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Hall II

Sunday – 9:00 a.m. in Sanctuary

La Voz de la Esperanza

Sunday - 10:45 am



VBS is Almost Here!



It's time to pack your imagination, your fun-loving spirit, your sense of adventure, and your excitement about God's love – Vacation Bible School is coming fast! We have an abundance of high energy, action-packed activities planned for children ages 3 through those who have completed 5th grade. From music and crafts to storytelling and games, there is something for everyone at Camp E.D.G.E., where children will **experience** and **discover** God **everywhere**. With the help of adventurer Xtreme Jean, who takes life to the *edge*, children will hear about extreme adventures like whitewater kayaking, rock climbing, and riding a zip line and will discover the connections those activities have with daily life and a variety of Biblical adventures. Put the **extreme** in your child's faith journey this summer!

Here's some important information:

Dates: **Sunday**, June 28 – **Thursday**, July 2

Registration: Please go to <http://www.cokesburyvbs.com/GraceLutheranDMVBS/ce/>. It's quick and easy! Paper forms are also available on the youth bulletin board.



Times:

Sunday: **10:00am-12:00pm** (worship is at 9:00 a.m.)

(Please note: The program will begin immediately after worship, so we encourage you to arrive between 8:40-9:00am to check in and then worship together as a family at 9:00)

12:00pm – VBS picnic at Riley Park! Bring a salad or dessert to share, and a lawn chair. Other lunch items will be provided.

Monday – Thursday: **8:00-9:00am** – before care

9:00am-12:00pm – VBS program for ages 3 through grade 5

12:00-4:00pm – Afternoon activities for children having completed grades 1 -5 only

4:00-5:30pm – after care

Family Night – **Thursday, July 2 from 5:30-6:30pm in Grace Hall**

Join us for this culminating "inside the outside campfire." The fun begins with a light supper of hot dogs and dessert from 5:30-6:00 and continues with a fun program presented by the children. All are invited! If you wish, bring your camping and lawn chairs to add to the spirit!

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“Come to be fed... leave to feed others.”

Throughout the week, we will be collecting items to be donated to DMARC and will have the children deliver them on Thursday afternoon. We're hoping to fill a raft with donations! Needed items include: canned fruit, canned meals, canned soups, canned vegetables and beans, cereal, diapers and wipes, fruit and vegetable juices, infant formula and baby food, instant potatoes, macaroni and cheese dinner, macaroni, spaghetti, peanut butter, rice, saltines, spaghetti sauce, tuna, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo. No household cleaning items please.

Volunteer Orientation – Monday, June 22 from 6:30-8:00pm in the Gathering Hall

Thank you!

Thank you to all who have volunteered to help, and who have signed up to bring snack or decorating items. Sign-up sheets are available in the Gathering Hall. Please bring your snack donations on Sunday, June 28 if possible. Decoration items are needed anytime between now and Thursday, June 25. Please label them with your name. Thanks so much for your help!

So... grab your gear, come on, LET'S GO! Invite your friends and neighbors, and join us for the exciting adventure that awaits at Camp E.D.G.E.!

Questions? See Beth Flannery, Kristin Medhurst, McLissa Lawson, Stephanie Johnson, or call the church office at 276-6873. See you at camp!

Sympathy is extended to the Bergman family in the death of Barb's mother, Kathryn Everman who passed away on June 9.



My sincere thanks is extended to the Chancel Choir for their thoughtful gift card to Christopher's Restaurant. Accompanying the choir has been a blessing for me throughout the year, and I appreciate their recognition. See you in the fall.

Rich Snyder

We would like to thank all the friends of Grace for all the support you gave us at the time of Evelyn's death. It meant so much to have your visits and prayers. A special thanks to Pastor Cline, Pastor Mike and Pastor Lorraine for their visits to Evelyn in her hours of need and for their support in her passing. We just can't thank everyone enough for all their love and prayers. May God Bless all of you.

