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**The Newsletter of
HISTORIC GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
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PASTOR'S FOCUS...Pastor Christell

Let's focus on MISSION STATEMENTS for a bit. Did you know that Grace Lutheran Church has a mission statement? We do! Can you recite it from memory? Why not? It is front and center every worship service at the top of the bulletin.

MISSION STATEMENT

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD
SERVING GOD'S CREATION
WITH CHRIST-LIKE LOVE

If you didn't remember, or even know that fact, you are not alone. That Mission Statement was developed years ago. It is a good Mission Statement. The problem is we never did very much with it. All of that is about to change, and change in some amazing ways.

The Congregational Council, with the addition of some other members of the congregation is going through a process to develop a new Mission Statement for Grace. *The function of a Mission statement is to provide a constant reminder of who we are, where we are headed, to what purpose, and the values we seek to uphold on our journey.* (LLJ) Sharon Knop is leading us in this new endeavor.

We have already spent time identifying the values we believe speak to what and who Grace is and/or should be. Sharon has prepared an article, which appears later in this Grace Notes, explaining this process and the values the council identified.

The next step in the process will be for the Long Range Planning committee to spend time with the values identified and write one or more mission statements for Grace. When that is done, the Congregational Council will lift

up one of those to be the new Mission Statement for Grace. The congregation will know this new statement as it becomes our guide and anchor as we plan for the future of Grace.

Each committee and organization will be asked to use the Mission Statement as a "compass" to begin to write goals, in that committee's area of responsibility for the next 3-5 years. These goals will be presented to the Congregational Council and published, so that the congregation is aware of the goals and can help make them a reality.

This is an exciting time as Grace focuses our view of ministry and what that means for us as members of Grace and Disciples of Christ.

Peace, Pastor Tom Christell

REFORMATION AND ALL SAINTS WEEKEND Oct 31/Nov 1

We will have a Window of Remembrance again for All Saints weekend October 31 and November 1. Begin thinking about a picture of those loved ones to be placed in church. More details will follow in the bulletins. Also because of the Reformation please wear **RED** for that weekend.

CHILI COOK-OFF...Sunday, October 18th at 12:00 noon in the church parking lot. Sign up is in the Fellowship Hall. Chili, hot dogs, drinks and desserts will be provided. Please sign up if you can bring a dessert. Chili contestants should prepare enough chili for 15-20 people. Please bring your chili in a crockpot.

We encourage all contestants to decorate their station/table.

Chili tasting will occur during the event. Prizes will be awarded.

Bring the kids. There will be face painting and pumpkin decorating.

Fun for all is planned. We hope to see everyone there!

Any questions, contact Allison Klint at allisonklint@comcast.net.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

Regularly scheduled classes are each week at 9:15 am.

ADULT FORUM

The Adult Forum meets each Sunday morning at 9:30 am. We have begun a study of the movie *7 Days in Utopia*. Join as we discover some interesting life lessons that we can apply to our faith.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Sunday Church School Confirmation began on September 27. This year Chris Venaas, with the help of Cameron Dees, will teach the Bible portion as the youth study the New Testament.

Weekday classes that will explore Lutheran History and the Catechism will be held every other Wednesday, 7:00-8:30 pm beginning October 7, 2015.

BROWN BAG BIBLE STUDY

BROWN BAG BIBLE STUDY is held on Thursdays at 12:10 pm. We continue our exploration of the Acts of the Apostles, as we watch the young church grow and deal with issues good and not so good along the way. This continues to be a popular Bible Study group at Historic Grace, so grab your lunch and a friend and join us. Questions, contact Pastor Tom Christell.

YOUTH

Here are some dates and events that are already on the books:

2015

October 4—Crop Walk for all ages. The walk will start here at Historic Grace. Registration begins at 1:00 pm and the walk begins at 1:30 pm. Individuals, youth and families that walk are invited back to Christell's for a potluck cookout following the walk. A sign-up sheet is on the white board for the cookout and what you will bring. Remember Grace Food Pantry benefits from some of the money raised by the walkers. Crop walk donation packets are available now!!

