

January 2011



## ***Rev. Ry's Ritings...Where are going ... how will we get there?***

Starting January 2<sup>nd</sup> Grace Community Church will have worship at **8:00 a.m.** and Effie Fredheim will have worship at **9:15 a.m.**

Grace Community Church (GCC) is worshipping at 8 a.m. so that it may continue to worship at First Presbyterian and I can make it to Effie to lead worship at 9:15 a.m. Effie Fredheim changed their service time to help Grace Community through this transitional period.

### ***How long will Grace Community Church be worshipping at 8 a.m.?***

Until the new church home for Grace Community Church is open for worship...They are not sure how long that is; but, thanks to our sisters and brothers at First Presbyterian, GCC is welcome to worship there until it is open. GCC will be renting space on Sunday only for worship and a fellowship time after church. Again, it is only for a short while.

***“God’s good time ...  
no, make that GOD’S  
GREAT TIME”***

### ***What happened with the marriage with the Bigfork Pres ... why aren't they together?***

It is not the right time ... Grace Community Church has been focusing on defining its ministries for the community and how the new church home will be an excellent resource to meet the needs not only for its church family, but also the entire community. Because of their work together, we know that the two churches are one, sisters and brothers in the faith, but at present they will live in two homes. Someday ... in God's good time, again they will be one. GCC and the Pres will continue to work together in several ministries such as Lenten worship services, Release Time ministries and other joint ventures in the community.

### ***What about other events, where will they meet?***

The Effie Fredheim/Grace Community confirmation classes will restart after Christmas on January 12<sup>th</sup>, and we will meet at the Huskie Café at 3:30 and 5 p.m. Grace Community Sunday School will be sharing some different experiences thanks to the leadership of Joey Jacobson and Laurel Laudert. Mary and I are opening our home for many of the GCC meetings such as the WELCA group, Council and committee meetings. (Our garage is hosting lots of the church “stuff” already; just ask our cold cars sitting outside)!

All are truly ***sacrificing something*** to support God's new home being built for the GCC family, which is indeed being built in ***God's good time ... no, make that GOD'S GREAT TIME!*** Yes, this is ***God's Great Time*** for Grace Community Church. They have sacrificed for God and for others.

They laid the pipe for the water and sewer to the new church home. Soon we all will be watching the walls go up. It has taken a long time for this opportunity. We will celebrate many events in the weeks to come as Grace Community prepares for their new church home to open. I invite you all to come along for a ride ... ***God has a lot in store for us in God's TIME.***

***Pastor Ryan***

## January Texts for Sunday Morning Worship

### January 2, 2011

Isaiah 63:7-9  
 Psalm 18:1-3  
 Hebrews 2:10-19  
 Matthew 2:13-25

### January 9, 2011

Isaiah 42:1-9  
 Psalm 19:7-10  
 Acts 10:34-43  
 Matthew 3:1-17

### January 16, 2011

Isaiah 9:2-4  
 Psalm 20  
 Romans 5:12-19  
 Matthew 4:1-11

### January 23, 2011

Psalm 21:1-7  
 Matthew 4:12-17

### January 30, 2011

Numbers 14:1-30  
 Psalm 22:1-5

## Education Opportunities

### *Drama Presentation at The Edge Center, January 28-30*

*"Wit"*

*A play by Margaret Edson*

Linda Kelsey is returning to the Edge...to direct this time. Many of you saw her perform here as Emily Dickinson in *The Belle of Amherst* in 2007. Some of you will remember her as Billie Newman in the "Lou Grant Show."

Patricia Feld will be playing the lead in this sensational, Pulitzer Award-winning drama being performed by the EdgeWild Players.

"WIT is the story of a brilliant professor, Vivian Bearing (played by Patty Feld), who journeys to a state of grace through a serious illness. The playwright (Margaret Edson) has created an evening of theater that is not only uplifting, but even makes us laugh at the ups and downs of Vivian's journey as she learns that she is much more than her intellect or her education – that she is a woman with a heart and a soul. Patty has wanted to do this Pulitzer prize-winning play for years, and now I understand why, as I start to delve into all of its depths and surprises."

### *January Brown Bag Bible Study*

Two meetings during January ... January 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>...Both are to be held at the Chapel at Bigfork Valley. Our study will be on the drama that will be presented at the Edge. Bring your Bibles, a brown bag lunch if you wish, and some friends. Everyone from the community is invited.

### Effie Fredheim Lutheran Church Financial Report

<b>Checkbook Balance Nov. 18, 2010</b>	<b>\$ 698.77</b>
Monthly Income	\$4,974.31
Monthly Expenses	\$4,799.89
<b>Checkbook Balance Dec. 11, 2010</b>	<b>\$ 823.19</b>

### Grace Community Service Coffee

January 2: Viola Cook, Lorna Pula  
 January 9: Carol Warren, Karen Wetzel  
 January 16: LaVonne Knefelkamp, Donna Loosbrock  
 January 23: Deneise Swanson, Nan Fisher  
 January 30: Linda Gross, Angie Storlie

## Grace Community Church Council Meeting-December 12, 2010

**Council members present were:** Pastor Ryan, President Laura Rajala, Vice President Linda Gross, Secretary Carol Warren, Treasurer Zona Kinn, W/ELCA President Donna Loosbrock and Members-at-Large Al Gustaveson, Del Knefelkamp, and Gary Matson.

