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*GRC "Thank You, Neighbors" Celebration  
Saturday, August 28 at 4:00PM*

*Join us as we say "Thank You" to our neighbors and  
fellowship with them over food and conversation.*

*If you would like to help with the planning of this event  
please contact Ed Wiegert or Pastor Howie.*



### **And the winner is:**

*Congratulations to Alex Skogen who won the Back Yard Grill gift certificate after finding the hidden message in the July WOG and contacting the church office.*

*Be sure to look for the hidden message in this month's issue!*



*Good Luck!*

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# News from Leadership

Dear Grace Family,

As I write this letter, I am a week away from departing for South Africa. There has been a lot of time and preparation that has went into this mission trip but nothing has been as important as the time spent in prayer. Pray for us as we minister in this country to many hurting people. I am reminded once again of Jesus' words in John 15 that apart from Him nothing will happen of any spiritual significance. I really do believe that God is going to do a supernatural work in us and through us while we join Him in what He is doing. So please use the prayer sheets that will be available each week at our Sunday morning worship services so that you can pray intentionally for us.

Speaking of prayer, I want to remind you of all the opportunities to pray with others that are listed in the WOG and in the bulletin. This fall we will be seeking the Lord intentionally concerning our prayer dependency as individuals, families, ministries, corporately as a church, and in our community. I will be participating in a prayer movement called "The 6:4 Fellowship". In Acts 6:4 we read that the leaders in the early church were committed to prayer and the ministry of the Word. These two priorities defined New Testament leadership and gave early church leaders the courage to say "no" to the distractions of lesser demands in order to focus on the supernatural heart of how the church functions. I am excited to see how God will be at work as we seek Him together.

The times we live in are desperate times. Will you join me in praying that God will create a Holy Spirit directed movement reflecting Jesus' desire for houses of prayer to be in every geographical area where His church exists? Will you join me in praying for revival and a spiritual awakening to happen in our lives, families, churches, communities, nation, and the world? If not now, then when? God is our only hope!

Love,

*Pastor Barry*

## New Worship Schedule Begins Fall 2010

On September 12<sup>th</sup> GRC will  
begin a new Worship Schedule:

1<sup>st</sup> Service begins at 8:30am

Christian Education from  
9:45 - 10:35am

2<sup>nd</sup> Service begins at 10:45am



### "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
- 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
- Corporate Prayer event—once a month

***Don't ignore your interests; consider how they might be used for God's glory. There is a reason that you love to do these things.***

# Youth Page

Dear Youth Families,

About the time you read this month's Youth page, the South Africa Mission Team will most likely be ministering in the City of Rustenburg. Rustenburg is home to the two largest platinum mines in the world, and two of the most opulent hotel/casino/golf resorts in South Africa. But, despite this wealth there is still a rift between the rich and poor. The poor look longingly through the razor-wire fences at the riches just beyond their reach and dream of a different life.

In the natural it is understandable why one would desire a better life, a more comfortable situation. But then we read in 1 Corinthians 2:9 that:

"No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him"

But the passage does not end there. Verse 10 goes on to say: but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit.

As we search through the scriptures, we see that our Heavenly Father has such a wonderful reward for us who stand fast in His strength and endure to the end. While this earth may offer pleasures for a season, it cannot begin to compare all that He provides for us through the sacrifice of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. This month's article looks at the wonder of the salvation that God gifts us through Christ. Let us cherish that gift and look forward with anticipation to that time when we will see Him face-to-face in all His splendor.

In His service

PASTOR GRANT



## The Inception of Salvation

What did you dream about last night? Odds are you probably don't remember, because 90% of your dreams are forgotten within 10 minutes of waking up.

But you did dream about something...4-7 separate times while you slumbered, your mind was incredibly active with symbolism and scenarios that could range from the joyful ability to fly to the deepest forms of terror known to humankind.

Like the guy who dreamed about eating Wheaties and woke up to discover half his pillow was chewed through...ew.

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to invade someone else's dream? What if we discovered the technology that would allow us to share the same dream space with other people?

