every day?

- Jesus, remember me when I face the struggles and stresses of life.
- Jesus, remember me when I feel like You're not there.
- Jesus, remember me when the guilt of my past haunts me like a relentless ghost.

And Jesus, please remember me when I strive to live each day for You, loving You, obeying You, telling others about You and living for *THE Cause* of making disciples who make disciples.

Remember me, Savior, and help me to remember You. You spilled Your blood on the cross and came back from the dead to give all those who trust You for salvation a new and amazing life. You have called me to share this good news with everyone I meet, so that they too can be "with You in Paradise."

Don't wait until the end of your life to ask Jesus to remember you, because life is too short to be squandered and wasted on silly selfish drama and what you hope will make you happy. Following Jesus Christ is without a doubt the greatest adventure anyone could hope for...so what are you waiting for? Remember Him, and you'll be remembered forever!



Remember not the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you are good, O LORD
Psalm 25:7

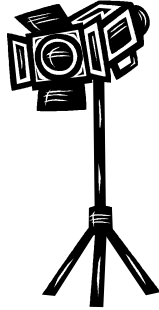
Remember me, O LORD, when you show favor to your people, come to my aid when you save them.
Psalm 106:4

And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me".
Luke 22:19

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Small Group Spotlight

Vander Schaaf/Jurgens Small Group



This group meets at 6:00 p.m. every other Sunday evening at one of the 19 members' homes. We begin with a time of fellowship and a snack, provided by one of the group members, followed by Bible study and prayer.

We normally meet as a small group from September through May. Our current study is the Truth Project, which will end soon. Our next study is yet to be determined.

We enjoy studying together, sharing joys and challenges, and praying for each other as well as for the needs of people at Grace Church and in our community. Each year we also commit to a group project to enable us to reach out to others with Christ's love. We have collected items for the Milwaukee Rescue Mission, which several of us visited, as well as money and three suitcases filled with items for the recent mission team to Haiti.

If you haven't already, get involved in a small group. It will enrich your life. To become connected in this more personal way with other Christians sign up at the Information Center for more details.

VBS News

Did we come from ape-man? Are people equal to animals? Did the parts of our bodies just "happen" or were they specially designed?

Journey with us as we travel to Egypt in Answers to Genesis VBS thriller "***The Egypt File: Decoding the Mystery of Life!***"

On June 14-18, from 8:45am to 11:30am, we will tackle some of the most mysterious and intriguing questions known to man regarding human life.

We need you to help make our program a success. Would you like to teach a class or help in the classroom, kitchen or craft area? So you have a "lot of energy" and feel God leading you to be our Recreation Leader?

Please let Fran know as soon as possible where you would like to serve. You can reach Fran at 583-4308

God Knows What Gets You Stressed

by [Rick Warren](#)

Your Father knows what you need before you ask him. Matthew 6:8 (NIV)

God knows everything that gets you stressed. For instance, many of us today are concerned about the economy, and so we have financial fears.

And then we act as if God is unaware of our bills? "Don't you see, God? I'm going under! I'm not going to make it!" We're trying to stretch and make ends meet. We get uptight, upset, and we worry. But worry is the result of not realizing the omniscience of God.

When we think that God doesn't know what's going on in our lives, then we think we have to take matters into our own hands. In effect, we're saying, "I'll be God." Worrying is taking responsibility for things God never intended you to have.

The truth is God is aware of all your needs. He's aware of every single need you have: financial needs, spiritual needs, sexual needs, social needs, emotional needs. In fact, the Bible says God knows what you need before you ask. Prayer is never giving information to God. He already knows what's going on in your life.

What's the use of praying, then? God's waiting for you to ask for help. The Bible says, "You have not because you ask not".

The Bagels and Books will be meeting April 26th, 6:30 P.M. at Nancy's house, 207 Pheasant Dr. We decided to read a different book for April than we originally planned. We are reading the book HOTEL ON THE CORNER OF BITTER AND SWEET written by Jamie Ford. This is a historical novel that takes place in Seattle during WWII and the conflicts of Japanese Americans and Chinese families.

