

GRACE NOTES

MARCH 2009



Remember the cups? Are you thinking half empty or half full?

Our Leap of Faith into 2009 will finish the first quarter this month.

How are you doing on your Resolutions? We need your envelopes. 😊

Although January giving did not meet the budget (shortfall of 32%), we are optimistic about the New Year and our Goals. Exciting things continue to happen on a daily basis here at Grace. The weekly bulletins have been full of extra information and ways to stay connected. Spring is right around the corner, and soon we will be heading into the Lenten Season and the Blessings of Easter. Keep the Transition Team in your thoughts and prayers as well as the Nominating Committee. Any help and comments you can give at this time are welcome and appreciated.

To help us all stay focused, we would like to hear your comments or testimonials entitled "What Grace means to Me". We would like to read them at the beginning of Sunday services on a regular basis. If you would like to share your thoughts, write it up, drop it off at the church office, and it will be read. Better yet, you are welcome to read it yourself!! Again, any input you have to share is appreciated.

One last note on the financial side; just a reminder that we offer the option for automatic fund transfer as a great way to stay current with giving. It is set up for a transaction once a month on the 15th or you could also opt for a twice a month transfer if preferred.

Living in Christ. Growing in Grace,
Paula Lammert
Finance Ministry Chair

The Voice

The Voice is a Lenten Chancel Drama Series featuring the “voice of God” in conversation with some people who were witnesses to events surrounding the arrest and crucifixion of Jesus. The Wednesday evening services start at 6:45 and last approximately 45 minutes. Each Wednesday the series focuses on a different witness to the arrest and crucifixion.

Judas

On Wednesday, **March 4**, Judas will start out talking to himself, regretting his betrayal of Jesus. God will answer him, but Judas doesn't quite believe it at first. Then follows a dialog in which Judas learns much about the grace of God in Christ.

Peter

On **March 11**, God intrudes into Peter's thoughts as he sits and thinks about how he handled himself during Jesus' last days with his disciples. Peter is not proud of his actions; he grieves that he let his Master down. But he learns that God will never let him down.

Pilate

On **March 18**, one who has never spoken with God before is startled when God's voice breaks into his busy office in Jerusalem. Pilate and God discuss the level of Pilate's guilt and the total innocence of the man he handed over to be crucified.

Barabbas

On **March 25**, Barabbas, who literally had his place on a cross taken over by Jesus, is found rejoicing over his escape from death. The voice of God breaks into this rejoicing and as God and Barabbas talk, Barabbas learns that Jesus' way of revolution is the way of the cross.

The Thief on the Cross

On **April 1**, the thief on the cross (sometimes called Dysmas) gives the closest eye-witness account of Jesus' suffering on the cross in the series. God explains to Dysmas what paradise is.

The Voice
Lenten Series - 2009
All Evening Services Begin at 6:45 pm

March 4	1st Wednesday in Lent <i>Judas</i>	Read Matthew 26:14-16, 47-51; 27:1-5
March 11	2nd Wednesday in Lent <i>Peter</i>	Read John 13:1-9; 18:1-27
March 18	3rd Wednesday in Lent	Read Matthew 27:1-2, 11-26
March 25	4th Wednesday in Lent	Read Mark 15:1-15
April 1	5th Wednesday in Lent	Read Luke 23:32-43 (see Matthew 27:44)

Attention anyone 60 and over:

Worried about osteoporosis? Consider trying Bone Builders. Bone Builders is a program designed for individuals 60 and older to reduce the risk of osteoporosis through proper exercise and nutrition to maintain independence and quality of life. The benefits of a bone builders program include healthier bones, reduced risk of falling due to improved balance, increased strength, feeling better, more energy and the opportunity to socialize. The goal is reached through controlled movements, with or without small weights. Studies show that strength and fitness can be improved at any age.

Anyone interested in participating or possibly leading a program at Grace should contact Peggy Adams at 283-4605 (leave message). Bone Builders in a fun way to incorporate fitness into your life.

