

A STEWARD'S VIEW

1 Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11:

St. Peter points out that regardless of how we might be mocked or ridiculed for managing all of life and life's resources for God's purposes, we will be blessed in this life and especially blessed in the life to come. What joy we have in knowing that what we do as Christian stewards really does have eternal consequences.

News & Announcements

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Vickie Welsh-Huston & Tim Huston in honor of their 20th wedding anniversary.

PREGNANCY CARE CENTER NEEDS: Onesies, gowns and sleepers size 0-3; diapers, size 4 & 5; and wet wipes. You can drop these items off at the Outreach & Care office.

LWML ZONE RALLY AT GRACE

FEBRUARY 7, 8:30-12:30 PM

Mark your calendars for the next LWML get together February 7, right here at Grace. Never participated in the Lutheran Women's Mission League? This is a great chance to see what it is all about. The Saturday morning gathering is full of fellowship, and news about mission projects, followed by a prayer service and a nice lunch. For more information about the rally or the LWML contact Kay Niemoeller.

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Sunday, December 28

Divine Service ~ 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Adult Education Hour ~ 9:15 a.m.

Monday, December 29

Noon Prayer Service ~ 12:10 p.m.
Elder's Meeting ~ 5:15 p.m.

Tuesday, December 30

Noon Prayer Service ~ 12:10 p.m.

Wednesday, December 31

Noon Prayer Service ~ 12:10 p.m.
New Year's Eve Service ~ 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 1

Happy New Year
Office Closed

Friday, January 2

Noon Prayer Service ~ 12:10 p.m.

Saturday, January 3

Breakfast With Dad ~ 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, January 4

Divine Service ~ 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Adult Education Hour ~ 9:15 a.m.
Jr. Youth Meeting ~ 4:00- 5:30 p.m.
Adult Bells ~ 4:30- 5:30 p.m.
Sr. Youth RIOT ~ 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Our Family Matters

**December 28
2008**

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NEW YEAR'S EVE WORSHIP

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 7:00 P.M.

Join us Wednesday evening as we celebrate the blessings of the past year, and God's promise in the next. Grace's New Year's Eve Service will begin at 7:00 pm with Pastor Armstrong preaching the good news of being in Christ (based on Romans 8:31b-39). Service will conclude with Holy Communion where Christ will give us His sin-forgiving Body and Blood.

GIVE THE GIFT OF JESUS IN 2009

Follow the call to reach out to our neighbors with the Good News of Christ. We need members to help distribute door-hangers in the local neighborhoods this coming week. Share the saving work of God through Jesus' life, death and resurrection with those who live within a mile of Grace. All you need to do is walk a street or two hanging information on door-knobs. This is a great family service project that anyone, any age can do. Sign up for a role in inviting our neighbors to learn about the fundamentals of the Christian Faith at the next Alpha Class starting Tuesday, January 13 at 5:50 p.m. or Searching Scripture beginning on the 20th. Their life may well depend on it.

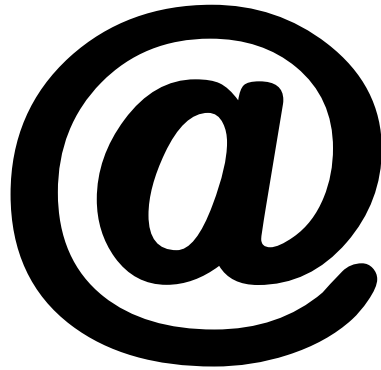
**"Christ-centered worship, proclaiming the Gospel,
and nurturing all into God's family."**

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We are asking for everyone's email address to help with the speedy and timely distribution of certain information in the most cost effective manner.

Please send a quick email to office@gracecolumbus.org the next time you are checking your email. You don't even have to say anything in the note. Even if you think we might have your email we would still like to hear from you so we can be sure we have it correctly entered in the computer.

If there is any other information like birthdays or anniversaries that you think we might not have please send us those too.



News & Announcements

A BIG THANK YOU! To All the children and youth that put on such a wonderful Christmas program last Sunday. Thanks also to the parents for working with their children. And lastly, a big thank you to Lori Moses and Karin Duchow for all that they do with children's ministry here at Grace. The Elders

MEN'S PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY If you would like to become a part of the regular bi-weekly prayer and bible study meetings call Lester Peters or Ed Probst; or drop by on January 7, 6:30 am in the West Wing.

A NOTE OF THANKS for all the donated presents for the angel tree angels. We had many more angels this year due to the economic conditions and the lingering effects of the flood. God continues to show His love and generosity through you all time and again. What a great God we have to lavish us with His most wondrous gift of all, Christ. Thank you! Carrie

TELECARE MINISTRY - We are in the process of starting a new Care Ministry that will contact members on a regular basis by phone. We have had several members express their desire to reach out to their fellow members. We still have room for a few more. Please let Carrie Davies know if you are interested or sign-up on the Outreach and Care bulletin board.

THE FLOWER CHART There is a new flower chart for 2009 posted by the office. If you wish to give flowers for worship sign up for the date you want. The cost is \$40 for a Sunday.

TRINITY LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL invites students and their families to an open house on Friday, January 23 from 4:00-6:00 pm. All eighth grade students in attendance and their families will receive free admittance to the boy's basketball game beginning at 6:00pm. New applicants will also receive a \$75 voucher to be used toward the price of admission for the 2009-2010 school year. Please enter through the commons. We hope to see you there!

SOUND TEACHING

TITUS 2:1

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE CLASSES will begin next week with the following classes:

"Philippians" a CPH Bible Study led by Joel Gustafson, examines the context, themes, doctrine, and history contained in St. Paul's letter to the mostly Gentile congregation at Philippi;

"Passover to Communion" This 8 week study will compare and contrast the Old Testament ordinance of the Passover with Christ's Holy Supper that he instituted for all believers on the night on which he was betrayed. Led by Dane Whitlock;

"The Majesty of Christ" a video study by R. C. Sproul. Each week an aspect of the nature of Jesus will be explored and related to our understanding of the Christ in a fuller sense;

"Daniel: Spiritual Living in a Secular World" led by Tammy Mocas. This class is for Young Adults (post-high school) and meets in the conference room.

ISSUES ETC. SCHEDULE NEW FORMAT We encourage you to continue to listen to "Issues, Etc." each Sunday at noon, AM 1010, WCSI, sponsored by Grace Lutheran.

December 28th

"Answering the Objections of Unbelievers: The Exclusive Claims of Christianity" 3 of 4 Dr. John Warren Montgomery
"A New Survey on the Religious Beliefs & Practices of College Students"
Rev Marcus Zill

RADIO FOR CHRISTMAS TIME...Tune in during the Christmas break to Issues, Etc. Topics include: The Christmas Hymn "Of the Father's Love Begotten," The Book of Revelation & The Birth of Christ, The Circumcision & The Name of Jesus and more. Issues, Etc. is hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken and produced by Lutheran Public Radio. You can listen when you want at www.issuesetc.org.

BREAKFAST WITH DAD

SATURDAY, 9:00-10:00 A.M.

Join us this Saturday, January 3 from 9:00-10:00am. This is a hardy breakfast, a short talk, open to fathers and children of all ages, from school age children to high schoolers to adult children with their empty nester dads. Meet in the West Wing for this intergenerational event as we explore and encourage men in their vocation as fathers. There is a hardy breakfast, a short talk, and good conversation around the table. Grace Lutheran Church supports men in their vocation of father: to help encourage them in leading the family in Faith to worship and trust in the promises of God. See you there!

