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The June 2016 Newsletter of Grace Lutheran Church

Hey Grace Kids!!! Get Ready to Dive!!!

Grace's Vacation Bible School Starts on June 13

Kids from all over the place are gearing up to dive into another fantastic week of adventures at our Deep Sea Discovery Vacation Bible School! Will their diving equipment be ready! Will they have their swim goggles clean? What about their fins or snorkels?

In actuality, kids may not need actual diving gear to attend our *Deep Sea Discovery VBS*, but they will certainly need a sense of adventure and a willingness to dive into a fun-packed week of swimming in God's Word!

What Will Vacation Bible School Be Like?

What will our deep sea adventure be like? Each day of VBS our Grace kids will start out at Celebration Reef with songs and drama. On the **S.S. Discovery**, we'll be looking at some Bible stories about water and how God saved his people every time! Down the bay from there, our kids will create service or craft projects at **Curiosity Cavern**, enjoy snacks and learn more about God's Word at **Pelican Pier**, and learn ways to serve others on the **E.C.H.O Sea Sub**. There's even a place for little puddle jumpers (preschoolers) at **Tide Pool Playland**!

At the heart of our 2016 Vacation Bible School are five **Dive Markers Bible** stories where God meets his people in trouble with clear messages of His might and grace. It is our prayer that those who dive into our *Deep Seas Discovery VBS* will resurface knowing that God is with them wherever they go!

Can I Still Register my Children or Kids in my Neighborhood?

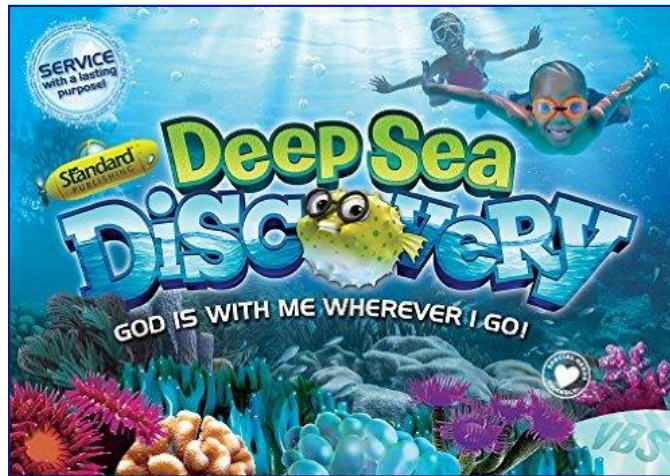
It's not too late to register to get a ticket to our *Deep Sea Discovery VBS*. All you have to do is go to GraceLink or our website: www.graceandover.org and register your child

(ren). Registration forms are also available in the church office or the Welcome Center in the Lobby.

How Can I help?

- Pray for the Lord to bless our VBS Outreach. Pray for health, good weather, and for the Spirit to grow faith in the lives of the students and staff!
- Donate items for our VBS Project – Hope 4 Youth
- Donate food and craft items or financial gifts to help underwrite the cost of our biggest outreach ministry to our community – contact the church office.
- **VOLUNTEER!** No matter how many days you have available, there's a place for you!

Get your diving gear ready. There's just a few more weeks left! See you on the water!



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 **GraceLink Update**

It’s been exciting as we’ve launched our new Online Grace Community called GraceLink. Maybe you have heard of GraceLink during worship services or even logged in to give it a try. At any rate we are excited as we take another important step to grow deeper connections at our church.

What is the purpose of GraceLink? When you join this online extension of the Grace Community you can:

- Find addresses and phone numbers of various members of our church. Gone are the days of printed church directories!
- Connect with various serving ministry opportunities, join a small group, or register for special events.
- Connect with people on your serving team or small group for prayer or encouragement.
- Give online, even when you’re unable to attend worship.
- Download the Church Life App on your phone and stay connected no matter where you go!

GraceLink is completely secure and accessible to only members and friends of Grace who sign up and join our online community. We’re just beginning to introduce it now. Keep watch as we grow our connections at Grace.

How Many Are Presently a Part of Gracelink?

