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# VBS Underwater Adventure

This years' Vacation Bible School has been set for June 20<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>. Kids ages 3 through those who have completed 5<sup>th</sup> grade will experience an underwater adventure while learning about Jesus and His love for them. There will be an optional lunch (\$1/child/day) from Noon - 12:30pm, VBS Programming from 12:30-3pm, and optional childcare (\$4/child/day) (\$2 each additional child) from 3-5:30pm.



Registration information is available in the church office and on the *Grace* website, please register by June 13<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are also needed! We hope to see you there.



## Summer Schedule Starts May 29

On May 29 we begin the summer schedule with a **single 9:30 service** with coffee and fellowship immediately following. **Summer office hours** are 7AM - 12PM, Monday-Thursday.

### Attention all Children/Youth Volunteers

**Effective June 1** we are requiring that all adults volunteering with children/youth activities and events at Grace must have a background check completed and on file at the church. This practice has become the norm for churches, and is being done to ensure the safety of all young people at Grace sponsored programming. Form can be picked up and dropped off in the church office, background checks will then be completed online by church staff. All information on the form, as well as any information received from the background check will be kept confidential. You can also download the form or submit the information online at the [Christian Ed. homepage](#) under Forms and Downloads. Contact Brad with any questions and thank you for your cooperation.



- ▶ The **Morning Circle** will not meet June 1<sup>st</sup>. The shut-in luncheon they are co-hosting with Evening Circle will take the place of the June Circle Meeting.
- ▶ The **Evening Circle** will meet June 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 PM in the Reception Room. Trudy Miller will lead Lesson 5, Singing Hymns of Hope in our study about Revelations. Bring a sandwich or something light and Ann Peck will provide something to finish the meal. Ruth Meylink will lead the meeting. For more information about this rowdy bunch of ladies, please call any of the above.
- ▶ **Rummage Sale Thank You** - Thank you for all the bake sale goodies and rummage sale items. This was a very successful sale and we would like to thank the workers who donated their time and effort to make it so. Many hands made the task fun and easier. A sale of approximately \$2,000.00 was realized. This money all goes to missions and keeps our kitchen items updated. We have set the time for the fall rummage sale which will be September 25<sup>th</sup> through the 30<sup>th</sup>. We appreciate all the help we had from the whole congregation. Thank you from Charlene, Sue, and Helen

### Shut-in Luncheon on June 15<sup>th</sup>

Shut-in luncheon to be held on Wednesday June 15 at 11:30. Hymn sing, good food, fellowship and communion. Please call Helen Glewen if you need transportation, 887-2547.

## The "Thank You" Column

- From Church Health Services:

Dear Friends,

Thank you to the members of your church for your recent gift in the amount of \$1,000.00 to the ministry of Church Health Services, Inc. We greatly appreciate your fundraising to benefit our organization through your recent Mystery Dinner Special Event.

Your gift will help us continue to address the health care needs of the medically underserved and to carry forth the message of faith and health. Since its inception in 1993, Church Health Services has served many individuals and families. Your generosity helps us to positively impact the health of people in our area communities.

Thank you for being an important part of our continued commitment to serve.

With Gratitude,

Mike Augustson, MD, Executive Director

- Dear Congregation & Staff:

On behalf of our agency and the families and individuals we serve, thank you for your recent donation of 44 pounds of food to our pantry in Beaver Dam, in the month of March. We sincerely appreciated your thoughts in choosing our pantry to support. Your contribution helps to alleviate the burden to families and individuals in the Dodge County area that struggle to meet the basic needs in their homes.

Letty Castillo, County Coordinator

### GRACE CHURCH CALENDAR May 29 - June 12, 2011

#### Sunday May 29

9:30 AM Worship

#### Monday May 30

Memorial Day Observed--Office Closed

#### Tuesday May 31

9:30 AM Senior Coffee

7:30 PM Meditation

#### Wednesday June 1

8:30 AM Meditation

9:45 AM Women's Book Group

5:30 PM Evening Circle

5:30 PM Power to Prosper Meal

6:00 PM Power to Prosper Class

#### Thursday June 2

6:30 PM Spanish Class

#### Sunday June 5

9:30 AM Worship - Communion

**Nurturing Connections Potluck**

#### Monday June 6

11:00 AM Staff Meeting

#### Tuesday June 7

9:30 AM Senior Coffee

7:30 PM Meditation

#### Wednesday June 8

8:30 AM Meditation

9:45 AM Women's Book Group

#### Thursday June 9

6:30 PM Spanish Class

#### Sunday June 12 - Pentecost, Graduation Sunday

9:30 AM Worship

#### For Sunday May 29

**Head Ushers:** 9:30 - Jr. & Maria Krause

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**Greeters:** 9:30 - Jill & Terry Cullen Family

**Fellowship Coffee:** John & Laurie Klingler

**Nursery:** Tessa, Becca, & Holly DeYoung

**Next Courier:** Deadline for articles is **Monday**

**June 6 at 10 AM.** (This is the only newsletter in

June.)