Thank You from the Family of Evelyn Beers.

We wish to thank all of you for your prayers, visits, flowers, cards and calls since Kay has been at Calvin Community. All are most appreciated. Take care and God bless.

Love, Kay and Bob Barks

Men in Mission

Men in Mission will meet Thursday, July 2, at 6:30 p.m. Jonas Chladek will speak about "The Art of Creating a New Person." This is a very interesting program. Join us and enjoy.



Grace Night at Iowa Cubs Mark your calendars! Grace night at the Iowa Cubs is scheduled for Sunday August 23. Tickets will go on sale in July.



Join us in spreading God's love and His word to our youth...Join the fun...Join our Children's Ministry Team.

We are already in the process of planning next year's Sunday School experience. We are looking for teachers and co-superintendents. We are working towards a team approach for planning and directing the Sunday School year. We value the creativity, energy and fellowship that are delivered when we work as a team. As a result, our youth, along with ourselves, grow in God's love and word. If this blessed opportunity interests you, please contact Cherie Rissman at cherierissman@hotmail.com or 270-0278.

A WORD OF THANKS

For the last several years Jose and Lorraine Avendaño have served as pastoral leaders of La Voz De La Esperanza. They were called to bring healing to the people of Esperanza, to re-establish worship that reflects the Lutheran tradition, and to teach the faith. Grace members who were in attendance at the annual meeting heard me speak of the fact that ELCA reduced the grant we have been receiving. The council determined that we could continue with their leadership until the end of June when their current visa would expire. This has been in process for 6 months. We certainly wish them well as they seek new ministry opportunities. It has been their wish that we not have a public recognition. If you wish to express your thanks in a personal way they will be in the office until the last Sunday of June. As we look ahead, "the bridge" team will be meeting to discover ways we might be able to continue to provide a word and sacrament ministry. In this effort the new Director of Mission for the ELCA, Gloria Dovre, will be part of these conversations. – Pastor Cline

Goodbye and Best Wishes from Pastor Lorraine and Pastor José Luis

Well, our time at Grace is coming to an end at the end of June. It feels like just yesterday that we made the 4-day trek by car from Nova Scotia to Des Moines, with Tico there on the armrest between us. Since arriving, our family has grown by 3 more cats!

We're not big on goodbyes, but we want to take this opportunity to thank the members of Grace for so much kindness and care given to us by many people. We wish you the very best in all of your projects and plans for the future and will remember you all with fondness.

With sadness, we also must say goodbye to our brothers and sisters in La Voz de la Esperanza and we want to assure you that our love and prayers will always be with you.

*God be with you till we meet again;
Loving counsels guide, uphold you,
With a shepherd's care enfold you;
God be with you till we meet again.
Till we meet, till we meet,
Till we meet at Jesus' feet;
Till we meet, till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again.*

Los pastores José Luis y Lorraine les desean muchas bendiciones

Bueno, ya termine nuestro tiempo aquí en La Voz de la Esperanza. Es como si fuera solamente ayer que hicimos el viaje de cuatro días desde Canadá a Des Moines, juntos con nuestro querido gatito, Tico. ¡Como nuestra familia a crecido con 3 gatos más!

Queremos tomar esta oportunidad para agradecer los miembros de Grace por la gentileza que muchos nos han mostrado. Deseamos lo mejor para todos sus proyectos y planes por el futuro, y les acordaremos con cariño.

Con tristeza, tenemos que despedirnos también de nuestros hermanos y hermanas en La Voz de la Esperanza, y les aseguramos que siempre nuestro amor y oraciones estarán con todos ustedes.

*Dios os guarde siempre en santo amor;
En la senda peligrosa
De esta vida tormentosa;
Os conserve en paz y sin temor.
Al venir Jesús nos veremos,
A los pies de nuestro Salvador;
Reunidos todos seremos,
Un redil con nuestro buen pastor.*



We wish the following students well in their future endeavors. God's blessings to you as you celebrate this exciting time in your life!

