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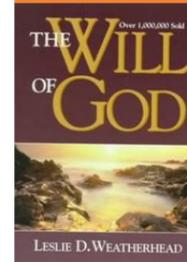
# GRACE NOTES

A Communications Ministry of Grace United Methodist Church

**Building Up the Church  
 to the Glory of God**  
*Ephesians 4:12*

**September 2008**

## October Men's Event Ponders *The Will of God*



In 1944, the Rev. Leslie Weatherhead wrote a book based on five sermons he delivered to his London congregation, entitled *The Will of God*. Written amidst the horrors of the second world war, Weatherhead's book is as relevant today as it was then, as we humans are never free of sorrow, loss, and the inevitable "why's?" of life. Why, poses Weatherhead, was a woman's boy killed in a raid on Berlin? Must she accept it as the will of God, or was it the will of Hitler's evil enemy forces? And if the doctor had made it to her son's side in time, would he have been able to save the boy and, thus, outwit the will of God? Weatherhead's candid recognition of the confusion brought about by the question, "what is God's will?" and his distinction among the three components of God's will (the intentional will of God; the circumstantial will of God; and the ultimate will of God) have helped millions to better understand the



phrase "the will of God," to discern it, and to trust that wherever we are, God will show us where to go next. On Friday, October 24, Grace's Fellowship of Christian Men will present their final quarterly meeting of the year in the form of a Men's Event open to the community, focusing on the question of God's will as it is presented in Weatherhead's classic book. Leading the evening will be Keynote Speaker Rev. Timothy Casey, pastor of Good Shepherd United Methodist Church in Bartlett, IL, who knows a thing or two about the question "why." In 1998, with hopes of becoming a full member of the United Methodist Church's Northern Illinois Conference, Rev. Casey suffered a devastating automobile accident which left him para-

lyzed from the waist down. Because of Rev. Casey's relationship with God (which began when he was a teenager struggling with an unstable home life), he was able to look beyond his condition and see where God would lead him. Three years later, the Conference recognized Rev. Casey's ordination in the Church of the Nazarene, and he was made a full member of the NIC. Rev. Casey and his wife of 24 years, Becky, have three children. "God has blessed us beyond measure," says Casey. "He has seen us through the crisis of my disability." *The 2008 Men's Event is sponsored by Grace, Community and Wesley United Methodist Churches of Naperville, Grace Fellowship of Christian Men, and the Grace Evangelism Ministry.*

### MEN'S EVENT

- **When:** Friday, Oct. 24, 2008, 6:00-9:30 p.m.
- **Where:** Grace United Methodist Church
- **Featuring:** Keynote Speaker Rev. Timothy Casey; catered dinner from El Burrito Loco; break-out discussion groups; free copy of *The Will of God* (get yours in the Grace, Community or Wesley UMC office). Note: you do not have to read the book to attend this event, but it's a very short read (only 85 pages!) and is included in the price of the event.
- **Cost:** \$20 per person on or before October 19; \$25 after Oct. 19
- **Registration/payment:** Fill out a registration brochure (mailed to men of Grace or found in the Grace, Community or Wesley UMC office) and drop it off with your payment, or register online at: [www.peopleofgrace.org](http://www.peopleofgrace.org) (payment cannot be made online); walk-ins welcome.
- **Free childcare:** Reserve by October 19 with Margaret Harrison (630-355-1748)



Rev. Timothy Casey will be the Keynote Speaker of the October 24 Men's Event, offering an inspiring presentation based on *The Will of God*



Photos courtesy of Dick Trondsen

**The Men's Event is open to all men of the community...  
 Invite your friends, neighbors, co-workers, family members!**

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# Pastor's Journal

## Raising Up the Church Family

This fall is an exciting time for Grace. Through the planning of the Church Council, Grace is setting off on its renewed vision as a Family Church. We have a plan for a renewed and revitalized ministry among families with young children. As a church for the whole family, we have extensive ministries for all ages. But right now, our ministry with young families needs reinvestment to keep the whole family healthy.

