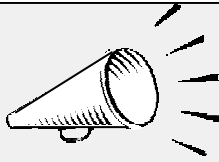


The Voice



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

Community Thanksgiving Worship Service is Sunday, November 20th



Thanksgiving
Worship Service

You are invited to Grace Community Church for the Community Thanksgiving Worship Service! Worship begins at 6 p.m. Bring your friends and family and take the time to Thank God for all the blessings we have received.

SPECIAL NOTES

**Effie Fredheim WELCA,
please remember the date of the November meeting is
Tuesday, November 8th at 7 p.m.**

**There is a Joint Council Meeting set for
Wednesday, November 9th at 5 p.m.**

Thanksgiving Dinner baskets will be prepared for distribution in our area to those in need. If you have someone in mind who would benefit from this project, please share the name of the family with Pastor Ryan as soon as possible.



Thankoffering Sunday is November 13 at both churches!

The women of the Lutheran Church have been gathering for Thankoffering services since the early 1900's. It is a tradition grounded in our celebration of community, meeting together as Faithful women joyfully giving thanks and praise for what God has given to us. This year's service was used on July 15, 2011, during our Eighth Triennial WELCA Gathering in Spokane, Washington. During our service, there will be a time to place your Thankofferings on the altar. If you would like to use a special Thankoffering envelope, the envelopes are available.

Rev. Ry's Ritings...

At the Effie Fredheim Harvest Festival we blessed thirty kits that will be sent through the Global Health Ministries (GHM) in Minneapolis to people all over the world ... **wherever they are needed: Africa or Haiti, Papua New Guinea or India!**

GHM's mission statement: "Global Health Ministries continuing the healing ministry of Jesus Christ by enhancing health care programs of Lutheran Churches in other countries." It is amazing how our churches support the programs of so many worthy causes. I encourage you to take part in the programs of your choice. Thank you everybody!

Speaking of giving and thinking about Christmas...and gift-giving...is there someone on your list who would appreciate having someone else receive 'their' gift? Have you heard about "alternative" Christmas giving? Consider giving, something through the ELCA's Good Gifts catalog, the Heifer Project, Samaritan's Purse, or another worthy organization or local agency **in someone's honor**, ...this kind of gift can make a difference in someone's life and carry God's love to others!

-Pastor Ryan

Brown Bag Bible Study

Meets every Friday from Noon to 1 p.m.
We gather at The Grace Community
Bring your brown bag lunch and join the discussion
There will be no Bible Study on Thanksgiving Friday!

Starting in November ...

The Gospel according to St. Luke!

In November we are meeting November 4, 11 and 18

November 4: Conclusion of "Making Sense"

November 11: **St. Luke, Chapter 1**

November 18: St. Luke, Chapter 2 (Christmas Story!)

November 25: No Class!

Everyone is invited ... bring your friends

November Birthdays

1 Dana Petersen
 1 Dani Petersen
 1 Roberta Patrow
 2 Noah Calhoun
 4 Terri Petersen
 5 Elaine Ives
 6 William Buckingham
 6 Angie Storlie
 11 Kevin Petersen
 13 Benjamin Hoyt
 13 Lisa Cook
 16 Gerry Gilbert
 16 Robert Wendt Jr.
 17 Madison Aakhus
 18 Heather Lovdahl
 18 Sandy Thoennes
 18 Linda Buckingham
 18 Kelly Pula
 19 Gerri Bertram
 25 Ron Root
 26 David Asher
 27 Nicole Korstad
 28 David Evensen
 28 Rebekah Storlie
 30 Katherine Petersen
 30 Rudy Rautio

Coming Soon at Grace Community Church: Coffee & Candy Bars will be for sale for Christmas gift-giving & also for your own enjoyment. Money raised from this project will be used to buy your Sunday Morning Coffee. Please support it!