Ben Darge

Amanda Dolan

Tessa Fenimore is graduating from Johnston High School and is planning to attend Kirkwood in Cedar Rapids for one year and then transfer to UNI or Iowa to study general business. She enjoys family, friends, her dog, and is looking forward to taking it easy this summer.

Jessica Flannery graduated from Roosevelt High School. During the spring of 2008 she served as a Legislative Services Page at the State Capital. Jessica will be attending this summer's Youth Gathering in New Orleans and was a member of the 2007 Grace delegation to Msindo. This fall she will be attending Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minnesota and is planning to major in Political Science.

Jonathan Fry graduated from Bondurant-Farrar High School and plans to work at Lutheran Lakeside Camp again this summer. Next year he is headed to DMACC in Ankeny with an undecided major.

Haley Honnold

Zachary Jensen is graduating from Johnston High School and will attend Central College in Pella. He plays soccer, is photo editor of yearbook, and is on the honor roll at Johnston High School.

Nick Light

Joseph Donald Mattes was baptized on March 17, 1991 and earned his G.E.D. in March. He is currently looking for a job and plans to attend Grand View College next year to major in education.

Joshua Meadows graduated from Urbandale High School and plans to major in Elementary Education at UNI as well as get a coaching certificate to become a coach in any sport at any level of play in Iowa. In high school he played baseball for all four years and is currently playing for Varsity. He has also been in the Environmental Club for two years and helped teach 1st and 2nd grade Sunday School here at Grace.

Abbey Nelson graduated from Johnston High School. She is very excited to be working at Riverside Lutheran Bible Camp this summer as a camp counselor. She will be attending Iowa State University in the fall to major as a Child Life Specialist. Good luck to the Class of 2009!

Lindsey Nelson, daughter of Eric and Heather Nelson, is graduating from Urbandale High School and has enjoyed 9 years of studio dance and 4 years of Urbandale Jaywalkers Dance Team. She will be attending Iowa State University in the fall and majoring in Design. She was baptized and confirmed here and has worked at Grace Kids Care since 2007 and has also worked in the nursery.

Erica Schwarz, daughter of Tim and Laura Schwarz, graduated from Valley High School on May 31, 2009. She will be attending Drake University in the fall to study business.

Emily Woodruff graduated from Roosevelt High School. She has been an active member of the Grace Youth Group and Grace Youth Bell Choir for 7 years and will be attending her second ELCA National Youth Gathering this year. This fall at Iowa State University she plans to continue her studies in Fashion Design which she began at Central Campus during high school.

News From the World of Lay Ministry

For a time of year when schedules at churches generally slow down and the pace of life changes for a few months, there sure are a lot of happenings around here! Here's a sampling of **current and upcoming activities**:

Did you notice?

There's a vegetable garden growing on our grounds! Thanks to Shirley Shiffler's 5th/6th grade Sunday School class and numerous volunteers, a variety of vegetables are growing in a plot on the north side of the building. You can read more about this in another section of this newsletter. In addition, the flower gardens by the entrance are looking especially beautiful thanks to our Gardening Club members. *"Come to be fed.... Leave to feed others."*

Did you notice?

The display case in the Gathering Hall has been filled with good things! In April and May, Mo Grotheer generously shared a sampling of his beautiful woodworking. Currently and through July, Dick Naney has a delightful train collection on display. If you haven't done so already, take the time to stop by the case to check it out. Thanks to Mo and Dick for sharing your talents, gifts, and interests! We are currently looking for a coordinator of the rotating collections. If you are interested, see Stephanie Johnson or any member of the Lay Ministry Team (see names below). In the meantime, see Stephanie if you have a collection you would like to display. *"Come to be fed.... Leave to feed others."*

Did you know?