- We presently have **209** active members who have logged in, signed up for Simply Giving, registered for VBS, or shared contact information for other members of Grace.
- We have about **45** families who have signed up for the new Simply Giving GraceLink program. (We had about 90 families who gave regularly online through the old Simply Giving program.)
- We estimate about 70% of those who registered their children for VBS have done it through GraceLink.

If you would like more information about how to join the GraceLink community, check out the GraceLink page on our website: www.graceandover.org. If you need more reasons to join, take a few



moments to watch the *Why You Should Try It* video! (It’s hilarious!) Any questions, especially about online giving, please contact Kate Morphey or Bonnie Trembath in the office or via e-mail. katem@graceandover.org or bonniet@graceandover.org.

Dare to Dream the Big Dreams

Pastor Mark's Remarks

Alexandra Cousteau, granddaughter of the famous ocean explorer Jacques Cousteau, was marvelous! Her recent commencement address at my son's graduation from Luther College was fantastic. Sharing a defining moment of epic failure in her personal life, she challenged the graduates to use their epic failures as a launch pad to dream epic dreams to solve, overcome, and workout whatever problems and setbacks are in the world today! Like I said, it was a marvelous speech!

Since then, I have reflected upon moments when Grace has dared to dream epic dreams. Whether they first came as a result of a failure, or an attempt to ask: *"What new thing is God asking us to do?"* Each time we have dared to dream big dreams, God has blessed, changed, and deepened us in the marvelous flow of his love!

Two of these past moments easily come to my mind: Golden Rule Day Care and investing in Adult Faith Formation with Pastor Steve. Let me explain.

Did you know we were just about ready to close Golden Rule about 7 years ago? It was after the economic downturn in 2008 & 2009. Enrollment was very small (about 6 full-time students), our acting Preschool Director had been let go, staff morale was at a new all-time low, and the church had assumed most of the facility costs. In addition, several new and larger daycare centers had been built in the surrounding area. We were not sure whether the Golden Rule Daycare could survive.

But we dared to dream a big dream. We hired Tami Mielke to rebuild the program. And rebuild it, she did! Equipped with a vision to bring a deeper Christian aspect to Golden Rule as well as strengthen the curriculum and expand the program, Tami and her talented staff has transformed our daycare. It is now bursting at the seams. And Grace has benefited as we've partnered with Golden Rule to re-carpet, paint, install new ceiling tiles, and build an outdoor classroom/garden. Dreaming has paid off! We're not only expanding the toddler program into our Nursery facility in July, but we're also starting a Christian Preschool in September in one of our portable classrooms.

The other dream we dared to dream last year was calling Pastor Steve full time to invest in Adult Faith Formation. Unlike the daycare dream, which started during a difficult moment, this one was the result of the growing success we had already experienced in Sunday Evenings@GRACE. And, like many dreams, this one prompted us to dream again and we called Kristi Larson as Director of Youth and Family to relieve Pastor Steve of his responsibilities in youth ministries.

Once again, dreaming has paid off with new opportunities and growth. We've run out of room on Wednesday nights! Already crowded with our Catechism, Rockin' Kids Club, and Adult Choir ministries, Pastor Steve's additional Wednesday evening class, as well as our Family Pizza Night in the Narthex has really made things tight! And now, people are asking for more adult classes on Wednesday evenings! And all I can say is this: "Isn't it great when we dare to dream big!"

However, big dreams ask for big investments. For instance, the increased enrollment in the Day Care as well as growth in adult participation in Faith Formation opportunities on Wednesday Evenings has "shrunk" our facilities. We are challenged to find room to handle the growth. This challenge is forcing us to ask hard questions:

- What program and/or ministry can be rescheduled, changed, or moved to make more room?
- What are we going to do in three years when we are no longer permitted to have portable classrooms? Are we going to build permanent structures? If so, where?

We are also finding that big dreams cost money. Calling Pastor Steve full-time and hiring Kristi have significantly increased our staff expenditures. Unfortunately, while our offerings have remained steady over the last year, we have not increased our giving to meet what we need. What's more, although there has been an increase to our Free 2B Grace Fund, we cannot use these capital improvement/debt reduction funds to pay for our increased staffing cost. This is leading us to ask hard questions:

- What staffing responsibilities/changes need to be made?
- Are we able to enlist more people to begin Simply Giving online to help build consistent offerings despite lower summer worship attendance?
- How do we ask people to take a step to increase their offerings?

