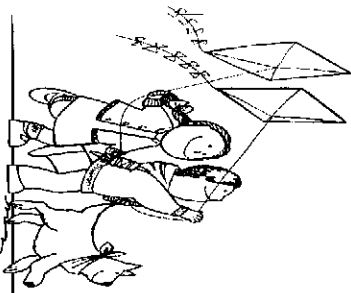


Grace Notes

March 2010 Grace Lutheran Church Volume 58 Issue 3

Here's What's Happening at Grace

March 3, 10, 17, 24	Lenten Dinners 5:30 pm. - Services 7:00 pm
March 8	Church Council 7:00 p.m. (New day)
March 13	Labor of Love—Youth participate
March 14	Daylight Savings Time Begins
March 21	Youth "Winter Jam" Intrust Arena
March 28	<i>Palm Sunday</i>
April 1	<i>Maudy Thursday Service 7:00 p.m.</i>
April 2	<i>Good Friday Service 7:00 p.m.</i>
April 3	No Saturday Evening Worship
April 4	<i>Easter Sunday</i>



SCHEDULE LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES

Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m.

"Words of Life from the Cross"

- March 3 "The Faithful Word" Matthew 27:46
- March 10 "The Compassionate Word" John 19:26-27
- March 17 "The Suffering Word" John 19:28
- March 24 "The Dying Word" Luke 23:46

"SOUP" SUPPERS"

Suppers will be held before services beginning at 5:30 p.m.

- Wednesday, March 3 ~ Bob & Jean Wellner
 - Wednesday, March 10 ~ LaVelle & Marge Hoefner
 - Wednesday, March 17 ~ Board of Youth
 - Wednesday, March 24 ~ Al & Shirley Matz
- (Desserts for Lent Suppers & clean-up help would be very much appreciated on any of the Wednesday nights.)

SCHEDULE CHANGES DURING LENT

- Confirmation Classes will NOT MEET on Wednesday evenings.
- Make-up sessions will be announced.
- Questions? See Deacon Hastings



FAST AND FEAST

- Fast from criticism, and feast on praise.
- Fast from self-pity, and feast on joy.
- Fast from ill-temper, and feast on peace.
- Fast from resentment, and feast on contentment.
- Fast from jealousy, and feast on love.
- Fast from pride, and feast on humility.
- Fast from selfishness, and feast on service.
- Fast from fear, and feast on faith.

—The Sourcebook of Wit and Wisdom



March Winds

For some reason March was always a very intriguing month as a youth. I remember standing in the small valley behind the house and flying a kite for hours. The valley made a need place to pretend I was hiding and it also blocked some of the cold wind. I also remember praying for a southerly wind because of trees to the south, houses and power lines to the east, and bulls and cows in the pasture to the west. I just knew the kite would fall among the cattle and be lost forever because I was forbidden by dad to venture among the cattle.

*From
Your
Deacon*

Just for fun I did a Bible word study on "wind." Now the wind has always intrigued me because one never knows exactly where it starts or ends. And living in tornado alley, everyone knows how destructive the wind can be. Through the years I have learned how the high and low pressures across America really control the direction and velocity of the wind.

From scripture one quickly learns the wind may be a source of blessing or a curse. We learn God alone commands the winds (Mark 4:41) and commissions them to do His will (Exodus 15:10 & Matt. 8:26, Mark 4:39, and Luke 8:26); a source of blessing or a curse. Isaiah refers to the wind as the "breath of God" (Is. 40:7). The Exodus story gives us some very interesting examples of God's use of the wind.

Exodus 10:13

"So Moses stretched out • his staff over the land of Egypt, and the Lord brought an east wind upon the land all that • day and all that night. When it was • morning, • the • east wind had brought • the locusts."

Exodus 10:19

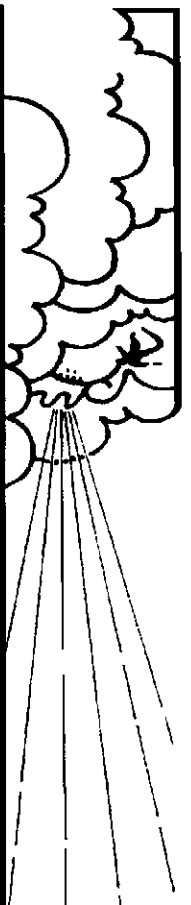
"And the Lord turned the wind into a very strong west wind, • which lifted • the locusts and drove them into the Red Sea. Not a single locust was left in all the country of Egypt."

