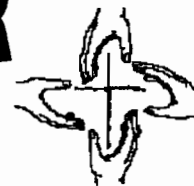


# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER



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## A TIME TO REFLECT

It's been almost a year since Pastor O'Connor has received his reward and a lot has happened since then. I am very proud to say that we are accomplishing what Pastor started. We have been without a Pastor for almost a year and we have gained members instead of losing members. This is not what the statistics usually say. We are in need of spiritual guidance and we do need a Pastor as soon as we can, but we need to continue what we are doing and what the Lord wants us to do on Carter road. Pastor would have been proud of our accomplishments and would cheer us on (he probably is). The Elder/Deacon board will continue the support needed to continue our service to the people of our church and the community. We are here to serve and not to be served. The church time change has been a benefit to most people. Some new faces at the new service time and we have 12-15 at bible study (please join us) and the Sunday School is operating more smoothly with the less competition from our social hour. Each aspect of our church whether it is Sunday School, Bible Study, Social Hour and the service itself is very important to the spiritual growth of Grace. We have tried new ideas and new programs and we will continue with some even if they seem to fail at first, they may do well with persistence. The Ladies of the church just had their LWML retreat in which they were responsible for planning and doing the whole thing. It was a huge success and was well worth the time for all the LWML in the district. All these things just add to the accomplishments of God's church and with God's help we will continue to build God's kingdom and spread his word. As I said, I am proud and we all should be proud of what this little church, with God's help, has accomplished. May we continue to serve and care for our brothers and sisters in our community. God Bless you all!

Elder Dave Devan

## Evangelism for October

We may be off to a late start but planning for the next year is behind the scenes in the works. An organizational meeting was held Sunday September 27 for those interested in working this committee. Many hands make light work (and less stress – not to mention more FUN!)

Many thanks go out to all those, especially Dana Smith and Jim Manley, who made our First Annual Car Hop such a success. It's a great concept. Let's see what we can do to keep it going. It sounds like I really missed something special.

Long before this committee existed, we were evangelizing at the New York State Fair. Again this year, we had a lot of fun with each other and sharing our Christian beliefs with others. Perhaps even opening a few hearts to the Lord. If you haven't ever joined us, please do. Our day at the Fair is the second Thursday. So, plan now to come with us in 2010.

We're already thinking June and Relay for Life. It's not too early to start planning for that event. I'm even more excited about now that I've done it once. (and I believe that the evening and overnight parts are the best!) There are many small jobs that will make this event run smoother. So, please consider being a part of it.


Watch for details in the bulletin and announcements in church as well. Sign up sheets for events will be on the board next to Pat's office, so be sure to see where you can help out.

Yours in doing his work,

Teri Devan



## He Does Care - August 12-2009

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By : Joanne Lowe    ☆☆☆☆  
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“And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.”

Matthew 9: 35, 36  
King James Version

Frank Graeff, a Methodist pastor, wrote two hundred hymn texts but this is one of my favorite songs “Does Jesus Care”. These words have been an inspiration, an encouragement and a comfort to my heart for many years. “Oh yes, He cares, I know He cares; His heart is touched with my grief; When the days are weary, the long nights dreary, I know my Savior cares.”

We read in the precious Word of God that we are to cast all of our cares upon Jesus. “Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you” (1 Peter 5: 7). All too often, we try to carry our burdens alone and then we wonder why we get discouraged and depressed. We don’t have the strength or the power to fight satan by ourselves.

Jesus defeated satan when He died on the cross for our sins. Yes, the war was won on the cross but you and I will still have battles until we go home. However, our Saviour will always bring us through every one of our battles victoriously if we will only get out of the way and let Him fight our battles for us.

I know from personal experience that He does care. He has held me in His compassionate arms many times as

He rocked me and tenderly kissed my tears away. He weeps when we are hurting and He rejoices with us when we are happy. Don’t ever let anyone tell you that Jesus doesn’t care. He does care!

Joanne Lowe  
August 12, 2009

**Author Resource:-** God has given Joanne two ministries. One is doing Inspirational Writings, the other is Encouraging Pastors.

*Submitted by Dave Devan, Elder*

### Christian Calendar for 2010

For many years Pastor & Sandra O’Connor have gifted the family of Grace with a wonderfully inspiring Christian Calendar.

This year, Sandra will purchase and donate 100 calendars as a gift to Grace. You will be asked to purchase the calendar for \$5.00 each. All proceeds will go to the Pastor Call fund.

Ginny Wendt & Barb Hartman have graciously agreed to handle the details when the calendars are ready to be sold. If you have questions, please speak to them or Sandra.

