

Grace Lutheran 50th Anniversary

October 18th & 19th

- ◆ Combined worship service at 9:30 am, with Bishop Talmage
- ◆ Remembrances after the service
- ◆ Lasagna Lunch for ALL in Trinity Hall (\$5 per person, \$10 for family)
- ◆ Bishop Steven Talmage will preach Saturday nite & Sunday morning
- ◆ Anniversary book of 50 years of photos
- ◆ Booklet of 50 years of Confirmation
- ◆ Previous pastors have been invited, including founding pastor, Rev. Art Mees
- ◆ Long time members, come and share stories
- ◆ For newer members come and hear the stories of Grace from the past.

50t h Anniversary *CAR SHOW*



Mark your calendar for **Oct 18th 10am-2pm** for GLC 3rd annual Car show. We are taking early registration now in the church office. Let us know if you or your business would like to sponsor a class that includes a trophy. We had a great response last year and would like to offer this again.

We will also have our Silent Basket Auction again this year. It was such a hit. Last year Chris Fink put our baskets together and we're so lucky to have her again. She puts so much time into making them and to help her out we will be taking items as soon as possible. If you have any items or baskets you can drop them off in the church office or narthex. The sooner the better!

We had 52 vehicles enter last year, so we expect this year's to be even bigger. If you would also like to be involved, please call **Annie 897-2808 or abcgrimes@hotmail.com**

Pastor Ray's Musings . . .

- ◆ In terms of our worship experience, technology is becoming more and more a part of our worship experience. But do not confuse multimedia with “technology”. **They are not synonymous words. So what are we talking about?** Well first it starts with the senses. We are aware of our 5 senses. But I was recently interested to discover that most biologists teach that we have more than the traditional five (sight, smell, sound, taste, touch). They count at the very minimum eight human senses, and some even claim that everyone has up to 21 senses. Some of the ones traditionally left out are the sense of being upright, the sense of our body interaction with itself, and even the sense of knowing if we are hungry or when we have to make a run to the nearest restroom. And all of these **senses are in play in worship. Therefore, the question is not, “should we engage the senses of the worshiper?” but “How should we best engage the senses?”** The senses are constantly taking in and giving away. So the purpose of using media in a worship service is the same as it has always been: engage the senses in order to facilitate whole worship of the only One who deserves it.



Pastor Ray

- ◆ Henry Nouwen in his book *Out of Solitude*, said: *Somewhere we know that without silence words lose their meaning, that without listening speaking no longer heals, that without distance closeness cannot cure. Somewhere we know that without a lonely place our actions quickly become empty gestures. The careful balance between silence and words, withdrawal and involvement, distance and closeness, solitude and community forms the basis of the Christian life and should therefore be the subject of our most personal attention.*
- ◆ So step one is to remember is to know this. Multimedia is everywhere. Step two is a bit more complex: be intentional. Closeness and distance, loneliness and presence, silence and words, solitude and community, light and dark, these things are our tools for worship. How will we use them as worship leaders? And will God be made manifest in our many, many media.
- ◆ Again, Media is not a technology issue; it is much more. It is an issue of the heart and spirit that deserves our most personal attention, so that the beauty of the Lord may shine all around us when we gather in his name.

IMPORTANT DATES



Upcoming Events!

- ◆ Aug. 11-15 @ 10 am World Religion class
- ◆ Sept. 7th Beginning of fall Sunday School
- ◆ Sept. 9th (Tue) 5:30 pm Pastor Ray study of Romans.
- ◆ Sept 9th Dave Ramsey series of Financial Peace
- ◆ Sept. 10th (Wed) 10:00 am Pastor Ray study of Romans.
- ◆ Sept. 10th 5:30 Logos begins
- ◆ Sept. 10th 6:00 Confirmation & Sr. High begins
- ◆ Sept. 14th 12-2:00 Church Picnic (Metcalf Park)
- ◆ **Sept. 20th Women's retreat in Trinity Hall 9-3**
- ◆ Sept. 21st 9-12:00 Blood Drive
- ◆ Sept 26 Chris Commisso Concert 7:00pm



World Religion Class

August 11-15 (M-F)

10:00 to 11:00 am

Sanctuary

Led by Pastor Ray

Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism,

Japanese Religions



Bette Beeman

On July 20th, the Kingman Daily Miner wrote an article about long-time *Grace Lutheran member, Bette Beeman. At Grace Lutheran Bette's leadership* included the birthday card ministry, and organizing many social events. She and her husband Fred are regular Saturday night worshippers.