Two books have been chosen to read for the month of May. The authors are Ron Hall and Denver Moore. This is a current true story about two men who lived very different lives and how they met in a homeless shelter. I personally feel anyone will benefit from reading these books. We may learn how to deal with tragedies and the triumphs in our life in a better way. The first book is, SAME AS DIFFERENT AS ME and the second book is WHAT DIFFERENCE DO IT MAKE. Anyone is welcome to use my books if someone else doesn't have them. Enjoy reading a good book!

Family Corner

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Managing Children's Screen time

By Jim & Lynne
Jackson

Michelle was frustrated by the conflicts about TV time at her house. "It was the same hassle almost every night. The kids seemed to put down roots in front of the TV, and the negotiations for more time were hard on everyone! We decided to limit screen time to the weekends, except for an occasional weeknight show that we all watch together. It was hard to stick with it at first, but we firmly but lovingly persisted. After a just a week or two with no TV, our house is now so much more peaceful! The kids often get up and read in the mornings or go outside and play instead of turning on the TV. "I'm lovin' that!" Michelle's approach fits well with the research that says that school performance is significantly hindered by weekday screen time, but not by screen time on the weekend.



Certainly children often need concrete, clear limitations, but if I stand over my child with my hands on my hips and proclaim the ills of his or her screen activity, I am sure to draw the lines of battle and strengthen my child's determination to stay glued to the screen. Part of Michelle's success was a kind but firm approach based in her conviction that this would truly help her children. I have the best shot at helping my child engage wisely in screen activities if I determine to strengthen our connection, rather than letting the conflict erode our love for each other.

Here's an example from our home.

Neither Lynne nor I particularly enjoy computer games. Our two sons were crazy about them, and our efforts to encourage more creative pursuits had not yet had a significant impact. Realizing that I was rejecting what was important to them, I decided to find out what one of those

games was all about. The boys eagerly became my teachers. My desire to connect with them on their level helped me endure my incompetence. They watched and instructed, telling me all their little secrets for success. After nearly an hour of laughter, failure, and defeat at the hands of a far superior computer program, I gave up the joystick and went on my way.

Later, our oldest told Lynne, "I know Dad decided to learn our computer game just to be interested in our stuff and be with us. I want to learn about something that he is interested in." Now certainly, this "Walt Disney" ending doesn't happen every time parents engage with their children's interests, but I strengthen my platform to influence my children about their time use, when I non-judgmentally join them in their activities. The connection that grows out of a little shared screen fun can spark some real life, three-dimensional fun. "C'mon, let's get out the Frisbee!"

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A family tip on how to help young children keep up with family members who live far away.

Video Memory

If you have a loved one that is not local, but you want your child to remember who they are and what they sound like, have them read your child's favorite book while being video taped. Now you can pop in a video tape and they can see mom/dad/grandma whenever they have to be away. With the family spread out everywhere, why not find ways to communicate better. This is one of the best ways to do that.

Mission Corner

April Mission's Report

What Can I do?

The big question. I'll bet it goes through everyone's head at least once in a while. I am going to help you find the answer to that regarding mission work. There are many ways to pursue in your life a missionary attitude.

First: Go yourself. There are many short-term mission trips that occur throughout the year. Yes, it is a little scary, especially that first trip. In the weeks before my first trip to Camp of the Woods in Canada, I can remember thinking over and over, "What am I getting into and why am I doing this. After we got up there and started doing some of the volunteer work, I had trouble coming up with a good reason for not having gone sooner.

I will be leading another trip to Camp of the Woods for a work week from June 13, 2010 to June 19, 2010. If you are interested call me, or see me at church or leave a note in my mailbox. I will contact you to provide you with more details.

There are other trips, that will become available. In the past we've had church members participate in mission trips to the Voice of the Martyrs headquarters in Oklahoma, to a house building trip in Mexico, to do recovery work in New Orleans, to do support work at a native American mission in New Mexico, and on other trips.

Our mission channel is always open to ideas for mission trips. If you have an idea talk to one of the channel members about it. It might become our next Grace Church mission trip!