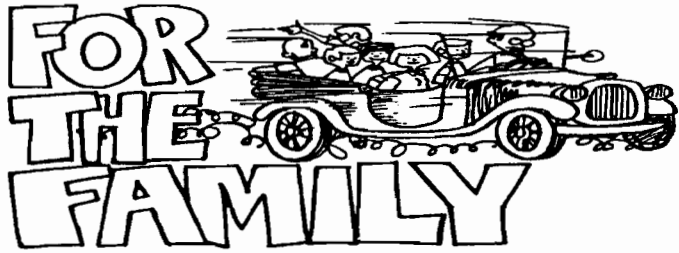
### We Would Like To Hear From The Pew!

Your input is very important. You do not need to be Pastor or an officer of Grace to submit articles. Please consider submitting something that interests you from time to time. *Rebecca & Pat*

### 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 18<sup>th</sup> of the month. [rharr9@twcnny.rr.com](mailto:rharr9@twcnny.rr.com)

**Thank You**  
**Rebecca Harrington**



Some Beautiful One-Liners

- The church is prayer-conditioned.
- When God ordains, He sustains.
- He who angers you controls you.
- Worry is the darkroom in which negatives can develop.
- Give Satan an inch & he'll be the ruler.
- Be ye fishers of men-you catch them & He'll clean them.
- God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called.
- Read the Bible-it will scare the hell out of you.
- Plan ahead-it wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.
- Most people want to serve God, but only in an advisory position.
- Suffering from truth decay? Brush up on your Bible.
- Exercise daily-walk with the Lord.
- Never give the devil a ride-he always wants to drive.
- Nothing else ruins the truth like stretching it.
- Compassion is difficult to give away because it keeps coming back.
- Give God what's right-not what's left.
- Man's way leads to a hopeless end.
- God's way leads to an endless hope.
- We don't change God's message-His message changes us.

*Submitted by Vice President, Chuck Flay*



Grace Lutheran Church, 3965  
Carter Rd, Canastota is doing  
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**CHICKEN BBQ, October 10,  
2009 beginning at 12:00 Noon  
until the chicken is gone.**

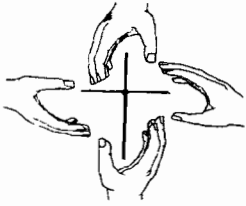
**\$7.00 per dinner. TAKE OUT  
ONLY.**

**You may call 697-2128 for more  
information.**



**Praise God from whom  
all blessings flow,  
praise Him all  
creatures here below;  
Praise Him above O  
heav'nly host; Praise  
Father, Son and Holy  
Ghost.**

## Hands!



A basketball in my hands is worth about \$19.

A basketball in Michael Jordan's hands is worth about \$33 million. It depends whose hands it's in.

A baseball in my hands is worth about \$6.

A baseball in Roger Clemens' hands is worth \$475 million. It depends on whose hands it's in.

A tennis racket is useless in my hands.

A tennis racket in Andre Agassi's hands is worth millions. It depends whose hands it's in.

A rod in my hands will keep away an angry dog.

A rod in Moses' hands will part the mighty sea. It depends whose hands it's in.

A slingshot in my hands is a kid's toy.

A slingshot in David's hand is a mighty weapon. It depends whose hands it's in.

Two fish and 5 loaves of bread in my hands is a couple of fish sandwiches. Two fish and 5 loaves of bread in Jesus' hands will feed thousands. It depends whose hands it's in.

Nails in my hands might produce a birdhouse.

Nails in Jesus Christ's hands will produce salvation for the entire world. It depends whose hands it's in.

As you see now, it depends whose hands it's in.

So put your concerns, your worries, your fears, your hopes, your dreams, your families and your relationships in God's hands because.... It depends whose hands it's in.

This message is now in YOUR hands.

What will YOU do with it?

It Depends on WHOSE Hands it's in!



God created you and loves you just the way you are but He loves you enough not to leave you that way.



Ladies of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod arise! Remember, all women are part of the Lutheran Woman's Missionary League. You are invited to attend the upcoming CNY North Zone Fall Rally which will be held at Trinity, Utica on Sunday afternoon, October 18, 2009 beginning with Registration from 2:00-2:30 PM. \$5.00 registration covers supper. The Rally will probably end about 5:00 PM and then supper. Please let your ladies know about the rally and encourage them to attend.