Middle school/confirmation activities are alive and well! Earlier in the year several youth participated in a lock-in organized by Jon Rissman and the 8th grade students, and on **Wednesday, June 24** there will be a **service project** organized by Susanne Carney and the 7th grade students. Middle school youth and drivers will meet at Grace at 3:30pm and carpool to Capitol Hill Lutheran church to help serve a meal. Afterwards, a fun game of mini golf awaits! For questions or to sign up, call Susanne Carney at 255-8073. Stay tuned for more middle school and confirmation news as fall approaches. *"Come to be fed.... Leave to feed others."*

Did you know?

Weekly Wednesday devotions are now underway. Many thanks to Kristin Medhurst for heading this up and to all the people who have signed up to submit the devotions. You can sign up to in the Gathering Hall to receive this via e-mail or sign up to submit a devotion. *"Come to be fed.... Leave to feed others."*

Did you know?

During the weekend of **June 20-21** we will be celebrating **World Refugee Day**. By definition, "a refugee is a person who has fled his or her home country because of persecution or fear of persecution based on race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion" (1951 U.N. Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees and the 1967 Protocol). On that weekend, we will be collecting in-kind donations to be given to Lutheran Services in Iowa's refugee program.

The following is a list of new and gently used items that are most needed, as well as suggested places to purchase new items: pillows (\$3 new at Wal-Mart), pots (\$20 new sets at Wal-Mart), kitchen utensils (\$1 new at Dollar Tree), alarm clocks (\$5 new at Wal-Mart), phones (\$5 new at Wal-Mart), garbage cans (\$3 new at Wal-Mart), laundry baskets (\$4 new at Wal-Mart), school supplies (\$1 new at Dollar Tree), cleaning supplies (\$1 new at Dollar Tree), towels, small rugs, vinyl shower curtains, laundry detergent, blankets, silverware, fans

If you prefer to give a donation by check, please make your check payable to "Lutheran Services in Iowa" and write "refugee" in the memo portion. *"Come to be fed.... Leave to feed others."*

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Did you know?

The Lay Ministry Team is in the process of planning some exciting fall events that you won't want to miss. Mark your calendars for the following opportunities for fun and fellowship:

Saturday, September 19 – Join the parade! We will be taking part in Beaverdale's Fall festival this year. The parade takes place at 10:00 a.m. on 9/19, and we would love to have as many participants as possible. It's an opportunity to make our presence known in the neighborhood in a very visible way. It will also be an opportunity to promote.....

Wednesday, September 30 – Grace Lutheran Church's block party from 5-8 p.m.! Bring the enthusiasm, energy, and welcoming spirit that are so much a part of Grace. Preliminary plans are currently underway for entertainment, music, food, displays, etc., and we are hoping to hold it at Riley Park. Stay tuned for details as the weeks roll by.

We need your help! The Lay Ministry Team cannot do this alone. We are here to provide as much support, guidance, and ideas as possible but need the help of volunteers in the following areas:

Parade: Planning team and participants

Block party: Entertainment, food, displays (community organizations and/or Grace groups), set-up

Please see one of the Lay Ministry Team members for any questions or to volunteer. Thanks for your help!

Lay Ministry Team:

Tammy Denton, Stephanie Johnson, Matt Jordahl, Joyce Lewis, Kristin Medhurst, Sharon Morse, Carla Peterman, Denny Rehder, Verda Swanson

Thanks to everyone for the part you play in the ministry of Grace! *"Come to be fed.... Leave to feed others."*



LSI Programs Offer Support, Tips for Parents

Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) knows how important parenting is to the development of a child's mental, social, emotional and physical self. Children look to their parents for guidance, care and love. It takes effort, commitment and love to be that positive parent and role model.

Sometimes, however, parents need help getting ready to become a parent for the first time or when struggling to work through difficult family situations. LSI's early childhood and family-centered services promote positive parenting through education, counseling, family meetings and support. Through these services, LSI builds on strengths to enhance the emotional, psychological and physical well-being of both parents and children, preventing child abuse and neglect and helping to keep families together.