November 8- Canned food drive for Thanksgiving Holiday Food Baskets. Location and time to be announced.

December 6- Kid's Holiday Happening. Youth 6th grade – High School plan an afternoon (12 noon– 4:00 pm) for young children so parents get a little break during the Holiday Season. This is a servant event - that means it doesn't cost parents anything.

2016

January 8 – All youth Lock-in at church. Times, events, activities etc. to be announced later.

February 7 – All youth bowling, skating or Glow Golf

March 26 & 27 – Youth prep, cook, serve and clean-up for the Easter Breakfast. Proceeds supports the Easter Holiday Baskets.

In addition to these already scheduled events other opportunities for youth to get together are being planned. Some suggestions have been concerts, movies, sporting events, etc. If somebody has an idea please talk with Cameron Dees.

From the Desk of Director of Music JB George...

Fall music ministry programs are in full swing now, and we are delighted to have welcomed some new members to Chancel Choir, Bell Choir, and Cantors! It is never too late to join. Please consider how you might share your gifts with others.

During the long season after Pentecost (sometimes called "Ordinary Time"), we have mostly Green Sundays. A few exceptions are Reformation (Oct 31) and All Saints Day (Nov 1). This year, they fall on the same weekend. Rather than separate out the two festivals as we usually do to the two Sundays surrounding them, this year we will explore the ways the themes intersect.

A familiar and beloved All Saints Day tradition at Grace will return this year with the "Window of Remembrance." What a beautiful reminder that, as Christians, and especially as we come to the Lord's Table, we are reunited with our sisters and brothers in all times and places, including those who have already gone on to the Heavenly Banquet. Directions and labels for your photos will be provided. Thanks to Cathy McGuire for coordinating this again.

As the Church Year nears its end in late autumn, we will see a harmony with the agricultural season of the northern hemisphere, as the readings reflect harvest and end times. Sometimes, our church seasons challenge and oppose our secular culture (such as during Advent), but at this time, Thanksgiving (a civic holiday), and All Saints Day and Christ the King (church festivals) have much in common.

We are planning Advent Midweek devotions that will connect us with the themes of Advent, while integrating Sunday School opening and the Children's Advent/Christmas service. Plan now to attend the Wednesday meals at 6pm, followed by Evening Prayer and devotions at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall on December 2, 9, and 16, then the Children's Advent/Christmas Service on Saturday, December 19, at 5:00 pm. We are developing themes which emphasize God's Family Tree of salvation. More details will come next month.

Finally, as you think ahead to 2016 and how God will work in your life in the new year, a new resource from Augsburg Fortress is available for your personal and family devotions. *Bread for the Day* is based on our Sunday readings and helps us reflect and prepare for the Sunday assembly at church, while enriching our home life with table prayers, bedtime prayers and the like.

I especially like that it includes an appropriate hymn to sing at home (if you don't have a copy of *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, most hymns are also in the older hymnals which you might already have at home or can borrow). You can order a copy of *Bread for the Day* directly from Augsburg Fortress, but if you order through church, we can help save on shipping. A sample is available to view at the Augsburg Fortress website, and JB also has a sample packet. Please let JB know by November 1 if you want to order a copy. If you order through church, the cost will be about \$10.

JB

CLASSICAL GUITAR AT GRACE

Russel Brazzel, music director of the Springfield Classical Guitar Society, performs several times in Springfield over the next few months. Be sure to see Russel in a benefit concert for the SCGS; that will be our first performance for the 2015-2016 season. Join us at 8:00 pm on Saturday, October 17 at Grace Lutheran Church, 714 E. Capitol Avenue in downtown Springfield. Tickets are available at the door: \$15 for adults, \$10 for students and seniors.