I believe God calls all of us to risk and to dream big dreams. Whether we're a church, a business, or an individual. Big dreams bring great things because they challenge us to take steps to trust, risk, try and believe God will provide all we will need. The question is this: will we take the first step?

Still dreaming the big dreams!

Pastor Mark

Summer Faith Connections

A Word from Pastor Steve

Are you looking for a way to connect to God, yourself, and others in a deeper way this summer? Want something to take to the lake or on vacation with you? Check out these opportunities (contact Pastor Steve at stevet@graceandover.org for more details).

IRL (In Real Life) Connections

Get together with people in a physical space and time for food, friendship, and faith formation.

College Age Summer Connection

Meet every Tuesday for dinner at Pastor Steve's house. We'll eat together, catch up on life, and use 1 Corinthians as a way to connect God's Word to everyday life.

Young Adult Connection

Meet other twenty-somethings (22ish – 32ish) for a monthly time of food and games.

On the Patio Every Weekend

Make sure you carve out time after Worship each week this summer. We will have goodies and space to connect with each other out on the patio.

AR (Augmented Reality) Connections

Access books, videos, and studies online to use in a group or on your own, wherever and whenever you want. **The Grace Learning Center** online courses are always available. Watch the videos and connect in discussion as much and as often as you choose.

Bible Mania

A twelve-session course that walks you through the entire Bible. What is the Bible? Why is it important? What is the big story of the Bible? How does this story connect to our lives today? These are the questions that Bible Mania addresses. Plus, it's lots of fun!

OMG! Can We Talk about God?

An introduction to God that helps us learn how to have these discussions without killing each other. Do

you know what you believe and why you believe it? This course will help you think about these things.

Beginnings: The Books of Moses

Dig into the first five books of the Bible: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Number, Deuteronomy. These are the stories that have shaped the Jewish and Christian Faith. You can't really understand Jesus without knowing these stories.

The Gospel of Mark

This course tracks with the sermon series from January – March, 2016. What did Jesus mean when he said, "The Kingdom of God is at hand, repent and believe the good news?"

Bible Studies written by Pastor Steve

Order a physical book from Amazon.com or download a PDF. Use these studies in a group or on your own.

Sometimes it's nice to curl up in a chair, looking over the lake, and dig into God's Word. Access these titles at

www.stevethomason.net/shop

- The Life of Jesus

- The Book of Acts
- Reading Paul's Mail
- Hebrews: A Faith That Transcends
- The Overflow Principle

Hoping you'll make a great connection this summer!

Pastor Steve



Did you know how many volunteers it takes to...

We've all heard the saying "It takes a village to raise a child." Those words are actually an African proverb that translates into the idea that we all have an obligation to help raise children, by sharing in the burdens and being overcome with the joy. At baptisms the parents, sponsors, and the congregation ALL promise to help raise the child in our church, walking with them in their journey with God. Family members including aunts, uncles, and grandparents help raise children with love and support. Teachers are raising kids each and every day. Volunteers, who are not even biologically connected to the children, help raise them in schools, and with sports. Mentors and friends also help raise children.

Proverbs 22:6 reads **"Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it."**

At Grace Lutheran, we believe this verse to be true and actively are raising/training children. We provide Christian education, leadership, encouragement, and love. We don't stop with children. Every day we, as a village, also support adults. The work, here in the heart of Andover, never ends.

Here are some facts to prove that we are hard at work with kids and adults. Volunteers are used in all areas of "our village."

