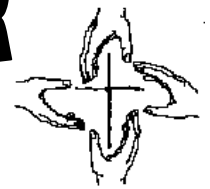

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER



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What happens when you suddenly spot grazing deer while driving down the road? If you are like me, and the traffic permits, you may pull off to the side, being very still, and watch. Silence. Oh, no, not a sneeze, not now. Do not move. Do not frighten the deer.

Suddenly, the deer glance in your direction. “I really should get that muffler fixed.” Too late. The doe has sensed your presence and imminent danger. She and her fawn turn around and flee. In the blinking of an eye they are gone, running and leaping across the field, leaving no trace of their prior presence only a memory that lingers in a moment of silence.

Silence. God speaks to us in silence. We await His still, small voice in the quiet hours of dusk or dawn, in the solitude of our room, the peaceful serenity of a quiet church, the stillness of a warm spring day. In the protection and privacy of the darkness, in our solitude we open our hearts to God. We tell Him our cares, our concerns. We lay before Him the burdens of our hearts. Or, maybe we just rest in Him, in His loving embrace.

What joy; what peace, knowing our God is never too busy for us, never on vacation and out of contact, no matter when or where we come to Him. Not only does He willingly hear us but He also anxiously awaits our words. And, He also responds, speaking to our hearts. What an awesome privilege is our faith - a precious gift of the Holy Spirit. We need our quiet times. We need to exercise the gift of our faith, the gift of communication with our God – the gift of Prayer.

“Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for You my God.” Ps. 42:1

Do these words of the Psalmist reflect your spirituality as we struggle through our daily routines? Look at the chaos of the world today. This moment’s silence becomes the next moment’s bomb explosion; the next gun shot; the next action of violence and rage. We all need our quiet times. We need to exercise the gift of our faith, the gift of communication with our God – the gift of Prayer.

Look at your life – what is your focus?

God invites us, by His grace, to spend quiet time with Him. What a precious gift are those times of solitude, quiet and silence spent with the Lord. I encourage you to spend more time with Him – starting right now. If we begin our tasks with the Lord, He will bless everything we do in his name. But you know that. Who am I to preach to you? Don’t listen to me, listen to Jesus: “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest awhile.” The true joy of such a retreat is that you rest in the Lord – you rest with the Lord.

May you find your own quiet place. May the peace of God keep your heart and mind in Christ Jesus. May the Lord, draw closer to you. May our gracious God bless your retreating, your waiting, your watching, your silence, your praying and your witnessing.

Also, may the Joy and Blessing of Easter be with you daily as you walk and rest with Jesus. May that Joy and Blessing fill your life as you seek to Tell The Good News About Jesus to those you know And meet who are being blessed by your witness.

Rev. David E. Bernard, Pastor



Outreach

Hey, what do you think of our new name? We love it! It really tells what we do- what we all do-to show we love the Lord. Just think about all those things you do daily that help someone out, even your spouse or children, maybe even a stranger, in the smallest way. Those things can make such a big difference in the life of someone who is struggling. Easter is a wonderful time because it brings all this to the front of mind but don't let it go back. Make an effort to make a difference.

Our calendar of events has been sort of quiet but behind the scenes there's much going on. Please keep your ears and heart open, your eyes to see, and your hands to work when you read or hear of what Outreach is working on.

Relay for Life has been busy with small things, like the pie and ongoing necklace sale, plus some other things from the fall. We have reached our goal already of \$1,500. What a great accomplishment! Let's see if we exceed the \$2,000 mark before Relay for Life takes place on June 11-12. We have lots of time. Many thanks go to the committee for their time, commitment to the cause and especially their ideas that help to make this possible. We are reaching out into the community and finding out how generous they are. Plan to be a part of Relay for Life. We will be looking for people to walk. This year we would like to have someone walking for the whole event. (I'll share a secret with you – the best time is the early morning hours.) Plus, we will need some people to sit at the booth, which will allow our walkers to walk. Watch for the sign up sheets. It's going to be a great event!