**Meeting began with devotions given by Donna Loosbrock.**

### SECRETARY'S REPORT

Zona moved to accept report. Del seconded. Motion Carried.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

November 2010 Income and Expense and Balance

**Balance on Hand (Oct. 31)      \$ 3,278.42**

November Income:                      \$ 11,208.30

November Expenses:                      \$ 11,438.58

**Balance on Hand (Nov. 30)      \$ 3,048.14**

Donna moved to accept report, Del seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### Women of the ELCA (W/ELCA) REPORT

#### Summary of W/ELCA Meeting 12-1-10

##### Old Business

- ◆ Discussion of set-up for Jingle Bell Sale
- ◆ Report on children's cookie sale
- ◆ Display of quilt at Over 50 Club and Bank

##### New Business

- ◆ Change of W/ELCA meetings to parsonage as of January 5, 2011.
- ◆ Discussion of financial assistance for female pastors after leaving the seminary and prayers for missionaries.

##### New WELCA Officers for 2011

President: LaVonne Knefelkamp

Vice president: LeeAnn Baker

Treasurer: Karen Wetzel

Secretary: Kay Hubbard

### WORSHIP COMMITTEE

- ◆ No meeting this month.
- ◆ Sunday school will be singing on the 19th of December.

### PASTOR'S REPORT

- ◆ The cost for the use of the Presbyterian Church for services until we can get into our new bldg. will be \$200 per month.
- ◆ Service will be at 8 a.m.
- ◆ The Session has said we may leave kitchen items and other things until our bldg. is ready. Zona moved to accept offer. Del seconded. Motion carried.
- ◆ The January council meeting will be held in the parsonage January 9th at 11 a.m.

### BUILDING NOTES-Al Gustaveson

- ◆ Al and Bill met with R&K on Dec. 6th.
- ◆ So far the cost is below budget.
- ◆ R&K will get plumbing up to the site.
- ◆ There will be weekly meetings with all contractors.

### OLD BUSINESS

- ◆ Phil Winegar and Del K. have repaired the oven at the parsonage. A BIG thank you to you both!

### NEW BUSINESS

- ◆ A proposed 2011 budget was presented by Zona. Gary moved to accept. Al seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- ◆ Treasurer's books will be audited by Sandy Thoennes and Judy Nixon before the annual meeting.
- ◆ The Annual Meeting is January 23 after worship.
- ◆ There will be a Special Christmas offering taken the last two Sunday's of December. They will be used for VLM and LSS. Motion by Del K.; seconded by Al. Motion carried.

**Laura R. will have devotions in January.** Motion made by Laura to adjourn. Seconded by Carol W. Motion carried. **Meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.**

Respectfully Submitted by Carol Warren, Council Secretary

## Effie Fredheim Lutheran Church WELCA

The Effie WELCA met at Marsha Root's home at 7 p.m. December 9, 2010 with 10 in attendance. The Bible Study, "The Gifts of the Spirit," was led by Meryl Ostendorf.

**Darlene Richards conducted the business meeting.** The minutes of the November meeting were read. The total for the Global Mission Project was corrected to read \$566.78, then the minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report was read and approved.** Balance on Hand (BOH) was \$2,760.16 which includes \$566.78 for Global Mission.

### Old Business:

- ◆ We discussed the Thanksgiving Service to see if changes should be made next year.
- ◆ The Christmas Tea was a success with 80 to 85 attending.

### New Business:

- ◆ Cheer boxes will be packed and delivered December 19, 2010.
- ◆ The Sunday School Christmas program and potluck will be on December 19, 2010.
- ◆ We decided on our Christmas gifts for 2010 which came to a total of \$2,150.

**The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer and table grace.** Delicious treats were enjoyed by all.

**The next meeting will be hosted by Betty Aakhus at her home on January 13, 2011.**

Secretary, Helen Oestreich



## Women's Groups

## Grace Community Church WELCA

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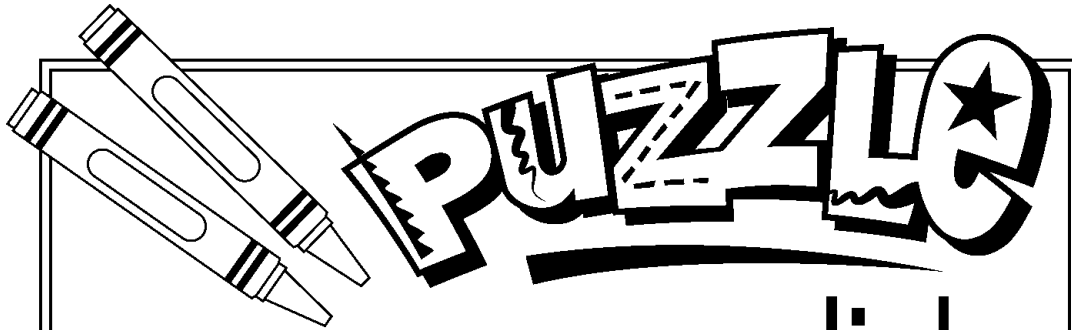


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# From darkness to light

In the Bible, God speaks often about light and darkness. He gives us much instruction about which path we should choose.

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|-----------|---------------|
| 1. Good   | Righteousness |
| 2. Death  | Children      |
| 3. Go     | Life          |
| 4. Evil   | Come          |
| 5. Adults | Bad           |

Match the opposites and then write the word in the right-hand column in the correct blanks to finish each verse.

“When your eyes are good, your whole body also is full of light. But when they are \_\_\_\_\_, your body also is full of darkness.” Luke 11:34, NIV  
(1)

“I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of \_\_\_\_\_.” John 8:12, NIV  
(2)

“I have \_\_\_\_\_ into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness.” John 12:46, NIV  
(3)

“For what do \_\_\_\_\_ and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness?”  
2 Corinthians 6:14, NIV  
(4)

“For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as \_\_\_\_\_ of light.” Ephesians 5:8, NIV  
(5)

Answers: 1. bad, 2. life, 3. come, 4. righteousness, 5. children



## Youth Booth

The ELCA Youth Gathering is returning to New Orleans in 2012. In 2009 our parish supported a super group of five who attended the New Orleans event as guests. In 2012 the ELCA youth will return as friends, *citizens with the saints*.

