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# Message of Grace

## Web Version



**Get on our email list.** Send an email to [office@gracelutheran1.org](mailto:office@gracelutheran1.org) to let Sue know you want to be added to the list.

## God is *Still* Faithful

We welcome Pastor Andy Tyrrell (rhymes with Darryl) as our new resident pastor. Pastor Andy will start with his first service on Sunday, July 10, 2011. We are so pleased to have Pastor Andy and Andrea join our congregation even though we understand that Andy is a loyal White Sox fan. Regardless, Andy and Andrea, we welcome you to our church family at Grace.



From the Ordination Program: Andrew "Andy" Tyrrell was born April 29, 1985 in La Grange, IL. He was baptized as a child of God June 19, 1985 at Saint Scholastica Church in Woodridge, IL. When he was two he moved to Hinsdale, IL where he lived for the next 16 years.

In 2003 Andy graduated from Hinsdale Central High School and enrolled at Millikin University where he studied communication and history. It was at Millikin that Andy met his wife, Andrea. In 2007, Andy graduated from college and started seminary at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. He graduated from LSTC May 15, 2011 and has accepted his first call to Grace Lutheran Church in Richmond, IL.

Andy would like to thank the Rev. Dennis Heaney and the Rev. Dennis Bushkofsky for serving as his ordination sponsors. A special thanks to Redeemer Lutheran Church in Hinsdale, IL; Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church in Lockport, IL and St. John's Lutheran Church in Somonauk, IL for all their love and prayers these past four years. Andy would also like thank his family and friends, especially his parents Patrick and Deborah and his

siblings Josh, Caitlin, Robbie and his wife Andrea. But most of all, Andy would like to thank God for calling him to the ministry of Word and Sacrament.

Below is a photo from Pastor Andy's ordination.



You can view this and many more photos from the ceremony online. Go to <http://www.nisynod.org/assembly/> and click on the 2011 Assembly Highlights button at the top of the picture on that page. Click through the Friday night set (on flickr) until you recognize Pastor Andy, then click his name to see all of his pictures. Or just wait until we print and post some at church!

## Council Meeting Notes June 7, 2011

### Actions:

Presentation by James LeJeune about his Eagle Scout Project. James is proposing to build decorative flower boxes in the front parking lot. The project would be designed, staffed and supervised by James with the help of his Boy Scout troop. The Eagle Scout project was approved in concept, by the council. James must submit a finished plan to the building and property committee before the plan would be approved and will work under the direction of the property committee chairperson.

Request from Pastor Rob for the Certification of confirmation students: Jacqueline LeJeune, Rachel Spencer, Samuel Spyra, Bryce Wagner and Taylor Woods. Approved

Call Committee was terminated because of the approval of the call agreement from Andy Tyrrell. The committee was released with the council's sincere thanks and appreciation for their service to the church. Approved

Proposal to replace five defective furnaces presented by the building committee. Several bids were received. Moneys would be used from the recent bequest fund. Recommend low bid to be accepted. *Approved*

Proposal to move the Child Development Center office from the church office suite to the former Sunday School office down the hall. Room presently occupied by Sue Kubic would be turned into a conference room / counter's room. Approved

Job description for finance committee. Referred to Executive committee

### Announcements:

The new ELW (hymnals) have arrived. Invoice is due immediately. Book labels will be placed in the front cover of each book before books are moved into sanctuary.

The next council meeting will be held July 5th at 7:00 pm and will include the new council elected at the Congregational meeting on June 27th.

*Jon Petersen*

## Grace Lutheran Financial Report – May 2011

Grace Lutheran Church

| Income vs Expenses                                 | <u>Income YTD</u> | <u>Expenses YTD</u> | <u>Income May</u> | <u>Expenses May</u> |
|--|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Budget</b>                                      | \$105,654         | \$105,654           | \$21,131          | \$21,131            |
| <b>Actual</b>                                      | \$90,906          | \$90,237            | \$19,857          | \$18,197            |
| <b>Over/Under Budget</b>                           | (\$14,748)        | (\$15,417)          | (\$1274)          | (\$2,934)           |
| <b>Balance 5/31/11: [\$630] (negative balance)</b> |                   |                     |                   |                     |

Trusting for your prayerful support and faithfulness.