Grace Community Service Coffee

Nov 6 Marie Koppelman & Joey Jacobson
Nov 13 Carol Warren & Karen Wetzel
Nov 20 Viola Cook & Kay Hubbard
Nov 27 LaVonne Knefelkamp & Hazel Priem

November Anniversaries

20 Tom & Janice Evensen
 25 Rick & Jodi Cormican

Grace Community Church Financial Report

Checkbook balance 8-31-2011: \$ 2,358.12
 Total Monthly Income \$17,965.42
 Total Monthly Expense \$20,750.62
Checkbook balance 9-30-2011: \$ -427.08

Effie Fredheim Treasurer's Report

Checkbook Balance September 15, 2011
\$2,299.67
\$1,632.22 Designated
 Monthly Income \$5,712.75
 Monthly Expenses \$4,353.50
Checkbook Balance October 26, 2011
\$3,658.92
\$1,394.02 Designated
Available Funds = \$2,264.90

Watch for details of a new buying service we are offering in our community.
 The bulletin and future editions of *"The Voice"* will feature updates.

Effie WELCA October 2011

The Effie WELCA was hosted by Karen Scanlon at her home at 7 p.m. on October 13, 2011 with 10 in attendance.

The Bible Study, “*Mothers and Brothers*” was led by Helen Stensrud.

Sandy Allen conducted the business meeting. The minutes of the September meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer’s Report was given and approved. Balance on Hand was \$3,746.94 which includes \$756.16 for Global Health Ministries and \$135 for the Bakeless Bake Sale.

NO CORRESPONDENCE.

OLD BUSINESS:

- ◆ Appreciation Gift was given to Nikki for all she does with our Sunday School program.
- ◆ Bakeless Bake Sale will continue throughout the month of October.

NEW BUSINESS:

Blessings of the Newborn kits will take place during the Harvest Festival on October 23, 2011 before sending them on to Global Health Ministries.

The meeting was closed with the Lord’s Prayer and table grace was said before enjoying delicious treats.

The next meeting will be hosted by Meryl Ostendorf at her home on Tuesday, November 8, 2011.

Secretary, Helen Oestreich

HEADS UP TO ALL OUR GREAT WOMEN AT GRACE

- ◆ **Thursday, December 8th is our Christmas cookie, candy, baked goods & craft sale at the Villa.** If you would like to purchase plates for the baked goods, they are reasonably priced at Goodwill or the Salvation Army. Perhaps you’d like to start baking now & freezing them to get a jumpstart. We are asking you to bring your plates & your baked goods to the church on Wednesday, December 7th. Thank you.
- ◆ **Quilting has begun at Grace at 9 a.m. & will continue on Mondays & Tuesdays until all of our quilts are tied.** Please bring scissors, quilting needle & a bag lunch. We will be leaving our quilting table up in the dining room until our quilting is completed. This should not interfere with Sunday Morning Coffee Hour. It will give you a chance to check out what we are doing. Feel free to come & quilt with us anytime you can. All help is appreciated.
- ◆ **Greeting cards have been temporarily moved to the library book shelves.** We wouldn’t want them to be “out of sight-out of mind.” Cards are important in our daily lives by remembering our loved ones.
- ◆ **Our library isn’t complete yet, but most of the books are on the shelves.** There is some excellent reading materials there so please make good use of them and have fun reading.

**GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH (GCC)
OCTOBER COUNCIL MEETING**

President Laurel opened the October 9, 2011 meeting with all members present. Al G. gave devotions.

Sept. minutes and financial report were accepted. Total income was \$17,965.42 and expenses \$20,750.62. Carol motioned & LaVonne seconded to transfer money from undesignated account to cover the final building payment; Motion Carried (MC). Motion by Laura, seconded by Del, to transfer \$1000 from general fund to building fund (payment on the \$5000 borrowed from bldg. fund), MC.

W/ELCA REPORT: \$3000 has been received from the Holt families to purchase a dishwasher for the kitchen. Dishes are ordered and will be delivered in Oct. Blinds and valances are ordered for the dining room windows. All bills are paid! A bake sale/bazaar will be held at Valley Villa in Dec. Fund-raising ideas were discussed and future monies will be divided with 50% going to mission projects and 50% to GCC.

WORSHIP REPORT: The noise in the sanctuary has been quieted by closing of doors and in the dining room with the hanging of quilts. Piano will be tuned soon.