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PROGRAMS



**WOMEN'S BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP** Meeting every Wednesday (1<sup>st</sup> Wed. meets away from church) morning from 9:45 - 11:00 in the Reception Room of the Church. Come and join us!

**FIRST TUESDAY BOOK CLUB** First Tuesday Book Club will meet June 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in the Church Library. We'll be going back to 1863 when we discuss the book, ***The Killer Angels***, by Michael Shaara. The book is about four days of the Battle of Gettysburg. Please call Sharon Titus or Ann Peck if you would like to know more about our group. We welcome new members.



**CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER** (Meditation) meets Wednesday mornings from 8:30-9:45 in the chapel. Join this group that meets to nurture and sustain spiritual vitality in contemporary life. New faces are always welcome. For more information call Debbie at 485-4848.

**TUESDAY EVENING MEDITATION** This group meets Tuesday evenings at 7:30 in the chapel. Guided and quiet meditation with the use of Tibetan singing bowls helps us focus our hearts and minds on the Creator. Come experience a time of peace in a hectic world. Contact Ken Zeyher for more information at 887-9216 or [bowisetc@gmail.com](mailto:bowisetc@gmail.com).

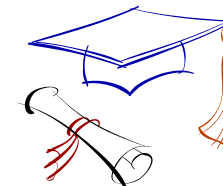
**SPANISH CLASS** The Spanish class that meets at Grace has meetings on Thursday nights from 6:30 - 8:00pm. This is an advanced group (level 2-3) which uses a variety of material to aid in sharpening their Spanish skills. If you are in need of practicing your Spanish this may be the group for you. Contact Tami Mohammed at 356-0322 or [tamiom@yahoo.com](mailto:tamiom@yahoo.com) for more information.

## Are You in Need of Prayer?



The Grace Email Prayer Chain is here to support and lift you up in prayer. Prayer requests can be sent, called in to the church, or submitted online. Visit [www.bdgracechurch.org/prayerrequests.cfm](http://www.bdgracechurch.org/prayerrequests.cfm) to submit your requests or to sign up to receive prayer chain emails.

## Graduation Sunday



Graduation Sunday is set for June 12 and will be a part of the 9:30 worship service. Please plan on attending as we celebrate the achievement of the class of 2012.

## Bible in a Year

Did you know that the Bible tells many of its stories more than once? That the book of Esther doesn't expressly mention God? That Job had no patience at all? That the Bible speaks of both giants and sea monsters? That there are four books (or five, depending how you count) named John in the New Testament? That Luke and Acts are part of one work by the same writer? These are just some of the things you'll learn in a new "through the Bible in a year" Bible study being offered this year at Grace.

In this Bible study, our project will not be to study a familiar book or books in depth, but to look at scripture in its entirety. To help you accomplish the task and to make group conversation possible along the way, we will follow a schedule of readings that will take us from Genesis to The Revelation (with time off for Thanksgiving, Christmas, etc., of course!). And we'll meet each week for an hour or an hour and a half, (we'll agree on that at the beginning) to discuss what we've seen.

We would like to start in June but have yet to set a day and time, we are open to suggestions. If you are interested, let us know what will work for you.

Here is a chance to explore scripture and take some of the "road[s] less traveled." All you'll need is a Bible and a comfortable chair.



BD-LIVES  
Summer 2011  
Kick off Event



**LOlympics** on Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup> 7pm at Swan Park in Beaver Dam! Bring old clothes and get ready to LOL!

BD-LIVES is a subcommittee on Youth Ministry for the Beaver Dam Ministerium. There are events planned throughout the summer for high school youth. Stayed tuned for more details!