## Grace Has a Facebook Page??



Log in to your Facebook account and search for Grace Lutheran Church-ELCA, Richmond, IL. Why not check it out and become a fan? You'll also find another picture from the ordination of Pastor Andy. Let us know what you think should go on the Grace Lutheran Facebook page. Email Chris Bjorklund at dreamstar\_00@msn.com with your ideas.

## From the Outreach Team



The Outreach Cafe is serving breakfast on the fourth Sunday each month. In July we will be serving on the 24th from 10:00 to 11:00. Proceeds benefit PADS and our local food pantries as well as Habitat for Humanity. We will gratefully accept any donations of breakfast food or volunteer labor. See Tina to arrange to serve.

Nursery service is available during church service for young children. The nursery is located just past the bathrooms. The nursery is being run by Carolyn Bolman. We are looking for volunteers to help staff the nursery. Perhaps if you have little one, you would be willing to staff the nursery once or twice per year. There is a calendar outside the nursery room, so if you are interested, please put your name on a date that you are willing to serve. We are trying to have two people serve each week. Contact Carolyn Bolman at 815-675-0471.

P.A.D.S. Summer Program - provides food and shelter to the homeless. We are again providing food several times a month in the summer. Early in June we provided individual portions of sloppy Joes, thanks to Audie Beeson, hot dogs and buns and canned beans. We're looking for canned baked or pork and beans, canned fruit or individual servings of fruit or pudding, individually wrapped cookies, small bags of chips and pretzels, bottled water and the like – whatever can be transported easily and consumed on the go, such as at a campsite. To donate, see Curt Bjorklund, email him at chbjorklund@hotmail.com or call 815-529-7746.

*Outreach Contact: Tina Peterson, 815-678-4335, [tinap59@hotmail.com](mailto:tinap59@hotmail.com)*

## Mark Schultz Concerts Benefit Habitat for Humanity

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans with Habitat for Humanity will be hosting two concerts featuring Christian Singer/Songwriter, Mark Schultz. Mark Schultz is a Dove Award winning, platinum selling artist that has become one of Christians Music's most acclaimed singer/songwriters. Mark has also earned the top spot on Billboard magazine's Christian Adult Contemporary songwriter list. The opener for each concert will be Christian Artist, Lynn Stoneking.

Tickets for both concerts are available NOW through itickets.com for \$15-\$25 each.

All proceeds from the concerts will be going to Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity.

### MARK SCHULTZ LIVE



**Friday, August 19, 2011 at 7pm**  
 Hales Corners Lutheran Church  
 12300 W Janesville Rd  
 Hales Corners, WI 53130

**Saturday, August 20, 2011 at 7pm**  
 The Hemmens Cultural Center  
 45 Symphony Way  
 Elgin IL 60120

## News from Women of the ELCA (WELCA)

There are only a few items to report as there are no regular WELCA women's group meetings in the months of July and August. President Carol Heuer called a special meeting on Monday, June 27th at the church in order for Bob Ketelsen to address the group and advise which projects are most urgent to repair, replace or purchase for our church building. Bob will have facts and figures available. A discussion over these projects and their priority will ensue and a majority vote by the members present will determine which of the priority projects we will support either by giving a sum of money or undertaking a project in its entirety. The August newsletter will give the outcome of this meeting.

Our President received an invitation by the Chaplains at Centegra Hospital (NIMC) to an Appreciation Ceremony for those serving in the ministry of creating and donating Prayer Shawls. This ceremony was to be held on Thursday, June 30th from 3:00-4:30pm at the McHenry Campus. All women who have been involved in some way with creating or donating these Prayer Shawls were invited to attend. This is just another way that the WELCA ladies extend themselves outside of our church home. It is never too late to give back and to share our talents.

In August we will update you on our commitment/s to the Property Committee and also details of the appreciation ceremony at NIMC.

*WELCA Contact: Carol Heuer at 815-678-7516*

## From Jon Petersen

As I was reflecting on our church condition for my final report as president, I find that we have so very much for which I am thankful. We have just completed a three year transition process to call our new resident pastor, Andy Tyrrell, with the expert advice and guidance from our trained intentional interim pastor, Rob Kinnear. We have had a great church council which has been able to help guide Grace forward to prepare to new ministry opportunities. A call committee headed by Ron Steadman, tirelessly and diligently met and interviewed several candidates which led to the selection of Pastor Andy. I have had a vice-president and secretary that have been exceptional to work with.