THANK YOU'S

I would like to thank the members of Grace Lutheran Church for the beautiful flowers, contributed by the Schlicht family and delivered by Charlotte Blumle this past weekend. Flowers always cheer one up. Sandy Benanti

To our Grace family, thank you so very much for the beautiful altar flowers delivered by Charlotte Blumle. They are a daily reminder of how we have been truly blessed. We also thank everyone for all the wonderful cards and calls for our 65th anniversary. May God bless everyone remembering us. Carl and Dorothy Bahre

Thank you to Kristin Schattschneider for filling in for me in the office while on vacation. Thank you also to Pastor Tom, David and JB for helping out as well. You are a gift to me. Kim Gietl

I would like to thank all the girls from Grace who so faithfully helped at the last Biennial Convention of Women of the ELCA. Whether you made coffee cake, served it, attended the convention or just prayed for my sanity, I owe all of you a huge debt of gratitude for your love and support. Thank you so much! In Christ, Mary Plymire

PASTOR'S APPRECIATION...October is Pastor Appreciation month. Pastor Tom never draws attention to this observation but he always appreciates words of encouragement and support. Let him know how much you appreciate him and keep him in your prayers.

We pray... God Almighty, we thank and praise you for the gift of our pastor. With gratitude in our hearts, we thank you Lord for this precious person in our lives. We thank and praise you for his ministry of leadership. We thank and praise you for our pastors' family. We acknowledge the gift of your servant to the work of ministry; called in his weakness and strengthened by your Spirit. We stand beside our pastor, giving him loving support and encouragement day by day. May we support him with our prayers, kindness, and words of appreciation. Bless him with discernment and integrity as he instructs and counsels us to be obedient and faithful to your Word. As he prepares us for works of service, inspire him with your vision for the church and instill in each of us a profound longing to be the people you desire us to be. Your ways are higher than our ways, Lord. Bless us all with wisdom, courage, and compassion so that the love of Christ may be shown in this church and to the world around us. Amen

COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- The Council approved Pastor Christell's appointments for the 175th Anniversary Committee. The full list will be published as soon as all people are contacted and agree to serve.
- The Council was informed that Grace's Ministry of Space continues to grow. Ministry of Space means we work with many different organizations to provide space free of charge so that their programs can continue without being financial prohibitive.
- Our parking lot is used by both the Youth Symphony and Springfield ballet so that young people can attend rehearsals at the Hoogland without having to pay the cost of the ramp parking. Those vehicles using our lot have special placards that hang from rear view mirrors.

They are allowed to park at specific times only, usually in the evenings and on weekends during times we don't have worship.

- The youth in the beginning strings program of Youth Symphony will also be using Grace's music room on Tuesday evenings for rehearsal.
- Grace has also become the new concert venue for the Springfield Classic guitar Society. There are posters up around church announcing their 2015-2016 concert series.
- The Council received a very favorable Treasurer's report showing a year to date balance of \$16,389 at the end of August. See below for more information.

FINANCIAL/ATTENDANCE REPORT

August 2015
Estimate of giving \$27,500
Actually given \$33,301

August 2014
Estimate of giving \$27,500
Actually given \$14,983

Month August 2015
Budget Income \$34,054
Budget Expense \$33,900
Actual Income * \$43,370
Actual Expense \$35,763

Month August 2014
Budget Income \$34,007
Budget Expense \$33,384
Actual Income \$24,299
Actual Expense \$27,074

* Includes offerings plus parking lot income, distributions from Trusts, etc.

Attendance records (based on weekend attendance)

Attendance for August 2015
2015 AVG. YTD 148 (5 weeks)

Attendance for August 2014
2014 AVG. YTD 135 (5 weeks)

Average attendance year to date this is the total number of worshippers divided by the number of weekends in the year to date.

(i.e. Total attendance 800 divided by 6 weekends=133 members in average attendance).

Grace Values, Mission Statement and Long Range Planning

Following is the plan the LRP Committee has set to complete the long range planning for our church. The first phase was completed with the church council in August with developing value statements. We are indebted to Sharon Knop for facilitating this process. What talent we have in this congregation!