The theme, *citizens with the saints*, comes directly from the text around which the Youth Gathering is being shaped: Ephesians 2:14-20. That is the assigned second reading for Sunday, July 22, 2012, the final day of the ELCA Youth Gathering.

Once again, the destination of New Orleans is not the ultimate focus. We are shaping a service learning experience that will affirm young people's welcome into God's story through baptism, will help them draw closer to God by engaging in intentional faith practices, will train them to bear witness to Jesus' activity for the sake of the world and will arouse in them their vocational call to serve all people, following the example of Jesus.

We will be welcoming our group to be a part of the Synod Journey. Participants will travel with hundreds of youth from area churches for this super event in the Superdome. Participants will practice *discipleship, peacemaking and justice*. Continue to watch for details to this 2012 National Youth Gathering and Servant Event.

	<h3>Voyageur's Lutheran Ministry (VLM)</h3>	
<p><b><u>Winter Fun Day at Camp Vermilion</u></b> Saturday, February 26 1:00-4:00pm ~ Cost: \$5/person</p> <p>Enjoy a winter afternoon at camp, with sledding, cross country skiing, relaxing in the sauna and perhaps even a polar plunge! Cider, hot chocolate and snacks available throughout the afternoon.</p>	<p><b><u>Elementary Rejuve!</u></b> March 25-26 at Camp Hiawatha Cost: \$35/camper ~ chaperones free</p> <p>An overnight retreat for 3rd-6th graders. Enjoy all the fun of camp packed into an overnight retreat. Cost includes program, lodging, meals and snacks. A great way to check out camp before the summer!</p>	
<p><b><u>Paddle Building Workshop</u></b> March 4-6 at Camp Vermilion. Cost: \$200/person - includes materials, program, lodging and meals. Lee Dybvig will lead this instructional retreat and each participant will take home their own paddle, created with their own two hands! What a great way to spend a weekend at camp! Space is limited so register early!</p>	<p><b>VLM invites you to spend more time at camp in 2011!</b> We have program opportunities for all ages as well as retreat space for any type of group!</p>	
<p><b>VLM Annual Meeting - Saturday, February 5</b> 11:00 am at Bethany Lutheran in Cromwell.</p>	<p><b>Check us out @ Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry Online!</b> <a href="http://www.VLMcamps.org">www.VLMcamps.org</a></p>	

### Parish Confirmation

Begins again on Wednesday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at the Huskie Café.  
There will be two classes ... come to the one you are able to attend  
First Class is at 3:30 p.m. and the Second Class is at 5:00 p.m.  
Both will cover the same material.

**SUPER SUB SANDWICH Order Form**

**Last Day to order is the last Sunday in January, January 30, 2011**

**USE ONE ORDER FORM FOR EACH SANDWICH**

Circle what you would like with the 12" Italian sub bun:

Turkey Ham Pepperoni Salami Provolone Cheese Lettuce Tomato Onion

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

**Sandwiches are \$7.50 each. Payment must accompany order;**

please make check payable to: **Grace Community Church**

\*\*If ordering by mail, please send to:

Sandwiches c/o Grace Community Church, P.O. Box 195, Bigfork, MN 56628

\_\_\_\_ I will pick up my order at First Presbyterian Church **OR**

\_\_\_\_ Please deliver to this address:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone number for deliveries: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for supporting our youth projects!

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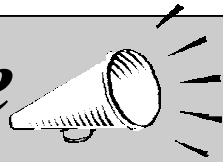
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# The Voice



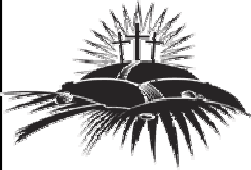
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## Community Worship Services with our neighbors and friends

### The Lenten Season

**March 9 – Ash Wednesday**

Assembly of God Meal at 6 p.m. and Worship at 7 p.m.



**LENT**

**Each Wednesday from March 9th to April 13th**  
there will be an 11 a.m. worship at Bigfork Valley Chapel.

March 16 – Grace Community will host, 6 p.m. and 7 p.m.

March 23 – First Presbyterian will host, 6 p.m. and 7 p.m.

March 30 – Effie Lutheran will host, 6 p.m. and 7 p.m.

April 6 – Our Lady of the Snows will host, 6 p.m. and 7 p.m.

April 13 – Grace Community will host, 6 p.m. and 7 p.m.



### Holy Week

Maundy Thursday Worship at 7 p.m. (no meal)

Good Friday Worship at 7 p.m. (no meal)



**On Good Friday, there will be a worship service**  
at 11 a.m. at Bigfork Valley Chapel.



## February Texts for Sunday Morning Worship

**February 6**

Psalm 23 and Deuteronomy 33-34

**February 13**

Psalm 24 and Joshua 5-6

**February 20**

Psalm 25 and Joshua 24

**February 27**

Psalm 26 and John 6:1-21

## *Rev. Ry's Ritings...*

This month I call your attention to a letter all of our churches received on January 13<sup>th</sup> from the Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson which will help all of us see our gifts at work. This is only one of the hundreds of ways *you reach out through Benevolence dollars.*

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

*God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.*

*Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.*

Psalm 46:1-3

One year ago yesterday, a catastrophic earthquake struck the nation of Haiti, killing nearly 250,000 people and leaving more than one million homeless. Many of us remember hearing the news and seeing images of the devastation for the first time. We lifted up the people of Haiti in our prayers. We gave generously.

*“This is only one of the hundreds of ways you reach out through Benevolence dollars.”*

More than 40,000 ELCA members and leaders like you contributed \$12.6 million to support the work of ELCA Disaster Response in Haiti. Because of our long-standing relationships with

the Lutheran Church in Haiti and many partners there, the ELCA was and continues to be uniquely positioned to respond quickly and effectively.