Monday Morning Bible Study to begin a new study in March (watch bulletins for starting date) from the book of Isaiah. Isaiah has been called "the fifth gospel" because of its similarity to the gospels of the New Testament. Isaiah is quoted directly in the New Testament over 65 times. It's 66 chapters parallel the 66 books of the Bible. Many passages may be familiar to you. Sample of the books we'll use to direct us are on the back table. Watch for details in the Sunday Bulletins

for the beginning date for this new study. Bring your own Bibles. We'll meet in the Fireside Room on Monday mornings from 9:00 to 10:00. You will be welcome anytime. Contact Donna Dahlen 283-2932 for more info.

Dear Friends in Christ,

In October 2008 I was privileged to attend a meeting called by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Zimbabwe together with other international and regional partners.

During the consultation the leaders of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Zimbabwe issued a moving *Communiqué* regarding the crisis in the country saying:

We, as leaders of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Zimbabwe and representatives of various departments of the church, met in Bulawayo from October 21-22, 2008 to deliberate on the crisis in Zimbabwe.

We are experiencing desperation from the majority of the people in rural and urban areas who face daily life threatening situations without food, water, basic health care and medication. Social service delivery and economic and financial infrastructures have broken down and human suffering has reached unprecedented levels.

We acknowledge local and international efforts to bring about a lasting and just political solution.

We also acknowledge efforts by the ecumenical bodies to address the root causes of the crisis.

We confess that we have not done enough and that the prophetic voice of the church has been muted in the face of corruption, injustice and human rights abuses.

We are deeply concerned by the lack of progress in reaching a meaningful political settlement and the negative impact this has on the lives of the majority of people in our country and in the region as a whole.

We observe the resilience demonstrated by the majority of men, women and children but declare that the situation has reached disastrous proportions, characterized by hunger, starvation, preventable deaths and migration.

We had seen a window of hope towards a political settlement following the September 15, 2008 agreement for an "All Inclusive Government".

We therefore call on the political leaders and parties in Zimbabwe to end the current impasse and honor their obligations in the signed agreement for the good of the nation.

We call for solidarity in prayer and action by ecumenical bodies in our country in the process of rebuilding, reconciling and healing our nation.

We call on the global Lutheran and ecumenical community for prayer, mutual accompaniment, resources and action in addressing the crisis.

We commit ourselves to actively and prayerfully addressing the root causes of the crisis, alleviating suffering and restoring human dignity and justice for all.

In response to the situation and in support of our companions in Zimbabwe the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) is providing \$600,000 to help the ELCZ sustain medical services and personnel at its four rural hospitals. The ELCA also allocated another \$330,000 for the purchase of 90 metric tons of seed and fertilizer which was delivered by truck in December, a critical time for planting. The Lutheran Development Service in Zimbabwe distributed the seeds, fertilizer and emergency food supplies to some 15, 000 families. (See *The Lutheran* (January 2009 edition, p.12). For more information visit <http://www.elca.org/Who-We-Are/Our-Three-Expressions/Churchwide-Organization/Global-Mission.aspx>. We continue to seek ways to support and learn from our brothers and sisters in Zimbabwe during this difficult time.

We thank you for your continued support through the ELCA Missionary Sponsorship program. Thank you for your prayers and your participation in God's Mission locally and globally.

Yours faithfully,
Philip Knutson
ELCA Global Mission
Regional Program Assistant – Southern Africa
Cape Town
February 4, 2009

From the Transition Task Force: An open letter to the congregation –

Change is part of everyone's life everyday. Grace Lutheran's life is changing. **The only thing that doesn't change for Grace is that Jesus Christ is our Lord.** I believe Grace's number one mission is to tell others of Jesus' Love and Forgiveness. What have our past mission statements said? What have they meant and are they relevant for Grace today? What is Grace's mission for the next 5, 10 and 15 years? How do we carry out Christ's commission in Matt. 28, serving Christ and serving members of Grace and people of the world? Please share your thoughts concerning Grace's mission with someone on the Mission/Vision Team: Becky Kruger, 283-8568; Don Moeller, 967-2520; Gladys Siebenahler; or myself, 920-5437. We need and encourage your input right now. May God be with Grace Lutheran as we move forward in this time of change and transition. Art Ehde