Grace will renew, restore and reinvigorate our ministry with Children and Families by:

- Renewing our Youth Ministry program with a new youth leader
- Restoring our Sunday School program with increased teacher recruitment and support
- Reinvigorating our Family Ministry with a focus on small group ministry and programs for families with young children

Howie Snyder, our new youth pastor, is settling in, getting to know everyone and connecting with kids and their families. Margaret Harrison, our Director of Christian Education, is working with a planning group headed by Lisa Churchill to strategize renewed programs for children and their families. Church Council is planning for the development of a new ministry focused on involving families in small groups for discipleship and community.

Worship at Grace this fall to share in the joy of renewed spirit and life!

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Bob's "Journals" also appear in Positively Naperville

### Church Council UPDATE By John Bodine, Church Council Chair

We welcome Grace members back to a new Grace Church year, with expectations of exciting developments as we move toward a Family Ministry emphasis for Grace! During the summer, we completed the search for and hiring of a new Youth Minister, bringing Rev. Howie Snyder and his wife and four children into the family of Grace. Howie started in August and will complement and supplement the growing programs for youth that were developed over 2007-2008.

We also completed a study on Children's

Education, sponsored by Church Council and focused on what steps we can take to energize and revitalize the Children's Education program at Grace. Committee members included Lisa Telomen, Margaret Harrison, Bob Plummer, Lynn Leitzen, Karen Olson, Julie Utter, Julie Strang, Julie Coley, Christine Ryan, Leslie Stapleton, and Lisa Churchill (Chair). Recommendations for improvement were strongly endorsed by Church Council and include an emphasis on increasing dedicated staff for Children's Ministry, improvements on com-

munications for Sunday School programs for parents and volunteers, more direct coordination and support for teachers, and a plan to incorporate some innovations triggered by observing programs at several local area churches. The Children's Education Committee has agreed to regroup later this month to assess the broader scope of "Children's Ministry" at Grace and collect benchmark data again from other local area churches.

Requirements for moving forward with a Family Ministry focus have been fac-

tored into staffing plans for 2008-2009, in order to bolster Children's and Youth programs, and budgeting implications have been estimated. To supplement our existing Grace ministries with the Family Ministry emphasis, we'll be targeting a total budget of \$1.7M, a 7.3% increase over 2008. Our Stewardship Campaign will include a look back at our heritage of family focus as well as what we're doing now and where we're heading. We'll need your support! We're looking forward to a great year for Grace!

## Flu Clinic

Sunday, October 5  
9am-12pm at Grace

Ward off the flu this season—get your vaccines and stay healthy!

### Flu vaccine \$25

Available to anyone age 9 and over; minors do not need a note from their MD this year.

### Pneumonia vaccine \$35

Available to anyone over 50, but if you have had a pneumonia vaccine within the past five years, you must have a note from your MD. Medicare will pay for this vaccine if it's been more than five years since your last vaccine.

### TDAP \$45

(Tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis or "whooping cough") Available to anyone aged 11-64

The Flu Clinic will take place in the Activity Center lounge or Room 250; numbers will be given out beginning at 8:30 a.m. No shortage of flu vaccine is expected this year.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Comprehensive church announcements appear weekly in "Grace in Mission," our Sat./Sunday bulletin insert, and online at [www.peopleofgrace.org](http://www.peopleofgrace.org).

### "Come to Me" Grief Group

The next "Come to Me" ChristCare small group for those grieving the loss of a loved one is Monday, **September 15**, 7:00 p.m. at Grace (room TBA). Please contact Rev. Carol Madalin at 630-355-1748, ext. 246, for further information.

### Disciple Classes, Sisters Bible Studies Begin This Month

Disciple II, III and "Jesus in the Gospels" all begin Monday, **Sept. 15**, 7:00-8:30 p.m. "Christian Believer" begins Thursday, **Sept. 18**, 9:30-11:00 a.m. Please see information and registration forms in the Activity Center on Sundays, or contact Margaret Harrison at 630-355-1748, ext. 241. Monday afternoon Sisters Bible Study kicks off with a salad potluck in Fellowship Hall on Monday, **Sept. 15**, 12:00 p.m. Contact Lisa Telomen to register for Sisters if you can't make the potluck. A Beth Moore Study, "Living Beyond Yourself," begins Wednesday, **Sept. 24**, 7-9:00 p.m. Contact Sandy Bray at 630-420-0923 or [braysnap@aol.com](mailto:braysnap@aol.com) to register for Beth Moore.

