

GRACE TO YOU

A Weekly Newsletter of Grace Reformed Church, Lansing, IL

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2013

- SUN - 8:15 AM: PRAISE TEAM PRACTICE.
- 8:45 AM: MORNING BIBLE STUDY– “*One Book, One Story*”, A Bible Survey- Led by Pastor Andy in Fireside Room.
- 9:30 AM: MORNING PRAYER TIME– All are Welcome. Consistory Room.
- 10:00 AM: GRACE KIDS CHURCH- Children’s Church Room (Room 101 – lower level, near the north entrance.)
- 10:00AM: MORNING PRAISE & WORSHIP SERVICE.
- MON - 6:00 AM: MEN’S BIBLE STUDY-Led by Norm Coyle-Fireside Room.
- 6:30PM: PUPPET MINISTRY PRACTICE.
- TUE - 6:45 PM: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING.
- 7:00 PM: SEED TEAM MEETING-Room 101 & Prayer Room.
- 7:00 PM: PRAISE TEAM PRACTICE.
- 7:30 PM: CONSISTORY MEETING.
- WED - 6:00 AM: MEN’S BIBLE STUDY -Led by Pastor Andy-Prayer Room.
- 7:00 PM: REFUGE-(a ministry to students in high school).
- THU - 7:00 PM: ROCK-(a ministry to students in middle school grades 6-8).
- FRI - 7:30 PM: ARABIC PRAYER MEETING-Room 101.
- SAT - 8:00 AM: LIFE GROUP/EYES WIDE OPEN- in the Fireside Room Led by Glenn Spoolstra.
- 2:30 PM: PRAISE TEAM PRACTICE.

COMING SOON

FALL LIFE GROUPS will begin Sunday, *September 22*. Brochures are available on the Ministry/Life Group Table in the Fellowship Hall. Plan to stop by and look at what is available for you to connect. Life Group Sign-Ups in the Fellowship Hall TODAY.

CANDLELIGHT CIRCLE would like to invite all ladies to join them for a night of studying God’s Word, fellowship and prayer, starting Monday, *September 23*, 7:00 PM in the Prayer Room. We will begin our study of “His Healing Hands”, *Finding God in Broken Places*. Our first meeting will be a time of Introduction-“*Leaving No Stone Unturned*”, Fellowship and Prayer. Hope you can join us! Any ??? contact Debbie Hoekstra.

WELCOME ALL LADIES! Ruth Circle invites you to join us for Bible Study, Worship & Fellowship starting Tuesday, *September 24*, 1:30 PM. We will continue using the book, “*Grace an Invitation to Way of Life*”. Starting with Session 5 (pg. 73), A Legacy of Grace. Devotions-Ruth Vanderlee; Lesson Leader-Judy Nearpass; Hostess-Shirley Kooy. Hope to see you there!

CHILDREN’S HUNGER FUND SERVICE OPPORTUNITY Saturday, *October 12*, 8:15 AM.

HARVEST SEED EVENT, *November 16*, at Lansing Christian School. Watch for more information.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

REFUGE (a ministry to students in high school). Wednesdays, *September 18, 25, 2013*.

ROCK (a ministry to students in middle school grades 6-8). Thursdays, *September 19, 26, 2013*.

For more information on ROCK or REFUGE contact Pastor Dennis

NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2013:

- ❖ WE WILL CONTINUE OUR SERIES “THE CHURCH”: Pastor Dennis will bring the message, *The Church: “Is Membership Important?”*, from I Corinthians 5.
- ❖ THE SACRAMENT of Infant Baptism will be administered to Robert Frederick III, son of Bobby & Shelly Sons. GOD Bless You, Robert.
- ❖ GRACE KIDS CHILDREN CHURCH CONTINUES: All children are asked to report at 10:00 AM directly to the Children’s Church Room (Room 101 – lower level, near the north entrance.). Any questions contact Kim Ballard.
- ❖ SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES: - “*One Book, One Story*”, A Bible Survey. This class will look at the facts of the Bible & how it comes together as one coherent story. It’s about Christ from beginning to end. Led by Pastor Andy, Sundays, 8:45 AM in the Fireside Room. All are Welcome.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

FOR HOSPITALIZED MEMBERS, please see daily prayer calendar in bulletin.

- ❖ OUR “SHUT IN’S OF THE WEEK” are *Jeanne Brown *Carol DeHaan; *Paul Veenstra (Paul is in transition of moving to a different group home and is in need of encouragement and patience). Send a card, give them a call or give them a visit to let them know they are missed.

WE REJOICE WITH Greg & Alexa Blair on the birth of their firstborn, a son, Brayden Alan. Brayden was born on Sunday, *September 8, 2013*. Congratulations to Greg & Alexa.