From the core values we will draft one or more Mission Statements. One of those statements will be adopted by Council. Guided by that Mission Statement, each committee of Grace will then formulate goals pertaining to its area of ministry. Please remember us in your prayers that our work will glorify God as our church moves through this important work.

Mission Statement

"If you don't know where you are going any road can take you there"
– Lewis Carroll, Alice in Wonderland

We don't want to be like Alice Aimless and unclear about our journey. As a congregation, we need to be clear about our values and mission. A mission statement is a method of providing focus. It is our constitution, our criteria for decision making. In Lead Like Jesus, Ken Blanchard, describes a mission statement, "The function of a mission statement is to provide a constant reminder of who we are, where we are headed, to what purpose and the values we seek to uphold on the journey." A mission statement clarifies what is important, provides focus, guides decisions, and gives a sense of meaning and purpose. Jesus was very clear about his mission.

Since the first step in the planning process is to be clear about our values, mission, and goals, the congregational council, along with long-range planning, has begun the journey of updating the mission statement for Grace. They have started this journey by participating in a facilitated session to define the values of Grace. Values are our non-negotiables - what we stand for - believe in. At the bottom of this article, you will find the values that were composed at the August Council Meeting.

Now that our values have been established, a sub-committee is going to be taking this information and working on a new/updated mission statement for Grace. Drafts will be submitted to the council for discussion and selection. Once a mission statement is agreed upon, it will be shared with all members. It will then be used by all members as a guidepost and by committees to establish goals for 2016 and beyond.

Values of Grace Lutheran Church Exercise Aug 2015

Value #1 Disciples of Christ

- A place where God's love is recognized
- Serving the Lord
- Christ centered
- Worship connects with Christians throughout the world and through time
- Sharing God's word
- Driven by God's truth
- Take Gospel message to the community
- Bring glory to God
- Christ as the center of all
- One body in Christ, Followers of Christ United in Christ

Value #2 Spiritual Growth

- Learning
- Growth of prayer lives
- Knowing and applying God's Word
- Education for all ages
- Music Ministry
- Youth Ministry

Value #3 Relationships

- Fellowship (2)
- Being a church family
- Involvement of everyone
- Relationships
- Families/People matter
- Celebrating life
- To promote fair and just treatment of all members of the community
- Support each other - church family

Value Hospitality

- Friendliness
- Hospitality
- Welcome strangers
- Acceptance
- Welcoming atmosphere

- **Grace welcomes people in a variety of life situations (families, singles, retired, etc.)**
- **A congregation that is inviting to people**
- **Inclusiveness, all are welcome**
- **Providing a worship experience for everyone**

Value Community Ministry

- **Helping the needy**
- **Serve others (3)**
- **Service to the community**
- **Serving the poor**
- **Service (2)**
- **Helping older people, i.e. running errands, etc.**
- **Feeding the hungry (2)**
- **Encouraging a healthy community**
- **Helping people who are poor to better lives**
- **Serving others through Christ**
- **Community ministry**
- **Ministering to the community wherever we connect with people**

Value Being a Good Neighbor

- **Be involved in downtown activities**
- **Maintain a downtown presence**
- **Take care of God's house**
- **Lutheran presence in downtown Springfield**

Misc. for Goals

- **Stewardship of time talent and treasure**
- **Funding for successful ministry**

PRAYERS OF GRACE MINISTRY

"Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere."

Ephesians 6:18 (NLT)

There are a couple of ways to request prayers from the Prayer Chain.

1. Call the church office (522-3965).
2. Email Chris Venaas (cvksos4363@gmail.com) , Sara Oehlert (soehlert@aol.com), or Pastor Christell (prchristell@aol.com)

If you want to join the Prayer Chain just let Sara or Chris know and you will be added to the list.

Want to learn more about prayer?