Second: Support Others.

One of the biggest problems that most missionaries have is raising enough support. They usually have to contact many churches and people that they are familiar with, and ask them to be a partner in their mission work. This takes a lot of time. If a missionary has full support, he (or she) can spend his/her time doing the Lord's work. If you have been wondering what to do with some of the money the Lord has put in your control, there are many missionaries that would be very grateful for a new partner in their work, and you would be building riches in heaven. An upcoming event that you should consider supporting is the trip this summer to

South Africa. Several Grace Church members are traveling there with Pastor Grant to take part in a variety of mission activities. These people are responsible for raising quite a large sum for their trip. If you would like to help with finances or prayer, contact Pastor Grant for more details.

Third: Work locally. There are many activities sponsored by Grace Church that give you the opportunity to reach out to people that may not know the Lord.

Prayer Walking, Service evangelism, and special event projects such as helping at the EAA convention are valuable ways to use your gifts.

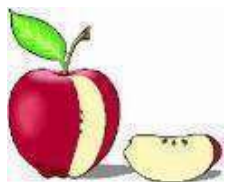
There are other avenues for local involvement, see Jeremy Lueck and volunteer to help him hand out scripture tracts at different times during the year.

Other organizations are also in need of help. You could help build a house with habitat for humanity or get involved with youth ministry with the Local Youth for Christ organization.

Last, and most important: Pray. Pick out a missionary, or a mission trip and pray for the success of their effort. Let those people know that you are praying and ask them for specific concerns to pray about. You will be so valuable and precious to those people, you won't believe it.

Jack Hamilton, Mission Channel chair

Mission becomes a way of life when we reach out to people with the gospel, meeting needs in our own neighborhoods and cities and through global partnerships.



Core - Prayer

Seeds - Studying the Word of God

Leaf - Growing Relationships

Fruit - Blessing to the church, community and world

The Bible study on Tuesday morning from 9:15-11:15 is "ME, MYSELF & LIES, a thought closet make-over" by Jennifer Rothschild. It is a seven (7) week study with a weekly video and student book. A bit of the blurb off the back "Ever wonder what you should say when you talk to yourself?" We all talk to ourselves all the time. We evaluate everything we do, compare ourselves to others, and even call ourselves names. We disparage who we are instead of telling ourselves the truth about who God says we are.

Me, Myself, and Lies deals with our destructive unrealistic, self-talk. In this study, Jennifer Rothschild explores the power of self-talk. As she takes us through the things we commonly say to ourselves, she teaches us to practice godly and biblical self-talk.

You can learn more about her by going on her web page www.selftalksoultalk.com. We lovingly welcome women and girls of any age.

Monday night woman's Bible study: We will be doing the same study as the Tuesday morning group: "Me, Myself, and Lies" and will start on April 12, meeting the 2nd and 4th Mondays.

HONOR LIFE with "Baskets for Birth Moms"!

Birth moms are mothers who are honoring life by choosing adoption for their babies. During the month of April, we will be partnering with Bethany Christian Services to provide gift baskets to encourage these moms. Some of the items included in the baskets will be:

journals
pens

relaxing CDs
travel-size shampoo and conditioner
travel-size shower gel and lotion
travel-size tissues
disposable cameras
small scented jar candles

Please help us by donating any of the above items! Watch for a collection area in the narthex during April 11-25. The baskets that were donated last year were very much appreciated! Thanks for your generosity.

All women are invited to gather for a time of fun and fellowship as we join together to assemble "Baskets for Birth Moms" on Thursday, May 6 at 6:30 pm. The cost will be \$5 and sign up will begin on April 11. Join us as we celebrate the gift of LIFE!

BETH MOORE SIMULCAST

The Women's Ministries at Ascension Lutheran Church (Fond du Lac) and at Plymouth Alliance (Plymouth) are both hosting **Beth Moore: So Long, Insecurity** via CCN Broadcast on Saturday, April 24.