Your gifts have:

- Provided **food and shelter** to approximately **57,700** people living in camps coordinated by The Lutheran World Federation and more than **6,000** people who gathered on the grounds of the Lutheran Church in Haiti.
- Delivered more than **14,000 quilts** and **13,000 health kits**.
- Distributed **3,200 gallons** of safe, clean drinking water to approximately 2,000 families.
- Shipped **four convoys of medical supplies, hygiene and baby kits, tents, food packages** and other necessities.
- Funded **housing placement** and **crisis counseling** to Haitian refugees and medical evacuees seeking asylum in Florida and Georgia.

Thank you for your continued generosity and your prayers for the people of Haiti. Together we will continue to do God's life-giving work with our hands for as long as it takes.

In God's grace,

The Rev. Mark S. Hanson

Presiding Bishop

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

## Grace Community Church Council Meeting-January 9, 2011

**Council members present were:** Pastor Ryan, President Laura Rajala, Vice President Linda Gross, Treasurer Zona Kinn, Secretary Carol Warren, W/ELCA President LaVonne Knefelkamp and Members at Large Al Gustavson and Del Knefelkamp. Also present, Laurel Laudert.

**Laura opened the meeting with devotions.**

### SECRETARY'S REPORT

Del moved to accept report; Linda seconded; motion carried.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

December 2010 Income and Expense and Balance

**Balance Forward (Checkbook balance 11-20-2010)**  
**\$3,048.14**

Total Income \$16,918.06

Total Expenses \$16,515.38

**Equals (checkbook balance 12-31-2010)**  
**\$3,450.82**

Monies raised on two special offering Sundays were \$243.50 for LSS and \$144.50 for VLM. LaVonne moved to accept report; Al seconded. Motion carried.

### W/ELCA REPORT

#### Summary of W/ELCA 1-5-2011 Meeting

A board meeting was held at 11:30 to disperse monies from our treasury.

LSS	\$100.00
Empty Bowls	\$50.00
Food Shelf	\$50.00
Easter Food Baskets	\$200.00
Kitchen Savings	\$400.00

#### Old Business

- ◆ Karen Wetzel gave the treasury report. She made a suggestion as to where the monies should go. A motion was made and seconded that it be accepted.
- ◆ Bible study will be at 1:00 p.m. at the parsonage.
- ◆ The new slate of officers was not sworn in because some of the women could not make the meeting.
- ◆ Looking to our April salad luncheon to have a shower for Lori's WeeCare.
- ◆ Pastor Ryan led the Bible study on forgiveness.

### WORSHIP COMMITTEE

- ◆ LaVonne will bake bread for communion.
- ◆ The Lenten Services schedule is in the newsletter.

### PASTOR'S REPORT

- ◆ Confirmation will be April 17th, 2011
- ◆ Brown Bag Bible Study on

the 14th and 21st will be on "Wit," the drama that will be performed at the Edge Center.

- ◆ Synod Assemble will be April 29-May 1. Anyone interested in attending?

### NEW BUSINESS

- ◆ Church times and events will be advertised in Watts News and the Deer Path Shopper. Pastor Ryan will take care of that.
- ◆ There is a possibility for another youth trip to New Orleans in 2012.
- ◆ Zona asked about an upgrade in the software she uses. Al moved that we set aside \$600 for that purpose; LaVonne seconded; Motion carried.

**Next meeting will be February 13, 11 a.m. at the parsonage, with LaVonne giving devotions.**

Al made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Linda. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

**A big thank you to Mary and Ryan for the use of their home for our meetings!**

Respectfully Submitted by  
Carol Warren,  
Council Secretary

## Special Gifts to the Grace Community Church Building Fund

A gift in memory of Pastor Ryan's and Pat Anderson's parents, Sam and Marge Aarestad, by Pat and Dale Anderson.

A gift to the Grace Community Church Building Fund from St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in honor of their 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

A gift from the Peloquin Limited Partnership  
Agnes Rajala-Brian Rajala

## Effie Fredheim Lutheran Church WELCA

The Effie WELCA met at the home of Betty Aakhus at 7 p.m. on January 13, 2011 with 12 in attendance.

The Bible Study, "Worship" was led by Marlene Sethney.

Marlene Sethney conducted the business meeting. The minutes of the December meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report was read and approved. Balance on Hand (BOH) was \$570.12 which includes \$566.78 for Global Missions.

### Correspondence:

We received several Thank You notes for the Christmas Gifts we sent last month.

Old Business: None

### New Business:

- ◆ We discussed delivering cheer boxes a week earlier than the Sunday School program next year.
- ◆ We passed the sign up sheet for hosting the WELCA monthly meetings for 2011.
- ◆ Meryl O. will print the new booklets.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer and table grace. Delicious treats were enjoyed by all.

The next meeting will be hosted by Esther Lund at her home on February 10, 2011.

Secretary, Helen Oestreich

## Grace Community Church WELCA

A heads up for our April 6<sup>th</sup> salad luncheon. A baby shower is being planned for one of our favorite missions--Lori's WEECARE. The reason it is being published in the Voice so early is for you to be able to shop for some really great deals at the Salvation Army or Goodwill. Sizes range from birth to 4 years. If you can't go shopping, you can always give money toward diapers. Gifts do not have to be wrapped. We will even have some fun baby shower games. You won't want to miss out on the fun.

An error was published in our WELCA booklets. Our WELCA meetings & Bible Studies start at 1 p.m. & not at 12 p.m. as it is written in the booklets.