Youth Ministries

90 volunteers who work directly with Middle School and High school aged youth

Children's Ministries

43 people work with the SONday School program, 150 are involved with our summer Vacation Bible School, 60 individuals staff the nursery, and 16 work with Rockin' Kids Bible Club and/or Music Camp

WOW (Women on Wednesdays)

10 women lead more than 50 women in Bible Studies

Connect Class

10 Grace members give people information about Grace, many of which join as members

GRAMPS (Grace's Resourceful Able Men Performing Service)

10 men regularly do light maintenance and repair to the church building and grounds

Family Promise

More than 70 people help during the weeks that Grace provides housing and meals for homeless families

Grace Choir

24 people volunteer their time and talent in providing music to our worship services

Funeral Ministry

15 people help shop, cook, and serve funeral luncheons

Musical Worship Team

20 people provide musical support at 2 of our services

Quilters

About 15 women lovingly create quilts that are donated to

Family Promise families, hospitals, hospice centers, and for children baptized at Grace

Worship

About 150 people help make worship services meaningful and successful by ushering, reading, serving communion, providing sound and projection, counting offering, decorating, etc.

Thank you to all of you who have given/are giving your time and talents in making Grace a wonderful village to raise children. God has certainly blessed us all!

Deb Odell Stang

Vision Board



Golden Rule Is Growing!

Preschool is starting at Golden Rule!

We are excited to announce that Golden Rule will be expanding it's ministry by offering a Christian Preschool on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings beginning this Fall!

Class time will be from 9am – Noon. You can choose to enroll in Tuesday and Thursdays only or add on Fridays as a three day option. Tuition:

- TWO DAYS/wk \$120/month
- THREE DAYS/wk \$160 a month.

Children must be three years old and potty trained by September 6th, 2016. Class size will be limited to only 10 children. For more information or to register please contact Tami at tamim@graceandover.org or 763-421-1996.

As a way for our Grace community to support this important new outreach into our community, we will be having a **Golden Rule Preschool Gift Tree** with various "Leaf Gifts" for which members of Grace can choose to us help equip our classroom in Portable 1. Please watch for this special opportunity to help encourage our Golden Rule Ministry!

OUTREACH NEWS

Be Jesus' hands and feet...



Your willing hands and feet (and heart) will be a blessing to others as we serve with Habitat for Humanity on Thursday, July 28 in Blaine, MN. We hope 20 Grace volunteers will serve onsite from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. You do not need to be an experienced carpenter, just a willing servant. (The site supervisor will give us brief training before we start. By serving with Habitat, a local family will be truly blessed with a place to call home!

And if you prefer a spatula over a hammer, we'll welcome your willing hands and feet (and heart) to prepare a hearty lunch for the volunteers on July 28.

For more information, please contact Terry Kornberg
Terry.kornberg@centurylink.com, 763 202-1700

Wonder what today's farmers face?

Learn about family farms and local food production at 'Farming & Food: Our Imprint On the Land,' hosted by the Anoka County Farm Bureau and held at Grace Lutheran Church on Tuesday, June 28, 6:30 – 9 pm.

The documentary, *Farmland*, will be shown, which takes the viewer inside the world of farming for a first-hand glimpse into the lives of six young U.S. farmers and ranchers. One of the featured farmers in the film is a fourth generation pork producer from southwest Minnesota.

Following the documentary, a panel of Minnesota farmers will share their stories and take questions from the audience about farming and food. Light refreshments will be served. For more information about the event, contact Juanita Reed-Boniface at 763-753-4636 or Paula Mohr at 612-669-7678.



Provide a "Break" for a Starving Child

Starving children don't have summer breaks from hunger pains! And we as a Grace family don't want to take a break from our serving at Feed My Starving Children this summer either. So please join us as we pack meals and make an impact in this world, striving to be 'a ministry of grace in the heart of Andover... and beyond!'

Please join us this summer at FMSC - Jeannie will meet you there (she'll be the one wearing a hairnet)

- Wed. July 13 12 - 2 pm and/or 6 – 7:30 pm
- Thurs. Aug. 18 9:30-11:30 am and/or 8 - 9:30 pm



Three ways to Register:

1. On line at www.fmsc.org (click Join a Group, then type "Grace Lutheran" then choose shift)
2. On blue opportunity page in worship
3. Call the church office 763-421-6520

Feed My Starving Children has a highly visual and compelling story of volunteers of all ages making international impact. FMSC volunteer events have a team-building environment where people of all backgrounds come together for a common cause: packing nutritious, life-saving meals for hungry, malnourished and starving children. These meals are shipped to nearly 70 countries around the world, truly offering hope to the hungry and building generations of healthy children.