That's the premise behind the movie Inception...and it gets even better than that. This sci-fi thriller poses the idea of a thief being able to enter dreams and steal secrets or plant ideas. Inception is a roller coaster ride of pseudo-reality that will leave you very exhausted and a little bit concerned about the safety of your fantasy sleep land.

Of course if your dreams ever were invaded and something was taken from you, it might give you a window into how God feels. You see, He has a dream that every human being ever born would spend eternity with Him in heaven forever. At first His dream was a reality with Adam and Eve in a perfect Garden, but tragically the ultimate enemy of all humanity deceived

them into turning God's dream into a nightmare of sin, death, and an ultimate separation from God through eternity.

But God wasn't through with us humans...not even close. To restore His beautiful vision for a paradise completely full of His beloved creatures, Jesus Christ took human form and died on the Cross, and when He came back from the dead the dream was restored! The message of the gospel is the passport to an eternity in a heaven that contains unimaginable joy and relationship with God and each other.

Ah, but the thief is still ever active, because God's dream is Satan's nightmare. The devil obsesses every second of every day about stealing the salvation message of Jesus Christ from any and all people. Here's the way the Bible describes the spiritual version of Inception:

If the Good News we preach is hidden behind a veil, it is hidden only from people who are perishing. Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don't believe. They are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News. They don't understand this message about the glory of Christ, who is the exact likeness of God (2 Corinthians 4:3-4).

So now here is the most amazing part...you have been invited to jump into God's dream space and fight the efforts of the devil as he attempts to steal the message of the gospel from those who are trapped in a hopeless and doomed spiritual state. Imagine God unleashing this mission directly to you:

"I'm sending you off to open the eyes of the outsiders so they can see the difference between dark and light, and choose light, see the difference between Satan and God, and choose God. I'm sending you off to present my offer of sins forgiven, and a place in the family, inviting them into the company of those who begin real living by believing in me" (Acts 26:17).

You can help make God's dream of salvation for His creation a reality, but you have to have the courage and commitment to enter into places you never dared before. The unseen battle rages before you when you are talking to your friends about what Jesus has done for you. At that very moment, Satan is whispering discouraging and deceptive lies intended to blind them from the good news...

But you must remember that the unstoppable and unmatched power of God and the gospel are with you as you present God's offer of sins forgiven, and a place in the family, inviting them into the company of those who begin real living by believing in Him.'

Can I describe the dream I have for you? From this day forward you wake up to the reality that your friends are truly lost and you take your mission to share the gospel seriously with boldness and unflinching loyalty. Then when your work in this life is done, you will stand before God in dazzling brightness and see a smile on the Savior's face and hear the words 'well done my good and faithful servant' from His lips.

And then you will hear someone calling your name. At first you can't make out who it is, and then the face you know well becomes clear. It is the friend you took a chance on when you shared the gospel - even when Satan tried to blind their minds and intimidate you into thinking that it's not really that important.

It is important...beyond your wildest dreams in fact. So jump into God's reality and help rescue your friends from the nightmare world of the Deceiver!

***Hurry***

I knelt to pray but not for long  
I had too much to do  
I had to hurry and get to work  
For bills would soon be due.

So I knelt and said a hurried prayer  
Contentment is not the fulfillment of what we want  
And jumped up off my knees  
But the realization of how much we already have.!!!  
My Christian duty now was done  
My soul could rest at ease

All day long I had no time  
To spread a word of cheer  
No time to speak of Christ to friends  
They'd laugh at me I'd fear.

No time, no time, too much to do  
That was my constant cry,  
No time to give to souls in need  
But at last the time to die.

I went before the Lord  
I came, I stood with downcast eyes  
For in His hands God held a book  
It was the book of life.

God looked into His book and said  
"Your name I cannot find  
I once was going to write it down  
But never found the time."

[Your Service is Desperately Needed in the Church](#)

by [Rick Warren](#)

*All of you together are Christ's body, and each one of you is a separate and necessary part of it.*

1 Corinthians 12:27 (NLT)

One reason why you need to be connected to a church family is to fulfill your calling to serve other believers in practical ways. The Bible says, "All of you together are Christ's body, and each one of

you is a separate and necessary part of it." (1 Corinthians 12:27 NLT)

Your service is desperately needed in the body of Christ—just ask any local church. Each of us has a role to play, and every role is important. There is no small service to God; it all matters.