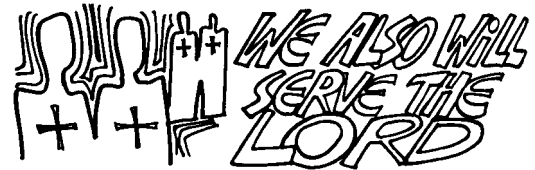
The Garage Sale will take place at the church on May 14 from 9 to 3. Please bring household items, jewelry, and gently used children's clothing to

church form 5-7. We will be setting the Garage Sale up according to price. For example, there will be a \$1 table, \$2 table, etc. So, I'm sure spring cleaning is going on, so see what you have to contribute to our Garage Sale. Money raised will go to Relay for Life. I see \$2,000 in our future.\

Do you know what your blood pressure is? Remember that the second Sunday of every month is Blood pressure screening time. It is done privately in one of the Sunday School rooms. Keeping your blood pressure in the correct range is important to your health. So, come on May 14 during fellowship time and have your blood pressure checked.

Serving with gladness,

Teri Devan
Outreach Chairman



Therefore, if there is any encouragement,
if there is any consolation of love,
if there is any fellowship of the Spirit,
if any affection and compassion,
make my joy complete by being of the same mind,
maintaining the same love, united in spirit,
intent on one purpose.

Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit,
but with humility of mind regard one another
as more important than yourselves;
do not merely look out for your own personal
interests,

but also for the interests of others.
with fear and trembling, in singleness of heart,
not in the way of eye-service, as men-pleasers,
doing the will of God from the heart,
rendering service with a good will and not to men.

We Are God's Workmanship!

St. Paul writes, "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." (Ephesians 2:10). If we are seeking and sensitive – and sometimes when we are neither – God will open our eyes to a need or an opportunity to serve Him, something He's already prepared for us and for which He has equipped us. There is no greater joy for the Christian than to join God in the work He has prepared for you. I am reminded of two stanzas from the great hymn "Hark the Voice of Jesus Calling", written in 1868 by Daniel March:

Hark, the voice of Jesus calling,
"Who will go and work today?
Fields are ripe and harvests waiting,
Who will bear the sheaves away?
Long and loud the Master calls us,
Rich reward He offers free;
Who will answer, gladly saying,
"Here am I, send me, send me?"

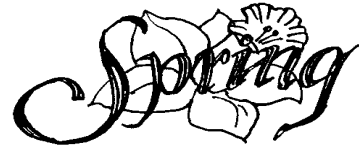
Let none hear you idly saying,
"There is nothing I can do."
While the lost of earth are dying,
And the Master calls for you;
Take the task He gives you gladly;
Let His work your pleasure be;
Answer quickly when He calls you,
"Here am I, send me, send, me."

Contributed by Gale Hedgecock

The Economy & Stewardship

No matter what our financial status is in today's really tough economy, we still have much to be thankful for. We have a home, food and clothing, people who really care about us. All gifts from the God who loves us. Giving, even if it is a small amount, out of a heart of gratitude will help us find contentment. Giving proves the condition of our hearts. Giving builds our faith and invites God's supernatural intervention into all aspects of our life including financial.

Taken from an article contributed by Barb Hartman



Daffodils - a poem by William Wordsworth

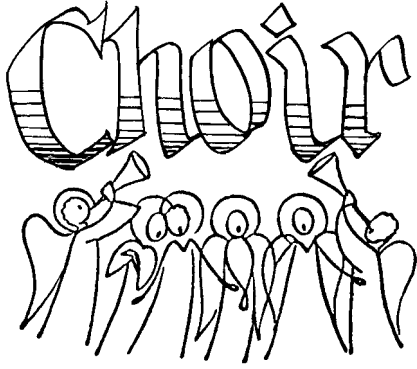
Continuous as the stars that shine
And twinkle on the milky way,
They stretched in never-ending line
Along the margin of a bay:
Ten thousand saw I at a glance,
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.

The waves beside them danced, but they
Out-did the sparkling leaves in glee;
A poet could not be but gay,
In such a jocund company! I gazed—and gazed—
but little thought
What wealth the show to me had brought:

For oft, when on my couch I lie
In vacant or in pensive mood,
They flash upon that inward eye
Which is the bliss of solitude;
And then my heart with pleasure fills,
And dances with the daffodils.

I wandered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host, of golden daffodils;
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.

**Many years ago a Pastor was heard to say,
"Lutherans would rather die than deny the truth
of the Bible, but you almost have to kill them to
get them to read it!" O the difference between
what we profess and what we practice!!**



Voice of the Shepherd

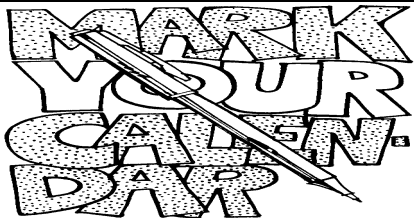
Do you have a desire to sing? If so, come join us on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. as we celebrate God's love through music. We usually rehearse for approximately 1 ½ hours each week. We would love to add your voices to our group. All you need is a commitment of your time and talents. Sing unto the Lord a new song...Psalm 98:1; I will sing and make music...Psalm 108:1; Sing and make music in your heart...Eph. 5:19. Holy Scripture tells us to rejoice with singing and to lift our voices in song.