All of us are experiencing change. Change is constant in our jobs, what was the norm yesterday is not the norm today. Our own bodies are examples of constant change, as we grow older. Likewise churches are constantly changing. The transition team members need to know the needs and wishes of our 1,000 plus members at Grace. It is quite likely our wants and needs have changed since we last called new pastors, which by the way was 15 years ago. **Before a call committee can be formed, the transition team needs this feedback so we can be clear in our expectations of the new pastors.** Curt Bloemendaal

One of the questions for the Self Study Team is, "Who are we?" We're first led to take a look at, "Whose are we? And why?" The gospel of John, Chapters 14-17, tells of Jesus preparing His first disciples for his death, explaining the coming of the Holy Spirit, and praying for them and for Himself. In Matthew 28, after His resurrection, He instructs them (and us) to go, *baptize and teach* as they have been taught. As written in the beginning of Acts, which follows the Gospel of John, they first prayed while they waited, and the Holy Spirit came with power. Read these scriptures, pray for the Transition Task Force, and share what's on your heart. Donna Dahlen

I am really encouraged by the number of responses that have found their way to **"The Box."** *Keep them coming!* We've gotten input

about broadening communication, funding capital expenses, updating our church directory, nursing home visits, funeral follow-ups, affirmation of young peoples activities, office procedures, bulletin distribution as well as age and gender of potential staff. These are providing food for thought. Some ideas can be immediately implemented via our pastors, the various ministries and/or the Parish Planning Council. I view these as proof that our congregation has many great ideas and desires an outlet for expression. This can and should be a habit that we establish for all time, not just now between settled pastors. If you would like to see a particular action or spirit here at Grace, get the idea to us. We will incorporate that thought into our work together! **Make a new habit - join the flow of ideas!** We are listening. Les Mahaffay

Executive Ministry members in conversations with parishioners have revealed questions like: 1) Members are seeking reassurance that the transition process is proceeding normally, that there are no huge problems or issues. **[Yes, we think normal. Problem is how best to get your feedback]** 2) Members would benefit from readily available information about the interim process. **[i.e., a rule of thumb is: healthy congregational transition requires 1 month per year of service of the last pastor, this plus the size of GLC added to the fact that two pastors have left, do make the work and time line more complex.]** Pr. Gloria

The culture of our church, Grace Lutheran, is not created on its own. I continue to watch for leadership to step forth from those, particularly younger adults, which may have been passive in our church to this point. As our church is our family, we will grow when we say more than just "hello" to each other on Sunday. We will grow when we participate in tasks that require greater effort from each of us. Then the fruits of our labor will mirror our developing culture – "Living in Christ. Growing in Grace." Jeff Hartquist

One of the tasks of the Self-Study Team is to look at the demographics of Grace. Who makes up Grace Lutheran? Facts have been gleaned from Carol Green, in the Grace Office, from Kylie Oldre, County Administrator and Jill Wolf, Economic Development Director for the city of Luverne. If all the information were to be

summed up in one statement it would be this: **The population area represented by Grace Lutheran is predicted to become older but remain constant in numbers.** This is unique for Luverne as most communities in our area are expected to lose population. The information from Kyle Oldre estimates 2007 Rock County population at 9,474 and 2010 population predicted at 9,670. 1990 population for the county was 9,806 so we have lost numbers but not as badly as one may have expected. I have pages of information from these sources. If you have an interest in seeing any of it, please see me. Larry Nelson

Many have sought the Father through prayer during our transitional time at Grace. It is Jesus who moves us to pray, knocking at our hearts' door. As we continue to 'Live in Christ and Grow in Grace' – **will YOU please share what Jesus is putting on your heart?** Thank you, Becky Kruger