### New Member Class

The next new member class for those wishing to join Grace Church is Sunday, **September 21**, 10:50am-2:00pm, including lunch. Contact Rev. Carol Madalin at 630-355-1748, ext. 246.

### September Book Group

This month's book group meets on Wednesday, **September 24**, 12:45 p.m., in the home of JoAnn Stuart. We'll discuss *Sin in the Second City*, by Karen Abbott.

### Healing Flow Yoga

Rev. Adrienne Ann Ilseman is leading three yoga series this fall. *Move Free Yoga* meets Monday evenings (new class!), 7:00-8:15 p.m., in four series: **Sept. 8-29** Back Care Basics \$40; **Oct. 6-27** Hip and Hamstring Opener \$40; **Nov. 4-17** Gentle Yoga for Stress Relief \$30; **Dec. 1 & 8** Restorative Yoga \$20. *Yoga Praise!* Meets Tuesday evenings, 7:00-8:15 p.m., in three series: **Sept. 2-Oct. 7** \$60; **Oct. 14-Nov. 18** \$60; **Dec. 2 & 9** \$20; *Sunrise Yoga* meets Thursday mornings, 6:30-7:30 a.m., in three series: **Sept. 4-Oct. 9** \$48; **Oct. 16-Nov. 20** \$48; **Dec. 4 & 11** \$16. Register for any of these series with Rev. Carol Madalin at 630-355-1748, ext. 246; drop-ins welcome (\$10 per 60-min. session; \$12 per 75-min. session).

### Adult Youth Ministry Retreat!

If you're an adult interested in working with our youth (grades 6-12), we're planning a weekend "Vision of Grace Youth Ministry" leadership training retreat at Shallowbrook Farm near Peoria some time this fall. Contact Youth Pastor Howie Snyder at 630-355-1748, ext. 239, or [howie.snyder@gmail.com](mailto:howie.snyder@gmail.com) or Gaye Lynn Loufek at [rglbhl@aol.com](mailto:rglbhl@aol.com) and let us know of your interest and availability.

### Career Transition Workshop Begins Early Next Month

The next Career Transition Workshop will meet Saturday mornings, 8:00-10:00 a.m., **October 4-November 22**, at Grace. For job seekers and career decision makers of all ages (college grads, too!), this workshop provides practical, down-to-earth information integrated with scriptural insight. Sponsored by Grace Fellowship of Christian Men and taught by career consultant Dr. Robert Parker, this 8-week series uses a tested curriculum developed by professional career consultant and executive coach Dave Cox. Registration bro-

### Prayer Shawl Gathering

Saturday, October 11  
9:00am-12:00pm at Grace

Grace is hosting a community-wide Prayer Shawl Gathering for prayer shawl ministry members around the community and those wishing to start a prayer shawl ministry. This will be a special time of knitting, crocheting, fellowship and sharing; please bring your knitting or crocheting to work on while we gather, a special story to share with the group, shawl samples, and copies of patterns to share. If you belong to another prayer shawl ministry, please bring any literature you use to market your group. We'll have light refreshments, door prizes, and lots of fun! Contact the church office at 630-355-1748 to RSVP and Pam Riley at 630-355-1748, ext. 229, with any further questions. Join us!

chures are available in the church office or Activity Center. Call or e-mail Dr. Parker at 630-717-6050 or [rparker@enablingsi.com](mailto:rparker@enablingsi.com) with questions.

### Harvest Home October 8 (see page 5) Nat'l Depression Screening Day Oct. 10

Visit [www.samaritancenter.org](http://www.samaritancenter.org) for a free, anonymous, confidential depression screening with immediate results/referral.