And a note from the Grace Community Council to the Grace WELCA

*Dear WELCA Sisters*

*The Lutheran Council thanks you for all your ministries to our church. You all are the "backbone" of the church: from cash donations to Sunday Coffee hour... your good deeds are felt. Keep up your good and often unrecognized work. God loves you! Grace Community Church Council, Laura, President.*



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**Devotions were given by Dora.**

**Present:** Meryl Ostendorf, Mary Rahier, Dora Pierson, Darrell Powell, Marlene Sethney, Sandy Allen, Jason Gilbert, Marsha Root, Pastor Ryan

**Minutes from the November meeting were read.** Darrel made a motion to accept as read; seconded by Dora.

**Treasurer Report:**

Income: \$7184.87

Expenses \$2259.75

Bill from insurance was received-\$1258.00

Bill for work on the Furnace for \$117.38

Motion to accept report by Mary; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marlene.

**Pastor's Report:**

- ◆ Psalms 23-26 will be readings for February.
- ◆ Feedback on events:
  - Christmas Program: Everyone thought it was wonderful
  - Christmas Eve Service: Was beautiful
  - Baptism last Sunday: Was a wonderful service with many attending
- ◆ **February 20<sup>th</sup> we are going to have Recognition Sunday.** Pastor will invite some of the volunteers. Meryl will make a cake. Sandy, Mary and Dora will look for gifts; we will have regular coffee hour that day.

**Lenten services:**

- ◆ March 9 is Ash Wednesday. Services will be at Effie on March 30th with soup supper at 6 and worship at 7. Wednesday's during Lent at 11 a.m. there will be services at Bigfork Valley chapel.
- ◆ April 17, which is Palm Sunday, will also be Confirmation. We have five children from

Effie that will be confirmed, Tyler, Josh, Kendra, Alicia and Clayton. Sandy will purchase gifts for the confirmands.

- ◆ Vacation Bible School: Tentative date is June 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> from 9-12. Kids will bring a sack lunch. Sunday following, the kids will sing at church.
- ◆ Pastor will be on Vacation Feb. 21-28 so he won't be here Sunday the 27<sup>th</sup>. Marlene is in charge of pulpit supply this year. Bob Affeldt will be filling in.

**Old Business:**

- ◆ Spending Plan: Discussed benevolence, discussion followed. Dora made a motion we give 8% to benevolence this year, second by Marlene. We will revisit this in 6 months to see if we can do more.
- ◆ Sandy will write up job duties for housekeeping in the church. We will also have another spring cleaning day. Reminder to close the restroom door to keep heat in when the church is closed.
- ◆ Helen and Jim will be asked if they would audit the books.

**New Business:**

Talked about time of our services. We had previously voted to move to 9:15 for the months of January and February. This issue will be brought up at the annual meeting and put before the congregation.

Sandy will have devotions next month.

**Next council will be February 17<sup>th</sup>.**

Closed with the Lords Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Marsha Root  
Secretary, Effie Fredheim Lutheran Church

### Effie Fredheim Lutheran Church Financial Report

<b>Checkbook Balance Dec. 11, 2011</b>	<b>\$ 823.19</b>
Less Sunday School and Adopt-A-Family	\$113.97
(working balance)	
Monthly Income	\$7,194.87
Monthly Expenses	\$2,259.75
<b>Checkbook Balance Jan. 19, 2011</b>	<b>\$5,758.31</b>
Less Sunday School and Adopt-A-Family	\$4,716.54
(working balance)	

## February Birthdays

2	Gene Rajala
3	Naomi Roberts
4	Kathy Olsen
4	Bill Swanson
5	Stacey Harnden
5	Abe Klamm
6	Nicholas Ostendorf
8	Linda Jacobson
10	Kermit Linder
12	Alice Olson
12	Ricky Cormican
12	John Van Nyhius
13	Virginia Bloch
13	Randy Bloch
14	John Jacobson
14	Jade Nei
16	Tom Evensen
16	Carol Van Nyhuis
17	Howard Cook III
19	Stacy Gallus
23	Amy Youngkin
23	Makayla Aakhus
24	Kenneth Newman
24	Cole Youngkin
26	Nick Porter
26	Tim Bloch
27	Bob Salmi
27	Harvey Moland
28	Corrine Hubbard

## Voyageur's Lutheran Ministry

### Winter Fun Day at Camp Vermilion

Saturday, February 26 1:00-4:00pm ~

Cost: \$5/person

Bring your sleds, x-country skis, & snowshoes and join us for an afternoon of fun at Camp Vermilion. Sledding, snowman building, saunaing and a polar plunge in the lake, along with snacks and hot beverages, will be available

### Summer Camp!

It's never too early to start planning for a week of summer camp! VLM has opportunities for all ages so why not make spending time at Camp Hiawatha or Camp Vermilion part of your summer vacation!

### Other upcoming events:

Paddle Building Workshop - March 4-6

Elementary Rejuve - March 25-26

Women's Retreat - May 13-15

### Now Hiring!

Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry is seeking people who are open to the Holy Spirit and who are willing to be used to bless and impact the lives of others. A summer at camp can prove to be the hardest job you will ever have, but also one of the most rewarding. Positions available include counselors, canoe guides, Head cooks and kitchen staff, waterfront director, health care director, canteen/craft and leadership positions.

**If you or someone you know is interested in working at camp this summer, contact Gretchen or Marie at the camp office.**

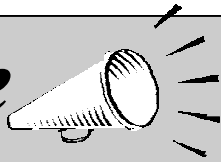
**Check us out @ Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry Online! [www.VLMcamps.org](http://www.VLMcamps.org)**

## Grace Community Service Coffee

February 6:	Zona Kinn & LeeAnn Baker
February 13:	Missy Westman & Kathy Root
February 20:	Ann Hovila & Marilyn Salmi
February 27:	LaVonne Knefelkamp & Donna Loosbrock

**March 2011**

# *The Voice*



The Newsletter for:  
Effie Fredheim Lutheran Church &  
Grace Community Church

## *Community Worship Services with our neighbors and friends*

### *The Lenten Season*

Remember to come to our Lenten Soup Suppers (at 6 p.m.) &  
Lenten Worship Services (at 7 p.m.)