Grace Lutheran is on a passage from one team of settled pastors to another. We as a congregation have changed over the years. So then, who are we as a congregation? What are we? Where do we see our mission as Lutherans? *We know we are an evangelical church, emphasizing the gospel or good news and inviting others to follow the life of Christ.* So, are we doing that? Could we do a better job ministering to each other and to our neighbors? These are things with which we are grappling. We need to know who you think we are as a congregation and what our mission should be within the community of Luverne, Rock County and God's world at large. Help us identify who we are. What do you specifically see us doing tomorrow as well as in the following years? **The way we come to understand ourselves is to ask questions and look hard at ourselves.** This is the time to do the work! When we have defined answers, we can call pastors to lead us from our strong points as disciples and stewards into new growth areas. Kim Schmidt

The Mission/Vision Team is studying our Mission Statements. We will be asking how those statements affect you. **We are looking to verbalize your understanding of God's mission for Grace at this time.** We request your prayers, your questions and your response. Gladys Siebenahler

In 4 to 6 weeks Grace Lutheran will have an updated and newly functional web site. **The Internet is as important in spreading the Gospel as the printing press was in Luther's time.** I was interim pastor with a congregation that had little hope. "Who would want to come here?" The transition process brought changes in hope and attitude. And they had 10+ prospective pastors apply on-line because they got web friendly! Pr. Dan

The meeting on Feb. 22, which about a dozen parishioners attended, was great! I think the discussion on setting a deadline versus setting goals in this transition process was important. What I learned was it took 30 months to call Pastor Maury and Pastor Deli. Looking at the possibility of finishing this process in 24 months, we could be doing quite well. We must consider that TTF was installed just this past December. **This process is new to me as it is to most of us.** There is a steep learning curve for all of us at Grace in regard to asking questions and getting answers from the entire congregation. This is the below ground, foundation, grunt work, that takes time but is so important to the eventual success of any transition and new pastors. Don Moeller

The Transition Task Force is on its way. **I think we're off to a good start.** Please keep sending suggestions and ideas to us! They really help us figure out what you, the congregation, want. Please keep the TTF in your prayers and keep smiling! :) Kira Graber

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GLCWomen March 2009

"God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son; that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" John 3:16

The Theme for our Feb. meeting, "What Love Can Do", was aptly described by two young men from the SW Youth Services in Magnolia. As they shared their hearts, it opened our eyes to see the struggles of this generation with the prevalence of drug and alcohol abuse and the eroding of the role of the family. The SW Youth Services gives fresh hope and new potential for the young men that come to them. Glory be to God for the caring people around them....

Thanks to the Esther Circle for arranging the program, and Priscilla/Elizabeth and Lydia Circles who provided the lunch, all of them pointing to the Valentine Day's message of love....

Thanks be to God, for He has led us to another way, to keep growing in His Word. The months in which no formal program is planned, we will have the privilege to gather informally for fellowship in the Word, and with each other, using the Psalms as a guide. This is, of course, for everyone and anyone. SO, on MARCH 12th. Bring your own Bible, if you like. It is nice to get familiar with where to find some of your favorite verses in your personal Bible AND just for fun, this time you are asked to bring your favorite coffee cup. The EX. BD will lead as the Holy Spirit continues to direct. Come, expecting to be blessed....

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Friday March 6th, WORLD DAY OF PRAYER, First Baptist Church, 1:00 p.m.

March 5th and 19th, Day of Doing March 12th - Informal GLCW Psalm study

From a book by Ole Halleby, titled PRAYER. Some excerpts from the chapter:

Prayer as Work.

"...our sins of omission are great. In planning for meetings we unquestionably pay the least attention of all to the preparations which should be made by *prayer*. And still we wonder why we see so little fruit as a result of our meetings. Hell laughs and heaven weeps. The sad words of Jesus recur to us, 'Ye have not, because you ask not'....."

This work...is the prerequisite to all the rest of the work we have to do in the kingdom of God: preaching, pastoral work, meetings, societies, administrative groups, organization and solicitation of funds.