### First Concert Series Event Oct. 18

Our new Grace Concert Series debuts with the acclaimed Advent Chamber Orchestra playing the music of Brahms and Vivaldi on Saturday, **October 18**, 7:30 p.m., at Grace. Concert also features guest cellist Stephen Balderstein of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. Tickets are \$22 for adults, \$18 for seniors and \$10 for students. Watch for details regarding reduced season tickets rates. Contact Dan Wagner at 630-355-1748, ext. 232, or [danwagner@peopleofgrace.org](mailto:danwagner@peopleofgrace.org) for ticket or concert series information.

### CROP Walk October 19 (see page 5)

### Men's Event October 24 (see page 1)

### Youth Wii Night!

Youth in grades 6-12, join us in Room 234 Friday, **October 24**, for food, fun and Wii!

### Save the Date: "Celebrate the Season" Women's Event December 3!

## ROUND OUT YOUR LIFE!

Join our circle of worship every Saturday evening, 5:30 p.m., in the Activity Center. Informal, intimate worship style, weekly communion, family time, and original music from singer/songwriter Vickie Wagner.

(And sleep in Sunday morning!)

The deadline for October Grace Notes news is:

**Monday, September 29**

Grace Notes is published for the members and friends of Grace United Methodist Church. Submit news to Barb Ceruti via e-mail at [gumcnotes@peopleofgrace.org](mailto:gumcnotes@peopleofgrace.org); phone at 630-355-1748, ext. 240; or drop off news in the church office, ATTN: Barb

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## Donations Target Kenyan Needs

By Betty Long

In late May, the Grace Questors Class donated funds to Seeds of Grace, Julie Utter and Annette Swanson's initiative to empower families with vulnerable children and orphans in Kenya with education, shelter and proper nutrition. In short order, Seeds of Grace wired the money to the Miriam Kanana Mubichi Memorial Fund (MKMF), where it was moved into action.

### Clinic Treats Children

On July 12, the MKMF held a free medical clinic at a school in one of Meru's poorest areas, suffering from poor sanitary and nutritional conditions. They treated 1,400 people, mostly children aged 6-13. A case review showed that most had upper respiratory and skin infections. They were seen by 80 volunteer medical professionals, including 30 medical students. The MKMF had previously solicited and received anti-malarial drugs from two drug companies, but the Questors' donation allowed them

to purchase much-needed antibiotics.

### Making African Connections

Beginning in 2002, when Questors got to know Florence Mubichi during her studies in the States and attendance at Grace, Florence opened our eyes to both the magnitude of the problems in Kenya, Africa, and the individual people working to make a difference there. When the problems are so great, there is a tendency to think, "We can do nothing of significance, so why bother?" Florence showed us examples of how little things can mean a lot, and Questors have been channeling donations to Kenya ever since. In addition, Florence's friendship with Grace members Annette and Julie inspired them to establish Seeds of Grace in order to keep the network of support growing.

### You Can Help!

Looking forward, MKMF has identified some specific needs. MKMF is only one of three community-based Kenyan organizations that Seeds of Grace supports. We know the needs are great, and—with help



Kenyan children and adults wait to register for treatment at the MKMF Clinic.

from God and His people—they will be met little by little. A donation of a prescription may not seem like much to us, but what a difference it makes to a child with persistent open skin sores now healed!

Thanks to Seeds of Grace for providing a reliable conduit to positive change! Visit [www.seedsofgracesite.org](http://www.seedsofgracesite.org), or contact Julie Utter (630-922-4157) or Annette Swanson (630-420-9638) to offer your support.

### "Letters of Thanks" continued from page 5...

want to do a little something for us—listen to those "God thoughts" and do something kind and nice, or just greet someone who needs you.