This month it all begins at the  
Assembly of God on March 9 – Ash Wednesday

March 16 – *Grace Community* will host at First Presbyterian

March 23 – First Presbyterian will host

March 30 – *Effie Lutheran* will host

Each Wednesday during Lent, Pastor Ryan leads an  
11 a.m. worship at Bigfork Valley Nursing Home Chapel.  
A light lunch follows at noon.

Tell your neighbors & friends about these super events.

Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>!



## March Texts for Sunday Morning Worship

### **March 6**

Psalm 27

I Thessalonians 4:13-18

Matthew 25:31-46

### **March 13**

Psalm 28

Philippians 2:1-11

Matthew 26:17-46

### **March 20**

Psalm 29

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Matthew 26:47-75

### **March 27**

Psalm 30

Isaiah 49:1-6

Matthew 27:1-31

## ***Rev. Ry's Ritings...***

Effie had Volunteer Recognition Sunday on February 20th. What a super day to warm up the winter, and take the time to say thank you.

The following were recognized: Jim Drewlow, Janice Evensen, Jim and Helen Oestreich, John Van Nyhuis, Corky Hastings, Mary Rahier, Dora Pierson, Darryl Powell, Esther Lund, Helen Stensrud, Jerry Hagen, Greta Drewlow, Julie Aakhus and Nikki Scanlon.

In addition to these Special Volunteers, a host of others were mentioned that make our church at Effie Fredheim a special part of the Community.

Thank You Volunteers! You are special not only for Sunday mornings, but also for your work with the school and our young people, the visits you make to our older members, and the prayers you lift up for all in the community.

Thank you,

Pastor Ryan

## **BOOK CLUB -----STUDY**

Bob Duda invites you to a Book Club!

Is there a book that has had an effect on your faith journey? We would like to start a small group interested in forming a book club to read books to broaden our individual faith experience. If you have an interest, please contact: Pastor Ryan 743-3368 or Bob Duda 743-3918.

Below are topics and thoughts from each book. What book would you be interested in????

"THE PURPOSE DRIVEN LIFE" by Rick Warren

- ◆ What on earth am I here for?
- ◆ Church, a place to belong. You are members of God's own family, citizens of God's country, and you belong in God's household with every other Christian. A church family identifies you as a true believer. A church family moves you out of self-centered isolation. God has a unique role for you to play in his family. This is called your "ministry," and God has gifted you for this assignment.

The following books are by Rev. Michael W. Newman. Pastor Newman was the Pastor that married Cheryl and I and helped us with our faith journey. We have been friends since 1988. He continues his ministry in Texas and continues to provide inspiration for continued growth.

"Satan's Lies"

Overcoming the Devil's Attempts to Stunt Your Spiritual growth

"Steps Forward"

Who doesn't need help sorting through challenges that stretch your thinking???

"Struggle well"

Living through Life's Storms

"Revelation"

What the Last Book of the Bible really means

## News & Notes...

### **Please note the Summer Special Events** **Worship at Effie Fredheim**

- ◆ The Second Sunday of each month will be highlighted with worship at the Fredheim Cemetery Chapel ... June 12, July 10, and August 14.
- ◆ On August 28 we will have Worship Down by the River ... at the Rest Area on Highway 1, six miles east of Effie.

**Brown Bag Bible Study starts Friday, March 4th at noon at the Bigfork Valley Chapel. See you there!!**

**Effie Fredheim Women are reminded that the date of the WELCA meeting in March has been moved from March 10<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup>. This month it will be hosted by Helen Oestreich.**

**Both Grace Community and Effie Fredheim are planning Easter Memorial Gardens again, this year. Watch for details.**

**Several people have asked for Lori's home address to send her greetings:**  
Lori Thaxton  
PO Box 73  
Deer River, MN 56636

**Please use the Lenten Coin Folders which will be available during Lent in the parish!**

## ***Grace Community Church Building Is Going Up!***

The Church is the people, and it has always been here! But the building has taken some huge steps to reality this month.

One place to check out how it is going if you can't be there is to look at the website! Susie has some special pictures that she has sent to Lori who puts them on the web. Furthermore, Bob Duda has been taking pictures and has them available each week on his laptop at Fellowship Hour.



The church has received some special gifts from stock this year, and also tax-free transfers of IRA assets. Congress approved a wide-ranging tax package that includes a section for this gift. Taxpayers who are age 70 ½ and older can transfer as much as \$100,000 a year directly from an individual retirement account to the church! When you do this you don't have to count any of that transfer amount as taxable income. This law has been especially popular since the amount transferred counted toward the taxpayer's required minimum distribution for the year. If you have questions please talk with your tax advisor. Gifts can be made out to either church or the building fund.

## Grace Community Church Council Meeting-February 13, 2011

**President Laurel Laudert called the meeting to order at 11 a.m. at the parsonage.** All members were there except Delmer Knefelkamp. LaVonne Knefelkamp gave devotions.

**January's Secretary report was accepted as printed in the Voice.**

### **Treasurer's Report:**

**Checkbook balance 12-31-2010 \$ 3,450.82**

Total Income \$10,505.28

Total Expense \$12,546.34

**Checkbook balance 1-31-2011 \$ 1,409.76**

Motion by Carol Warren, seconded by Linda Gross, Motion Carried (MC) to transfer \$5,000 from the building contingency fund to the general fund to meet current expenses. All bank accounts were reviewed.