BUILDING REPORT: "Walk through" has taken place & concerns are being worked out. Carpet has been laid in the Sunday School room. Snow plowing will be done by Corky Hastings and Paul Gustafson. Landscaping work is being done.

PASTOR REPORT: Release time is in progress and will run through Dec. The piano donated to the auction has been sold. The Sunday School (SS) teachers will be decorating the SS room and may have a picture painted on one wall by the Bigfork High School art department.

BUSINESS REPORT: Motion by LaVonne, second Zona, to have a once a month offering (noisy can) for Missions; MC. Zona is still checking on credit card machines. We need a name for our web site. We will not go back to communion cards but will use the pew books. Joint Council is meeting Oct. 26 at Effie.

LaVonne K. will give devotions at the Nov.13 council meeting.

PLEASE DON'T TELL ANYONE!!!!

Did you know that there are 'BEST SELLER" books available at the church???

Right now "*Heaven is Real*" is circulating and people are really enjoying it. So far at least five people have taken time to read the book and reviews are coming in. Just imagine, people reading and enjoying quiet time with God. The Nerve. What is this world coming to?

I guess if you have an interest, please contact that Duda guy, he is at it again with the BOOK CLUB. He insisted that we get the word out - seems people are having a good time! All these changes, next thing you know we'll be watching TV in church. I'll keep you posted. Dust off your Bible.

-The Church Lady

NEWS & NOTES

OUR FOOD SHELF "BIN" AT THE GRACE COMMUNITY IS VERY EMPTY.

Let's see if we can fill it by Thanksgiving! Canned evaporate milk & any kind of pie filling is suggested for November, but any canned dry goods food item would be appreciated. Thanks for caring & sharing!

JANUARY 29th IS THE FINALIZED DATE OF THE ANNUAL MEETINGS

Effie Fredheim 2012 Meeting after church
Grace Community 2012 Meeting after church
Potluck Dinner after Grace Annual Meeting

HUNTER'S SUPPER

Lutefisk, Swedish Meatballs and LEFSA! Friday, November 4th, 4-7 p.m.

At Jesse Lake Lutheran Church; Adults: \$13; Kids (6-12) \$5

CELEBRATE THE OLD DAYS OF ROCK & ROLL

March 16th 7:30 p.m.

Winter Dance Party at the Reif Center

Winter Dance Party is an authentic recreation of Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and the Big Bopper's final tour. The performance includes over 2 hours of high voltage entertainment featuring great songs from those early days: "That'll Be the Day," "Peggy Sue," "La Bamba," "Chantilly Lace," and many more. There are 25 tickets at \$25 each ... purchase them from Pastor Ryan Let's have a great turnout and make a *fun evening* out of it in Grand Rapids as we celebrate the old days of Rock and Roll.

SPEND THE DAY WITH LISA WHELCHER FROM "THE FACTS OF LIFE."

Saturday, November 19th at the Reif Center
2 p.m. Parenting Presentation; 7 p.m. Ladies Night out;
\$15 for the entire day!

Sponsored by "Growing in Faith Together"

Lisa will have a presentation for parents, caregivers and teachers about creative discipline at 2 p.m. Come for some sweets and social time at 6 p.m. At 7 p.m. there is an evening event, bring your friends...it should be a sweet time of Growing in Faith Together.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Operation Christmas Child is just one of many ministry opportunities through Samaritan's Purse. If you would like to participate in this specific program, please pick up the informational sheets at Grace, which include suggestions for items to place in your shoebox as well as the label for your packed box. The shoeboxes (cardboard or plastic) need to be at Grace Community by Sunday, November 13 (National Shoebox Collection Week); we will be blessing the shoeboxes at the 10:15 a.m. service. If you prefer, you may give a monetary gift towards postage or materials. Thank you for making Christmas brighter for a child you may never meet.