If you have questions please call Karen Devan 761-4004

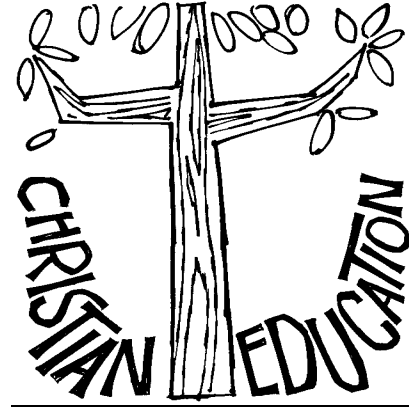
Editor's Notes

Attention: It takes about seven days to put together the newsletter once the articles are in. Then we need about three days for mailing time to reach some who live in other states. Please help us meet our deadline by having your articles to Rebecca Harrington by the 18th of the month. rharri9@twcny.rr.

**Thank You
Rebecca Harrington**



Fund Raiser for Relay for Life! Garage Sale at the church, Saturday, May 14, 9-3. See Teri Devan's Outreach column for more information.



Sunday School News

Our Sunday School children are studying lessons which are following the scripture readings assigned to our worship services. Our present term began March 6th and will run through to May 29th.

The lessons include:

- The Transfiguration
- The Temptation of Jesus
- Jesus Teaches Nicodemus
- Jesus/the Samaritan Woman
- Jesus Heals a Blind Man
- Jesus Raises Lazarus
- The Passion of Christ
- The Resurrection of Christ
- God's Servant Stephen
- Philip and the Ethiopian
- The Conversion of Paul
- Peter and Cornelius
- Peter's Escape from Prison

We welcome children in Kindergarten through Grade 6 to join us for Sunday school classes on Sunday morning from 8:45-9:45 from September through June. Come and experience God's Word with other children through Bible study, songs, crafts, mission projects and games. Our newly baptized children are encouraged to come and be a part of our family. Bring a friend to join you.

Linda Bahr
Chairman of Christian Education



LWML Peoria Ingathering

Items Needed by June 12th:

New Bath Towel
New Hand Towel
New Washcloth
Men's, Women's or Children Underwear
(in original packaging)
New Children's Picture Bible or Arch Books

Mary-Martha Minute

The LWML ladies are busy once again. Since the last newsletter, we have planned and organized the Lenten Soup Suppers, manned a booth at the Canastota Health Fair, participated in the LWML Central New York North Zone Spring Rally, and made the Palm Crosses from Palm Sunday. My personal favorite was the Canastota Health Fair where we gave out 50 Pedometers with devotions and 50 Children Activity Booklets with pencils called "The Power of the Cross."

It was nice to see some of our Ladies at the last Mary-Martha Meeting who were snow-bound during the winter months. There is always room for more at our meetings. So please join us on May 10 and/or June 14 before we recess for the summer.

Before we recess, we will be planning for the Fall Retreat at Camp Pioneer. Karen Devan is helping the host Genesee Zone with the Entertainment. She is organizing a Zone Talent Show. So our society will show off our talents for the Central New York North Zone. I encourage all the Ladies of Grace to consider going to the Retreat (participation in the talent show is optional). Please see the back bulletin board for a registration form or ask me for one.

Our LWML Society is still collecting used printer ink cartridges, etc. and returnable containers to help raise money for the LWML National Conventions in Pittsburgh 2013 and to send three of our ladies to Peoria in 2011. Specifics for these two items are in the weekly bulletin. So keep 'em coming! We are also collecting items for the Ingathering in Peoria in June. Items collected at the Convention will be given to the Orphan Grain Train and Peoria Area Agencies. If you would like to participate in this, please bring your donations to Church by June 12th. We will assemble kits at our Mary-Martha Meeting on the 14th. See the Advertisement for LWML Peoria Ingathering for specific items to donate.