Our Love in Christ Jesus,

—Darlene Noerenberg, Gail Ranville, Dan and Al Noerenberg

Dear Church Friends,

We thank you again for all of your assistance and support over the past year and especially at the time of our son Eric's services. Your prayers, sympathy, cards, gifts and your attendance at the services were so wonderful. Please know how important and needed your ministry has been to us. We are so thankful that your care for us continues, because we certainly need it. We are looking for ways to keep Eric's memory alive. Early this month, we established the Eric Plummer Memorial Fund within the Grace United Methodist Church Foundation. It will be for the benefit of the Praise worship music that was so meaningful to Eric. Many of you have asked "How are you doing?" Well, we are doing the best we can. This is a very rough time. At times we feel anguished and at times we feel sad. We are so fortunate to have the support of all of you and of our church. Better days will come and we look forward to them.

Love in Christ and Blessings,

—Bob and Donna Plummer

Dear Grace Church Family,

My sincere thanks to all of the Grace Church community who expressed their concern in regard to my wife, Duchy. Those many thoughts and prayers you offered gave me peace and hope for the future. It is not easy to lose my dearest friend and companion. Despite my sadness, I am finding the strength through your compassion to remain thankful, celebrate Doris's life, and know that her spirit is ever present and surrounds us. I hope that you also continue to go forward in love and friendship, knowing the Word of Christ dwells within and fosters faith. Doris, I know, would want her life to have strengthened our love, our friends, and our faith. All your prayers and concerns were so helpful, for which I am forever grateful.

—Mel Storm and Family

## Animal Attraction!

Grace Notes has a new feature—your favorite animal photos! Every month, we'll feature a photo of your pet (or a friend's, family member's, etc.) or cool animal shot taken by you or someone you know (no internet downloads or otherwise "anonymous" animal photos, please). E-mail them to [gumcnotes@peopleofgrace.org](mailto:gumcnotes@peopleofgrace.org) or drop them in the church office to be scanned (originals will be returned to the owner). Please include the animal's name (if applicable), your name, and where the photo was taken, if possible.

This month, we're starting with the King of the animal world, the male lion, taken by Pastor Bob Atkins on safari in South Africa this summer. It can only go down the food chain from here, but all creatures great and small, the Lord God made them all!



## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRIES by Margaret Harrison

As we embark upon

a new season of children, youth and adult Christian education and a renewed emphasis on Children's and Family Ministries, it is fitting to look at not only what we do in Christian Education Ministries, but why we do it. As a faith community, we are asked at each baptism, "Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these persons now before you in your care?" Our answer is "With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround these persons with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life."

Christian Education Ministries help each one of us to grow in our faith. The lessons and ex-

periences help us to develop faith foundations, to know the Bible and our faith traditions, to relate to God and the church, and to relate faith to daily living.

A child's faith develops by interacting with adults of faith. Our curriculum at Grace is based on a relationship-building faith journey, which helps children develop a personal connection to God as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. The friendships among children and the bonds between parents, leaders and children help in forming these faith foundations. These experiences begin with infants and toddlers and continue through adulthood. We all need to be in a place where we feel safe and able to develop and express our own identity. We need to be with loving, caring adults who help us experience trust and acceptance. We need to be with adults who are comfortable talking about their faith and who live out their faith.

Hearing words and stories from the Bible helps children learn these stories and our faith traditions. After hearing the Bible stories, children are encouraged to apply that story and faith experience to their everyday life. They also have opportunities to join with others in praising and thanking God, to develop a sense of belonging at church and as a child of God, and to ask questions about God, life, death, and crisis. Children need to see evidence that God is important in the daily lives of caring adults. They need to participate in service projects appropriate to their age levels and abilities. They need to be reminded that God expects us to love everyone, including our enemies.

Our Christian Education Ministry Team seeks to facilitate the spiritual formation of all of our Grace members, families, and friends, through Bible study, study of our faith traditions and sacraments, prayer, and singing. We also encourage use of

multi-sensory activities, crafts, meals, and sharing in service projects and fun events together.

While children's Christian Education takes place primarily on Sunday mornings, classes for adults take place at different times during the week as well as on Sunday mornings. Check out the listings in our weekly announcements (*Grace in Mission*) and this newsletter for times and dates convenient for you. On the welcome table at the back of the sanctuary, you will also find our Adult Education brochure and our Women's Ministries brochure.