Exodus 14:21

"Then Moses stretched out • his hand over the sea, and the Lord drove • the sea back by a strong east wind all night and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided."

In ancient Palestine, the winds were an important determinant of the weather. In the rainless summer month's moisture-laden winds from the Mediterranean (west or northwest) flowed over the land during the day-time, moderating the midday heat and leaving heavy dew at night. In the winter months the western winds brought thunderstorms which provided life-giving rain. The east and south winds would dry up water sources and bring great clouds of suspended dust.

It isn't until we see the results of the wind that we can truly appreciate the power of the wind, the power of God. While driving past Beaumont, Ks the other day I saw the wind turbines to the south. All the huge blades were turning in the wind. While we often complain about the wind it still plays an important part of our world and life.



Deacon Sharon Hastings

Wayne Bacon (Sharon)	Janice Brack
Ginny Doesken	Fred Evans
Georgena Lessman	Ginger Manchesian (Rex)
Don & Jane McAdoo	Maynard & Esther Nelsen
Delbert & Ann Ruckle	Lorine Thrash
Wilmer Grundeman*	Perry Sakata*

Remember
Our Homebound Members

Lorraine Wiseman*

*indicates out-of-town shut-ins

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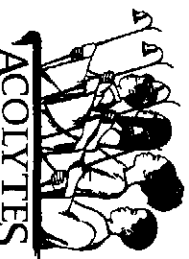
7 - Tiara & Tarika

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14 - Casey & Nicholas

Reyes

21 - Amber Sultz



28 - Keaton Wellner

Questions?? Contact

Deacon Hastings.



UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS



March 13 - Meet at 8 am. at Church to participate in Labor of Love ministry

Youth Activities March 21 - WINTER JAM 2010

doors open at 5 pm. Cost: \$10

April 4 - Easter Breakfast after Sunrise Service

April 24 - Work the Church yard 10am

April 25 - SNOTT event

FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY

As many of you will remember, a letter was received from KS District LCMS regarding a short-fall in giving for 2009. In response to the letter from President Kohlmeier, the Board of Elders believes it is important to note that Grace did meet our commitment to the KS District & Missions. Here's the list of payments that were made...

For Missions		
KS District	\$11,126.70	
University Lutheran Center	\$300.00	
Personalized Missionary Support	\$550.00	
Lutheran Braille Workers	\$300.00	
Lutheran Hour Radio	\$600.00	
Helping Hand Fund	\$2,300.00	
TOTAL	\$15,176.70	
% of Budget	10.0%	

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS FOR MARCH

"Newness and Balance"

In March we observe the beginning of spring, that season of the year in which the plants that lay dormant during the winter begin to grow again. It is also a day on which there is balance—twelve hours of sunshine and twelve hours of darkness.

Spring is a good reminder of these two important things about stewardship—newness and balance! By God's grace in Jesus Christ we are freed from the failures of the past and freed to live in the present with purpose and look to the future with hope. How refreshing a new start is!

Balance is the other important thing associated with wise Christian stewardship. The Rich Fool in Luke 12:13-21 lost his stewardship balance and the result was disastrous. He already had more than enough to meet his personal needs and when he was blessed with even more he decided to tear down his barns and build larger ones where he could store up all his goods for himself and take life easy with the attitude of "eat, drink and be merry." Jesus called him a fool because he tried to store up riches for himself but was not rich toward God.

We in the United States of America live in a very materialistic culture. There is the emphasis on getting ahead, building a solid nest egg and saving up for retirement. Now, if these things were kept in a good Christian balance, the picture would not be so bad. The danger is that we try to keep all these material things for ourselves with too little concern about the purposes of God or the needs of others. The Rich Fool had so much he could have at least shared his excess with others in need. He could also have generously given for the support of the "church" of his day. If he had done that then all would have benefited, including him. But he didn't and he died a lost and condemned sinner.

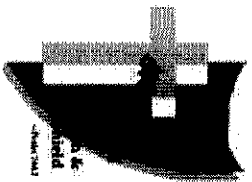
How can we take advantage of new starts in stewardship and maintain a good balance as we manage the material riches God pours down upon us? One simple plan for keeping balance is to adopt and follow the 1-1-8 principle. This plan involves giving the first 10% to God in response to His great love for us and for the support of His work in this world, then saving or investing the next 10% and finally living on the remaining 80%. Mathematically it adds up perfectly. In practice it can be a real challenge, one that seems unreachable to many who may currently be trying to live on 100% (or more) of their income.