Likewise, there are no insignificant ministries in the church. Some are visible and some are behind the scenes, but all are valuable. Small or hidden ministries often make the biggest difference.

In my home, the most important light is not the large chandelier in our dining room but the little night light that keeps me from stubbing my toe when I get up at night. There is no correlation between size and significance. Every ministry matters because we are all dependent on each other to function.

What happens when one part of your body fails to function? You get sick. The rest of your body suffers. Imagine if your liver decided to start living for itself: "I'm tired! I don't want to serve the body anymore! I want a year off just to be fed. I've got to do what's best for me! Let some other part take over."

What would happen? Your body would die. Today thousands of local churches are dying because of Christians who are unwilling to serve. They sit on the sidelines as spectators, and the body suffers.

God calls you to a service far beyond anything you could ever imagine. He created YOU for a life of good deeds, which he has already prepared for you to do (based on Ephesians 2:10 TEV). Whenever you serve others in any way, you are actually serving God.

# Family Corner

## When Kids Won't Leave the Screen

Our daughter's friend Ellie expressed her frustration passionately. "So many of the guys at my college are addicted to computer games. They start Friday night and stay up all weekend, not sleeping, just ordering pizza and playing video games. It's so stupid! I'd never date any of them - they don't have a life."



How did these kids get this way? It certainly didn't start in college. The average American school age child spends 54 hours per week in front of an entertainment screen of some sort. That's more time than any other activity except sleeping. Screen habits can start as early as Baby Einstein videos - parents are sure these videos will be the key to unlock their child's obvious brilliance! Great idea, except research reveals that Baby Einstein videos actually deter children's language development.

There is no escaping the fact that children's brains (at all ages) are designed to learn through real life, three-dimensional experiences. This is not an attack on all screen time, but just a statement that it is like dessert for the brain - enjoyable and not a problem in small amounts, but very detrimental in large amounts. Excessive screen time has been clearly linked to decreased attention span, because it trains the brain to function on rapid fire stimulation. The average school teacher just can't move that fast!

Perhaps your kids fall in that category of "hopelessly bored unless happily zombied" (in front of a screen.) So what can you do with children who whine, beg, manipulate, sneak and/or tantrum in order to get more screen time? This on-going challenge gets even tougher in the summer when kids have more time on their hands. Some parents resort to over-scheduling the whole family to keep kids away from the screen. But research shows that this also deters brain development and that kids actually benefit from being bored sometimes! Boredom can increase intelligence because it allows previous learning to

integrate in the brain. It is also fertile soil to spark creativity.

Meet "Jason," a typical kid third grade kid who manipulated and intimidated his overwhelmed single mom into giving him way too much access to computers and TV. Most of his screen time ended with a habitual meltdown of protest at turning it off. A little coaching helped his mom make some lasting changes. She told Jason that all this screen time was keeping him from developing the great potential that he had, and that it was important to her to help him develop that potential. She gave him some ownership in deciding what hours he could have screen time and what hours were off limits. For Jason to earn the privilege of each session of screen time he had to do two things:

1. Creatively use his time in between screen sessions. (No whining about being bored.) Together they developed ideas for creative or athletic activities and obtain the needed supplies.
2. Exit respectfully from the previous session. When it was almost time to get off the TV or video game, she would give him a 5 minute advance notice, and then return at that time to calmly offer him the choice: "You can argue and stall, and lose your next session; or you can get off quickly and respectfully, and keep your next screen time. Which would you like to do?"

It took a couple of sessions of testing, but he quickly learned that she would follow through if he argued and stalled. Of course, when he got off quickly she encouraged him with how helpful his wise choices were to both of them.

When children realize we are on their side, and want to help them become all they can be, they are much more likely to work with us instead of against us. Challenge your kids with a question: Do you want to simply respond to someone else's creativity or develop your own? ...watch life happen or make it happen? And then consider ways in which you can model for your child how to live as a person with an important purpose on this planet (beyond your own screen time.) You might find that a lot more changes than just your family's screen hours!

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# Mission Corner



## Camp of the Woods Mission Trip

Eric and Dean Beekman and his two sons, Brady and Brenden and I spent the week of June 13 to June 20 at Camp of the Woods.