The Christian Education Ministry Team meets the first Tuesday of the month, led by Kathy Bessey, and the Adult Education Committee meets on the second Tuesday, beginning in October, led by Leslie Rogers. If you have questions or would like to be part of either of these ministry teams, please contact the team chair, Margaret Harrison, or Pastor Lisa.

## Junior High Students "Love Out Loud" During Speedy Week in Indy by Barb Ceruti

"When I think of Indianapolis, two adjectives quickly come to mind—loud and fast!" said Gaye Lynn Loufek, a coordinator for Grace's junior high mission trip to Indianapolis July 27-August 1. Those are fitting words for a mission dubbed "Love Out Loud," not only because of Indy's famous speedway, but, more significantly, because God wants us to love others through our acts of kindness. "Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth" (1 John 3:18). Grace youth and adults, 29 in all, were assigned to different worksites, doing different tasks, and "God's work shined in all of them," said Gaye Lynn. They painted, worked with small children and youth in Boys' and Girls' Clubs, built fences, helped in soup kitchens, and planted peace gardens. In one garden, a local couple recognized flowers that were transplanted from their former church,



Indianapolis 2008

Photo courtesy of Cheryl Ameiss

now slated for demolition. "My wife and I planted those irises 30 years ago," the man noted.

Our group met people from different faiths, cultures and socioeconomic backgrounds and grew in faith as they gave hope to those in the community around them. Shared Doug Leitzen, a first-time trip participant who worked clearing the

yard of an elderly widow named DJ, "DJ was crying tears of joy; she felt so good about what we were doing for her."

For some of our junior high students, it was the first time they'd ever been away from home and family. For more still, it was their first experience opening up about the power of God's love in their lives. According to Doug, it wasn't only the teens who needed to adjust to the new experience. "I'm an accountant," said Doug. "I don't like to be taken out of my comfort zone." But soon into the trip, he too had made new friends, most notably a dad from North Carolina named Ken who beat him (unfairly, joked Doug) in a dance competition! "After the trip, Ken called me up and told me I was part of his church service." Ken had told his congregation about Doug and the work they did together in Indianapolis.

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## Handbells Unite God's People From Around the World

By Cheryl Ameiss

Even though we live in different places, speak different languages and live different lives, we are all God's children. Music is another way we share God's creation, and playing handbells can bring us together from around the world.

The Ameiss family had the honor of going to the International Handbell Symposium August 5-8 in Orlando, FL. There were over 850 bell ringers from 11 areas across the globe: Australia, Canada, Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, New Zealand, Puerto Rico, Singapore, Taiwan, United Kingdom, and the USA. Can you imagine the sound of all those bells ringing together? I can't find the words to describe it.

We were in our own section, as our boys Ben and Nick were invited by one of the directors to join the first Distinctly Teen group ever in the 13th International Handbell Symposium (the symposium meets every two years). There were 10 teen



choirs with about 88 ringers aged 11 to seniors in high school. We were privileged to have been led by two world-renowned directors: Jason Wells, director and founder of Ring of Fire bell choir, and Tim Waugh, international director/clinician and composer. These acclaimed men had a wonderful rapport with the teens, allowing them to improve their playing techniques and sound fantastic together.

Some of the teens volunteered to be on T.V. in the Central Florida area and played a section from one of the most "showy" pieces.

They also helped explain handbells and the many different ways they can be played. Along with others, both Ben and Nick got up at 4:30 a.m. to be a part of this. That says a lot about the excitement these dynamic directors created in these teens!



We came with six pieces of music already learned and ready for "performance." The directors simply added their special techniques to the pieces with the children and worked hard to get them to play together, a difficult feat for handbells. We even learned a brand new technique that we can't wait to share with our Grace bell choir directors! There were three pieces, commissioned by the Symposium Board, that were played jointly by the "adult" group and the DT (Distinctly Teen) group. That amounted to almost 1,000 handbells playing together at once! The DT had its own little concert Friday afternoon and was received by a standing ovation. We then joined the larger group for a joint concert. It was an amazing, "awesome," "cool," "goose bumps on my arm" experience, said the teens.