Come join us on the 1st Thursday of every month for fellowship, food and prayer. Our next meeting will be at Grace on **October 1 at 7:00 pm**. Questions? Contact Sara or Chris.

Remember if you have a Spiritual statement you would like to share or something meaningful you have found, place it on the bulletin board with the date on the back and we will leave it up for one month.

PRAYERS STILL NEEDED... for Erica Trinh, the young mother fighting brain cancer. You have the option of going on the internet and seeing daily updates at www.giveforward.com or the website that Ben Trinh has developed prayforericatrinh.com Please keep her, her husband Ben and daughter Sarah as well as Mike and Elaine Digiovanna and family and friends in your prayers.

Fellowship Events 2015

Please join us whenever possible and support local restaurants, drama performances and events that are going on in Springfield and the surrounding communities along with events here at Grace.

October 18, 2015 - Parking Lot Party/Chili Cook-Off

December 4, 11, 18 2015 - Advent Season Wednesday evening Suppers/Services

6:00 pm supper prior to 7:00 pm service.

December 13, 2015 – Caroling to homebound members, then meet at the Carillon to lead caroling 4:30-5:00 pm with Fellowship to follow at the Wheaton's.

Meet our New Member

Cynthia Martin...Cindy is an RN. She received her degree from LLCC. She has three sons and two grandchildren. She's always lived in the Springfield-Pawnee area. She enjoys music, cooking, time with her family, camping and fishing. The family enjoys and supports the Springfield arts. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran and joined Grace because she prefers a smaller church. Cindy and her husband reside at 817 Freemans Farm Rd.

Welcome to Grace Lutheran!

FOOD PANTRY REPORT

Helen Appleton

As Christ fed the multitudes, the mission of the Historical Grace Lutheran Church Food Pantry is to feed the hungry.

In August of 2015, we served 373 families composed of 902 individuals compared to 397 families composed of 900 individuals in 2014. We served 1300 individuals in August of 2013. In 2012, we had so many referrals that we had to request that some agencies send us fewer people.

The Food Pantry Board has noted that we have plenty of food and fewer referrals. We have tried writing letters to other area churches to make sure they know that religious organizations can refer to us as well as social agencies. We have contacted area newspapers and *The Illinois Times* did an article about us and the fact that we want to get the word out that we can serve more people. The Food Board has decided to try an experiment, in the near future, of not requiring food recipients to get a referral every month. Once a person is in our computer, they can return for food after 30 days without getting another referral. They will still be required to have IDs for every person in the family. With the transportation problems and costs that many of our recipients have, this will make it much easier for them. If we get overwhelmed, we will return to requiring a referral each time a food recipient is served.

The Sweet Adeline's Sound Celebration Chorus is donating a portion of the proceeds from their fall concert, *Haunted Harmony*, to the Food Pantry. The concert will take place Saturday October 3rd at 7:00 pm at the Hoogland Center for the Arts, 420 S. 6th Street. The cost is \$18 (\$15 for seniors). Call 523-2787 for tickets. I hope I will see many Grace members there!

Large Brown Grocery Bags Just a reminder... whenever you get your groceries in a paper bag we can use those bags in the food pantry. Because the bags we distribute are very heavy we put one sack inside the other to make them stronger; we use approximately 1,000 bags each month. Many times churches, work groups, schools, clubs, scouts, etc. are willing to save bags for the food pantry.

Halloween Candy... If you have leftover Halloween candy, we can always give it to our Food Pantry clients. You may place it in a container in the Fellowship hall.

TWISTED STITCHERS

October 6th - The Twisted Stitchers will meet on Tuesday, October 6th at 7:00 pm at the home of Debbie Rigg.

Butter Braids are coming, here are some changes!!!