With knowledgeable and loving parents in a safe environment, children can go on to reach their greatest potential and pass these skills on to their children creating generations of positive parenting.

For parenting tips from LSI's professional staff, visit www.lsitips.com. To learn more about all of LSI's services, visit www.lsiowa.org.

Grace Lutheran Church Council Minutes May 26, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President Dan Warren.

Present were MeLissa Lawson, Joyce Lewis, Mary Helt, Jon Rissman, Rich Snyder, Carla Peterman, Kristin Medhurst, Jeff Farrell and Denny Rehder.

The agenda was adopted with one addition. Pastor Cline led devotions. Staff reports from Pastor Cline, Rich Dewein and Stephanie Johnson were accepted. The minutes from the March 24th meeting were approved and the Finance Committee report was accepted.

The Council reviewed implementation of the Child and Youth Abuse Prevention Policy approved in 2004. Although much of the policy has been implemented, there is a need for additional forms and establishment of certain procedures covering background checks. The personnel committee will develop the needed forms and procedures and report back to the council.

MeLissa Lawson reported on the implementation of the Child and Adult Care Food Program for Grace Kids Care. Space has been reserved for the needed reusable dishes and the program is ready to begin. Approval was given to establish the program.

Dan Warren reminded council members of the ice cream social to follow the 1st Saturday evening service May30th. Volunteers offered to bring the necessary ice cream and toppings.

Council approved moving funds from the Heifer/Parsonage reserve account to the Msindo Quarters account at the request of the Companion Congregation Committee.

Ellen Wonderlin and Carol Woodruff, co-chairs of El Puente, reported on the activities of this "bridge" group of Anglo and Latino members of Grace. They expressed the desire of this group for more interaction between the two communities in both worship and education.

Stephanie Johnson reported for the lay ministry team with particular emphasis on a planned "block party" for late September. Activities will include members of Grace and residents of our neighborhood.

Council discussed the feasibility of offering use of the church's wi-fi capability to members and others, but took no action.

Meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Denny Rehder, secretary.



Music Notes.....

Do you procrastinate? When I was teaching, I enjoyed planning the music for the year and working on each selection for a concert or contest. I enjoyed the organizing of each event. But if there is anything that I dislike about working in the choral field it is the sorting and putting away of music. So I will procrastinate until the very last minute and maybe even beyond.

I am great about looking through the files or going to a reading clinic to get new music and ideas. As I fill folders with the various pieces of music, I find myself looking through the piece and then, in my mind's ear, I try to hear the piece as how I think the choir will sound as they sing it. I have done that with all of my choirs, either in church, school, or community. The director has to have a sense of the capabilities of each choir. But when it's time to sort and put it all away, I'd rather go buy a pair of new shoes! I have been very pleased with the response of the groups this year. I believe that all of the groups have grown in musicality and capability. To that I am really happy. But for me, sorting music, yuck!

During the month of May there were several Special Services that needed extra planning and music. The Youth Choir and Chapel Chimers were excellent in their offerings on May 10th. They are willing participants in each service. I was proud of the ensembles during the services for the Bishop. Their enthusiasm was an added boost to the festivity of the day. The Pentecost Service was a joy to plan and incorporate. Your willingness, as a congregation, to try variances in the worship service is greatly appreciated. It gives us the opportunity to try other creative ideas that further enhance the worshipping congregation here at Grace. The Youth Bells and Grace Bells rounded out this year by providing all the extra music for the service on June 7th. Their dedication to creating music as they ring makes it a pleasure to be their director, as it is with all the ensembles here at Grace.

There are several upcoming events that are planned by various organizations in Des Moines. Please take time to read the bulletin board outside the office for those events. Gloria Dei will be hosting a free concert of Patriotic Music at Living History Farms, on Sunday, June 28th at 6:00 PM. There will be an ice cream social following the concert. It will consist of musical selections from our community-wide orchestra, band, choir and children's choir.