We thank Grace Church for encouraging us to continue to expand on our talents and abilities. We thank the two choirs who "adopted" Ben and Nick into their choirs for this wonderful week. We thank all the people who "sight read" that very difficult music to help us practice and have the pieces prepared. And, of course, we thank God for giving us safe transportation and wonderful weather. It was an experience we will remember for a lifetime.

IHS will be in Osaka, Japan, in 2010 and in the U.K. in 2012. Here's something to think about: getting one (or more) of our bell choirs there!

## Linking Up to Grace

Just have to say a HUGE "Thank You!" to everyone who helped us to hear, see and feel the Holy Spirit by sharing your testimonies in worship during the month of August: Claire Leitzen, Jay Hruska, Mike Doll, Thatch Irwin, Ben Hutchison, Katie Childers, Julie Kronbach, John Bodine, Mike Ceruti, Merrill Litchfield, Darlene Noerenberg, and Leslie Stapleton. What wonderful stories they told of the Holy Spirit shaping, transforming, teaching and moving us closer to God and others! You were all so inspiring—thank you for sharing so much of yourselves with us, so that we can recognize more

ways that the Holy Spirit may be reaching out to us!

How will you be offering your witness to the love of God in your life? It only grows as we pass it on to others! If it's too scary to put your testimony into words at this point, how about giving it with your hands, feet, and heart? Serve someone in need with your non-verbal talents, and as you continue to share in non-verbal ways, the words will begin to come to you, and certainly your heart will be filled!

Jesus reminds us in Matthew's Great Commission, "Go, my friends, into the world, and be

my witnesses to God's presence and Spirit! Feed my sheep, and as you do unto the least of these who are my family, so you do unto me." Let us continue to witness, in word and deed, making God's Grace available to people in need here in our own Chicago area and around the world. There are many ways to continue to reach out to others through Grace! Please be sure to fill out an "Opportunities to Serve" flyer, available in the church office now, and return it to Pastor Lisa. Also, check out our HOT booklets (bright orange!), and see where you might volunteer with Grace. We're looking to add folks to

our ministry teams now. Please see the article on page 5 in this Grace Notes.

Peace and hugs,

*Rev Lisa E. Telomen*

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"Friendships were made, stories were shared, God's love was exchanged," said Gaye Lynn. "But it went by too fast! We all wanted to stay a bit longer, do a bit more work, and continue to feel what the Holy Spirit brings you when you are working for a common cause, sharing your faith, and growing."



## Harvest Home October 8

Watch for tickets to go on sale soon for this year's Harvest Home Celebration on Wednesday, October 8, in Fellowship Hall. Join us as we celebrate this 100+-year tradition of binding together in love and thankfulness for the bounty that God provides us year after year. Our potluck meal begins at 6:30 p.m., with Grace providing the turkey. We will again honor our 50+-year members as well as our new members, and be entertained by the Grace Youth Chorus. Contact Bill Blake at 630-420-2230 with any questions.

## Ladies in RED?



Pastor Lisa Telomen and Office Manager Phyllis Pepiot have a challenge for the people of Grace: if we can raise \$10,000 or more for our local CROP Walk this year on October 19, they will dye their



hair a loud, shocking, CROP Walk RED! Grace has given \$5,000-\$7,000 in the past to CROP, but we believe our congregation can do more for this organization that raises funds for emergency relief of local, national and global hunger. Sponsor Pastor Lisa, Phyllis, or any of the walkers on our Grace team this year. Susan Marseille, our Grace team organizer, will have sponsor sheets and further information in the Activity Center on Sundays, or you can contact her at 630-717-9374. Our total Grace tally must be at least \$10,000 to "see red"!