Remaining Summer Schedule:

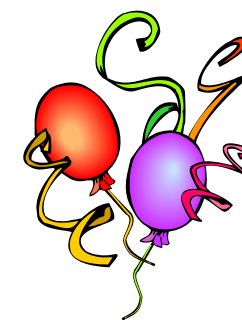
- \*June 20th @ 7pm
- \*June 27th @ 7pm
- \*July 11th @ 7pm
- \*July 18th @ 7pm
- \*July 25th @ 7pm
- Aug 1st—Noah's Ark Trip
- \*Events at Swan Park

## Mitchell Berg, One of Our "Grace" kids, is a 2011 Kid from Wisconsin!

The Kids from Wisconsin is a song and dance troupe plus musicians comprised of thirty-three 15-20 year-olds from across WI. The Kids tour in and around WI the entire summer and are featured twice each day at the WI State Fair in August. This summer the Kids are coming to Beaver Dam. On behalf of the Beaver Dam Area Community Theater, the Kids from Wisconsin will perform at the BDHS Auditorium on Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM. Listen for upcoming ticket announcements on WBEV and look for posters in and around Beaver Dam. For more information about the 2011 troupe and for a complete tour schedule, check out their website, [www.kidsfromwisconsin.com](http://www.kidsfromwisconsin.com).

## June Birthdays

- 1 - Gail Anderson, June Schultz, Mary Jane Smith
- 2 - Hannah Smith
- 3 - Madalyn Dixon, Zoe Handt, Amber Krause, Ron Wilkie
- 4 - Barbara Callies, Mary Wollenburg
- 5 - Lori Vanden Houten
- 6 - Judson Ehmen, Richard Jacobs, John Ley, Riane Wilkie
- 7 - Elda "Dickie" Lehman, Cathy Ley, Eugene Timm, Sr.
- 8 - Austin Koehn, Justin Sutter
- 9 - Jean Carolan, Brody Kienast
- 10 - Cheryl Zeman
- 11 - Jake Elegreet
- 13 - Brandon Eckes, Alexandria Gable, Kyle Zimmerman
- 14 - David Bestor, Jennifer Smith
- 15 - Natalia Frinak, David Verhulst, Bob Wyman
- 16 - Julie Armon, Charlotte Reifsnider
- 17 - Andrew Schoenwetter
- 18 - Emily Johnson
- 19 - Matthew Berg, Keith Livingston
- 20 - Luke Gartland, Glenn Stousland
- 21 - Virginia Ganske
- 22 - Lenora Harrington
- 23 - Ella Dionsysius, Rachel Johnson
- 25 - Mary Jacobs
- 26 - Jodi Apel, Joshua Cloyd, Kalyn Gebhardt
- 27 - Steve Elegreet, Ruth Elgersma, Laurie Klinger, Tom Muenchow
- 29 - Gerald Hummelmeier, Duane Schroeder
- 30 - Courtney Cullen, Bob Schmidt



## Missing Basket

Missing: Longenberger basket, brown color, 10 by 15 size with handles. Missing since last church rummage sale. Last seen in church kitchen. Any information, please call 887-9300 or call church office. Thank you.

## Grace Church to host Life Line Screenings

Grace Church has agreed to host a Life Line Screening event on Tuesday, August 23, 2011. More details will be available as the date approaches. Pre-registration is required. Call 800-324-1851 for immediate information or to register, or visit [www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners).

## \$crip News

You can now purchase Papa Murphy's Pizza Scrip cards! Delicious, inexpensive take and bake pizza, and Grace receives 8% profit. Just add it to your order form. Please keep Scrip in mind over the summer months...it really helps with our bottom line!

Do you like to stay at bed and breakfasts? Did you know you may be able to pay for it using Scrip, and thereby helping church while you are on vacation? If interested in finding out how, please call Ann Peck at 887-1568, and she will be glad to explain how it's done.



## Monthly Potluck This Summer

**Join us for the first one June 5<sup>th</sup>!**

Nurturing Connections will be hosting monthly potlucks this summer. The potlucks will be the first Sundays of June, July and August. They will start after the summer worship service (approximately 10:45AM). Please stay after church and join us for food and fellowship! Beverages will be provided.



At Pentecost, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit as a bringer of new life. Because of the Spirit's coming, we no longer need to settle for business as usual but can know the transforming and creative love of God that makes the impossible possible.

The Pentecost Offering is one of the four annual churchwide Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Through Pentecost Offering gifts, we bring God's transforming love to children at risk. We help guide and nurture the faith of Presbyterian young people. We call forth a new generation of church leadership through the PC(USA) Young Adult Volunteer program.

Forty percent of the Offering stays in our own congregation to support children-at-risk ministries of our choice. The remainder of the Offering receipts will be sent to the General Assembly Mission Council to support other programs that minister to youth and young adults and advocate for children-at-risk.

This year's theme, "So I Send You" (John 20:21), reminds us that as Jesus was sent by God to heal a hurting world, we, too, are called to that same task. We are called to act on the basis of faith. Through gifts to the Pentecost Offering, we act to make tangible, positive changes in our community, our church, and our world.

There is an envelope enclosed in this Courier for your convenience. You may bring it to church or mail it in. Thank you for your support of the Pentecost Offering.