**W/ELCA Report:** W/ELCA will host Craft & Inspiration April 12. Pastor Megan Crouch from St. Andrews Church will be the speaker. April 6 Circle meeting will include a shower for Lori Thaxton's WeeCare Hope Chest. Money was given to Lori Thaxton to help with travel expenses for her ill daughter.

**Worship Committee:** Karen Wetzels, Laurel Laudert and Pastor Ryan met; Kristi Gustafson

will be joining this committee. Items discussed were Lent, Easter Memorial Garden, Easter dinner baskets for the needy in the community, youth Bibles, Polka worship service. Monies are still coming in for the Sub Sandwich project and the youth swim party will be in March.

**Pastor Report:** BLC Memorial Album will be brought up to date starting with 2009 items. Quarter folders and Easter offering envelopes are available.

**Old Business:** Zona will have the church's legal name, Grace Community Church--GCC, publicized twice, as required by the state of Minnesota. Zona has ordered new accounting computer software.

**New Business:** Coffee hour is planned for March 13, from 9-10:30 a.m. at the Husky Cafe for all Lutherans.

**No report on GCC building.**

**March council meets March 13, 11 a.m. at the parsonage, Al G. Devotions.**

Closed with prayer.

Submitted by Laura Rajala,  
Council Secretary

### March Anniversaries

- 3 Greg & Gerri Bertram
- 12 Bill & Carol Warren
- 19 John & Mary Rahier
- 25 Jim & Helen Oestreich

### Grace Community Service Coffee

- March 6: Marie Koppelman & Leslie Harnden
- March 13: Mary Aarestad & Stephanie Kallinen
- March 20: Taunya Rautio & Laura Rajala
- March 27: Sandy Thoennes & Colleen Duda

## Empty Bowls Coming Up

March 17, 2011 is the date for the the Seventh Annual Empty Bowls Project at Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church in Bigfork. We will be serving homemade soups, breads, and bars from 11-1 and 4-6. Remember they can always use donations of soup and bread and workers for the event. Last year our local food shelf spent \$16,158 on food for the hungry, plus another \$3000 on rent, heat, etc. The \$3724 that was brought in by last year's Empty Bowl Project was a great help! Thank you for your past support, and let's get out there again this year and make our Local Food Shelf stuffed through our financial support of Emptiness!

## Effie Fredheim Lutheran Church WELCA

The Effie WELCA met at the home of Esther Lund at 7 p.m. on February 10, 2011 with 11 in attendance.

The Bible Study, "*Race and Culture*" was led by Sandy Allen.

Darlene Richards conducted the business meeting. The minutes of the January meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report was read and approved. Balance on Hand (BOH) was \$615.30 which includes \$566.78 for Global Missions.

### Correspondence:

We received three more Thank You notes for the Christmas Gifts we sent in December.

### Old Business:

We will discuss cheer box delivery closer to Christmas.

### New Business:

♦ Sandy Allen will audit the WELCA books.

♦ We will host the Lenten Soup Supper on March 30<sup>th</sup> this year. Marlene Sethney & Sandy Allen will chair this event.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer and table grace. Delicious treats were enjoyed by all. The next meeting will be hosted by Helen Oestreich at her home on Tuesday, March 15, 2011.

Secretary, Helen Oestreich

## Grace Community Church WELCA

A heads up for our April 6<sup>th</sup> salad luncheon. A baby shower is being planned for one of our favorite missions--Lori's WEECARE. The reason it is being published in the Voice so early is for you to be able to shop for some really great deals at the Salvation Army or Goodwill. Sizes range from birth to 4 years. If you can't go shopping, you can always give money toward diapers. Gifts do not have to be wrapped. We will even have some fun baby shower games. You won't want to miss out on the fun.

**Please remember to bring your pennies for the penny jar that supports "Women and Children in Poverty."** March is the last month before the pennies are to be sent to the Spring Gathering. The jars are downstairs at the Presbyterian Church.



Women's Groups

## 2010-2011 Global Health Project- Newborn Kit

The Global Health Ministries project for 2010-11 is the *Newborn Kit*. As in the past years, WELCA is asking the congregation to assist us in a successful year by helping us compile the contents for each kit. The list includes:

November – Muslin or sheeting

December – Bath towel

January – Wash cloth

February – Bath bar

**March – Baby shirt**

April – Receiving blanket

May – \$5 for shipping



You'll notice that the knitted baby hats are not on the monthly donations because Linda Gross knits all those infant hats for us. **Thank you Linda** for your nimble fingers and love for missions! Our goal this year is 40 kits. Collection area is the Presbyterian lower level under the greeting card table.

## Grace Community & Effie Lutheran WELCA

Dear Women of the Living Waters Conference:

After a long winter of snow, ice and cold, it's time for us to meet again at our Spring Gathering at Hope Lutheran Church in Walker on April 9<sup>th</sup>. Our theme this year is "Celebration of Sisterhood" commemorating 40 years of ordination of women in the ELCA. Our Bible verse from the Good News Bible is from I Corinthians 12:4-6, "*There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit gives them. There are different ways of serving, but the same Lord is served. There are different abilities to perform service, but the same God gives ability to all for their particular service.*"

Guest speakers: Pr. Megan Crouch, St. Andrew's Grand Rapids & Pr. Lynn Ronsberg, Zion, Grand Rapids

Pennies Focus: Leech Lake Area Boys & Girls Club

Offering: ½ to Church-wide women & ½ to WISE Fund (Women in Seminary Education)

Following our opening, Pr. Mark Olson from Hope will begin our day by leading us in a worship/communion service.

A Silent Auction/Buy it Now area will be held – please bring items for these fund raisers.

Also, plan on stopping at two areas set up to address two of the Resolutions passed at our 2010 Convention: (1) "Modeling God's Love" and (2) "Ending Hunger: God's Work, Our Hands."