- 1) The only way to order caramel rolls is to order a package of 3 different rolls (caramel, apple cinnamon, blueberry) for \$29.00.
- 2) You can order a pack of 3 butter braids (cherry, apple, raspberry) for \$29.00.
- 3) You can order a pack of 6 butter braids (apple, raspberry, cinnamon, cream cheese, strawberry cream cheese, blueberry) for \$55.00.
- 4) Individual butter braids are available in cinnamon, cherry, cream cheese, strawberry cream cheese, and blueberry for \$10.00
- 5) Boxes of 40 pre-portioned cookie dough are available in chunky chocolate chip, white choc. with macadamia nuts, snickerdoodle, peanut butter, oatmeal raisin, and M&M candies for \$11.00.
- 6) 2 pizzas of the same variety are available in pepperoni, 4 cheese, sausage and bacon, and BBQ chicken for \$12.00.

An order form for butter braids, cookie dough and pizzas is on the white board in the Fellowship Hall. The last day to order is November 15. You may pick up your order the weekend of November 21-22, 2015. If anyone is willing to take orders from co-workers please contact Charlotte 546-5573 for an order form.

50+ Lunch Bunch

We will not meet in October. Please come for the Chili Cook-off.

50+ Lunch Bunch is still looking for cooks

Would you be willing to prepare the main dish for 30 people once a year? 50+ lunch bunch pays for all the ingredients and they prepare the vegetable, salad and dessert. Cooks in the past have made things such as lasagna, meat loaf, stew, etc. Please contact Charlotte Blumle, 546-5573 if you are interested.

WELCA Update

All women of Grace are welcome at the Women's Circle meetings and other WELCA events. Please note the following schedule for what is happening in September.

Faith/Grace Circle - October 7th at 12:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. Contact person is Charlotte Blumle.

Sewin' Sowers - October 10th from 9:00 am to noon in the basement - Contact person is Charlotte Blumle.

Our next Quarterly Meeting will be Saturday, October 17th at Historic Grace Lutheran Church at 9:00 am. There will be a continental breakfast served by the WELCA board. After a brief business meeting, we will pack the blankets for World Relief.

Ruth Circle - Ruth Circle will be held on Tuesday, October 27th, at 7:00 pm at church. Linda Kauffman is doing a presentation. Diana Weyhenmeyer is hosting. All women of Grace are welcome!!

WELCA's Lutheran World Relief Project this year is to assemble *fleece blankets*. Each blanket is costing about \$20.00 to make. If you would like to offer up a contribution, in support of this project, make a check out to WELCA and write **Blanket Project** on the memo line or place cash in a sealed envelope clearly labeled with the name of the project. You may place your contributions in the offering plate at church or give it to Kim. WELCA will purchase the fleece and make the blankets. If you would like to make your own blanket, please contact Pat Ekle at 414-9596. She has the directions and will answer any questions that you might have. Thank you for your continued support of WELCA at Grace! Our goal this year, with God's blessings, is to provide lots of warmth and comfort to the less fortunate!

The WEST CENTRAL FALL CONFERENCE of WELCA is November 7, 2015 here at Grace and Roberta Volkmann is giving the program. There will be a continental breakfast and lunch and volunteers will be needed to help at both. Please contact Pat Casper if you can help.

Cookbook Update

We will have a cookbook available September 2016 for our 175th anniversary. Our goal is to have recipes from every Grace family in this anniversary book. During October the Cookbook committee will call families from whom we have no recipes. The committee will meet October 4th at 9:15 am at the church.

REMEMBERING PASTOR SCOTT HATFIELD

Patti and I just recently attended the untimely funeral of Pastor Scott Hatfield who spent 3 years of his ministry as pastor at Grace. It was a wonderful celebration of Life and Resurrection with tears and laughter.

One thing the family would like is your memories, whatever they are, of Pastor Scott, his time here and his ministry to you and your family. If you would please write down your thoughts and forward them to me, email, snail mail, or hand mail, I will make sure the Hatfield family will get them. These are especially important because they will be shared with Pastor Scott's grandchildren.

If you have any questions just contact me, Pastor Christell 725-3965.

