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## 2009 - Newsletter

### *Worship Times*

**Saturday @ 6:00 PM**

**Sunday @ 8:00 & 10:30 AM**

### **November Events:**

**Nov 1** - Reformation Worship @ ALA 4 pm (see insert)  
**Nov 3** - Ladies Aid 7 pm; Board of Education  
**Nov 5 & 6** - AZ/CA Teacher's Conference (no school)  
**Nov 6 & 7** - Girl Pioneer Lock-in  
**Nov 10** - All Meeting night; Boy Pioneers 6:30 - 8:00 pm  
**Nov 12** - ALA Information dinner @ Grace  
**Nov 14** - Phase III & IV - Parish Assistance Seminar 9 am - 4 pm  
**Nov 17** - Church Council 7 pm; Boy & Girl Pioneers 6:30 - 8:00 pm  
**Nov 19** - Moms & Tots 9:00 - 11:00 am; SPC 6:30 pm  
**Nov 20** - Family Game Night @ Grace 6:00 pm  
**Nov 21** - **SUPER SATURDAY #3 - 9 am - 2 pm;**  
**Nov 21-22** - Pioneer Skills Campout  
**Nov 24** - Newsletter assembly 9 am  
**Nov 26** - **Thanksgiving** Worship 9 am (K-8 sing); No school  
**Nov 27** - NO SCHOOL

Sunday School &  
Bible Classes @ 9:30 AM

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**Weekday Bible Classes**

~Tuesday 2:00 PM  
~Wednesday 7:00 PM  
~Wednesday - Public School  
Confirm. Class 6:30 PM  
~Friday 10:00 AM  
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**Every Monday:**

Grace Ringers & Octet 6:15 pm  
Choir 7:00 pm  
Handbells 8:00 pm

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# Grace News

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It's an old commercial. You may need to be over thirty-five to remember it. "American Express. Ownership has its privileges." At the time the commercial was filmed, marketers were sure that being exclusive, having something no one else had, was what every American wanted.

I don't know how successful the campaign was. I know it didn't work for me. I suppose that it probably wouldn't work today either. Western culture is so fickle that it seems to change every few minutes, a roller coaster of ups and downs that keeps me from knowing whether the tie I wear to church will be so wide that I can completely cover the shirt under it or so narrow that I never have to worry if my shoelace breaks.

But not all about this life is so capricious. Here is something that does not change: *But now, this is what the LORD says— he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine.* (Isaiah 43:1)

Ownership may have its privileges; being owned has more. In this second in the series of articles about gospel optimism, a reason for us to be so optimistic about life is that we are owned.

Imagine an athlete who has spent his entire career with a losing organization, finally signing with a winning organization or a musician being

hired to play in a world famous orchestra. What about someone who has tried to make their way as a small business owner, always underfunded, being hired to run a Fortune 500 company? It's a completely different way of looking at life. Instead of being on the bottom, always trying to climb one more rung on the ladder of success, now you are at the top!

It's a heady feeling – like taking your first ride in a hot air balloon, everything looks different from the top.

We are at the top. We are at the top because we were chosen. We are at the top because of the good will (grace!) of someone much greater than we are.

We spend our lives knowing that we have the best that can be had. We do not have any other gods, because the God that owns us is the only God there is. We fear, love, and trust in him above all things.

We will have our lapses. There will be those times when we begin to feel particularly good about ourselves. We will be deluded into thinking that the wisdom of our brains and the muscles in our arms have brought us to where we are. We will have those mutinous feelings that suggest that it could be even better if it was only our own way! We will scandalously forget who we truly are... only to be reminded as we fall on our faces. God's law will convict us once more and with bitter tears we will plead for forgiveness, beg that our former position be restored to us... oh, if only it could be so!

Then our God will apply the salve of shed blood to our wounded souls and heal us. We will lift up our heads again and rejoice that we are loved. How blessed we are! There is no one that could have it any better than this!

Pastor Clark

*Attendance...*

**September CHURCH Attendance**

Sept 5	68	Sept 19	51
Sept 6	305	Sept 20	337
Sept 12	34	Sept 26	51
Sept 13	368	Sept 27	381

Communion Attendance for September was 562.

**September SUNDAY School Attendance**

Date	Adult	Youth	SS
Sept 6	No Class	7	38
Sept 13	86	10	40
Sept 20	107	14	48
Sept 27	117	14	50

**October CHURCH Attendance**

Oct 3	44	Oct 17	46
Oct 4	412	Oct 18	381
Oct 10	26	Oct 24	
Oct 11	358	Oct 25	
		Oct 31	

Communion Attendance for October was 585.