Remember to bring your pennies collections (in check form please) as we will have a new focus beginning in April.

Registration is from 8:30-9 a.m. Cost is \$7 (includes lunch).

Directions to Hope – Walker: Coming from the east (#200 or #371), go through the second stop light by the Holiday station, turn left by Jimmy's Family Restaurant (10<sup>th</sup> street), go about 2 blocks, church is on the left. From the north (#2 from Cass Lake), turn right at Jimmy's Family Restaurant onto 10<sup>th</sup> street, 2 blocks to the church.

COME AND CELEBRATE – BRING A FRIEND!

-Shirley Dowson, Living Waters Secretary  
(218) 547-1894; [jsdowson@arvig.net](mailto:jsdowson@arvig.net)

## Grace Community Family Reunion!

**March 13<sup>th</sup> will be a special day for the Grace Community Family. We will have a Family Reunion!** Bigfork Lutherans will meet for fellowship and coffee on March 13, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at the Huskie Cafe. There will be coffee and rolls and lots of visiting. You can order off the menu, but anyone ordering off the menu will pay for their own.

## Mark Your Calendars Now...

Mark your calendars now for the Community Vacation Bible School at Effie Fredheim June 13-17, 2011, from 9 a.m. until Noon. This will be free to all young people. We will have Registration Forms in the April, May and June Newsletters, but we want you to mark your calendar today for this big event.

## Effie Fredheim Lutheran Church Council Meeting-February 17, 2011

**Present:** Sandy Allen, Esther Lund, Marsha Root, Pastor Ryan, Dora Pierson, Darrel Powell, and Marlene Sethney.

**Secretary Reports from the Special meeting Feb. 13 and the January Council Meeting were read.** Motion to accept minutes as presented by Dora; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Darrel.

**No Treasurer's report.**

**Pastor's Report:**

- ◆ Recognition Sunday was discussed. We will honor Jim, Janice, Helen and Jim, John and Corky. Gift certificates from Effie Café will be purchased.
- ◆ March 9-Lent begins. Pastor presented Coin Folders and asked if we would be interested in using them. Darrel made a motion we use the coin folders during Lent with proceeds being used for Vacation Bible School. Dora seconded the motion.
- ◆ Advertising in the Deer Path Shopper was discussed. Darrel made a motion we place an ad twice a month, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marlene.

**WELCA will purchase the cake for confirmation.**

**Easter:**

- Food Baskets for Easter, Laurel is contact person.
- Julie and Karen will handle the flowers
- Pastor will talk to Mike about breakfast

- Special Music – Trumpet, Sandy will handle this.

**Thank you note was read from Bigfork Church regarding church time.**

**We need a new table.** Sandy asked Darrel to look into an 8 ft white plastic table.

**Sandy also talked about Special Music** once a month at church.

**Esther made a motion** to ask Ron Olson to work on the organ and find someone to tune the piano. Dora seconded.

**VBS:**

- Looking into materials
- Need volunteers for crafts, music, playtime leader, food snacks etc.
- ◆ Theme

**Talked about what time we would like to have worship after Bigfork is open.** Talk to other members of the congregation and we will discuss next month.

**Next Council will be March 17<sup>th</sup>. Marsha will have devotions.**

Closed with the Lords Prayer

Respectfully submitted by Marsha Root  
Secretary, Effie Fredheim Lutheran Church

### Effie Fredheim Coffee Servers

March 6:	Kenny & Deb Porter
March 13:	Lois Kinn & Darlene Richards
March 20:	Sandy Allen & Karen Scanlon
March 27:	Duane & Jill Letsch

### Effie Fredheim Lutheran Church Financial Report

<b>Checkbook Balance Jan. 19, 2011</b>	<b>\$5,758.31</b>
Monthly Income	\$3,482.39
Monthly Expenses	\$5,523.53
<b>Checkbook Balance Feb. 17, 2011</b>	<b>\$3,717.17</b>

## March Birthdays

1	Randy Collins
3	Evan Rajala
4	Jacob Ostendorf
5	Shari Anne Youngkin
6	Dave Thoennes
6	Julie Aakhus
7	Ardean Aakhus
8	Sandra Hubbard
9	Bill Warren
9	Justin Koppelman
10	Jaren Gustafson
10	Jeff Powell
13	JoAnne Jacobson
13	Stacy Bertram
15	Kayla Pula
15	Gary Matson
20	Christopher Larson
20	Suanne Dullard
20	Frank Roberts
22	Mason Jones-Powell
22	Deborah Klebs
24	Jim Oestreich
25	Marsha Root
25	Randy Nei
25	Andy Nei
25	Sandy Allen
26	Ruth Moorhead
26	Jerry Sethney
26	Helen Oestreich
27	Loren Hovila
28	Barbara Shandorf
31	Dianne Mitchell

# *Forgiveness* BRACELET

Jesus died on the cross to forgive our sins, and he tells us to forgive other people, too. Make and wear this craft as a reminder that you are forgiven — and should be forgiving.

### **What you need:**

- Clear plastic bottle (about 16 oz.)
- An adult to help
- Scissors
- Construction paper
- Permanent black marker
- Glue or clear tape
- Thin ribbon or yarn
- Small hole punch

### **What you do:**

1. Remove any label from the bottle. Have an adult help you cut the bottle in half, width-wise. At the middle, cut out two identical half-inch-wide strips.
2. Cut out paper the same size as the plastic strips.
3. On the paper, write “Forgive, and you will be forgiven” (Luke 6:37, NIV).
4. Place the paper between the two plastic strips.
5. Cut and glue the ribbon or yarn to run along the top and bottom of the verse, framing the words.
6. Punch a hole at each end, through all three layers.
7. Tie the bracelet to your wrist with ribbon or yarn.