I am now in the mode to listen to new music and attend some workshops that specialize in presenting "new" and "tried and true" music for the church year. I know that I have already picked out several interesting selections for Grace Bells. I have been searching through the Choral Public Domain Library for selections for the final Sundays of Pentecost and the Sundays of Advent. It is fun to look and plan for the upcoming year, as it is full of wonderful choral pieces from great composers and best of all, it's FREE!

When the announcement is made in the August Visitor about the individual groups organizing and getting started for the year, I hope that if you haven't been involved in one of the ensembles at Grace, you will consider coming to rehearsals and giving it a try. I know that Carol Woodruff, Youth Bells and Chapel Chimers, would welcome additional members to her groups. We are always welcoming of singers in the Chancel Choir, and extra hands for Grace Bells. The Youth Choir will also want to add voices to the group. It would be good to add more brass. Become active in the "extra" things of the church. You will be glad you did!!! Now back to that matter of sorting and putting away music!

See you in church.

RICH

It's Almost Time to Get On The Bus!!!!

For five 18-year-old Grace members, 6:30 a.m. July 20th is the day they will start an adventure that they have thought about for three years. They started thinking about the 2009 National Youth Gathering on their bus ride home from the 2006 Gathering in San Antonio, Texas. They didn't know where the 2009 Gathering would be, but they knew that they would like to be a part of it. Since the Gathering is offered only once every three years, most high school youth are only eligible to attend once during their high school years. So this year the Grace delegation is fortunate to have several older teens leading the way on a new adventure, to a new city, and with a challenging theme.



Preparations started last August to bring together a group of youth and adults to attend the tri-annual event.

Teens attending: Brianna Adams, Josh Curry, Emily Dungan, Gary Denton, Pedro Espericueta, Jessica Flannery, Mike Flannery, Jonathan Fry, Jason Fry, Elizabeth Gronert, Joseph Gutmann, Joseph Mattes, Tyler Peeler, Alex Pilon, Kelley Riordan, Katy Roat, Roberto Ruiz, Genaro Ruiz, DeVee Trickel, Amy Wonderlin,

Emily Woodruff and Jaqueline Villela.

Adults attending: Elly Peterman, Tammy Denton, Mark Mattes, Andy Roat and Beth Flannery.

For the last six months we have met monthly to discuss devotions that the Gathering had prepared, put together travel plans, gotten to know each other better, met our busing partners and finish raising funds.

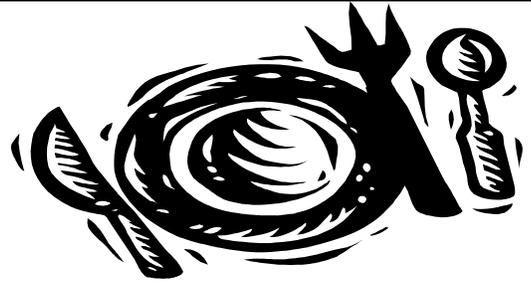
While in New Orleans we will do a day of service in the area of literacy. We will spend time learning a model for service that we can all bring home. There will be daily mass gatherings in the Superdome with the other 36,000 attendees hearing dynamic speakers and enjoying all different types of music. There will be time to do fun activities in the convention center, from sports to art. Of course we want to take in some of the sights, eat good food and hear some jazz music. There will probably be tales of late night conversations and silly things that people did.

Along the way, mixed in with all the fun, there will be "ah ha" moments for all. Each person will be touched by different things. These are the things that each person will carry home with them. The Gathering organizers have stressed that they want people to arrive with hearts open to the experience. Open to listen, help and be present to the people of New Orleans and each other. In our highly organized and often over scheduled culture, this can be a challenge for each of us to do. They just want us to come do **Justice** for others with **Jesus** walking beside us as our guide while we improvise what we should do as it comes to us, like **Jazz** music!!