If you've ever had the opportunity to see Beth Moore as she ministers to women of all ages and places in life, or if you've participated in any of her Bible studies, then you know she is a strong, funny, loving woman filled with passion for women living their lives for Jesus Christ. This broadcast promises to offer some very special moments with Beth.

The event at Plymouth Alliance is 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and include lunch. Register at www.plymouthalliance.org.

The event at Ascension Lutheran is 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Doors will open at 8:15 a.m. We'll have a light continental breakfast followed by worship music to prepare us for Beth's message. Prices are \$42 per ticket ahead of time. They are available at the Ascension church office, Reach-Out Books and Wegner Office Supplies in Fond du Lac, and at Basic Books in Oshkosh. Remaining tickets will be at the door the morning of the event for \$48 each. The ticket price includes breakfast and a box lunch.

Now You Know

Memorial Day Campout



May 28 – 31, 2010

Green Lake Baptist Assembly Grounds
Green Lake, WI

It is time to start thinking about our annual Memorial Day Weekend Campout!

SIGN UP FOR A CAMPSITE!

The GRC Leadership has assembled a team of camping experts to insure all who attend have an awesome time. We are once again coordinating the campsites at Green Lake Baptist Assembly grounds. There will be a sign up at the info center and payment is requested at that time.

Don't let the cost prevent you from joining us, GLCC has graciously granted us a number of vouchers for those who can't afford the cost of the camp sites. These are available on a first come, first served basis. See Noel Skogen for further details.

Registration Deadline is Monday April 12.

You may sign up at the GRC Info Center on Sunday Mornings through April 11 or by stopping by the church office.

Make checks payable to Grace Reformed Church.

Available sites:

- Full Hook-Up (Water – Electric – Sewer) sites - \$141.00
- Electric only sites - \$126.00

What to look forward to:

For those of you that haven't experienced this weekend, we hope you will be joining us! This weekend is filled with awesome fellowship, fun games, warm campfires, a delicious potluck meal on Sunday evening and SO MUCH MORE! There is something for everyone whether you are an outdoor lover or are a not so lover of the outdoors. Come for the weekend or come for a day!

Don't Miss the Life-Changing Prayer Gathering **April 9-11 at GRC!!!**

We have invited Daniel Henderson from the ministry "Strategic Renewal" (www.strategicrenewal.com) to come and equip us in the area of prayer. The gathering will be, not only for the Grace Family, but for all the churches in the surrounding area. Daniel comes highly recommended by many pastors including Pastor Jim Cymbala, who pastors the Brooklyn Tabernacle Church and Pastor John MacArthur, who pastors Grace Community Church. Here are the details so you can set this time aside.

■ Friday, April 9th from 6:30 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. will be a gathering for the GRC ministry leaders. We will have a dessert and then have an opportunity to learn and interact with Daniel about a vision for prayer.

■ Saturday, April 10th from 7:00 A.M. until 8:30 A.M. will be a gathering for area pastors. We will have breakfast together and then be challenged to join God in working towards a prayer movement in our community.

■ Saturday, April 10th from 9:00 A.M. until 3:30 P.M. will be a gathering for the Grace Family along with any believer from the churches in the area. The focus will be an interactive seminar on prayer entitled "Fresh Encounter." Lunch will be provided.

■ Sunday, April 11th will be our two worship services at 9:00 A.M. and 10:30 A.M. Daniel will be preaching to encourage us in the power and potential of greater prayer. Everyone is welcome.

■ Sunday, April 11th from 6:00 P.M. until 7:30 P.M. will be a mini-prayer summit for the Grace Family along with any believer from the churches in the area.

We will have three sign-ups for this event so that we can plan accordingly:

1. Sign-up for all GRC ministry leaders who can attend the dessert gathering on Friday evening April 9th.
2. Sign-up for the area pastor's prayer breakfast on Saturday morning April 10th.
3. Sign-up for the "Fresh Encounters" seminar on Saturday April 10th. The cost of the seminar, which includes lunch, is \$5 per person.

Pray that God will use this gathering as a catalyst to bring about personal transformation, greater unity in the Body of Christ, and that we would experience His presence.