It may not work for everyone to adopt the 1-1-8 plan immediately, but what joy God's people can experience as they move in that new direction for balance. Oh, by the way, many Christian stewards have learned from experience that they can give more than 10%, save even more than 10% and live very comfortably on less than 80%.

May God grant to all of us His grace, good judgment and discipline to take advantage of each new start and manage our material blessings in a way that honors Him, blesses others and refreshes us!

Audrey Rolf, Chairman Board of Stewardship

From LCMS "Steward CAST"



Notes from LWMML



Isaiah 40:1 Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

The seeds of comfort may take root in the soil of adversity. When your life seems to be falling apart, ask God to comfort you. You may not escape adversity, but you may find God's comfort as you face it. Sometimes, however, the only comfort we have is in the knowledge that someday we will be with God. Appreciate the comfort and encouragement found in his Word, his presence, and his people. Taken from commentary in my Bible.

Jean and Audrey attended Holy Cross Women's Retreat and the theme was on comfort. A very comforting event. And we thank the Holy Cross LWMML for extending the invitation.

February is not a meeting month for the LWMML, however, due to the weather our Jan. Meeting was moved to the first Monday in February. A devotion was read by Lorraine Koch.

Reports by the standing committees were given.

Shirley Matz reported that the palms have been ordered for Palm Sunday and we will make crosses March 24, 1:00 PM. Anyone interested in helping please join us.

Margie Heath continues to send cards, and has trimmed many stamps, and has found a place to send them. So continue to save your stamps and put them in the big red boxes in both the narthex.

We have voted to continue assembling Health Kits for World Relief, as they have depleted their supply on the Haiti crisis. Soon there will be a list of the needs posted.

We reduced the number of Quarterlies to be ordered.

We donated \$100.00 for relief in Haiti through Thrivent.

We will continue making quilts and will have the Blessing of the Quilts again in August.

Our booklet with names and numbers of members and upcoming events is completed and hopefully everyone has theirs by this publication.

We decided to offer a woman's Bible Study and we are doing a six week study on Lent. Hopefully we will have a full house. It has been decided to meet on Wed. at 1:00 PM for the next six weeks. Please consider joining us.

March Altar Care is Goldene Peck.

Audrey attended the Spring Rally Leaders meeting in Ark City, Saturday Feb. 6.

The Spring Rally will be March 13, 2010, Redeemer, Ark City, and we must get our registration in by Mar. 8. So please if you intend to go contact Audrey and we will make arrangements to car pool.

Goldene Peck will be our delegate to the 33rd Biennial Convention of the Kansas District LWMML that will be held April 16-18 at the Geary County Convention Center and the Courtyard by Marriott in Junction. The theme is from Psalm 144:2 "The Lord is My Strength and My Shield." Please pray for safe travel and an uplifting experience.

Our March meeting is scheduled for March 15, 7:00 PM. Shirley Matz has the opening and closing.

We continue to pray for a pastor for our congregation and Trinity, and in the meantime we must keep charging on. God Bless Grace.

In God's love,

Audrey Rolf



Report from the Board of Social Ministry

This time of the year when temperatures drop very low and we have snow and ice my thoughts turn to the homeless. How would you feel if you had no place that was warm where you could sit and relax, maybe put your feet up and have a cup of coffee? What would it be like to wander the streets in the cold all day; to, perhaps, go in to the library or some other public place to try to get warm. (My daughter tells me they frequently come in to the hospital and sit in the lobby. Sometimes they even go in to vacant rooms) and to be told that loitering is not allowed and you must leave and go out again in the cold. Imagine being told the night shelter is full to capacity and you have no place to get out of the weather to sleep. When it is very cold some of the churches downtown open their doors and let the homeless in to sleep. They probably sleep on a cold basement or gym floor with many other people but at least they are inside until 7 a.m. the next day. Then it is the same thing again. Can you imagine having to carry everything you own with you at all times in a bag, or if you are lucky enough to have one, a backpack?

We still take backpacks to the homeless when they are donated. We take white tubeless socks and small size toiletries (no mouthwash) and snack items. We take a box of bananas to the Drop in Shelter every week. Two weeks of the month the bananas are donated by Grace church members. The remaining weeks they are purchased with Board of Social Ministry funds. If you would like to donate a box of bananas the current price is \$20. The Drop in Shelter serves a meager breakfast consisting of coffee or tea and whatever is donated. They can eat at the Lord's Diner in the evening.