YOUR HEALTH NEWS

Parish Nurse...Diana Weyhenmeyer

We welcomed our second grandson into the world this week. It was wonderful watching Chuck hold him for an hour and Luke sleeping peacefully in his arms. The two grandfathers each held a child and Ben gave Luke hugs and kisses.

Watching an almost two year old give a new baby kisses and hugs was really something to see.

I felt like I was on "sacred ground" watching the entire experience. Our greatest gift to give is our love for each other.

He was really gentle with him like he knew to be that way.

Children are really miracles. They are like sponges and waiting to absorb new things. They can learn and catch on very quickly to new ideas.

As grandparents we have an awesome responsibility to love the boys. Their parents have much to offer them and we get to watch them grow and learn and develop into people. It has been awesome watching Benjamin grow and experience new things.

I feel so blessed and thankful for our family. We are experiencing both ends of the spectrum with a newborn and planning a 100th birthday party next month for my Dad. It's neat when you think of the love we have for each other and the circle of life.

In Christ's love,
Diana

REMEMBER TO HAVE YOUR BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKED THE THIRD WEEKEND OF EACH MONTH!

SEW 'N SOWERS STUFFED ANIMAL PROJECT...We make stuffed animals and donate them to Washington Street Mission, Inner City Mission, American Red Cross and Contact Ministries. If you know any other agency or individuals who would like to have stuffed animals let us know.

Animals made with Halloween printed fabrics are available in the Fellowship hall. Suggested donation is \$3.00 for small animals and \$5.00 for large animals. All profits go to the Food Pantry.

Men, women, children and their friends are welcome to help us make the animals. We meet the second Saturday of every month from 9:00am- 12 noon. You can come as time permits. Cutting out and sewing can also be done at home. We are also in need of people to deliver the animals.

Questions may be referred to Charlotte, 546-5573. We will meet Saturday, October 10th at 9:00am.

\$250...may be available for a project you are working on this year, e.g. Animal Protective League, scouts, school supplies, Grace Food Pantry, etc. If Thrivent approves your application for funds, you will receive a credit card for \$250 to purchase advertising, supplies, etc. For further information contact Charlotte Blumle, 564-5573

EVENT POSTERS...If you know of any places where we can display posters about events at Grace contact Charlotte, 546-5573

CERTIFICATES OF INSURANCE...The insurance company that covers Historic Grace has asked to request Certificates of Insurance from all staff and members who use their personal vehicles for church business. When using your vehicle for church business your private insurance is the primary coverage for any, God forbid, accidents. Those volunteers who should provide this certificate would include: persons who pick up food for the food pantry, either from the Food Bank or from other stores, persons who might transport youth or adults for church activities, person delivering flowers after worship, lay communion ministers, etc.

COUNCIL MEMBERS AND THE COMMITTEES THEY REPRESENT

Administration/Finance	Tom Appleton
Christian Education	Denise Behl, Chris Venaas
Community Ministry	Jean Scherer
Evangelism	Claudia Cross, Jim Hobbs, Ed Wollet
Fellowship	Denise Behl
Long Range Planning	Ed Wollet
Mutual Ministry	Tom Appleton
Parish Life	Bill Hansen
Public Relations	Marilyn Dees
Property	Jack Wheaton
Stewardship	Jean Scherer, Jim Turner
Worship & Music	Carolyn Nelson, Chris Venaas
Youth	Cameron Dees

REMINDER: Committee chairs and/or secretaries please stop at the work room every week so that you can sign off on transactions vouchers. Thank you for giving your time.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

September-May

Saturday 5:00 p.m. / Sunday 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

June-August

Saturday 5:00 p.m. / Sunday 9:15 a.m.

Our church is ACCESSIBLE for wheelchairs and a Listening Device system is available.

A nursery is available at all worship services.

Please call the church office for any information.

Mon-Fri 9:00-5:00...522-3965 (voice mail available); Fax...522-5841

The **Food Pantry** operating schedule is:

Mon, Tues, Thu 11:00-2:30, Wed 11:00-1:00...522-9707