GRACE CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

GRACE KID’S CHILDREN CHURCH TEAM is looking for 2-4 people to join the team. Prayerfully consider if God is speaking to you to serve this ministry to Grace’s Children. Contact Kim Ballard for more information.

THE TEXAS/MEXICO MISSION TRIP is being planned for *January 18-25, 2014*. The Grace Beyond Borders Team will want to know who is planning to be a part of the Mission Team by *September 29*, and give a deposit by *October 20, 2013*. They are hoping to hold the cost at \$700.00, depending on airfare prices. To confirm a place on the team contact Loren Mora or Roxanne Ratkovich. Since the first trip from Grace Church in 1998, each one has been life changing for the team and for those we have served.

REQUESTS FOR THE PUBLICATION of announcements in the Grace To You by the Congregation should be made through the Church Office by 12:00 PM each Wednesday.

MISSIONARIES LETTERS: DID YOU KNOW? there are letters from our supported Missionaries in the Fellowship Hall on top of the piano in the Missionary Letter Rack. Pick up a copy to read what our Missionaries are doing and what they are in need of prayer.

SHARE A SPARE: Please place your spare canned goods, paper products, etc., for the Lansing Pantry in the container in the Fellowship Hall. Thanks for sharing your spare!

PLEASE DON'T THROW AWAY THOSE STAMPS! Dollie Veenstra is helping Marion Mission Storehouse (a non-profit organization) by collecting stamps **cut off (please do not tear the stamp)** of envelopes (preprinted stamps not usable). This allows them to ship medical supplies, clothing, shoes and other needed items to our Christian workers in Africa. If you have any questions contact Dollie Veenstra (708-474-3072). A labeled box for the stamps is on a Table in the Fellowship Hall or you may give them to Dollie.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

UGANDAN ORPHANAGE RELIEF FUND will hold its 6th Annual Golf Outing at Seven Bridges Golf Course on Friday, *September 20*. Join us on this fun filled day to celebrate the changed lives of the 400 kids UORF supports. See flyer on bulletin board in the North Entrance for more information or contact Troy VanDyke at 708-557-1617.

LANSING CHRISTIAN SCHOOL: 3660 Randolph St. Lansing, IL.

❖ **INVITES YOU TO** their 43rd Annual Fall Festival & Auction, Friday, *September 27* in the School Gym. Come for supper at Gym's Café (featuring our famous Ollie Bollen) beginning at 5:00 PM and stay for the Live & Silent Auctions which begins at 6:00 PM. New this year: Double silent auction going on at the same time from 6:00 PM-8:00 PM. Games for the children will begin at 6:00 PM. Bring the entire family for a fun-filled evening. For more information contact the School Office at 708-474-1700.

❖ **PARENTS' CLUB** will have their 4th Annual Apple Pie Fundraiser, Thursday, *October 3*. Once again our goal is to make 1,000 homemade 9" deep dish, Dutch Apple Pies that can be baked and eaten immediately, or frozen up to 6 months. We are asking on \$12.00 per pie. You can pre-order your pies. Forms can be downloaded at www.lansingchristian.org. Click on Community, Parents' Club, then Apple Pie Fundraiser. Hurry, first come first served with payment. Your pies can be picked up on Thursday, *October 3*, at the school between noon and 5:30 PM. Checks can be made out to LCS Parents' Club and given to Barb Leystra at church by Friday, *September 27*.

THE HARVEST THRIFT CENTER continues to need help in the following areas:

Register people-all shifts available; In-store Furniture Dept. Personnel-some lifting required; Back door assistance accepting donations; Furniture Truck help for pickups and deliveries on Tuesdays. Store hours: Tuesday-Friday

9:00 AM-3:00 PM; Saturday 10:00 AM-3:00 PM. Please call the store for more information 708-868-6150. Thank you again for all your support.

GET YOUR KLOMPENDANSKUNST (Dutch clogging) on at Elim's Dutch Festival on Saturday, *September 28, 2013*. The day starts with a pancake breakfast at 7:30 AM and the fun continues until 4:00 PM, with Entertainment Acts, Clog Dancing, Dutch Food and more. All proceeds will support Elim's cause to equip people with disabilities in achieving God's purpose. For more information go to www.elimcs.org.

PASS Network for Life:

- ❖ **SAVE THE DATE!** Join us as we celebrate 30 years of PASS and the ministry of LIFE, Thursday, *October 10* at the Odyssey Country Club in Tinley Park, IL. For more details and how YOU can be part of this glorious God-given milestone contact Paula R. Pasqua at 708-614-9777 ext-23 or www.helppass.org, www.passhelps.org.
- ❖ **DISPOSABLE DIAPER DRIVE** to benefit PASS Pregnancy Care Centers. PASS is in need of Diapers of all sizes and Baby Wipes if you are willing to participate, check out the Flyer on the Bulletin Board in the North Entrance or call Paula Pasqua at 708-614-9777 ext-23.