As many of you know, the LWML Retreat at Pioneer Camp was held September 18-20, 2009. Many of the women in our congregation, as well as the women of St. John's were in attendance. Our Zone hosted the event this year. It was a

mountaintop experience with cool, but sunny days, wonderful messages done with humor from Jan Struck, Christian comedienne, wonderful Bible Study with Rev. Ronald Bright and to culminate all this, a beautiful communion service at the Chapel in the Woods. There are not enough words to describe the spiritual renewal and growth that can be gained from these retreats. You really need to be there. There were many first timers, including four women from Grace. Even though many of us have been to retreat for years, there always seems to be a wonderful new and unique lesson to be learned. Try it some time, you'll like it! *Pat Clark*

**"You may be the only Bible someone ever reads. He lives in you. You are Jesus with skin on."**

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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**MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2009**

**CHICKEN & BISCUITS DINNER**

**4:30-7:00 PM**



meal includes: chicken in gravy  
over biscuits & mashed  
potatoes, baby carrots,  
cranberry sauce. beverage and  
homemade pies

# October

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>4</b> 8:45 AM-SS/BS 10:00 AM-Worship w/Holy Communion 11:00 AM-Fellowship	5	<b>6</b> 6:00 PM-Choir Practice 7:30 PM-Deacon/ Elder Meeting	<b>7</b> 6:30 PM-Praise Team practice	8	9	<b>10</b> 12:00 Noon to ? Chicken BBQ Take Out only
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2009

## I'm Sorry

Have you ever demanded that a child apologize? Maybe you watched an older child take a toy away from a younger sibling. When required, that older child will snap and say "OK, I'm sorry," after stamping their feet, and making a face. Have you ever demanded a second apology, and tell that child, "This time, I want you to really mean it."

How often do we say "I'm sorry" without really meaning it. Have you ever told your boss you were sorry about being late, when you really did not care? The apology is expected so you don't get a write up on your record.

Have you ever told a cop you were sorry you speeding? In reality, you were just sorry you got caught.

Have you ever told your husband/wife you were sorry you did not calling, when you really just wanted some time to yourself? You know that if you make that call, you will get some flak on the phone, so you just put it off...

In each instance, a quick, and thoughtless apology may be sufficient to get your boss/the cop/your spouse off your back, but the words are cheap and meaningless.

A true apology occurs when the heart and head are in the same place, and when you intellectually and emotionally accept the responsibility for causing another person pain, even if you've done it unintentionally. An honest apology requires that you accept responsibility for your own action.

Try to understand why the other person may be hurt or offended, and apologize after you have given it this kind of thought. Don't expect anything in return. A true apology is selfless act. If you want something in return, including forgiveness or attention, the apology is about receiving, and not about giving. Keep it simple. Don't offer excuses.

Remember the real reason you are apologizing, because your intention will show. The act of "imperfect contrition" means that you want something for yourself.

The Act of Contrition: "O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins, because I dread the loss of heaven, and the pains of hell; but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, Who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Thy grace, to confess my sins, to do penance, and to amend my life. Amen"

Imperfect contrition means we are sorry, because we don't want to go to hell. Perfect contrition means we are sorry because we have offended God, our Father.

There is no right or wrong way to express our apology, but it needs to include a desire to change. That desire to change comes with the help of God's grace.

By making a heartfelt apology, you acknowledge the hurt you have caused. This can help the injured person let go of the pain they have, or the grudge they have been carrying. It can restore trust.

So, if you are estranged from someone, try a sincere apology. If you are the injured person, try to accept the apology and let go of the grudge. That will be a gift you give to yourself.

Peace,  
Andrea

## *Birthdays*

- 4 Kelly Gilbert
- 26 Jean Case
- 27 Jeanne Griffin
- 28 Aaron Bahr
- 29 David Kirk
- 29 Rhiannon Snyder

## *Baptismal Birthday's*

- 2 David Devan
- 6 Gale Hedgecock
- 14 Parker Scholl
- 14 Ashlee Gilbert
- 16 Alice House
- 19 Elizabeth Scholl
- 21 Kelly Gilbert
- 21 Millie Weismuller

## *Anniversaries*

- 2 Greg & Elizabeth Scholl
- 9 Doug & Dolores Antl

*Come Join Hands With Us!*

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**Hours of Worship**  
**Sunday 10:00 AM**  
**Holy Communion 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays**  
**Fellowship Hour 11:00 AM**  
**Sunday School & Bible Study 8:45 AM**  
**Women's Bible Study-Tuesday 10:00 AM**

# A JESUS CHRIST Now and Forever

If you have articles that you would like to see published please contact Rebecca Harrington with the information. In order to make inclusion easier, please submit an electronic version of the material in Microsoft format.

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