Some facts: Except for the fire which destroyed Andrea's house New Years Eve of 2008 and the house we tore down in 2008(?), camp has not changed much. There are just level pads remaining where those houses stood

Johnnie and Becky Bates and their family are currently the only permanent staff at the camp. There are two volunteers, John and Lily, who spent the past winter there. The summer staff was starting to arrive.

John Cofield and his wife Fonda and their daughter, Autumn are in camp for the summer. John is the son of Garland Cofield, the camp founder, he served as camp director for several years prior to the year 2000. Next fall John will begin traveling and preaching about the camp to raise support in addition to recruiting possible new staff. The camp has been busy and seems to be functioning quite well under the able direction of Johnnie and Becky. A youth mission group was there while we were there. They were from Tennessee and I think they

got a pretty good picture of mission life.

Eric and Dean gained a revelation of work around camp when they started a little project on Monday morning. They were going to replace a few rotten fascia boards on the generator shed. They finished re-roofing the whole shed sometime Friday. One thing just seemed to lead to another. Dean's boys did a variety of tasks. Brady successfully repaired the wiring on one of the camp boat trailers. Several previous volunteers had given up on it, walking away bewildered. Brenden did a lot of mowing and served as a very able gopher for other workers.

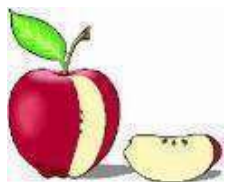
The boys and I tried to discourage a resident beaver that had started to plug a culvert under the camp road. When we arrived, the oversized rodent had water over most of the road. We opened the culvert two or three times a day Monday through Wednesday. The beaver just kept plugging it back up. By the end of the week, the score was: beaver 1 & people 0.



In addition to the beaver wars, Jack plotted, searched for old wiring, devised and installed a new underground electrical grid for part of the camp in the area of the A frames, the yard light, and the boy's bunk houses. This involved some splicing and installation of a circuit breaker box and lots of digging in water saturated, mucky soil. I finished that task on Thursday and did a bunch of little jobs on Friday.

All in all it was another good week and I know the Bates' would love to have you visit sometime. Keep it in mind.

Jack Hamilton (583-4437)



*Core - Prayer*  
*Seeds - Studying the Word of God*  
*Leaf - Growing Relationships*  
*Fruit - Blessing to the church, community and world*

You may have heard that wherever believers go, the church is there. The same can be said of women's ministry: Wherever believing women go, women's ministry is there! Here are some opportunities, inside and outside of our building, to love the people God puts in our lives:

#### **Learn more about God's heart for people by studying His Word.**

When we know God's heart, we see new ways of loving the people He created. After we study His Word together, we can leave the building standing shoulder-to-shoulder in a fierce battle for His kingdom. We lovingly welcome women and girls of any age, whether they attend Grace or not. Bring friends!

- Our Tuesday morning group, "**Connect and Grow With God**," will study the book of John this summer, with questions like: How do we show people that Jesus is the light in a darkened world? What do Jesus' actions on earth reveal about the heart of the Father? Bring a Bible or borrow one at church. There is no homework and no separate book to purchase. This group meets every week, 9:15-11:15 a.m. in the Fireside Room. There is child care provided, funded by donations from the women who attend. Contact Inez Koechel 922-9139.
- Our "**Life Recovery Bible Study**" meets each Thursday morning at 9:30 a.m. This group is for people who have battled addictions, as well as friends and family of people who battle addiction. Each participant receives a special Bible that addresses recovery. Contact Estelle Kelly 322-1973.
- If you are interested in attending an evening study, contact Cherie Vande Zande 872-2071. We are seeking God's guidance for upcoming studies. Please join us in this prayer.

#### **Invite someone to experience "Women of Faith" with you.**

The "Women of Faith Convention: Over the Top" is coming to Milwaukee! It's all happening at the Bradley Center Oct. 1-2. Tickets are \$99 for individuals, or \$89 per person for a group of ten or more. The convention is Friday from 10 am to 3 pm and 7-10 pm., and Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. More information is available at

[www.womenoffaith.com/milwaukee](http://www.womenoffaith.com/milwaukee). Order your tickets now—seats will go fast! If you would like to connect with

other women of Grace who are going, contact Laurie Milczski 933-2249.