If the labor of prayer does not precede, as well as accompany, all of our work in the kingdom, it will become nothing but a work of man, more or less capably done and with more or less effort and agitation as the case may be, but resulting in nothing but weariness both to ourselves and to others. ... it is by prayer that we couple the powers of heaven to our helplessness, the powers which can turn water into wine and remove mountains....powers which can capture strongholds and make the impossible possible." (Copyright 1931 Augsburg Publishing House)

"LIVING IN CHRIST - GROWING IN GRACE".

Blessings Abound,
Dorina Dahler

Thursday, March 12th at 2pm -- Will be our first Psalm Study!

This will be an informal gathering!

Praise God! – For He has given us another way in which to grow spiritually!

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for your gracious love in Christ, our blessed Savior, we adore Thee. For the riches in Jesus Christ that have come to us, we praise and thank you. May all that we think, say, and do this day glorify you. Amen

The Executive Board will be leading and hosting the study in March

Please bring your Bible and your favorite coffee cup or mug



'Heart to Heart'

A Prayer Partners Bedtime Prayer

Dear Lord, I pray for _____ this day, As she lays down to rest,
I pray you give her protection through the night. And Lord, as
she rises tomorrow, I pray that you guide her in the events of her day.
I thank you for _____. She is a gift of your creation.
And, as I think about her, I especially pray For...(add your own personal prayer).
All this I pray in Jesus name. Amen

Heavenly Father,
Open our hearts to your life-giving Word that it may sanctify our minds.
Unite our hearts to fear your holy name and to cherish the Truth.
Guide us in our daily lives to share joyfully... the gift of prayer.
In Jesus name Amen

Day of Doing - March 5 and 19, 2009 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

We welcome anyone who is interested in working with quilts to join us. You do not need to be a "quilter" to be with us.

In January the Day of Doing ladies did 254 hours of volunteer work. Great job! If you are doing anything for us at home, keep track of your time and let one of us know so that it will get recorded. To get money from Thrivent, we have to turn in the number of hours worked. If you are a RSVP volunteer, the hours also go to them.

Thanks to Julie Schuur, we get a lot of fabric from Justice for All. If you have fabric that you are not using or going to use, chances are pretty good that we could use it for quilts. Other things that you may not think about us using are thread - for the sewing machines, for tying the quilts and yarn which can also be used for tying. LWR recommends using crochet thread for tying quilts.

Thanks to whoever brought in all the thread. It will be put to good use.
Peace to all! Ardie and Aagot

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

SENIOR HIGH



BIBLE/LIFE Discussion: Passion of Christ (during Lenten season)

9-12th grade youth meet on Wednesday evenings

7:15 - 8:15 for group discussions in the library

SENIOR HIGH SYNOD Youth

Leave @ 12:30 on Friday, March 20

Return @ 6:00 on Sunday, March 22



Gathering

RESCUE
PSALM 43:9



BIBLICAL VERSE - SCAVENGER HUNT

Ecumenical senior high (9-12) event

Sunday, March 29th from 5:00 - 7:00 PM

Grace Lutheran Church

Details: Teams are formed. Bibles are brought. Clues (Bible verses) are given to direct you to the next clue. First group who returns to grace with all Puzzle pieces wins.

MIDDLE YOUTH (6-8th grade)



PRAYER PARTNER BOWL- Sunday, March 8th

For: Youth and Prayer Partners

Meet at Luverne Lanes @ 4:00.

After bowling, walk to Pizza Ranch for pizza

Parents can pick you up at the Pizza Ranch @ 6:00 PM



6-8th Roller skating Party

April 4, 2009

Cost of \$ 5.00 will be paid by the youth funds

Carousel skate

Cost includes rental of quad roller skates

1:00 - 4:00 PM

In-line skates are available for \$ 3.00 (payable by you)

Meet at the church @ 12:15 for rides

Some parents will be needed to drive

If you want snacks or beverages bring \$ as they are available @ the rink

Participation form is required by Wednesday, April 1



LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS: from 5:30 -6:30 PM

Grace Lutheran Youth will be serving:

- Chicken noodle and Vegetable Beef soup on Wednesday, March 4th: 6 & 8th grade youth
- Bean and Vegetable Stew on Wednesday, March 11th: 7th grade youth
- Chicken Noodle and Vegetable Beef on Wednesday, April 1st: 9th grade and mission group

LEARNING MINISTRY

VBS CHAIRPERSON and CENTER LEADERS NEEDED:



DATE: June 8 - 12th is the week scheduled for VBS

TIME: Mornings

NEEDED: VOLUNTEERS - Call Jan Olson

- Chairpersons: Find the study/recruit staff/develop daily schedule/implement
- Stage crew: Set up the stage thematic décor to bring the youth into the experience
- Center leaders: Crafts/music/storytelling/ games and other fun areas fro youth to learn
- Daycare: recruit and staff nursery for staff members

5th grade class: Holy Communion Study



WHO: 5th grade students and parents

WHAT: Communion Study

WHEN: Sunday's March 15, 22, 29 and April 5
9:45 (following Sunday school music)

Where: South side of Fellowship Hall by kitchen

(All youth receiving Holy Communion has to have been baptized. If your child has not been baptized, please contact Pastor Gloria. If you are new to our church and have a child in 5th grade that you wish to participate in these classes, please contact Pastor Gloria.



WINGS YOUTH

KRISTAL BELLS: Play on Sunday, March 1st for call to worship @10:45A

Play for Wednesday, March 25th Lenten Worship @ 6:45P

Sing for Wednesday, March 1st Lenten worship @ 6:45 PM



CAMPING PRESENTATION

Kristen from Shetek Lutheran Bible Camp will be having camp day at WINGS on Wednesday, March 11th. She will be in the Fellowship Hall during the soup supper to answer any camping inquiries.



Thanks for supporting our CHILI COOK OFF



UPCOMING FUNDRAISING EVENTS

TIME TALENT AND ITEM AUCTION: March 15th

5:00 PM - Hot turkey sandwich supper / 5:45 - Auction begins

Items available to bid on:



Cabin in Black Hills,
meals,
mystery tours,
seed corn,
Gopher or Viking tickets
babysitting

"Rock County Hunting Package" (Guided Pheasant hunting with dog/ transportation/prime hunting locations & help cleaning the birds for up to 3 hunters)

Many more things too numerous to list ~

Do you have something to donate? Call Pam @ 283-4431

Grace Lutheran Members,

A very heart-warming thank you for your generous support and donations given to the 2008 Rock County CROP Walk. Our tally this year exceeded \$7,000.00 and it's thanks to all of you!

God Bless,

Rock County CROP Walk

MARCH

BIRTHDAYS



- Mar 1: Paige Adams
- Mar 2: Joan Erickson, Sara Hartquist, Amy Helle, Jean Laudon, Matt Overgaard
- Mar 3: Eric Kooistra, Kevin Miller, David Nelson, Hailey Rennie, Claude Van Driel
- Mar 4: Al Brinkman, Logan Latren
- Mar 5: Hans Hoven, Gary Jepson, Don Lafrenz
- Mar 6: Vicki Haartman, Tanner Kurrasch, Tyler Kurrasch, Ken Reverts