The homeless are allowed to shower twice a week at the Drop in Shelter. The wash cloths seem to "walk off." They take them to refresh themselves at water fountains and to use for "sweat" cloths. We welcome donations of old towels which can be cut and the pieces can be sewn around on a serger sewing machine to make wash cloths. Thanks to some very generous donations I now will be able to make about eighty but we always need more. They need large bottles of laundry detergent for the laundry and large bottles of shampoo for the shower room.

Other things that are needed:

Loction	Deodorant	Small pkg Kleenex	Shave cream
Toothpaste	Combe	Toothbrushes	Razors
Band aids	Plastic spoon, forks	Bar soap	Snack items
Paper plates	Paper cups	Paper towels	Napkins

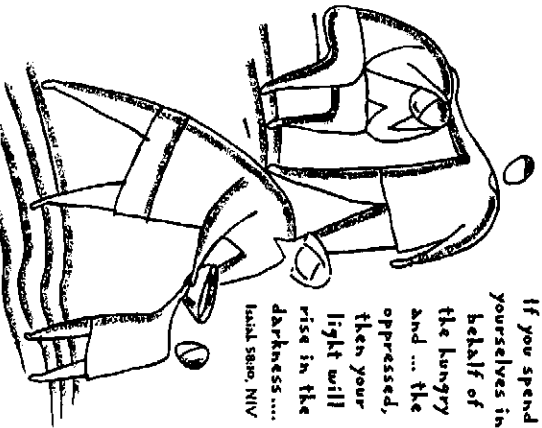
They can also use pop top cans of fruit, Vienna sausages, pudding, any items that do not need refrigeration and do not need to be cooked. Remember these toiletries need to be small size because they have to carry everything with them.

*If you spend
yourselves in*

*behalf of
the hungry
and ... the
oppressed,
then your
light will
rise in the
darkness....
Isiah 60:1, NIV*

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Board of Social Ministry



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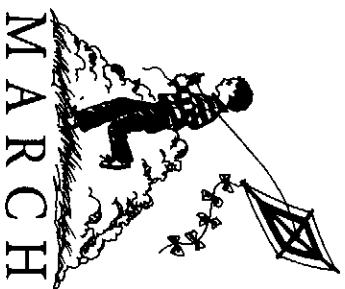
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Saturday: Worship 5:30 p.m.

Sunday: Sunday School 9:15 a.m.

Worship 10:30 a.m.



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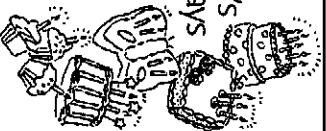
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please contact the church office,*

<u>Your Last Name</u>	<u>Your Elder Is</u>
Adams - Clyborne	Al Matz
Comoro - Gardner	Warren Balke
Garrard - Landers	Jonathan Maltz
Leithoff - Murray	Rocky Kollmeyer
Mwankusye - Slavin	Al Gene Meyer
Smith - Zumalt	Glen Rolf

- 02 - Mike Wellner
- 03 - Pat Newlin
- 04 - Maynard Nelsen
- 05 - Raymond Smith
- 06 - Marsha Murray
- 08 - Blake Bessey

- Wayne Harris
- Tiffany Patton
- 13 - Jesse Kollmeyer
- Ann Ruckie

- 16 - Melinda Taylor
- 19 - Jeffrey Garrard
- 21 - Fannie Fortine
- Rylee Levering
- 24 - Jesse Bushell
- Danielle Zimmerman
- 25 - Charles Dillon III
- Gary Murray



This
Month's
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Worship Leaders for March

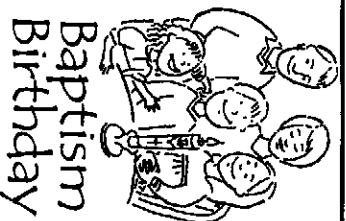
- March 6/7 Rev. Myron C. Maltz
- March 13/14 Rev. Myron C. Maltz
- March 20/21 Rev. Myron C. Maltz
- March 27/28 Rev. Myron C. Maltz

*All Lenten mid-week services -
Deacon Aaron Hastings, Worship Leader*

- 21 - Bob & Jean Wellner
- 22 - Larry & Sue Busch
- 23 - Jeff & Debbie Wellner



- 03 - Bob Wellner
- 04 - Danielle Duncan
- 08 - Nikki Dixon
- 08 - Melissa Meyer
- 13 - Gene Taylor
- 14 - Delbert Ruckle
- 20 - Tiffany Patton
- 24 - Linda Freed
- 27 - Blake Bessey



Baptism
Birthday

GUARD YOUR STEPS
WHEN YOU GO TO THE
HOUSE OF GOD.



ECCLESIASTES 5:1, NRSV