#### **Connect with other believing women for encouragement.**

You'll have the opportunity to get better acquainted with other women who attend Grace during Sept. 20-25, "**Ladies' Week of Fellowship**." Each evening Monday through Friday, and Saturday morning, a different group of 10-16 women will gather at the home of a gracious hostess. We'll have dessert, a time of fellowship, and information about our ministry. Watch for an invitation in your mailbox this month. If you don't have a mailbox, we will have invitations available at the Welcome Center. Check the days that work for you and return it to us in the box at the Welcome Center by Sept. 5. We will assign you to a day and hostess and mail you a personalized reminder card with the date, time, and address.

#### **Invite friends to women's ministry activities.**

Watch your bulletin for announcements about these fun activities, or contact these women:

"**Bunco Night**," **Carolyn Schorse 907-1733**: Play a dice game called Bunco. Prizes are included!

"**Bagels N Books**," **Nancy DeMaster 921-6058**: Read the book of the month and gather with other women to discuss it.

"**Sassy Scrappers Saturday**," **Traci Soeller 517-0616**: Bring your pictures and scrapbook or album and work on your own project. We do a potluck lunch and snacks.

#### **Give of your time and talent to help others.**

One special opportunity this summer is to make dresses and britches for children in Haiti out of pillowcases or fabric remnants. These adorable outfits require minimal sewing. Contact Helen Vande Berg 923-6684 to donate pillowcases or fabric, or to get the sewing pattern. A short-term missionary from our area will take the outfits to children in Haiti this fall.

#### **Tell the women you know about God's redeeming love.**

As women, we desperately need to know Christ's love for us. How do we tell other women about Him? What if we lovingly invite the women in our lives to our own homes to experience Him together?

One way to do this is to check out the DVD "Magdalena: Through Her Eyes" from the church library and show it to a small group of women in your home. Mary Magdalene acts as both narrator and participant in the film as she walks us through the stories of women who have met Jesus and been powerfully released from shame. Also check out the workbook that follows the film for a more in-depth study.

## KING OF GRACE

**Grace Reformed Church**  
**Saturday, September 11, 6:30 P.M.**  
**Sunday, September 12, 10:45 A.M.**

Join us in worship before the throne of Grace as together the Praise Team and the Creative Art Ministry lead a celebration of God's Majesty, Grace, and Unfailing love.

"To Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood and made us a kingdom, priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen"  
Revelation 1:5b-6 ESV

Psalms 86:9-12

- <sup>9</sup> All the nations you have made  
will come and worship before you, O Lord;  
they will bring glory to your name.
- <sup>10</sup> For you are great and do marvelous deeds;  
you alone are God.
- <sup>11</sup> Teach me your way, O LORD,  
and I will walk in your truth;  
give me an undivided heart,  
that I may fear your name.
- <sup>12</sup> I will praise you, O Lord my God, with all my heart;  
I will glorify your name forever.

*God's word is life and breath to us. It is our pattern for eternity. Beginning here on earth, it is the foundation of all that we think and do as believers in Christ.*

In the course of our workshop, the young people are learning truths of scripture that are

foundational to dance and movement in worship. We began with worship itself.

The word worship in PS 86:9 is translated from the Hebrew word Shachah, which mean to prostrate oneself as an act of respect before a superior being to humbly beseech. Here in the original Hebrew language we see the outward expression or demonstration of the heart attitude toward God. Humility of heart is paramount in worship. If we do anything to make ourselves look good or desire recognition for ourselves it is NOT worship.

In Mark 12:30 Jesus said "And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength."  
"

Love God with all your heart & soul- your motives, intentions, desires, passions. Love God with all your mind- your thoughts. Love God with all your strength- your body and actions.

And in Jn 4:23 Jesus said "But an hour is coming and now is when true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers."

"Worship the Lord in Spirit and in truth"  
Spirit- the life and breath of God  
Truth-honesty and integrity, be real before God

Jesus spoke these words to the Samaritan woman who came to draw water from the well. She was a woman who wore the cloak of shame, an outcast. Yet, in the presence of Jesus she put aside her pretense of Jesus and spoke the truth concerning her lifestyle. A place where she could be real.

