

GRACE TO YOU

A Weekly Newsletter of Grace Reformed Church, Lansing, IL

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2013

SUN - 8:15 AM: PRAISE TEAM PRACTICE.

- 9:30 AM: MORNING PRAYER TIME— All are Welcome. Consistory Room.

- 10:00AM: MORNING PRAISE & WORSHIP SERVICE.

MON - 6:00 AM: MEN'S BIBLE STUDY-Led by Norm Coyle-Fireside Room.

TUE - 7:00 PM: ELDERS' MEETING. Those desiring baptism or membership in Grace church either by Profession of Faith or Transfer of Membership are asked to contact the Church Office by Tuesday, to arrange a time to meet with the Elders.

- 7:00 PM: SEED PLANNING MEETING-Room 101/Prayer Room.

- 7:00 PM: PRAISE TEAM PRACTICE.

WED - 6:00 AM: MEN'S BIBLE STUDY -Led by Pastor Andy-Prayer Room.

- 7:00 PM: REFUGE KICK-OFF.

THU - 7:00 PM: CHILDREN'S CHURCH TEAM MEETING-Room 101.

FRI - 7:30 PM: ARABIC PRAYER MEETING-Room 101.

SAT - 2:30 PM: PRAISE TEAM PRACTICE.

COMING SOON

GIVING GRACE CARDS MINISTRY will meet, Monday, *September 9* at 6:30 PM in Room 101.

GEMS KICK-OFF Girls Everywhere Meeting the Savior, for girls in grades 1-8 will Kick-off Tuesday, *September 10*, from 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM.

GRACE KIDS KICK-OFF will be on Sunday, *September 15*. Watch for more details.

FALL LIFE GROUPS will begin Sunday, *September 22*. Watch for more details.

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!

NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2013:

❖ WE WILL BEGIN A NEW SERIES "THE CHURCH": Pastor Dennis will bring the message, "*The Church: What Is the Church*".

❖ ELDER MEET & GREET POTLUCK, 12:00 PM following the morning service. See Flyer in today's Grace To You.

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.

❖ 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 . A labeled box for the stamps is on a Table in the Fellowship Hall or you may give them to Dollie.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

REFUGE (a ministry to students in high school). Will begin *September 4, 2013*.

ROCK (a ministry to students in middle school grades 6-8). Will begin *September 12, 2013*.

For more information on ROCK or REFUGE contact Pastor Dennis

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

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

❖ OUR "SHUT IN'S OF THE WEEK" are *Jim Franczek; *Nancy Illo; *Paul Veenstra. Send a card, give them a call or give them a visit to let them know they are missed.

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who helped purchase School Supplies for Oak Glen School. They were VERY Appreciative.

OUR SINCERE CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY IS EXPRESSED TO:

- ❖ **Jim Franczek** on the passing of his brother-in-law, Clarence Holleman on *August 23*. The funeral was held on *August 30*.
- ❖ **Shirley Kooy, Bobby Sons, Patty Hoekstra** and their families on the passing of their nephew, Kevin Peach Sr. on Tuesday. Visitation will be Tuesday, *September 3* from 2:00 PM-7:00 PM at Smits Funeral Home in Dyer. The Funeral will be held at 7:00 PM. Kevin, his wife, Kathy and children, Sara and Kevin Jr., were members of Grace. Our sympathy is extended to them and the entire Peach family.

PLEASE PRAY FOR Scott & Therese Hendrix, our Missionaries with GAIN, who have decided to leave GAIN as Schott has accepted a position with Guardity Technology, Inc, effective *September 1*. Scott accepted the position with the understanding he would be free to share his faith with those he came in contact with. You can read more information by picking up a copy of their letter located in the Missionary Letter Rack in the Fellowship Hall. Pray for Scott, Therese & their family during this transition.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF LANSING will host in concert *The Booth Brothers* on Saturday, *September 7*. General Admission is \$15.00. For tickets and more information please call the Church Office at 708-474-9610 or check out our website www.firstreformedchurch.org.

LANSING CHRISTIAN SCHOOL will be having its Annual Steak Fry, Saturday, *September 7*, from 4:30 PM-7:00 PM in their gymnasium. Join us for a delicious meal of steak, salad, potatoes, corn on the cob and dessert! Cost: Freewill offering benefiting SMP (Sustaining Membership Plan, which helps benefit reduction of tuition). Questions? Please call the school 708-474-1700.

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.