Local Evangelism ~ *The Prayer Life of Jesus*

Prayer was important for Jesus. The prayerful dependence that Jesus demonstrated is a model for us to learn from and to live out in our daily lives. Jesus' attitude was not about the act of praying, as much as it was about prayerful dependence. We will be looking at verses referencing Jesus prayer life. Hopefully we will discover a deeper understanding of the importance of communicating with our Father. In doing so we may be equipped to join Him in His great commission.

There are 17 references to Jesus prayer life in the gospels, telling us:

- A. Jesus prayed often
- B. He prayed before critical times and major events in His life
- C. He prayed as He spent time with others
- D. He prayed for others
- E. He prayed for Himself

Mark 1: 35 "very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus left the house and went away to pray".

Matt 14:23 "He dismissed the crowds and went up to the mountainside by Himself to pray".

Luke 5: 15-16 "yet the news about Him spread all the more, so that the crowds of people came to hear Him and be healed. But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places to pray.

After full days of ministry which lasted until after sunset, God's Word says that Jesus made time to pray. For Jesus, prayer was a time to experience afresh His Father's love in time of need and to regain new strength. We often experience hectic days. Like Jesus we need to set aside time for ourselves to be alone with God, especially before and after a busy day.

Prayer for Jesus was not a ceremony, a ritual, or a regulation to follow. For Jesus, prayer was the source of His strength, power, joy and deep relationship with His Father. We have the same power, joy, strength and relationship available to us if we develop a prayer life consistent with what Jesus modeled during His lifetime.

Do you find it difficult to pray consistently? Remember it is not the length of our prayers but the strength of our prayers that is significant. Perhaps it would be good to make a commitment today to spend uninterrupted time with God in prayer a few minutes each day this week. Try to pray the same time each day to keep consistent. You may want to begin a prayer journal, writing down your thoughts and prayers. Remember to allow time for God to speak to you.

If Jesus, being God and man, needed to pray (often), how much more do we need to call upon our heavenly Father and spend time in His presence?

Luke 6:12 One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray and spent the night praying to God.

Matt 26:29 Going a little farther, He fell with His face to the ground and prayed...

Matt 26:42 He went away a second time and prayed...

John 17:1 After Jesus said this, He looked toward heaven and prayed...

Luke 9:18 Once when Jesus was praying in private...

John 11:41 Then Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed, "Father, I thank you that you have heard my prayer..."

Luke 11:12 When you pray, say: "Father, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come..."

Opportunities to pray at GRC: 8:15am Sundays- Prayer Room—praying for the first service.

First service 10:05am Sundays- Prayer Room—praying for the second service and those needing prayer

6:30am- Wednesdays, Men's Prayer- Prayer Room

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9:00am & 10:30am- Prayer Room—praying during the worship service

Prayer Walking—during the week

Prayer Vigil in the sanctuary



Praise The Lord!

† Praise **God** for who He is!

† Praise God that He saved Sonya!!

† Congratulations to Jason & Traci Soeller who are the proud parents of **Lillian Marie Soeller** who arrived on 3/1/2010 at 2:24pm. Lillian weighed 7 lbs and 8 oz and measured 19.5" long. Excited big brother is Leo.

† Congratulations to Josh & Michele Schaalma who are the proud parents of **Bella Rose Schaalma**, born on 3/05/2010. She was 9 lbs 11 oz and 20.5 in long. She suffered a broken clavicle during birth, so please pray for complete healing.

Bereavement:

We extend Christian sympathy to Dave and Lorrie Gneiser in the death of Dave's father in Arizona, following heart surgery.

We extend Christian sympathy to Harlan and Betty Vande Slunt and Cory & Kristy Burroughs on the loss of Harlan's mom and Kristy's grandma.

