

GRACE TO YOU

A Weekly Newsletter of Grace Reformed Church, Lansing, IL

WEEK OF AUGUST 18, 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.
- 6:30 PM: MISSION COMMITTEE MEETING-Prayer Room.
- TUE - 6:00 PM: HIGH SCHOOL GIRL'S BIBLE STUDY.
- 6:45 PM: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING.
- 7:00 PM: PRAISE TEAM PRACTICE.
- 7:30 PM: CONSISTORY MEETING.
- WED - 6:00 AM: MEN'S BIBLE STUDY WILL NOT MEET-Led by Pastor Andy-Prayer Room.
- 7:00 PM: WORSHIP PLANNING MEETING-at Nearpass' home.
- FRI - 7:30 PM: ARABIC PRAYER MEETING-Room 101.
- SAT - 2:30 PM: PRAISE TEAM PRACTICE.

NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 2013:

- ❖ WE CONTINUE our study in the book of Colossians. Pastor Andy will bring the message, from Colossians 1:15-23.
- ❖ THE SACRAMENT of Infant Baptism will be administered to Peyton Dee Krygier, daughter of Eric & Amy, at the 10:00 AM service. God bless you, Peyton Dee.

COMING SOON

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 we will recognize Labor Day with “*Come As You Work Sunday*”.

ELDERS' MEETING, Tuesday, *September 3*, 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.

ELDER MEET & GREET POTLUCK, Sunday, *September 8*, 12:00 PM following the morning service. Watch for more details.

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

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

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

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

- ❖ OUR “SHUT IN's OF THE WEEK” are *Annette Tempco; *Jeanne Brown. Send a card, give them a call or give them a visit to let them know they are missed.

A BIG THANK YOU to my Grace Church Family for the wonderful gifts and Reception given to me for my 25th Anniversary of working for my Church. God has blessed me in so many ways and I pray that he will continue as I do His work. Deb (& Dale) Hoekstra.

THANK YOU to my Grace Church Family for all the prayers, cards and visits as I was recovering from injuries from a fall. Gerald & Joan Witvoet.

TO THE VEENSTRA'S & GRACE REFORMED CHURCH, On behalf of my church, 1st United Methodist Church, Griffith, IN, I Thank you for the bag of stamps cut and ready to send to the Marion Mission Storehouse. I'm always happy when the stamps are ready to go! Sincerely, Renee Jones.

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

GRACE CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENTION ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS and/or parents, please contact the Church Office (708-474-0180) with your College mailing address by *August 28* or as soon as you know what it is, so that we can keep in contact with you while you are away at College.

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, 708-895-4018 or Roxanne Ratkovich 708-474-2465. 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.

GRACE KID'S CHILDREN CHURCH TEAM is looking for 4-6 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.

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

"ANGEL ACADEMY" a Preschool Ministry of First Reformed Church of Lansing, still has some openings for this year's, 9-month Program which begins *September 3, 2013* and ends *May 22, 2014*. If you or someone you know is looking for a faith-based, loving preschool program for their 3, 4, or 5 year olds, please give us a call at 808-895-6671. We will have an Open House on Saturday, *August 24*, from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM along with First Reformed Church for their Free Community Picnic...Free food, Fun for all ages, bouncy house, train rides etc...Working together to share the love of Jesus...Kathy VanderHeyden.

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.

THE MEN OF A-CHORD CHORUS was started in 1953 by a group of Christian men who shared the joy of singing. Today our extended family is composed of Christian men of various ages and in all walks of life. It is our privilege to bring God's praises in song to various venues throughout the Chicago land area and the surrounding states. We would like to invite men who enjoy singing to join us as we begin our 60th year as a chorus. We rehearse every Wednesday night in the Ozinga Chapel at Trinity Christian College. If you would like more information, check out our website at www.menofachord.org or contact Al Huizinga 708-429-7814.

THE HARVEST THRIFT CENTER, located in Calumet City and operating on behalf of Calvin Christian and Lansing Christian Schools is in great need of register help, back door assistance, and in store furniture department personnel to fill recent volunteer vacancies. If you have a heart for Christian Education, and would be able and willing to join us in this ministry, please call Dan or Terri at 708-868-6150. Three hour shifts or all day shifts – it's up to you! Store Hours: Tuesday-Friday, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM & Saturday 10:00 AM-3:00 PM. Blessings and Thanks!