When one looks around Grace, you can see ushers, greeters, computer operators, altar guild, landscapers, counters, acolytes, choir, musicians, committees, council, cooks, servers, worship assistants, projection operators, maintenance people, lectors, teachers, baristas, omelet flippers, shovelers, grass cutters, child care, window washers and many other jobs being attended at Grace. I couldn't even name all of the jobs without leaving somebody out. We are so blessed with an ever-increasing abundance of volunteers whose desire to make Grace a better place of worship is evident.

We have a building that many congregations would be thrilled to own, a multi-location child development center, a friendly congregation that is in healthy condition and a deep desire to serve the church and become sincere disciples of Christ. As I have observed the functioning of Grace, I am thrilled by the state of our church. It is a healthy vibrant church that appears to have a strong and exhilarating future. I am expecting that the excitement that accompanies a new resident pastor and the strength of character that Grace has long enjoyed will begin a new invigorating discipleship period at Grace. There are some challenges ahead but there is nothing that we can't overcome.

I would like to thank the congregation for allowing me to serve as the congregational president for the previous four years. I am honored to have been able to be a servant of the church in this manner.

I want to thank the members of our church council for their service and dedication to Grace: Vice President Kelly Steadman, Secretary Kerrie Gibson, Carol Jean Steadman, Alyssa Steadman, Nancy O'Connor, Sue Kubic, Tina Peterson, Marty Heynis, Bob Ketelsen, and Andy Mayer. Thank you to Sue Fosdal as acting Treasurer and a special thanks to Pastor Rob for his guidance and encouragement as we traveled through the transition and call processes. I ask that God continue to bless Grace Lutheran as He has so graciously done in the past.

*Jon*

## The Seven Practices of Faithful Discipleship



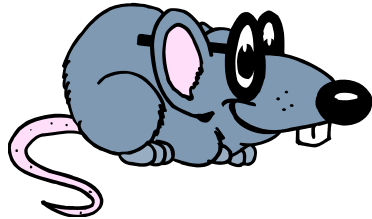
**Serve** → **Service** → **Serve for the Sake of Others**

When the prophet Micah told his people how to practice faith, he told them to do justice and to love mercy (Micah 6:8); When Jesus was asked about ultimate matters, of his response was "to love your neighbor as yourself." Practicing justice and doing of mercy and service put flesh on God's love. Caring for others in Jesus' name in active, tangible ways 1) incarnates Christ's presence and heart to others; 2) helps those we serve in places where they truly hurt and have need, and, 3) is a witness to those who are watching from the sidelines about the integrity and heart of Jesus' followers. Jesus didn't only address the spiritual needs of the people he met. His was a high-touch, hands-on ministry that addressed human needs for health, wholeness and inclusion. The maturing disciple seeks to serve as Jesus served.



*Part of the disciples' job description is to serve for the sake of others.*

<http://archive.elca.org/init/teachthefait/7practices.html>



## Bits and Pieces from The New Church Mouse

***Hello Friends,*** I am on vacation for the months of July and August. I am someplace warm where the sand is between my little toes and I need sunglasses! I will be back in September because by then I'll be missing you.

***No Young at Heart meeting in July*** If you have any questions, please contact Carol Heuer at 815-678-7516 or Doris Rockenbach at 262-248-0577.

*Keep the people serving in the military in your prayers as well as their families. They need all of our support.*

*Have a fun and safe summer. I'll see you in September and I hope I don't get my tail sunburned!!*

***Praise Reports:*** Many thanks to Don Vineyard for having his team professionally clean the sanctuary carpeting, and pew and kneeler upholstery. They did a great job.

Five young people were confirmed in their faith on Sunday June 12<sup>th</sup>. Congratulate and pray for Jacqueline LeJeune, Rachel Spencer, Samuel Spyra, Bryce Wagner and Taylor Woods. Pray that they mature in their faith and continue fellowship and service as members of Grace Lutheran.

Seven members of Grace made the trip to Augustana to see our new pastor get ordained on June 17<sup>th</sup>. It was a lovely ceremony and those who attended were very glad that they were able to show support for Pastor Andy and Andrea and meet so many of his family members. They were very sweet and looking forward to visiting us and we look forward to seeing them as well!