**October SUNDAY School Attendance**

Date	Adult	Youth	SS
Oct 4	68	8	50
Oct 11	83	13	35
Oct 18	100	7	45
Oct 25			

*Membership Changes...*

- (T) Transfer to another WELS Congregation
- (R) Release
- (RM) Removed
- (BIC) Bible Information Class
- (P) Profession of Faith
- (YC) Youth Confirmation

**Membership Changes (in)**

- Scott & Stacey Hill (T)
- Rev. Paul & Beverly Siegler (T)
- Dan Siegler (T)

**Membership Changes (out)**

- Tom & Carolyn Press (T)
- Amy Press (T)
- Ryan Press (T)
- Austin Press (T)
- Mr. & Mrs. Paul Albrecht & family (RM)
- Mr. & Mrs. Kent Carpenter & family (RM)
- Brittney Carpenter (RM)



*Sacred Acts...*



**Michael Korn** and **Jennifer Bales** were united in Holy Matrimony on August 15, 2009.

**Brian Michael Budzien** and **Heather Lynn Thobe** were united in Holy Matrimony on October 10, 2009.

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**Five (5) lessons about the way we treat people**  
*continued*

**4 - Fourth Important Lesson. - The obstacle in Our Path.**



In ancient times, a King had a boulder placed on a roadway. Then he hid himself and watched to see if anyone would remove the huge rock. Some of the King's wealthiest merchants and courtiers came by and simply walked around it. Many loudly blamed the King for not keeping the roads clear, but none did anything about getting the stone out of the way.

Then a peasant came along carrying a load of vegetables. Upon approaching the boulder, the peasant laid down his burden and tried to move the stone to the side of the road. After much pushing and straining, he finally succeeded. After the peasant picked up his load of vegetables, he noticed a purse lying in the road where the boulder had been. The purse contained many gold coins and a note from the King indicating that the gold was for the person who removed the boulder from the roadway.

The peasant learned what many of us never understand! Every obstacle presents an opportunity to improve our condition.

Submitted by,  
Bob Gruetzmacher, Head Elder

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**LUTHERAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – Matt Herbst, Principal**



**Warriors!** - For those of you who do not know, Grace Lutheran School's mascot is a Warrior. We have attempted different logos over the years to portray this and have even had a student dress the part and get the crowd cheering at games. It is a very fitting name that represents even more than just our sports program. Each student, teacher, and parent of Grace really are Warriors. We are Christian Warriors! Ephesians 6:11 says, "**Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.**"

The full armor of God is his almighty, powerful Word. Daily we equip students with the tools needed to take their stand against the devil's traps and temptations. By memorizing Bible passages, reading and applying Bible Stories, and digging deeper and deeper into the mysteries of God, we are giving these Warriors what they need to meet this world and all it brings head on with the trust and promises of a God who has won the ultimate battle.

You too are Warriors! Put on your armor so that you too are prepared!

**Game Night at Grace** – The school will be sponsoring a Game Night at Grace on Friday, November 20 at 6 pm. Bring your favorite board game and be prepared for a night of fun. We'll also have some video game systems hooked up to some of the Smartboards. There is no cost.

**Hot Lunch Program** – Are you looking for a way to be involved in our school? How about donating time to be a hot lunch server? It is really an easy and fun thing to do! Contact Karen Greening for more details on how you can help!

**Recruitment Team** – We are beginning a recruitment team headed up by our Admissions Coordinator, Anna Bebee. We will have very brief meetings once a month and get information out regarding our school to preschools, businesses, and individuals in the community. Would you like to help? Contact Anna at [anna@graceglendale.org](mailto:anna@graceglendale.org).

**Holiday Gift Shop** – Volunteers are needed to help run the Holiday Gift Shop this year. This is an opportunity for kids to shop for their Christmas gifts right here at Grace. This is headed up by Debbie Petersen. A great time is had helping these little kids shop! Contact Debbie if you can help!

**Tuition Assistance** – In order to cover the assistance granted to families, we count on our tuition assistance donations from people like you! Would you like to help a struggling family continue to receive a Christ-centered education? Donate today! You can fill-out an SOS form or just send a check to Grace marked for TAP (Tuition Assistance Program). Thank you!

**Tuition Tax Credit** – If you haven't given your tax credit donation to Grace Lutheran School's Undesignated account, please do so soon! You have until December 31 at midnight. You can make small payments online too if you would like. Check it out at [www.helpfoundationonline.org](http://www.helpfoundationonline.org) or pick-up a donation form on the school table in the narthex.