The Grace Community Church wishes to thank all of you...

for all that you have given to the new church building:

- ◆ Effie Fredheim Lutheran Church for the banner in the Sanctuary
- ◆ Al Gustaveson and Bill Loosbrock for guiding the workers and answering questions!
- ◆ Zona Kinn for staying on top of all of the financial questions and landscaping leadership
- ◆ Susie Schmickle for pictures
- ◆ Bob Duda and Coleen Duda for making sure the pews stay in place
- ◆ Del and LaVonne Knepelkamp for their gift for the tile
- ◆ Dorrine Friendshuh for tile & carpet in memory of Nick Friendshuh & John Oien
- ◆ Howard and Viola Cook for carpet in memory of Howard & Ada Cook & Thomas Mayos
- ◆ Laura Rajala for her gift for paint
- ◆ Randy Bloch for the tile and all his wonderful work on the floors
- ◆ Kathy Root for a television the youth can use
- ◆ John Ostendorf for his work for the landscaping
- ◆ Dave Thoennes for the rock given for the landscaping
- ◆ Gordie and Zona Kinn for the landscaping material and work
- ◆ Ronnie and Kathy Olsen's gift in memory of Leo and Marcella Olsen
- ◆ Pastor Ryan and Mary's gift of the TV in the Fellowship Hall in memory of Selmer and Marge Aarestad and Charles Lerberg
- ◆ All the gifts given to the kitchen, especially all the gifts given through WELCA: Bill and Donna Loosbrock, Dorrine Friendshuh, Nancy and Harvey Moland, Alice and Ole Olson, The Holt Family in memory of Lillian, and Taunya and Rudy Rautio
- ◆ The workers who put in so many hours: Bill and Donna Loosbrock, Del and LaVonne Knepelkamp, Rudy and Taunya Rautio, Al Gustaveson and LeeAnn Baker, Bob and Coleen Duda, Linda Gross, Laurel Laudert, Gordie and Zona Kinn, Laura Rajala, Jade, Gavin and Caden Kallinen, Dave and Sandy Thoennes, Randy and Kristin Bloch, Teresa Savich, Pastor Ryan, Leslie Harnden, Joey Jacobson, Marie Kinn, Shari and Caitlin Youngkin, Susie Schmickle and many more
- ◆ All the gifts given in memory of Lillian Holt: Elizabeth McGehees, Dick and Ruth Oie, Richard Johnson, Ronald and Judy Carlson, Delores Rajala Nydahl, Gerald and Nancy Holt, Lois Kanne, Laura and Eugene Rajala, Viola Johnson, Jerrold and IlseRay Niemann, Jerry and Kristin Rajala Steinke, Jeffrey and Mary Rajala Collett, John and Wendy Gustafson, Randy Rajala, Marilyn Salmi, Kitty Rajala Overbo, Gloria Boline, Karen Wetzell, Darlene Richards, and many cash gifts which were given to the family and shared with The Grace Community by Lillian and Chet's children: Michael and Darlene Holt, David and Myrta Holt, Paul and Tammy Holt, and Marilyn Dollar.

Thank you one and all, and those we forgot!

2011 FALL GATHERING, BETHANY CHURCH, REMER, OCT. 8

"TAKE COURAGE! IT IS I. DON'T BE AFRAID."

Six Women from Grace Community Church attended the Fall Gathering. It opened with singing and devotions given by LeeAnn Baker.

SYNOD REPORT: The 25th NE MN Women's Gathering (no longer called a convention) will be held in Duluth June 7-9, 2012, at UMD. On June 7 there will be "High Tea" at Glen-sheen Mansion. Theme is "Gathering in Jesus' name; Yesterday, Today, Forever." Bible verse Hebrews 13:8; convention color is red. Living Waters Conference is responsible for the quilt. Offering will go: 1/2 to church-wide, 1/4 to LSS Homeless Initiatives, 1/4 to ELCA Ma-laria Initiatives. LWR emphasis is LWR School Kits. Please include a 2 1/2 inch eraser in each kit.

Northeastern Lights magazine is still \$8 a year. Triennial 2014 will be in Charlotte, N.C.

Program: Five women talked of their experiences of "Stepping out of the Boat." Offering given- 1/2 to Church-wide, 1/2 to Clean Water.

Communion Service given by Pastor Dale R. Degner, Bethany Pastor.