Ways that you can support our delegation and the 2009 Gathering:

- You can talk with members of the delegation before we go. Let them know you support the trip.
- You can pray for us- safe travels and that we all are present to discover our own "ah ha" moments.
- You can also contribute: The 2009 ELCA Youth Gathering's focus on service and recovery in New Orleans makes it necessary to gather gifts and supplies early so that they can be in New Orleans BEFORE we arrive. You can now donate by going online to http://archive.elca.org/scriptlib/DS/giving/youthgiving_gift.asp and give money to help buy supplies for anything from hammers to school supplies.

Thank you for all of your support to make this trip possible. Look for reports about what happens!!



Grace Sunday School Students Plant Garden to Feed Hungry

Last fall Shirley Shiffler challenged her Sunday school class of 5th and 6th graders to come up with a service project idea. The lively discussion that followed resulted in the idea of planting a vegetable garden on the church grounds and giving the produce to people in need. “To tell the truth,” she said, “I expected sort of a ‘one day task,’ like picking up litter or something.”

The new 9 x 24’ garden is located on the north side of the church building. The children planted tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, zucchini, green beans, broccoli, lettuce, scallions, and pie pumpkins.

“But before we could plant, we needed a lot of help with preparing the ground,” Shirley said.

Several Willing Workers removed the sod – with a manual tool. Next, volunteers worked in over 600 pounds of compost and 400 pounds of topsoil. Much was done by hand, as the area was full of clay, rocks, and other debris.



Leslie Denton watches her father, Chuck, till a plot for the Sunday school garden project.

Many hands make light work, though, and one morning after church several families changed into work clothes and “dug in.”

A fence now encloses the area, and, says Shirley, “We have a compost bin, so the sod that was removed is now ‘cooking’ and will be great for future needs.”

Throughout the summer, the class will maintain the garden and harvest their crop. The produce will either be donated to a food pantry or sold, with the profits used as an offering.

“They obviously took to heart the message ‘Come to be fed, leave to feed others,’” she said.

Participating students and adult advisors are:

- **Natasha Voelker** and **Leslie Denton**, co-leaders
- **Andy Anderson**, secretary (back-up treasurer)
- **Adam Dostalík**, treasurer (back-up secretary)
- **Braden Cooper, Cooper Mortenson, Paul Weaver**, team members
- **Michelle Voelker**, advisor
- **Shirley Shiffler**, teacher

Special thanks goes to the sod removers - Ralf Hoifeldt, Norm Iverson, Leonard Larsen, Mike Peterman, and Burke Shiffler; tiller - Rich Voelker; fence and compost bin - Chuck and Tammy Denton; hand tillers and rock removers - Leslie, Tammy, and Chuck Denton; Adam, Haley, and Kari Dostalík; Natasha, Sarah, and Michelle Voelker; Sawyer and Burke Shiffler as well as to Stephanie Johnson, Cherie Rissman, the Gardening Group, and Property Committee for support in getting this started.

For more information about the garden project:
Shirley Shiffler, 255-6576.

Other ideas or information to share? Email fivewon@aol.com, call 277-9312, or drop in the Communications box.

Scholarships Awarded

The Church Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce the awarding of scholarships to:

Zachary Kulzer, Luther College
Victoria Janson, Valparaiso University
Jessica Flannery, Gustavus Adolphus College

Please keep these students and all our young people in your prayers.

We have depleted our financial funds, so are in need of rebuilding. Any and all donations to the fund would be greatly appreciated. Please turn them in at the church office or in an envelope found in the pews. Make sure to mark it for the Church Scholarship Fund. Our heartfelt thanks to those who already have donated. Each amount makes a difference and we appreciate your faithfulness.

Grand View Offers Tuition-Free Summer Courses for Unemployed

Grand View University is currently offering tuition-free summer courses to area residents whose employment has been adversely affected by the economy.

