

GRACE TO YOU

A Weekly Newsletter of Grace Reformed Church, Lansing, IL

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 8, 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.
- 11:45AM: ELDER MEET & GREET POTLUCK.
MON - 6:00 AM: MEN'S BIBLE STUDY-Led by Norm Coyle-Fireside Room.
- 6:30PM: PUPPET MINISTRY PRACTICE.
- 6:30PM: GIVING GRACE CARD MINISTRY-Room 101
TUE - 6:30 PM: GEMS KICK-OFF-(for all girls in 1st thru 8th grades.)
- 7:00 PM: PRAYER MEETING.
- 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).
THU - 7:00 PM: ROCK KICK-OFF-(a ministry to students in middle school grades 6-8).
FRI - 7:30 PM: ARABIC PRAYER MEETING-Room 101.
SAT - 2:30 PM: PRAISE TEAM PRACTICE.

Windycity Raceway Ministries 9/13 thru 9/15

NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2013:

- ❖ WE WILL CONTINUE OUR SERIES "THE CHURCH": Pastor Andy will bring the message, *The Church: "Christ and His Bride"*, from Ephesians 5:22-33.
- ❖ GRACE KIDS CHILDREN CHURCH KICK-OFF: 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 KICK-OFF: - "*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.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

REFUGE (a ministry to students in high school). Wednesdays, *September 11, 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

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

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

- ❖ OUR "SHUT IN's OF THE WEEK" are ***Florence Schoon;** ***Annette Tempco;** ***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.

THE HARVEST THRIFT CENTER thanks all those who came out and helped for the change over from Summer to Winter clothing on *August 19.* Your efforts were greatly appreciated.

COMING SOON

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.

ILLINOIS FAMILY INSTITUTE invites you to a Day of Fasting & Prayer for the State of Illinois *September 11.*

FALL LIFE GROUPS will begin Sunday, *September 22.* A brochure is in your Grace To You today, and a Ministry/Life Group Fair is set up in the Children's Church Room (room 101, lower level north). Plan to stop by and look at what is available for you to connect. Life Group Sign-Ups will continue next week in the Fellowship Hall.

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 Introduction, 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.

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.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. Once again we thank you for your continued support of Calvin Christian School & Lansing Christian School!

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.