The article detailed the ministry Bette has headed with the Girl Scouts of *America. She joined Girl Scouts in 1939, in Winner, South Dakota. Bette's* first long trip as a young Scout was on the back of a cattle truck to visit the Black Hills with her troop. The truck had benches on the flat bed. She has been a girl scout troop leader, she had been a treasurer for the senior troop. Bette served eight years as the Neighborhood Day Camp chairperson. She has been a great scout for 75 years.



Congratulations Bette!

Choir Starts!



August 28 at 6:30pm in the Narthex as a social gathering with practice from 7:00pm to 8:00pm. All who love to sing and want to commit to regular singing with the choir are welcome.

All practices are held on Thursdays from 7:00pm to 8:00pm.

If you have any questions, please call Kay Christenson at 718-3298.

There will be no practice on Sept 3rd, but will resume on Sept 11.



Our place in the universe



“When I look at the galaxies on a clear night, when I look at the incredible brilliance of creation, and think that this is what God is like, then instead of feeling intimidated and diminished by it, I am enlarged,” said author Madeleine L’Engle. “I rejoice that I am a part of it.”

How wonderful — and mysterious — that the Creator of the universe not only knows and loves us but wants us to know and love him! Incredibly, we are at once infinitesimally small and yet immeasurably significant because of who we are.



Middle School Beach Camp 2014

Fifteen middle school youth had a fabulous beach camp. We served Manna Food Bank by sorting over 50 crates of food in their storage area and visited the California Science Center where we got to see the space shuttle Endeavor. The youth enjoyed the beach at Santa Monica and Ventura as well. They enjoyed bible studies outside in the cool breezes of Ascension Lutheran church. A very special thanks to Brenda Menk and Jonathan Gravell for their driving and chaperone skills, we could not have done it without you. The kids grew in their relationships with each other as well as in their faith. We appreciate all your support to help make these trips happen.

Let's Get Ready for LOGOS

Mark your calendars! **September 10, 2014** we will be kicking off LOGOS. From 1st grade to high school all youth are welcome from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. each Wednesday. We start with games or video then enjoy dinner together. 1st-5th grade then go to bible study using Holy Moly while Confirmation class studies with Re:Form. Adults are needed and appreciated each week to help in kitchen or with the kids doing crafts and bible studies. Come and enjoy dinner and get to know our wonderful youth.

Looking ahead Summer 2015

As we look into next summer and the new school calendar we have a much shorter time for trips.



With this in mind we have scheduled a new type of trip for middle and high school youth. We will actually be going to Lutheran Retreats Camps and Conferences in El Camino Pines, Frazer, CA. It is an all inclusive camp with support staff and organized programs that we can design. Youth will be separated by age groups upon arrival.

Cost is \$175 per youth.

Save the date: **June 14th - 19th, 2015**

Please see Leanna for details.

ELCA Youth Gathering Detroit July 15-19th, 2015

We were able to experience New Orleans in 2013 and it is a once in a lifetime trip. This is for high school youth only and the cost is \$500 per student. Take communion with 30,000 other high school youth, listen to amazing speakers and music at the Ford Center. Daily programs, worship, Community Life, speakers and music. RISE UP Together! Please see Leanna for details.

YOUTH NEWS

Weird Animal Vacation Bible School

God is good, ALL THE TIME! We had an amazing VBS. Over 120 kids registered and attended this year and it took an army of middle and high school youth to lead them and adults to teach and serve them. Words cannot express our gratitude to everyone that helped share the words and actions of God. Our kitchen staff served 160 meals each night and the kids loved it all! We could not have this large outreach ministry without the generous donations from our entire congregation. Thank you for helping us be the hands and feet of Jesus.



Watch out for our children as they start back to school this month.

Food for thought.....

The memorial rock

In a sermon, Baltimore pastor John Schmidt told of an experience from more than 30 years ago. While he was walking through the French Quarter in New Orleans, two men asked him for a handout. He offered to go buy them some food if they were hungry.

The men agreed they needed food, so the three of them walked to a grocery store. Schmidt bought bread, bologna, mustard and milk. When he gave the food to the men, one had tears in his eyes.

Reaching into a pocket, that man brought out a pretty rock. "Look," he said, "I have nothing to give you for doing this. But I've been carrying around this beautiful rock, and I want you to have it."

From the pulpit, Schmidt then held up the rock to show the congregation. He'd kept it for three decades as a reminder of the men and their gratitude for his kindness.