- Mar 7: Jenna Bullerman
- Mar 8: Gloria Aanenson, Linda DeSplinter, Joshua Hansen, Marianne Perkins, Bruce Umbreit
- Mar 9: Rhonda Jarchow
- Mar 10: Kevin Barnhart, Tom Gott, Stan Witte
- Mar 11: Reva Sehr
- Mar 12: Donna Dahlen, Lori Deragisch
- Mar 13: Carol Morgan, Jane Smook
- Mar 14: Mason Cleveringa, Brenda Halverson, Camden Kunkel
- Mar 15: Griffin Ahrendt, LeRoy Olson, Kari Ostrem, Joyce Thade
- Mar 16: Beth Rabenberg
- Mar 17: Marian Helling
- Mar 18: Paul Hakken, Peggy Eidein, Lorraine Jacobson, Eli Radtke
- Mar 19: Loel Olson, Scott Schneekloth, Tucker Wicneke
- Mar 20: Lorna Harms, Jamie Reisdorfer, Christina Wagner, Elizabeth Wagner
- Mar 21: Darlene Doering
- Mar 22: James Bullerman, Alyce Nelson, Dustin Richters, Elaine Shearer, Dylan Stokes, Jacob Stroh
- Mar 23: Camryn Aukes, Gary Brandt, Dale Nelson, Hildegard Thompson
- Mar 24: Brian Barnhart, Zayna Htistoft, Bea Rogness, Lester Zubke
- Mar 25: Karen Menage, Jason Steensma
- Mar 26: Cete Olsrud, Dylan Richters, Larry Rollz, Macie Swanson
- Mar 27: Mark Bakken, Darlene Boisen, Patricia Overgaard
- Mar 28: Del Hess, Rita Miller, Paul Rud
- Mar 29: Roger Beers, Crystal Dorneyer, Stetson Gath, Lowell Harrison, Betty Johnson, Kayla Rud, Ann Wagley, Jenn Walgrave
- Mar 30: Eric Thorson
- Mar 31: Dixie Arends, Jordyn Gyberg, Betty Natli, Arvin Reu, Isaac Schmidt

Radio Sponsors - March

- Mar 1: In memory of Norman Aanenson from Ellen
- Mar 8: In memory of grandmothers from an anonymous donor
- Mar 15: In memory of Lloyd Untiedt from Rachel and family
- Mar 22: In memory of Lowell Binford from Marybeth and family
- May 29: In honor of Kay Franklin from the Grace GLCW



Pastoral Acts

Baptism 2/1 Edward Earl Duncan
DOB 11/30/2008





Brian & Angie Abrahamson & Noah
810 N Cedar 507-449-4494



Carole Ryden
803 E Dodge #203 605-838-0439



Wade Hiller
449-0491



David & Ruth Barber
503 E Crawford 283-2790



Kim Hudson, Isaac, Gracie & Ivy
504 W Lincoln 283-4296



Kathy Platt
711 W Main St 507-935-4140

*New Members
January 2009*



Paula Anderson & Jady
709 Britz Dr 283-4619



Jason & Stacy Kopp, Janae, Camron, Aydon
601 N Cedar 283-8596



Blair Nattress
997 110th Ave
283-4350

Not Pictured
Scott Barnes
319 E. Maple St 283-2730

We thank God that he has blessed us with the joining of these new brothers and sisters into our faith community. ~ Evangelism Ministry

March 2009



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:15 Wor/Comm 9:15 Coffee 9:30 Sunday School 9:20 Adult Study 10:45 Wor/Comm 4:30 Teen Finance	2 5:30 Vibes 7:40 Echoes 8:00 Telecast of Sunday Worship Ch. 3 (Knology)	3 9:00 Staff Meeting 1:30 Bible Study Stampers @ Church 7:00 Parenting Class	4 7:00 Men's Study 3:00 WINGS 5:30 Soup Supper 6:45 Lenten Worship 7:30 Gr 6-9 Conf.	5 9:00 Day of Doing 1:00 Endowment Comm. @ Church 4:30 Book Study 7:00 Exhorting Worship Team	6 2:00 World Day of Prayer—@ First Baptist Church 6:00 Telecast Ch. 3 (Knology)	7 5:20 Worship
8 Daylight Savings Time Begins 8:15 Worship 9:15 Coffee 9:30 SS & Adult Sty 10:45 Worship 4:00 Gr 6-8 Bowling	9 9:00 Bible Study 6:30 Vibes 7:40 Echoes 8:00 Telecast	10 9:00 Staff Meeting 5:00 Young People's 6:45 Parish Planning Council 7:45 Miniseries	11 7:00 Men's Study 3:00 WINGS 5:30 Soup Supper 6:45 Lenten Worship 7:30 Gr 6-8 Conf 8:30 Chancel Choir 9:30 Bread of Life Worship Team	12 12:45 Lesson Leaders 2:00 GLCW Psalms Study 4:30 Book Study	13 6:00 Telecast	14 5:30 Wor/Comm
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