Applicants must document their unemployment since October 2008, due to economic conditions, with a letter from the former employer or submit government paperwork indicating the receipt of unemployment benefits. Those who qualify may take up to 18 undergraduate credits, tuition-free, during the 2009 summer terms on a space-available basis. Students will be responsible for the cost of transportation, books, and other course materials.

While some classes are underway, others do not start until the end of June or early July.

Students register for the program through an expedited process that doesn't require admission to the university. Find more information and an application form at www.grandview.edu. Click Visitors > Summer Tuition Waiver/Career Workshop.

GRACE KIDS



Providing quality childcare in a Christian environment for children six weeks to five years of age -

Monday-Friday
7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

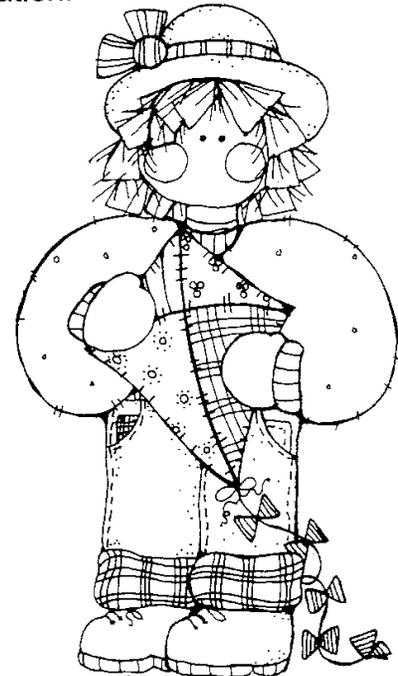
We offer full time daycare with a preschool program included for children ages three to five.

Now enrolling for Summer

Come join the fun in the sun activities, waterdays, fieldtrips, picnics and lots of learning experiences with our well-trained and caring staff.

Discounts available for Grace Lutheran Church members.

Contact Heather at 276-0943 for more information.



DMARC ANNOUNCEMENTS

DMARC at the I-Cubs

All summer long at Sunday home Iowa Cubs games, fans can bring three canned food items to donate in exchange for a free general admission ticket. For \$3.00 more, tickets can be updated to Reserve Grandstand Seating. The dates of the games are May 24, June 7, June 14, June 21, July 19, August 23, August 30 and September 6.

DMARC Emergency Food Pantry Needs Paper Grocery Bags

DMARC's nine food pantries are in need of paper grocery bags in good condition. The pantries re-use paper sacks for packing food items to be given out to those in need. Large quantities of these paper sacks are consumed in the process, and the need is ongoing. Purchasing paper grocery sacks is not possible due to cost, and therefore, recycling paper sacks for this purpose is our only option. If you have extra paper sacks, you can drop them off at DMARC or any of our nine pantry locations.

Wednesday, July 15

BACK-TO-SCHOOL HEALTH FAIR

The 9th Annual Back-to-School Health Fair sponsored by Children and Family Urban Ministries in conjunction with Moulton Extended Learning Center's "Back to School Open House" benefited over 500 students and families last year with free school physicals, school supplies and community resources. Volunteers are needed for the planning team, donating school supplies, purchasing gift cards for door prizes and help with the cost of string bags for every student to ensure that this year is even better.

To volunteer, contact Kristin Maahs at krismaahs@msn.com or 238-8978.

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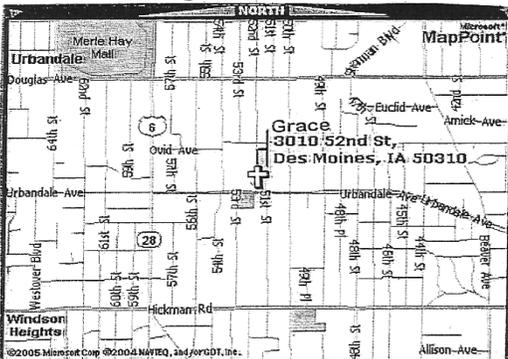
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