"I have to be concerned about the people around me," Schmidt said. "Even if they look like they aren't being responsible with their lives, I'm called to love them because God loves them."

August Birthdays

Emily Baker	8/26	Kari Jo Hill	8/29	Michelle Russo	8/11
Dan Butts	8/17	Gary Hiltbold	8/24	Sarah Shrade	8/11
Johnny Byers	8/08	David Hoehne	8/14	T.R. Srigley	8/19
Pat Byers	8/02	Pamela Hooker	8/28	Joshua Taflan	8/17
Susan Chan	8/13	Brenda Menk	8/31	Jeff Uhles	8/29
Hope Christensen	8/26	Zeke Mesa	8/27	Carol Vandecar	8/11
Belinda Christie	8/07	Scott O'Malley	8/20	Christopher Walker	8/29
Mark Daley	8/23	Renny Pennick	8/07	Tanya Watson	8/30
Mary Dise	8/23	Louise Person	8/08	Amy West	8/04
Hannah Finney	8/19	Angela Poe	8/23		
Gloria Fjeld	8/11	Phillip Potter	8/26		
Kayla Gravell	8/01	Ray Rettman	8/18		
Gordon Hansen	8/03	Brad Rucker	8/11		
Gavin Harmon	8/06	Christopher Rucker	8/10		



Things have been moving fast here in the Daycare/ Preschool this month! We have opened the new building to daycare, including the toddler room in Luther Hall. Enrollment has been steady for our new facility. We are holding an open house on August 14 from 6-8pm for Miss Danielle's and Miss Toni's rooms and August 15 from 6-8pm for Miss Bridgett's and the toddler rooms. All parents of the preschool/daycare are invited to attend.

Preschool starts August 18th at 8:30am.

In His Service,

Kelli DeWitt

Preschool Director



August 2014 - **Cornerstone Mission Project and Diana's Faith House**

By Cindy Levesque, Board Member and volunteer bookkeeper

Grace Lutheran Church is a **HUGE** supporter of Cornerstone Mission and Diana's Faith House...Praise God!

Here is an article from the Standard written by Jimmi Dragna called "***Women's Shelter Making a Difference in Kingman***"- read and witness the results of that continued support.

When Eliza and Jenny left Ohio in their well-worn Chevy Blazer during a relocation and search for a new future in California they weren't exactly sure where their adventurous road trip might take them.

"We were starting over and northern California was where we were hoping to reach," said Eliza and Jenny. "Our SUV broke down in Holbrook and we were stranded on the roadside for some time before the local police helped us out," recalled Eliza, now a resident with Jenny at Diana's Faith House in Kingman.

The pair's desired destination was further compromised when their gas and funds ran out on I-40 near Kingman.

What could have been a panic-filled depression and anxiety was simply a transition to a new positive beginning for these Midwestern women who have since found gainful employment, a caring support staff and new friends in Kingman's shelter that offers safe haven for homeless and distressed women.

"We think of ourselves as 'a hand-up' rather than 'a hand-out' shelter," stated Melanie Windecker, Director of the Diana's Faith House that is under management of Cornerstone Mission.

The two full time staffers are case manager Johanna Frisby and newly-arrived Faith House shelter manager Jacque Sweetman. Sweetman brings a wealth of social service and counseling experience from Nevada. The new-lease-on-life-in Kingman Jenny reflected once more on the importance of Diana's Faith House and the role it facilitates for each woman that walks through its doors. "People immediately think a woman's shelter means drug addicts, alcoholics and antisocial-dysfunctional individuals and that is so far from what this place is," Jenny said. "The education, responsibility and friendship built is what Faith House is truly about. We all do not want this house to be portrayed like that but rather a place where hope is nurtured and second chances become reality. This house saves women's lives."

April, a 37-year-old southwest woman who walks with a cane suffered a temporary loss of vision early this year. She is another example of how the shelter works and has given her a chance to hopefully move on to a new address and new beginning. "I was here twice and in between lost my vision completely. I had to be transported to Sunrise Hospital in Las Vegas where treatment allowed me to return to Faith House," remembered April.

While looking out the Faith House's front door a small rock embedded deeply in the soil in front of a blooming tree makes a statement.

"The Lord is my rock," is the message it delivers from its smooth face. Those are words that the women of Diana's Faith House in Kingman take to heart in everyday they call this place home.

Cornerstone Mission Project Volunteer Hours In-Kind Donations:

From January 1, 2014 through June 30, 2014 we received 7068.05 volunteer hours at Cornerstone Mission and Diana's Faith House which would be the equivalent of 7.36 full time employees.....