FMSC warehouse is located at 401 S. 93rd Ave NW, Coon Rapids. Please arrive 10 minutes before your shift begins and please wear close-toed shoes.

For more information, please contact Jeannie Hellmann - jeannieh@graceandover.org 763 421-6520, ext 122

Vision Board Sharing

Spring Time in Minnesota! Spring is one of my favorite seasons in Minnesota as it always reminds me to slow down a little...to stop and smell the roses as they say. The grass greens up, flowers bloom, it's like everything wakes up, almost reborn, resurrected perhaps. It is such a great way to lift your spirit, thinking of course how it relates to Jesus' resurrection, thinking about all the beautiful living things coming to life again.

As for the slowing down part, spring time is a great reminder to make sure I take the time to watch my kids grow. I am a father of 3 and they just grow up so fast. So there I am, watching the lily's grow to my left and watching my children play in the yard to the right. I need these reminders from time to time, otherwise each day may go by like the next, those days turn into weeks and so on. With a



full time job, running kids to activities, sharing for Vision Board, active member on the Cub Scout pack committee, tackling a new construction project, and various other activities and responsibilities, it's amazing to me how quickly time can slip by.

As I sit here and reflect about all this however, I believe that one of the key's to happiness (and I believe there is more than one key) is balance.

Balance in life, balance between work and play, balance between giving and receiving. A good balance can feel uplifting so I encourage everyone to take a look within themselves and think about how balanced you are. Sometimes we just need to be reminded to stop and smell the roses and be thankful of God's creations and blessing to help us be positive and enjoy life as God's Children.

Enjoying the spring and waiting for summer!

Neil Hawkinson

Vision Board Meeting Notes

The Grace Lutheran Vision Board met on Tuesday, May 10th, 2016 at 6:30, at the home of Neil Hawkinson. All members were present along with Pastor Mark. A good meal and conversation were enjoyed by all.

The Agenda for the Board:

- **Upcoming Vision Board Elections and the Annual Meeting.** There was a lot of excitement at the number of qualified candidates running to replace Tari Yates and BreAnn Haugrud, as well as Neil Hawkinson willing to be re-elected to the position left open last year.
- **Social Media Policy**—The Board discussed a draft of a new Social Media Policy. The Vision Board, in keeping with the times, feels it is a sound idea to have a policy in place to guide the leaders and staff of the church and how they represent themselves and the church “online”.
- **Work Projects**—The Board discussed ongoing work around the church. The Board is excited about

GraceLink, the new, online, secure tool to help members connect and to provide hassle free giving.

The meeting ended in a time of prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessie Crooks

Vision Board Secretary.

Vision Board Members

Tari Yates (President)	BreAnn Haugrud
Greg Ackerson (V. President)	Pastor Mark Hellmann
Jessie Crooks (Secretary)	Newly Elected
Doug Hanson	Scott Christensen
Neil Hawkinson	Deb Shepard
Deb Stang	

If you would like to contact any of the Vision Board members, please visit the Grace website and click on Leaders.

There's still time left to give to the Garage Sale!



Help Give to Our Fundraiser for Youth Mission teams

As you begin your spring cleaning, don't forget to put aside some items for the Grace Garage Sale to be held June 9th – 11th. This year's sale will benefit our West Virginia and South Dakota Mission Teams and the children and youth who are going to Luther Point Bible Camp in July.

We are still accepting clothing and household items in Portable #1 (the portable closest to the church building). Items can be dropped off during normal, weekday business hours and on Saturday and Sunday from 9:30-noon. Please

make sure all items are clean and in good condition.

We would appreciate NOT receiving any of the following items as they are hard to sell and are expensive to dispose of: No computers, monitors, printers, TV's, appliances, electronics, mattresses, or exercise equipment. All furniture donations must be in good condition and must be "approved for sale" before you leave it at the church. You may contact Tom Baker concerning questions on items, or to arrange pick up of bulky items, beginning May 31st.

