

GRACE TO YOU

A Weekly Newsletter of Grace Reformed Church, Lansing, IL

WEEK OF JULY 28, 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: 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, AUGUST 4, 2013:

- ❖ **IS COMMUNION SUNDAY:** Please prepare your hearts and souls this week as we come to the Lord's Table.
- ❖ **REFUGE STUDENTS & LEADERS** will give testimonies on their Mission Trip to New York.
- ❖ **PASTOR ANDY** returns from Sabbatical and will bring the message.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

REFUGE (a ministry to students in high school).

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

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** -**(Please Note-Jim's Birthday-July 22)**; ***Nancy Illo** -**(Please Note-Nancy's Birthday-July 28)**; ***Carol DeHaan**; Send a card, give them a call or give them a visit to let them know they are missed.

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

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.

JUNE ELDER, CONSISTORY, DEACON NEWS

ELDER:

1. Approved the request for membership by letter of transfer from St. John Lutheran Church for Tom Ruble. Member Reception *July 21*.
2. Reviewed the membership rolls with action taken on one member.

CONSISTORY:

1. Approved to have the Thanksgiving & Christmas Offerings designated for Renae Kooy's support as missionary to Life in Messiah with a minimum of \$2,500. Support for Renae for the 2014-2015 Budget will be recommended at \$2,500.
2. Approved the Consistory Officers as: Glenn Spoolstra, Vice President; David Bult, Consistory Clerk, Abimael Duran, Deacon Chairman, Dennis Ratkovich, Assistant Deacon Chairman, Brian Tiemens, Church Administration & Mission Treasurer, Joe Casson, Assistant Church Administration & Mission Treasurer, Scott Edburg, Deacon Secretary.
3. Approved the recommendation to cancel July Consistory Meeting.
4. Approved the recommendation to look into outreach opportunity at Oak Glen School and to select a point person.
5. Approved the Executive Committee recommendation to honor Debra Hoekstra for 25 years of service as Church Custodian.

DEACON:

June Receipts: General Fund: \$27,513.84; Mission Fund: \$1,045; LRP: \$57.50; Grace Beyond Borders Garage Sale - \$1,339; Bert Brown Memorials (Mission Fund) - \$300; Vacation Bible School Offering (Children's Hunger Fund) - \$245.32; Total General & Mission Funds: \$28,858.84; Designations: \$1,641.82; Budget to Actual comparison: -\$7,746.26

NEW YORK MISSION TRIP

July 27-August 3, 2013

**PLEASE KEEP THESE STUDENTS & LEADERS
IN YOUR PRAYERS AS THEY DO GOD'S WORK
THIS WEEK IN NEW YORK.**

PRAY THAT GOD USES THEM IN A MIGHTY WAY!

STUDENTS:

*Abaco Peters, Amanda Montalbano, Amber Edburg,
Britney Krusza, Brittany Novak, Cassie Winters,
Chris Rodriguez, Emily Dykema, Jaime Callahan,
John Reedy, Krista Bozacki, Lauren Starceovich,
Levi Gonzalez, Malachi Farley, Nengi Obamanu,
Samantha Vorroyer, Sarah Hoekstra, Sarah McGrady,
Sean Parsons, Tammy Ahearn, Ariel Warren,
Cassidy Creighton, Grayson Volz, Kenny Alderden,
Kyle Drenth, Leah Medema, Morgan Limback,
Alex Ashton, Billy Gerstner, Cameron Crosby,*

*Emily Leiner, EmmaLee Lester, Irene Jimenez,
John Guydon, Kady Diallo, Katie Heard,
Kelley Walsh, Lily Eitzen, Marty Jansma,
Riley Parsons, Sam Bult, Sarah Medema,
Sierra Pilackas, Stuart Volz, Taylor Unger,
Alyssa Greely, Bianca Mendoza,
Hanna Glinski, Simeon Black*

LEADERS:

*Lori Bult, Shannon Hahn, Renae Kooy,
Loren Mora, Nicole Spangler,
Ken Bultema, Dennis Colton, Jose Mora*

**MISSION TRIP REPORTS WILL BE GIVEN
SUNDAY, AUGUST 4, 10:00 AM**

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

"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 2nd 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.
- ❖ PASS QUARTERLY PRAYER VIRGIL-Next Prayer Vigil will take place on Friday, *August 16*, 6:00 PM-Midnight at our South Holland Center.