What a tremendous blessing and if you are part of that "volunteer group," thank you from the bottom of our hearts. If you would like to be part of that group please take the step to become a volunteer at Cornerstone or Diana's Faith House by calling 757-1535...we need you (especially cooks)!

SUMMER NEEDS:

Men's and women's deodorant, men's shoes and socks, men's underwear (small, medium, large), shampoo, body wash, razors and as always..... **COOKS, COOKS AND MORE COOKS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Till next month...God Bless you.....Cindy

August

Worship Assistants

Greeters

8:00 am

Phil & Connie Potter

9:45 am

Judy Johnson, Paul Lewis

Ushers

8:00 am

Bob Heurman, Carolyn Hult, Patrick Wagner, Art & Ingrid Swanson

9:45 am

Chris Alston, John Britton, Walt Zimmerman, Dorian Trahan

Worship Assistants

Summer Vacation

Communion Set-up

5:30pm

Terry Lengel

8:00am

Debbie Whalen

9:45am

Coylynn Colbaugh

Readers

8:00am

03 Charles Wallace
10 Karen Thompson
17 Houston Hale
24 Susan Chan
31 Connie Potter

Communion Assistants

8:00am

03 Debbie Whalen, Gordon & Diane Hansen
17 Debbie Whalen, Gordon & Diane Hansen

9:45am

03 Coylynn Colbaugh, Jan Dushane, Cyndi Poe
17 High School Youth

Media

5:30 pm

Lengel Family

8:00am

03 Cindy Levesque , Tim Kieffer
10 Logan Menk, Tim Kieffer
17 Denny Shaeffer , Tim Kieffer
24 Houston Hale, Tim Kieffer
31 Logan Menk , Tim Kieffer

9:45am

03 Curtis Cutshaw
10 Tanner Kemp
17 Blake Curran
24 Tanner Kemp
31 Bill Barnes

Acolyte Schedule

8:00

03 Jennifer Menk
10 Houston Hale
17 Allison Menk
24 Jennifer Menk
31 Houston Hale

9:45

03 Hailey Cronk, Liberty Cronk
10 Erika Kemp, Cassidy Bracken
17 Jeffrey Rucker, Chloe Voight
24 Gracie Ochoa, Lia Lucero
31 Todd Cobanovich, Shea Bowen



Fri	1	10:00am Grace's Play Group	Sun	17	8:00am Worship 9:45am Worship w/ Sunday School/ Grapple 11:15am Youth Group starts
Sat	2	5:30pm Worship			
Sun	3	8:00am Worship 9:45am Worship w/ Sunday School/ Grapple	Mon	18	
Mon	4		Tue	19	6:30pm Men's Bible Study
Tue	5	9:30am May Martha Bible Study 6:30pm Men's Bible Study	Wed	20	9:00am TOPS
Wed	6	9:00am TOPS	Thu	21	6:00pm Cub/ Boy Scouts
Thu	7	6:00pm Cub/ Boy Scouts	Fri	22	10:00am Grace's Play Group
Fri	8	10:00am Grace's Play Group	Sat	23	5:30pm Worship
Sat	9	11:00am TOPS Workshop 5:30pm Worship	Sun	24	8:00am Worship 9:45am Worship w/ Sunday School/ Grapple 11:15am Youth Group mission trip 3:30pm Bells practice
Sun	10	8:00am Worship 9:45am Worship w/ Sunday School/ Grapple	Mon	25	6:15pm Praise Team Practice
Mon	11	10:00am Adult VBS - World Religions 6:15pm Praise Team Practice	Tue	26	9:30am Sewing Circle 6:30pm Men's Bible Study
Tue	12	10:00am Adult VBS- World Religions 6:30pm Church Council 6:30pm Men's Bible Study	Wed	27	9:00am TOPS
Wed	13	9:00am TOPS 10:00am Adult VBS- World Religions	Thu	28	6:00pm Cub/ Boy Scouts 6:30pm Choir Jump Start
Thu	14	10:00am Adult VBS- World Religions 6:00pm Cub/Boy Scouts 6:00pm Preschool Open House	Fri	29	10:00am Grace's Play Group
Fri	15	10:00am Adult VBS- World Religions 6:00pm Preschool Open House	Sat	30	5:30pm Worship
Sat	16	5:30pm Worship	Sun	31	8:00am Worship 9:45am Worship w/ Sunday School/ Grapple 11:15am Youth Group 3:30pm Bells practice



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