HIGHLIGHTS of our LENTEN OUTREACH

Our Lenten Outreach theme this year was "**Caring for God's Children.**" And thanks be to God that He inspired our Grace family to assist with children's housing in Haiti, a school in Rakai and shoes for children in Africa! THANKS to everyone who helped care for God's children during Lent, as we are striving to live out our theme of being 'a ministry of grace in the heart of Andover . . . and beyond!'

NOISY OFFERINGS – All funds collected during Lent will support children through these two ministries:

Our Abandoned Children Ministry - \$936 will help provide housing for eight children in Haiti

Grace 4 Rakai - \$936 will help build a school-dormitory for 26 children in Rakai, Uganda

SOLE HOPE - We sent **437** sets of cut patterns from blue jean fabric to Sole Hope ministry, to provide shoes and HOPE for children in Uganda, Africa. And we raised \$631 for Sole Hope from our Lenten suppers! Thanks to all who joined the shoe cutting parties during Lent!

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN - 126
Volunteers from Grace packed meals at FMSC during Lent. Some faithful servants went every Friday and others joined a competitive packing event in March. All of us served with one goal in mind – to provide nourishment for the body and spirit of starving children around the world. Thank you, Grace volunteers!



Women's Ministries - 2 Great Opportunities!



Summer Adventures for Women of Grace

Around the Town

Ladies, please join us as we go *“Around the Town”* - exploring & eating, chatting & connecting, enjoying & embracing the fun & fellowship! Feel free to come to just one - or all - of these adventures as we go *Around the Town* this summer, connecting with the women of Grace!

Wed. June 22 Noon – 2 pm
Around the Town . . . in Anoka

Lunch at Ticknor Hill Bed & Breakfast in Anoka (1625 Third Ave) (owner/hostess is our friend & fellow church member, Debbie Wallace) Reservations required - \$20 ticket for lunch, limited to 20 guests

Mon. July 18 5:30 pm - ? ☺
Around the Town . . . in Andover

Dinner at the ‘new’ Acapulco Restaurant on Bunker Lake Blvd, Andover. Meet at restaurant at 5:30 pm – or join us anytime during the evening. Chips & Chatter will abound!

Thurs. Aug. 11 9:30 – 11 am
Around the Town . . . in Blaine

Enjoy breakfast treats at the ‘new’ Hans Bakery in Blaine Located near 105th and Highway 65. Donuts & Discussions will be delicious!

For more information please contact Deb Stang, DebOdellStang@gmail.com 763-427-3252 or Jeannie Hellmann, jeannieh@graceandover.org 763-421-6520

Canoe Adventure

Women of Grace: Are you looking for a new adventure? Need to mark off an item on your "bucket list?"

Whether you're 18 or 81, come and join the women of Grace on a Boundary Waters Canoe adventure this July - no experience required! All that's needed is an open mind and a desire to experience God in the most beautiful settings of His great creation! (No, you don't need to be available to carry a canoe- but the ability to lift 15-20 lbs. is helpful)

Dates are: Wednesday, July 27-Sunday, August 1.

We will spend 1-2 nights at a modern cabin on Lake Superior's shore and 2 nights/3 days canoeing through the BWCA.

Cost is approx. \$260/person and a deposit of \$100 is needed to reserve a spot. Spots are limited to 7 persons, so sign up soon! Don't have gear or camping experience? NO PROBLEM-we've got you covered!

For more information contact Sonja Birkeland at sonjathebirk@gmail.com or 651-442-9501. Deposits can be brought to the church office and made out to "Chrissy Petersen", memo line: 2016 BWCA deposit. Final payment due at the time of trip departure.



Planning for a great summer of fun and learning!



Children's Opportunities

Children's Summer Worship Bible Time

While we enjoy the sunny days of summer and the break from SONday School, we have the opportunity for families to worship together with the children of Grace.

Summer Bible Time will begin June 5.

Children will be in church with their families, come forward for the Children's Message with the pastors, and then they will be dismissed for a lesson in the Fellowship Hall. Children will return to worship after the Sermon. We need many enthusiastic, willing hearts and hands to help with this adventure. We will not have Summer Bible Time on Memorial Day Weekend, July 3, and Labor Day Weekend.

