

GRACE TO YOU

A Weekly Newsletter of Grace Reformed Church, Lansing, IL

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 22, 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.

FALL LIFE GROUPS BEGIN VARIOUS TIMES & LOCATIONS

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

- 6:30PM: PUPPET MINISTRY PRACTICE.

- 7:00 PM: CANDLE LIGHT CIRCLE KICK-OFF. All ladies are welcome to join this group for a night of studying God’s Word, Fellowship and Prayer. Our study this year is “His Healing Hands”, *Finding God in Broken Places*. Our kick-off night is a time of Introduction- “*Leaving No Stone Unturned*”, Fellowship and Prayer. Hope you can join us! Any ??? contact Debbie Hoekstra, .

TUE - 1:30 PM: RUTH CIRCLE KICK-OFF. Welcome all Ladies to a time of Bible Study, Worship & Fellowship. 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!

- 6:30 PM: GEMS-(for all girls in 1st thru 8th grades.)

- 7:00 PM: PRAISE TEAM PRACTICE.

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 grades 9-12).

THU - 9:30 AM: COFFEE BREAK/STORY HOUR KICK-OFF-a women’s Bible Study. Nursery and Story Hour is available for children. Contact Judy Nearpass or the church office for more information.

- 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.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

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

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

For more information on ROCK or REFUGE contact Pastor Dennis

NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2013:

❖ WE WILL CONTINUE OUR SERIES “THE CHURCH”: Pastor Andy Nearpass will bring the message, *The Church: “What Is Her Purpose?”* from I Corinthians 5.

❖ 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.

❖ LIFE GROUPS CONTINUE. Find a place to Connect—Grow—Serve. See the Sign-up table in the Fellowship Hall.

COMING SOON

YOUNG COUPLES you are invited for a night of food & fellowship on Friday, *September 27*, 6:30 PM at the Ballard’s, 325 Leicester Road, Munster, IN. A Pizza Supper will be served and childcare will be available. We will play games and discuss the dynamics of the group. Sign-up today in the Fellowship Hall or call Bob & Kim Ballard or Tim & Lorrie McNabney by Wednesday, *September 25* to be informed of the details of the evening.

ELDERS’ MEETING, Tuesday, *October 1*, 7:00 PM. 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.

NEXT PRAYER MEETING is Tuesday, *October 8*, 7:00 PM.

ATTENTION GRACE CHURCH SENIORS! A group is planning to attend “Faith Like a Child” Fall Senior Day at Cedar Lake Ministries on Wednesday, *October 9*. Cost is \$28.00. Transportation will be provided. Contact Ralph & Lois Hoekstra as soon as possible, as reservations are required.

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

HARVEST SEED EVENT, *November 16*, at Lansing Christian School. *Many ways to be involved: --Sign up to be one of 500 Volunteers packing seed on *November 16*; --Be a donor for the event. Stop by the “SEEDS” table for more information.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

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

❖ OUR “SHUT IN’S OF THE WEEK” are *Herm Doorn; *Jim Franczek; *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.

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. 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.
- ❖ **SCHOOL HAS STARTED** & it's time to clean the closets! Ugandan Orphanage Relief Fund is sending a shipping container to Uganda and would love to send your used summer clothes. We need clothes and gently worn shoes for ages 2-22—shirts, blouses, pants, skirts, sweaters & light coats. Please no short shorts, girl's tank tops, or inappropriate t-shirts. Used towels, blankets and twin sheets are also great! A collection box will be in the Fellowship Hall at Grace Church through *September 29*, or call Rick

Persenaire @ 708-672-6705 if you have sports equipment, bikes, or used hand tools to donate.

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 by going to www.lansingchristian.org and the link to the order forms will be on the home page. 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.