True worship is pouring ourselves out before the Lord, allowing Him to see the good and the bad, submitting to His purifying and cleansing of our hearts so that we might enter the Most Holy Place- God's heart.

The word worship in the original Greek is proskuneo – to prostrate oneself in homage; to kiss the mater's hand. It is a physical demonstration of total, intimate, spiritual abandonment, showing our sacrificial love to Him through the movement of humble prostration.

In both instances Jesus spoke of an outward expression demonstrating the spiritual truth or condition of one's heart – worship.

Robin Fuhrman

# Local Evangelism

In evangelism you may have different methods or “tools” that you prefer to use compared to someone else when sharing your faith. If there is one “tool” that should not differ in any Christian’s arsenal, it is the message we are called to deliver. This message is the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Contrary to modern belief, there is only one gospel for all of humanity. There isn’t a special gospel for a certain people group or subculture. My gospel should not differ from your gospel. *“The gospel is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jews first and also to the Greek.”* So Scripture says we can have confidence that this gospel is powerful to bring salvation to anyone. In its purest form, the gospel has power to redeem the hardest of hearts. The Apostles believed that since they obeyed the command by Jesus to preach this message in His name to all nations beginning in Jerusalem and in all of Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth. A commission that was not only assigned to the Apostles in the early church.

The gospel we’ve been given must be handled with care and respect. There is a purity that must be defended and preserved for this pearl of hope to shine. Paul warns us of the dangers of failing to do so in Galatians 1:6-8 *“I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting Him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel — not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed.”* Just to get the point across, Paul repeats it again in verse 9 *“As we have said before, so now I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed.”* Paul is saying if anyone tampers with the gospel let him be accursed, in other words let him be damned to hell. We are to be ever watchful for false gospels and to even examine if the gospel we preach is the true gospel. New methods and pragmatic ways are unacceptable. There is no room for compromise. In our response to be obedient to the command of the Lord, to be a

witness for Him, we have a high responsibility to protect and preserve this good news as ambassadors. In a sense, when the Secretary of State visits another country, he or she represents the United States in all that he or she does. As well as we, who are aliens and strangers to this world, we represent the King. We are on a mission from this Great King, to obey and fulfill His every command. Are we about our Father’s business? Are we being faithful ambassadors? Are we being true witnesses to what we have seen and heard? If we’re to proclaim the excellencies of the gospel, we must know what it is.

So what is the Gospel? The question of what the biblical gospel is must be especially important to ‘evangelicals’, whose very label includes the word ‘evangel’, the English transliteration of the Greek word for ‘gospel’ (euangelion). The word ‘gospel’ when properly translated means ‘good tidings’ or ‘good news’. In non-biblical sources before the NT period, euangelion customarily referred to the reward given to a messenger who brought good news—of military victory, perhaps, or of escape from danger. By an obvious transfer, it came to refer to the good news itself. It is by experience that I believe a high percentage of Americans assume the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Many have been inoculated into Christianity, but have never been transformed by the gospel because they have never heard it presented to them rightly as to understand it and believe on it. The blame is on us. We are failing in our responsibility to effectively share the gospel of grace. We are guilty of negligence. I find this to be true because when I question Christians “What is the Gospel?” I get a variety of answers ranging from “the Bible and the commands of God” to “the way of life to God” to “how to be saved” but rarely the true biblical gospel given to us. The same gospel that saved us. So you’re probably thinking, “Come on! Tell us what is the Gospel? I want to assure myself that I have it right” You’re correct in asking that since we want to be responsible and effective evangelists. For now you’ll have to wait until next month.

Jeremy Lueck



### **Praise The Lord!**

† Praise **God** for who He is!