## Grace Offers Ample Opportunities to Serve

Our Lay Leadership team is tallying your "Opportunities to Serve" choices, found in the brochures that were handed out in worship on August 24 and August 31, and will be contacting you soon to connect you with the ministry teams you've indicated a desire to serve. If you haven't yet responded, you may pick up a brochure in the office information racks. Following are committees in particular need of extra hands and feet. Contact Pastor Lisa Telomen to serve these or any of our committees:

- **Hunger Committee**—Coordinate and encourage our outreach to Loaves & Fishes, Hesed House, CROP Walk, Heifer, and more.
- **Church & Society**—Help this new outreach of Grace coordinate our efforts to be "green"! Recycle, help with park projects, find other ways to green up our church, community, nation and world!
- **Adult Education**—Connect adults with small groups, study groups, and Sunday School opportunities for Bible study and spiritual growth.
- **Religion & Race**—Work to increase Grace's outreach and education on peace and justice, interfaith, immigration, and cross-cultural exchanges.
- **Health & Wellness**—Help organize health-related screenings, drives, seminars (e.g., blood drives, flu clinics, grief workshops).
- **Children & Family Ministry**—Plan seminars and events for our Grace families for fun and education!
- **Lenten Task Force**—Plan our studies, suppers and worship, engaging all of Grace in preparing for Holy Week and Easter.
- **PATH/Bridge Team**—We need 2-3 adults to train as family mentors assisting a local family in transitional housing.

## GRACE PERSONALS

Sympathies to the Friends & Families of...

**E. Maynard Beal**, retired clergy, Northern Illinois Conference  
**Ammon Bell**, father of Elaine Dugan  
**Donna Bickel**, stepsister of Maggie Hartigan  
**Bob Birkey**, father of Jill Ridder  
**Ruth E. Clark**, mother of Evelyn Clark-Kula  
**Adelyn Cronin**, aunt of Marian Cronin  
**Doralee Herrell**, mother of Charles Spencer  
**Robert Krumwiede**, father of David Krumwiede  
**Lance Corporal Tony Mihalo**, fiancé of Megan Allen  
**Floyd Miller**, father of Brenda Carpenter  
**William Miller**, grandfather of Eric Jungnickel  
**Marvin Ray Niswonger**, uncle of Pastor Don Niswonger  
**Lois Norman**, mother of Carol Lorenzen  
**Emory T. Payne**, father of Jack Payne  
**Susan Pittman**, mother of Eva Gouge  
**Doris Storm**, wife of Mel Storm  
**Hetty Kampinga-Tarbell**, friend of Phyllis Harbach  
**Wayne Webster**, father of Julie Cunningham

## Baptisms

**Andrew Joseph**, son of David and Erin Reicher, was baptized on August 24  
**Riley Robert**, son of Derek and Becky Hull, was baptized on September 7

## Celebrations

**Brady McIlvenna**, son of Beth and Patrick McIlvenna and grandson of Dee and Bob Husbellee, was born on July 24  
**SPC Nick Speaks**, son of Bekki and Reed Hamilton, returned home from his second deployment to Iraq on August 3  
**Graham Michael**, son of Nancy and Mike Nervick and grandson of Sarah and John Reid, was born on August 8  
**Erin Sackett and Jeff Hartman** were married August 8  
**Brittan Brashears and Brent Fatig** were married August 9  
**Christina Davis and Matthew Armbruster** were married August 9  
**Caroline Smith & Vince Reinhardt** were married August 9  
**James Hum and Cameron Howard Price** were inducted into the Eagle Scout Court of Honor and given lifetime memberships in the National Eagle Scout Association on August 10  
**Kristen Morrison and Christopher Elliott** were married August 16  
**Erin Thomas and Brian Orr** were married August 23  
**Shannon Solis & Alan Rutherford** were married August 31  
**Kevin Sean**, son of Barb and Steve McCarthy, was born on September 1

## Letters of Thanks

My Dear Grace Church Family,

To you I say praise the Lord, praise the Lord. How great is His faithfulness, His faithfulness to me and His peace that is awesome. Thank you, Grace Church, for your prayers and comfort and open arms to me and my family. We are so blessed by you and Christ Himself. I know Curly is up in heaven praising God and thanking Him for you. Please continue to uphold us in your prayers. And if you

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