Musical Adventure Camp

Join us July 25-31 for a musical journey in the 1950's, as we give the "Story of Joseph" a new setting in *Not Your Average Joe*. Kids who are entering 2nd Grade – Youth who have completed 9th Grade can join the cast.



Auditions will take place during Tuesday, June 14th and June 15th at 12:45 PM. Sign up for your audition time at Monica's Office Bulletin Board.

Registration forms are available or you may register online at: www.graceandover.org/get-connected/childrens-ministries/musical-adventure-camp/.

Help is needed for this adventurous week! We need help with snacks, sets and props, and a technical person who will run our sound and microphones!

SONday School Birthday Offerings Results!

We Have 5 Flocks!

Our Birthday Offering for 2016 totaled \$112.53 which allows us to buy 5 flocks of chicks! Thanks parents for helping us make a difference in the lives of children in our world!

Volunteers Needed

VBS

Our Deep Sea Discovery Vacation Bible School needs great volunteers, and we're hoping you will help. Please help children know and grow in their belief in Jesus by serving this year! Sign up on the opportunity sheets in the bulletins or contact Kim DeVries kimd@graceandover.org

Summer Nursery Help is Needed

Nursery, this summer, will be offered at all services, 5pm on Saturday, 8:30 and 10am on Sunday. We have a fantastic group of volunteers who have served so faithfully all school year. Please show your appreciation of our volunteers by signing up for a service. If families could sign up for one worship service, what a blessing that would be! To be a blessing, sign up on the blue sheets, or the sign-up sheet outside the Nursery

Baptism Workshop

Baptism is an important step in the life of a family. A Baptism Workshop will be offered Saturday, July 9th at 9 am. for parents who desire to have their child baptized here at Grace.

The next Baptism Sunday is June 12 during the 8:30 or 10:00 a.m. Worship Services. Baptisms can also be scheduled for most Saturday Night 5 p.m. services as well. For more information contact Monica Allen at monicaa@graceandover.org or the church office to sign up for the workshop.



Thanks

Dear Pastor Mark-

On behalf of Free Urns for Veterans, I want to thank you and Grace Lutheran Church, and also express our appreciation for your generous donation of \$407.70 from a recent Noisy Offering. We are very grateful and honored to accept this special gift in the name of our veterans!

We are a volunteer owned non-profit 501 c3 organization that relies 100% on donations in order to sustain our mission of providing free urns for veterans. Your donation will be used to make and deliver urns for our veterans.

Sincerely,

Dan Scott, President & a Veteran still serving

Free Urns for Veterans
www.freeurnsforveterans.org

Dear friends -

We want to thank Grace Lutheran Church for your generous gift to World Wide Village for the Williamson school and church. Your gift will have an amazing impact to help us with our mission in Haiti to create sustainable communities, while sharing the love of Jesus Christ.

God Bless you!

Barbara Mohr
Board member, World Wide Village

Grace Friends-

Thank you so much for the special Noisy Offering for Joel. Our family is humbled by your kindness. Joel is doing well and will hopefully be going back to work in 4-6 weeks. He will definitely pay the gift forward in the future.

Thanks again and God Bless

Lynn Noren

Dear Grace Lutheran Church

Thank you for the support of \$3,182.87 on March 11, 2016 for the Family Promise mission. It is through donations like yours that we are able to continue to serve families experiencing homelessness and help them move toward housing independence. On behalf of everyone at Family Promise, thank you for your generous contribution and support for local families.

Sincerely,

David M. Frie
Executive Director
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JUNE

Sat/Sun	June 4/5	Connection Weekend
Thur - Sat	June 9-11	Grace Youth Yard Sale
Sun	June 12	Graduation Brunch and Recognition
Mon - Fri	June 13-17	Deep Sea Discovery VBS
Wed	June 22	Around the Town Women's Adventure
Thur	June 23 - Aug 4	Summer Stretch begins
Fri - Thur	June 25-Jul. 1	Middle School Mission Trip

***PLEASE NOTE-** We are now on our summer worship schedule. Worship times are Saturdays at 5:00pm and Sundays at 8:30 am & 10:00 am, now through Labor Day Week-End.