Praise the Lord that Pastor Andy and Andrea have found a home to rent in Genoa City!

Hope you were able to attend the Congregational Meeting on June 27<sup>th</sup>. It's always interesting to hear what's going on in the congregation. Several new members were added to the Council and several members' terms have expired so be sure to look in the bulletins and this newsletter next month for more information. Pray for the new Council and our new Pastor!

Pastor Rob sent out a letter to every member of the congregation to say good bye and share his blessing on the Grace congregation. If you didn't receive a letter or want to read it again, it will be posted on the church website at [www.gracelutheran1.org](http://www.gracelutheran1.org).



## RINGS Youth Ministry Prepare for Mission Trip!

July 10 Potluck meeting for those going on the MISSION TRIP! We'll meet from 5:00 to 7:30 at Redeemer Lutheran in Woodstock to discuss the final details of the trip. Bring your mom or dad (or both!) so they can get the details and ask questions, too. Remember, we leave early on July 30 and return late on August 6!

Grace Contact: Carol Jean Steadman, [kate@stans.com](mailto:kate@stans.com) or call 815-338-0490

## Volunteers Welcome!

Every year at this time a request for 'Volunteers' goes out to our young high school or college students. The local hospital NIMC in McHenry is looking for you to donate at least 4-5 hours per week as a volunteer in areas needing the most help. Volunteering is a great way to be involved in Community Service. Your resume' or application to a college asks about this service and describing your volunteering brings recognition about your character. Interested in volunteering? Please contact the Volunteer Office at NIMC. This is also an educational way for you to get acquainted with hospital procedure and the patients you will come in contact with.

There are many ways to volunteer in your own community. Church is a very good example of giving of your time and talent.

### Remember to –

- Bring canned goods and staples for the food pantry
- Continue to save the pull tabs from pop cans
- Bring your Sentry receipts and put into the box marked "Funds for Friends"
- Remember the sick and our shut-ins in our prayers, cards and visits

Remember – All our Armed Forces men and women who continue to serve to protect our freedoms. We cannot forget our service personnel, past or present. **GOD BLESS AMERICA!**

| <b>WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE JULY 2011</b> |  |   |   |
|---|--|---|---|
| <b>Position</b>                             | <b>July 3 - 9:00</b>                       | <b>July 10 - 9:00</b>                             | <b>July 17 – 9:00</b>                         |
| <b>Lector:</b>                              | Tina Peterson                              | Pat Petersen                                      | Elise Livingston                              |
| <b>Assistant:</b>                           | Kelly Steadman                             | Tom Weaver  | Clark Atwater                                 |
| <b>Computer:</b>                            | Phil Giannini                              | Denise Lemke                                      | Marty Heynis                                  |
| <b>Counters:</b>                            | Don & Colleen Vineyard                     | Chris Bjorklund & Deb Oelert                      | Chris Bjorklund & Sandy Messick               |
| <b>Acolytes:</b>                            | Morgan McAndrews<br>Allison Lindley        | Cole Bayer<br>Blaine Bayer                        | Will Marshall<br>Sandy Schenk                 |
| <b>Ushers:</b>                              | Chuck Simmerman, Ron & Roger Steadman      | Kim Bokan & Brian Morris,<br>Bob & Linda Ketelsen | Bayer Family<br>Marty & Jan Heynis            |
| <b>Position</b>                             | <b>July 24 - 9:00</b>                      | <b>July 31 – 9:00</b>                             | <b>Altar Guild</b>                            |
| <b>Lector:</b>                              | Mark Greenleaf                             | Tina Atwater                                      | Jean Schenk<br>Tina Peterson<br>Bernie Schert |
| <b>Assistant:</b>                           | Dave Oelert                                | Dave Popenhagen                                   |   |
| <b>Computer:</b>                            | Tom Ott                                    | Katie Arizzi                                      |   |
| <b>Counters:</b>                            | Ron & Sue Chandler                         | Edel Ervin & Pat Petersen                         |   |
| <b>Acolytes:</b>                            | Jillian Townsend<br>Dalton Wagner          | James LeJeune<br>Alexis Haley                     |   |
| <b>Ushers:</b>                              | Dave Nelson, Rick Rzonca,<br>Glenn Svenson | Dave & Shannon Borst<br>Schenk Family             |   |