In His Service,

Kathy Pavelock, President Mary-Martha LWML

Grace Lutheran Church Family Assistance Fund

In 2003, Grace Lutheran Church established a fund that could be used to assist any family with financial hardships. The families who benefit from these donations do not have to be members of the congregation. The Board of Deacons and the Pastor decide on distribution of these funds. When a need is identified, they request funds from the treasurer. Only the Board of Deacons and the Pastor know who the recipient is. The Family Assistance Fund is replenished each year with 1% of the approved annual budgeted income. Of course, anyone may make a donation at anytime of the year for this fund. Simply identify that you wish the donation to go towards the Family Assistance Fund. If anyone knows of a family or individual in need, please speak to the Pastor or to one of the Deacons.

In His Service,

Kathy Pavelock, Treasurer

The Grace Website is now listing current events. Check it out at:

<http://www.grace-lcms-cny.org/>

If anyone has something they would like me to add to the website, please let me know.

Kathy Pavelock

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1 8:45 AM-BS/SS 10:00 AM-Holy Communion 11:00 AM-Fellowship & Deacon Meeting	2	3 6:00 PM-Choir Practice	4	5	6	7
8 8:45 AM-BS/SS 10:00 AM-Worship 11:00 AM-Fellowship Mothers Day 	9	10 6:00 PM-Choir Practice 7:30 PM-MM LWML	11	12	13	14 Fundraiser for Relay for Life 9-3 
15 8:45 AM-BS/SS 10:00 AM-Holy Communion 11:00 AM-Fellowship	16	17 6:00 PM-Choir Practice	18	19	20	21
22 8:45 AM-BS/SS 10:00 AM-Worship 11:00 AM-Fellowship Armed Forces Day 	23	24 6:00 PM-Choir Practice	25	26	27	28
29 8:45 AM-BS/SS 10:00 AM-Worship 11:00 AM-Fellowship	30  Memorial Day	31 6:00 PM-Choir Practice				

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June

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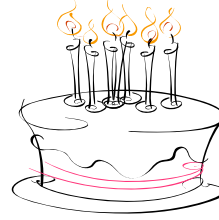
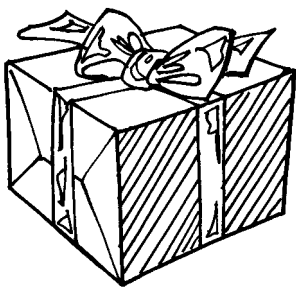


Birthdays

May 2 Madeline Neumiller
16 Barbara Hartman
19 Pastor Bernard
26 Adam Thomas
27 Tenea Harmon
28 Jessica House
? Darlene House

Baptismal Birthday's

4 Barbara Brinck
6 Vemla Smolsey
9 Leslie Whitney
19 Jacob Whitney
22 Bianca Brinck
22 Chad Brinck



Birthdays

June 4 Patricia Clark
7 John Pavelock
9 Ashley Gualtieri
10 John Flay
12 Katie Hurre
15 Ann Eldred
15 Gail Flay
22 Floyd Whitney Jr.
25 Christina Wall
28 Kimberly Medley

Baptismal Birthday's

3 Gail Flay
10 Ashley Croy
13 Addison Moran
13 Bailee Underwood
13 Kailee Underwood
14 Colton Underwood
18 John Richmond
21 John Pavelock
27 Patricia Clark

Anniversaries

2 Charles & Gail Flay
15 Delarno & Krystal Burton
25 Floyd & Leslie Whitney Jr.
29 Hoyt & Gale Hedgecock

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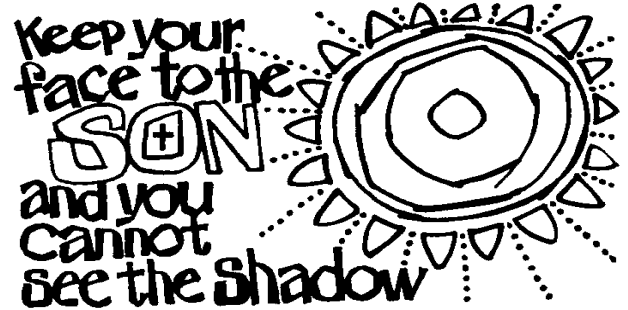
**"I am the light of the world, and of life.
Whoever follows me will not walk in the dark."**

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Sunday 10:00 AM
Holy Communion 1st, 3rd & 4th Sundays
Fellowship Hour 11:00 AM
Sunday School & Bible Study 8:45 AM
Women's Bible Study-Tuesday 10:00 AM



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