GRACE TO YOU

A Weekly Newsletter of Grace Reformed Church, Lansing, IL WEEK OF JULY 7, 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.

- 4:30 PM: VISITATION TEAM MEETING.

TUE - 6:00 PM: HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BIBLE STUDY - Room 101.

-7:00 PM: PRAYER MEETING.

- 7:00 PM: PRAISE TEAM PRACTICE.

FRI - 7:30 PM: ARABIC PRAYER MEETING.

SAT - 2:30 PM: PRAISE TEAM PRACTICE.

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

SPECIAL CLASSIS MEETING TODAY Sunday, July 7, at 2:00 PM, at the First Reformed Church of Wichert to install their new minister, Rev. Randy Knoll. All Classis Members are invited to arrive 15 minutes early to sign in and spend some moments in prayer for Rev. Knoll. Please check in with Rich Bawinkel if you are in attendance. Thank You.

NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 7, 2013:

❖ WE CONTINUE OUR SERIES, "Against The Grain". Are you salt and light in your community? Living differently can be hard. Going "against the grain" of culture can create friction. Pastor Dennis will lead us through God's Word showing us that by following God's promises, and not culture's lies, we can be renewed and then the world can experience God's restoring power. "Am I now trying to win the approval of men, or of God? Or am I trying to please men, I would not be a servant of Christ." Galatians 1:10.

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); *Annette Tempco; Send a card, give them a call or give them a visit to let them know they are missed.
- **SABBATICAL CONNECTION:** I woke in the early morning with the thought: "Perfect love casts out fear." Love your neighbors. "Great is Thy Faithfulness, Lord, unto me; Morning by morning, new mercies I see." (quoted from page 43, 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. You can sign up to pray for them a week during the summer. **Weeks remaining are** *July 7 & July 14*. Letters, emails and care packages are also great encouragements throughout the summer. Sign up on the sheet posted on the North Entrance Bulletin Board **TODAY**!!!

GRACE CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **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.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

HARVEST THRIFT CENTER is looking for SUMMER HELP! Just like last summer we are looking for our high school & College age Students to give us a helping hand while some of our regular volunteers go on summer vacation. If you would be able and willing to help out, please give us a call 708-868-6150. Store hours: Tuesday-Friday-9:00 AM-3:00 PM & Saturday-10:00 AM-3:00 PM. We'd love to have you join us in our ministry.

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.