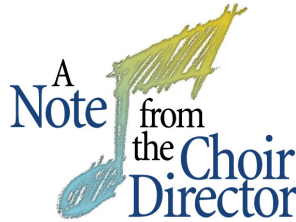
- Upcoming Dates** - November
- Nov. 5-6 No School Teachers' Conference
  - November 12 – ALA Dinner for 8<sup>th</sup> graders
  - November 20 – Family Fun Night
  - November 21 – Volleyball Tournament at ALA
  - November 26-27 – No School Thanksgiving Break
  - November 30-Dec. 2 – Holiday Gift Shop

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**MUSIC NOTES**

**Choir/Handbells/ Men's Octet - Lyle Koch** ♪ ♪ ♪



The wonderful, cooler weather of this month brings to us a reminder that the season of Advent is not far away. The choir has been rehearsing for the annual Celebration of Christmas. Beautiful anthems both new and those that are familiar are being prepared. Sunday, December 13 is the date for this reminder of the Reason for the Season!

Another reminder is the Living Nativity which will be held on Friday and Saturday, December 4 and 5, 7 - 9:30. Watch for announcements and sign up sheets!

Saturday, December 19 the two adult handbell groups will play for Las Noches de las Luminarias at Desert Botanical Gardens 5:30 - 9:30. Look for the groups in Webster Auditorium if you plan to attend.

WELCOME! New Singers sharing choir folders are Karen Greening, Lani Hartzell and Taylor Phillips. It is a joy to sing praises to our Lord with each choir member. Extra folders are waiting for YOU.

On Monday evening there are often 8 couples attending choir rehearsal together. What a great date night and fantastic way to share time together.

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**Stewardship / Deficit Update**

September Regular Offerings:	\$40,830
September budgeted need	\$55,692
<b>September Shortage</b>	<b>(\$14,862)</b>
YTD Regular Offerings:	\$143,820
YTD budgeted need	\$181,000
YTD Offerings Shortage	(\$37,180)
<b>Current Deficit</b>	<b>(\$167,347)</b>
Special Deficit reduction funds received	\$35,890 from leaders + \$38,592 from congregation
Extra Synod Support - Walking Together Funds collected in September	\$490

**News from Japan...**



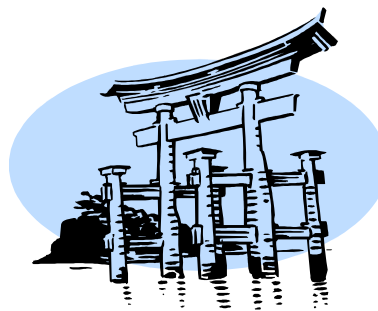
Wow, things have gotten busy since school started! Alex is taking tap classes, and Andrew is taking baton twirling. Both of them wanted to do these things, and they're having fun. Alex will be playing the part of Santa Claus in the recital around Christmastime. Andrew wanted to do baton because it originated in the military with gun drills. There are several other boys in his class that are in baton as well. They both have field trips coming up next week, both going to Oirase Gorge and Lake Towada. Hey, I can chaperone both of them! I hope I can get some better pictures this time.

There was an air show on Misawa Air Base this past weekend. I must have baked around 30 cakes. Cakes are hot sellers here -- the Japanese are crazy about them. I baked cakes for Project Nepal, which is sponsoring a Nepalese child through the 10th grade. I still had several cakes to bake when Dennis came home with 10 more cake mixes for the Top 3 booth. I sure was glad to get all those baked goods out of my house. There was only one fatality. I had to take a break to make supper, but I forgot that there were two cakes in the oven when I turned on the broiler. Well, the top of the cake got a little burned, and then when it started cooling the middle fell. Nothing a little whipped cream can't fix, huh?

I have to get this sent so Alex can use the computer. He is writing a paper on Alexander the Great and needs to do a little more research.

Laura Hamm

*I can do all things through him who gives me strength.*  
Philippians 4:13





**GRACE LADIES AID**

The next Grace Ladies Aid meeting will take place on Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall! All ladies of Grace are invited to attend. We will be electing our new officers for the next two years as well as discussing current business.

The Aid collected small items during the month of October and mailed 9 Goodie Boxes to our out-of-state college students, Adam Greening who is a Marine stationed in Okinawa, and to Rachel Gotschall who is teaching in Chisnau, Republica Moldova. We thank all the Grace members who contributed candy, cookies, supplies, letters of encouragement, gift cards, etc. to make this worthy project a success. Our young members who are so far away from home appreciate your kindness.

We are pleased to report that the LWMS Fall Rally was a great success. We were hostess to over 150 women and men who showed an interest in the mission work that the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society supports. I want to personally thank all the Grace ladies who helped to make the day flow smoothly. The food was delicious. Thank you all for the part you played in making it such an enjoyable experience for everyone!

The Ladies Aid is still in need of several new group co-leaders. If you are good at delegating, this is the job for you! If you would be willing to serve as a co-leader, please call Alice at (623) 937-2010, ext. 301, or email [secretary@graceglendale.org](mailto:secretary@graceglendale.org). Keep in mind that the veteran leaders will still be members of the group and can give guidance to the new leader. We would really appreciate your help!

Alice Thiesfeldt  
President



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