Pray For Those With Immediate Needs:

- Sue & Joe Clow: Sale of house to God's glory
- Mark Dobbs: Thyroid and health issues
- Dyann Fairbanks: Headache problems
- Corinne Skogen: Mastectomy
- Pastor Barry's Mother: Eye Surgery
- Moriah Lane: Heart surgery – (John & Mary Wagner's Grand-daughter)
- Tony Hoffman: Back surgery and complications
- Ann Wegner's Mother: Hip surgery
- Nancy Hoffman: Meeting April 20 for possible Kidney transplant

Pray for those in the

Military:

- John Tynan
- Zack Heeringa
- Robert Henry
- Joshua Bledsoe
- Ryan Merrill
- Justin Nelson
- Brian Beuten
- Trevor Burns



Pray for those in Nursing Homes:

- Hazel Bell (FdL Lutheran Home)
- Jim & Dorothy VandeBerg (Walnut Grove)
- Lavern Riel (Prairie Ridge)
- Susan Merkt (Walnut Grove)
- Margaret Pennings (FdL Lutheran Home)

Pray For Those With Long Term Needs:

- Owen Ahern
- Judy Brechlin
- Marlene Ellefson
- Pat McLean
- Steve Bolda
- Nancy Hoffman
- Corinne Skogen
- Janet Rubritus
- Michael Henschel

**IT IS
FINISHED..**
Paid in Full!

"It is finished."
John 19:30

"It is finished" is not a death gurgle. "It is finished" is not "I am done for." "It is finished" will not be, as we know from the tradition of the ordering of these words from the cross, the last words of Jesus. "It is finished" is a cry of victory. "It is finished" is the triumphant cry that what I came to do has been done. All is accomplished, completed, fulfilled work.

GRC Ministry Schedules

Ministry	Date	1st Service	2nd Service
Greeters	4/2	Mark & Ginny Jopling	<i>Good Friday</i>
	4/4	Phil & Diane Simon	Jack & Jan Witte
	4/11	Dave & Amy Hopper	Tom & Cherie Vande Zande
	4/18	Mark & Carolyn Schorse	Roger & Carol Woehlke
	4/25	Dan & Bonnie Springborn	Roland & Mary Ritzema
Prayer Partners	4/2	Del & Hope DelPonte	<i>Good Friday</i>
	4/4	Jack & Jan Witte	Tony & Ginny Ferdinand
	4/11	Bill Hageman, Judy Albert	Mary Ritzema, Dorothy Cameron
	4/18	Del & Hope DelPonte	Greg & Robin Fuhrman
	4/25	Dick & Linda Brace	Bill Hageman, Judy Albert
Projection	4/2	<i>need volunteer</i>	<i>Good Friday</i>
	4/4	Keith Bestul	Laura Streeter
	4/11	Emily Skogen	Josh Schaalma
	4/18	Laura Streeter	Brady Beekman
	4/25	Laura Streeter	Noel Skogen
Sound & Light	4/2	<i>need volunteer</i>	<i>Good Friday</i>
	4/4	Ty Fairbanks	
	4/11	Sergio Hernandez	
	4/18	Alex Kolb	
	4/25	Ty Fairbanks	
Close the Building	4/2	Bill Hageman	<i>Good Friday</i>
	4/4	Vern Jurgens	
	4/11	Ed Wiegert	
	4/18	Jack Witte	
	4/25	Dan Roberts	
Video Ministry:	4/2	<i>need volunteer</i>	<i>Good Friday</i>
	4/4	Seth Baumgart	Owen Vande Zande
	4/11	Noel Skogen	Chris Skogen
	4/18	Dan Milczski	Tony Brockman
	4/25	Grant Baumgart	Seth Baumgart
FIRST IMPRESSIONS	4/2	Blue Team	<i>Good Friday</i>
	4/4	Green Team	
	4/11	Red Team	
	4/18	White Team	
	4/25	Yellow Team	
Ushers		Dick VanEgtern	Mark Jopling
		Greg Fuhrman	Stan Ramaker - sub

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Offering & Attendance

2/28	\$9,385.85	224/110
3/07	\$14,935.50	252/94
3/14	\$10,497.91	203/112
3/21	&13,109.03	218/107

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please submit information for the *May Words of Grace* to the church office by **April 10th**. You can contact the office at 922.7211 or office@grcfdl.org

Office Hours are:

- **Monday -Friday: 7:30-11:30am & 12:30-4:30pm**