There were many things for sale on the Sell Now & Silent Auction tables. Spring Gathering will be March 17-31. **We will host the 2012 fall gathering in Bigfork.**

Submitted by Laura Rajala

Your Gift Could Purchase a Meal & Find a Safe Place for a Homeless Teen

Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota (LSS) offers services to all people in the eighty-seven counties of our state. These services are grouped into three broad categories:

Children, Youth and Family Services focus on such areas as debt, employment and mortgage counseling, foster care, adoption, refugee service and many more

Services for people with disabilities promote independent living and help people find ways in which to work in community with dignity, safety and hope

Older Adult Services is designed to address people's needs in areas of nutrition, care-giving, in-home support and care coordination

Gifts may be sent to support our Social Service organization. LSS, as you see above, will use your gift in so many ways ... who knows, it could purchase a meal for an elderly person, or help a homeless teen find a safe place to be on a cold Minnesota evening.

Send your gift to

The Rev. Richard Andersen
LSS of Minnesota
2485 Como Ave.
St. Paul, MN 55108

Planning Ahead ... Please mark your calendars!

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

December 18th: 4:00 p.m. Sunday School Christmas Program
Potluck Meal follows program
Effie Fredheim Lutheran Church

December 24th: 4:00 p.m. Candlelighting Christmas Eve I
With Communion
Grace Community Church

9:00 p.m. Candlelighting Christmas Eve II
With Communion
Grace Community Church

December 25th: 8:30 a.m. Christmas Day Festival Worship
Effie Fredheim Lutheran Church

10:15 a.m. Christmas Day Festival Worship
With Communion
Grace Community Church

START OF OUR LENTEN WORSHIP SERIES

February 22nd: Ash Wednesday –
Community Worship

Biblical Texts for Sundays coming up...

November 6:
Psalm 62, Philippians 3:7-16 & John 8:1-11

November 13:
Psalm 63:1-8, Philippians 4:4-14 & John
8:12-20

November 20:
I Samuel 1:1-8, Psalm 64, II Corinthians 1:1-
7 & Luke 1:1-24

Thanksgiving Worship, Sunday,
November 20th at 6:00 p.m.
Deuteronomy 8:7-18, Psalm 65, II Cor. 9:6-
15 & Luke 17:11-19

First Sunday in Advent, November 27:
I Samuel 1:12-18, Psalm 66:1-12, II Corin-
thians 1:8-14 & Luke 1:26-52

Second Sunday in Advent, December 4:
I Samuel 1:19-28, Psalm 67, II Corinthians
1:15-22 & Luke 1:57-80

Third Sunday in Advent, December 11:
I Samuel 2:18-26, Psalm 68:1-10, II Corin-
thians 3:12-18 & Luke 2:41-52

Fourth Sunday in Advent, December 18:
I Samuel 3:1-21, Psalm 69:13-18, II Corin-
thians 4:1-6 & Matthew 1:18-25



GIVE PRAISE

Solve this puzzle to read a Bible verse about praising God for all his blessings.

Directions: In each group, underline the word that doesn't belong. Then write the underlined words on the lines below.

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|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Give
Take
Grab | 2. peanut
praise
pear | 3. temple
house
LORD | 4. proclaim
past
present | 5. name
boy
lad | 6. ruin
destroy
make |
| 7. pine
acorn
known | 8. train
nations
bus | 9. done
donut
muffin | 10. Sing
Sleep
Yawn | 11. she
him
girl | 12. sun
praise
moon |
| 13. tell
fast
slow | 14. red
all
blue | 15. horrible
dreadful
wonderful | 16. acts
sisters
aunts | | |

" _____ to the _____ , _____ his _____ ;
 _____ among the _____ what he has _____ .
 _____ to _____ , sing _____ to him; _____ of _____ his
 _____ . " PSALM 105:1-2, NIV

Answers: 1. Give, 2. praise, 3. LORD, 4. proclaim, 5. name, 6. make,
 7. known, 8. nations, 9. done, 10. Sing, 11. him, 12. praise, 13. tell, 14. all,
 15. wonderful, 16. acts
 Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name; make known among the
 nations what he has done. Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his
 wonderful acts. (Psalm 105:1-2, NIV)