† *South African Mission Trip* opportunity

### **Christian Sympathy:**

Bill Vande Zande

Darrell Gundelach

Anne Wegner

### **Pray For Those With Immediate Needs:**

- Mary Beth Beekman
- Avery Lueck
- Helen Bos (*Mary Ritzema*)
- Judy Brechlin (*Kim Sabel*)
- Merlin Zielicke (*Diane Seymour*)

### **Pray for those in the Military:**

- Zack Heeringa
- Robert Henry
- Joshua Bledsoe
- Ryan Merrill
- Justin Nelson
- Brian Beuten
- Trevor Burns
- Alex Skogen
- Micah Swanson
- Ezra Swanson
- Carl Havens



### **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
- Janet Rubritus
- Pat McLean
- Steve Bolda
- Nancy Hoffman
- Corinne Skogen
- Marlene Ellefson



Dear Grace Family:

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude and thanks to all of you who supported my family and I with the benefit at the Pizza Ranch that my children organized for me. This was a Father's Day Gift that I will never forget. After my family surprised me with this I was overwhelmed and emotionally drained for a week with thoughts about your loving kindness and support. Your financial support was so appreciated as this long term medical battle has created many unplanned financial challenges, and your support and gracious help relieves some of that burden. The outpouring of love, support, and prayers for my family and I has touched me in a very special way and I thank God for each one of you. Christ was reflected in all of your support and efforts and this really ministered to each of us. Praise God for each one of you and again from the bottom of our hearts we say thank you all!!

Steve, Jodi, Kristin, Thomas, Rebecca, Rachel, &  
Katie Bolda

*Thanks to the "family" of Grace who came and helped us celebrate "50 years" of marriage. It was a special blessing to have you with us.*

*Love you all,  
Inez & Clark*

A special thank you to all who remembered us with prayers and cards as we grieved the loss of Bill's sister.

Bill & Ann Vande Zande

# GRC Ministry Schedules

Ministry	Date	1st Service	2nd Service
Greeters	8/1	Mark & Kim Hopper	Dean & Mary Beth Beekman
	8/8	Joe & Dorothy Cameron	Ron & Lois Kautzer
	8/15	Mary Kay Brockman / Tony	Del & Hope DelPonte
	8/22	Bill & Kathy Veenedaal	Joe & Carol Bauer
	8/29	Jack & Jan Witte	Stan & Bonnie Ramaker
Prayer Partners	8/1	Mary Ritzema, Dorothy Cameron	Del & Hope DelPonte
	8/8	Greg & Robin Fuhrman	Chuck & Toni Stanley
	8/15	John Luteyn, Bonnie Sprinborn	Vern & Eunie Jurgens
	8/22	Diane Nick, Linda Drendel	Jack & Jan Witte
	8/29	Tony & Ginny Ferdinand	Bill Hageman, Judy Albert
Projection	8/1	Emily Skogen	Josh Schaalma
	8/8	Keith Bestul	Brady Beekman
	8/15	Laura Streeter	Noel Skogen
	8/22	Noel Skogen	Brady Beekman
	8/29	Keith Bestul	Josh Schaalma
Sound & Light	8/1	Sergio Hernandez	
	8/8	Ty Fairbanks	
	8/15	Sergio Hernandez	
	8/22	Alex Kolb	
	8/29	Ty Fairbanks	
Close the Building	8/1	Joe Baltz	
	8/8	Al Stormo	
	8/15	Dick VanEgtern	
	8/22	Keith Bestul	
	8/29	Rick Titel	
Video Ministry	8/1	Noel Skogen	<i>Camera</i> Bryce Vegter
	8/8	Dan Milczski	Owen Vande Zande
	8/15	Seth Baumgart	Tony Brockman
	8/22	Grant Baumgart	Bryce Vegter
	8/29	Dan Milczski	Owen Vande Zande
FIRST IMPRESSIONS	8/1	Blue Team	
	8/8	Green Team	
	8/15	Red Team	
	8/22	White Team	
	8/29	Yellow Team	
Children's Church	8/1	Traci Soeller	
	8/8		
	8/15	Carol Bauer	
	8/22	Becca / Rachel Bolda	
	8/29	Sharon Hartzler	
Ushers		Ty Fairbanks	Jack Hamilton
		Jim Bentley	John Luteyn



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**Offering & Attendance**

6/20	\$ 8,503.99	235/13
6/27	\$16,734.61	205/120
7/04	\$7,001.45	170/80
7/11	\$8,237.61	215/57

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