

## GRACE TO YOU

### A Weekly Newsletter of Grace Reformed Church, Lansing, IL

#### WEEK OF JULY 21, 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 - 6:00 PM: HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BIBLE STUDY – Room 101.

- 7:00 PM: PRAISE TEAM PRACTICE.

FRI - 7:30 PM: ARABIC PRAYER MEETING.

SAT - 2:30 PM: PRAISE TEAM PRACTICE.

## **REFUGE NEW YORK MISSION TRIP**

**JULY 27—AUGUST 3**

## **HURRICANE SANDY RECOVERY WORK**

### **NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 28, 2013:**

- ❖ **PASTOR RAOUF BOULOS**, will bring the message. Pastor Raouf has served as Grace's Arabic Pastor and will continue as a Volunteer Staff Member to this ministry. He is currently raising support with i2-Ministries, which ministers globally to reach Muslims in the Middle East and North Africa. A Special Offering will be taken for Pastor Raouf's support in the i2-Ministries. Checks can be made payable to Grace Reformed Church with Pastor Raouf's name in the memo. Plan to hear how the Lord can use you in this ministry.

### **YOUTH GROUP NEWS**

**REFUGE** (a ministry to students in high school). **Summer Mission Trip**, to New York, Hurricane Sandy Recovery Work, *July 27-August 3*.

**ROCK** (a ministry to students in middle school grades 6-8).

**For more information on ROCK or REFUGE contact Pastor Dennis**

### **GRACE CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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!

**DID YOU KNOW** you can personally make an **eternal difference** in the life of someone in South America? You'll have the opportunity to do this at the **2013 Illiana Retreat**, hosted by Bible League Volunteers will be Friday, *September 20*, at Bethel Church in Crown Point, IN. This unique retreat is open to anyone looking for a great spiritual experience. Guest Speaker, Julie Ann Barnhill, delivers hilarious "sanctified sarcasm" and authentic confessions coupled with rock solid confidence and knowledge in Biblical truth. A concert at 7:15 PM will be performed by the Taylors, a gifted family Gospel Group from North Carolina proclaiming their salvation through the ministry of Gospel Music. Contact Lois VanderPol by *September 6* for more information and to make reservations.

**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.

**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. Please contact the Church Office in advance for any Flyer Publication.

## **CONGREGATIONAL CARE**

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

- ❖ **OUR "SHUT IN's OF THE WEEK"** are **\*Jim Franczek Please Note-Jim's Birthday-July 22**; **\*Nancy Illo -(Please Note-Nancy's Birthday-July 28)**; **\*Jeanne Brown**; Send a card, give them a call or give them a visit to let them know they are missed.

**SABBATICAL CONNECTION:** “...*One reason I must stay here is that when the children come in the morning, I must teach them ‘God is’. At night you teach them ‘God is not’. Deep in your hearts you know God is. This is my battle with you. Like you, I am a revolutionary; and like you, I have no fear of man. I came a long way to teach ‘faith in God’. No one can persuade me to give up the battle.*” (quoted from page 57-58, *God Guides*.) Additional “*God Guides*” books are available on the table in the Fellowship Hall.

**CAMP MANITOQUA STAFF PRAYER PARTNERS:** Scott Harper & Calvin Rutherford, two of Grace Church’s Members, will serve this summer as Manitoqua Staff. Letters, emails and care packages are great encouragements throughout the summer.

**WE REJOICE WITH** Bobby & Shelly Sons on the birth of a son, Robert Frederick III. Robert was born on Friday, *July 12*. Congratulations to Bobby, Shelly, Kenedy & the Sons Families.

### **OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**“OUT WITH THE OLD AND IN WITH THE NEW!”** **The Harvest Thrift Center** will be changing over from their spring/summer assortment of clothing to their fall/winter styles on Monday, *August 19*. Volunteers are always welcome and much appreciated! The fun begins at 9:00 AM with a light lunch served around noon. Questions? Call the store at 708-868-6150. We really hope to see you! As always, thanks for your support of Calvin Christian School and Lansing Christian School!

### **PASS EVENTS:**

- ❖ **PASS VOLUNTEERS**-Learn how you can be a volunteer. Join us the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month for PASS Monthly Volunteer Tour, 7:00 PM-8:30 PM at our Tinley Park Center, 17214 Oak Park Ave., Tinley Park, IL. For more information or the RSVP call 708-614-9777 or at [www.helppass.org](http://www.helppass.org).
- ❖ **PASS QUARTERLY PRAYER VIRGIL**-Next Prayer Vigil will take place on Friday, *August 16*, 6:00 PM-Midnight at our South Holland Center.