

September 27, 2011

### Join Us for Worship

Sunday services at  
8:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.  
Holy Communion at Both  
Education Hour & Adult  
Forum  
at 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday Adult Bible  
Study Classes  
8:45 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.  
All are welcome to attend.

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Tanzanian Liturgy every  
5th Sunday



### A Time for Harvest

Today, I am in my office, but three weeks from today will be a totally different story. After two years without, I am once again going to enjoy riding in a combine during harvest season. I should note that it isn't just any combine, although I would likely accept any local offer to ride along. It is not even that this particular combine is unusually impressive or state of the art, being a 2000 John Deere **9650**. It is not the fact that it has a passenger's seat, because I gladly rode in other combines with no place to sit. It is a mix between two reasons.

The first reason that I so love to ride in this combine is because of the view of the harvest. These are fields that I know, near my hometown of Forest City, Iowa. Fields come to life as farmers rush to reap what has been sown. There is something magical about watching as the corn and beans get ready for harvest, changing from shades of green to an array of browns, but all of that pales in comparison to seeing the actual harvest take place. It has a smell to it, a taste to it, the sight is amazing and there is a tangible immediacy that often lasts for weeks. It is the culmination of months of preparation and countless hours of work. It is truly amazing.

The other reason I love to ride in this combine is very specific: I belongs to my childhood friend, James Anderson. We grew up together and have been very close friends since the fourth grade. We went to college together and even lived together while at Iowa State University. He graduated and went directly into farming while I took a much less direct route to ministry. The bottom line: we have been close friends for close to 30 years and it is a friendship that I cherish. In that time, we have seen each other through many things, joys and sorrows, and the friendship is all the stronger because of it.

The Bible is filled with images from the farm, whether planting, harvest or the many weeks in between. Some of these images are metaphors. Some are allegories, some literal, some soothing, some frightening, some about farmers, some about tenants, and some about seeds while others seem to talk about the weather. Despite all of the differences in these farming stories, they are mostly about relationships, whether between self and God or the celebration of community.

Perhaps it is the latter that we should lift up this harvest season, the celebration of community. We are a diverse group of people, yet we find ourselves in community with one another. There is something amazing that happens as we gather in community, we become a different sort of harvest and become the very embodiment of Christ in this world.

Now, in the time between Rally Sunday and All Saints Day, we find an excellent time to take inventory of the friends, family and community that surround us. This is the perfect time to tend to these relationships and bask in the glory of the harvest. It is good to have friends and family, and this year I will celebrate both. And for a day, that will bring me into conversation with James, and a seat in the combine.

What a day that will be.  
Pastor Mike

## October Birthdays

- Oct. 1 Paul Thielking  
2 Robert Campbell  
Ardis Schmelzer  
Margaret York  
Steve Johnson  
Christine Hines  
Andy Roat  
Eric Barks  
Ivy Mae Lawson  
3 Barbara Knapp  
Howard Welty  
4 Ava Lund  
5 Paul Nelson  
6 Amanda Jensen  
7 Ernestina Reaza  
Adam Bergman  
8 Nelda Sampel  
Harlan Mortenson  
9 Joanne Johnson  
Riley Mortenson  
11 Chris Kallenbach  
Emily Harmon  
Daniel Harmon  
Jeramie Mitchell  
Alexander Gutmann  
12 Ben Wonderlin  
Jacob Merkwan  
13 Deanna Hummel  
Sheryl Sauerman  
David Peterson  
Jessica Warren  
Victoria Janson  
14 Jane Ridnour  
James Fenimore  
15 Chris Lawson  
Eryn Lenhart  
Kyra Lenhart  
Maya Lenhart  
16 Joan Johnson  
Kara Jordahl  
Lukus Loehrke  
17 Gary Nelson  
Roberto Ruiz  
18 Bruce Nelson  
20 Dick Sampel  
Sean Stickrod  
Stuart Turner  
21 Sarah Schroeder  
Sage Speck  
23 Julie Anderson  
Ronald Vernia  
Trinity Newman  
24 Melissa Kallenbach  
25 Joyce Lewis  
Tina Meadows  
26 Seth Kallestad  
27 Douglas Dinnauer  
Sarah Voelker  
28 Max Sauerman  
29 Jeanette Ziesman  
Franklin Peterson  
Jessica Russell  
30 Travis Brown  
Pedro Espericueta  
Maycia Welty  
31 Fay Cline  
Ashley Artzer  
Tanner Peeler

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## Happy Anniversary to the Following Couples

- October 1 John and Carrie Schall  
4 Richard & Rosemary Randolph  
5 Donald & Margaret York  
6 Ross & Cherlyn Lewis  
7 Chris & Jeryl Janson  
12 Louie & Sue Anderson  
Burke & Shirley Shiffler  
16 Ricky & Jennifer Huisman  
17 Michael Newell & Barbara Knapp  
21 Delmar & Linda Vernia  
24 David & Susan Halblom  
25 Michael & Diane Heid  
Brian & Sherry Brindley  
26 Scot & Rebecca Sonius  
27 Hal & Michele Turner  
28 Michael & Marilyn Nizzi  
31 Lee & Dolores Johnson

### Happy Birthday to Moe

In honor and celebration of Moe Nielsen's 80th birthday on September 21, please join his children, grandchildren and great grandsons in best wishes for him.

### Thank You!

Our thanks to all of you who helped us celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary over Labor Day weekend. It was a pleasure for so many in our family to meet so many in our Grace family. We appreciate all of your cards, gifts and good wishes. We extend a special thanks to the members of Lydia Circle who helped with our open house at church. We are so blessed to have been a part of Grace for the past fifty years!

*Pat and Denny Rehder*



## ALL CHURCH HALLOWEEN PARTY

**Sunday Oct 30 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.**

Bring your family and friends and join us for an all church Halloween party. We'll have games for all ages, prizes, food (hot dogs, veggies, fruit, and snacks) and a costume contest. Look for sign-up sheets in the Gathering Hall to donate food/snacks. You won't want to miss the fun so dig around and see what kind of costume you can come up with and join us. All are welcome!

### We are So Proud of You!

#### Amy Schmelzer Wins Emmy Award

This is Amy's second consecutive Upper Midwest Regional Emmy in the category of Best Newscast Director. The Upper Midwest Region of NATAS consists of Minnesota, Iowa, North & South Dakota and western Wisconsin. Amy says her actual job title (beyond "yells at people") is the Senior Newscast Director at KCCI-TV. Congratulations Amy!

#### Iowa State Fair Award Winners

**Becky Selander** won a blue ribbon for the pirate jacket she made for Think Summer celebration here at Grace two years ago. She also won two red ribbons.

**Marilyn Allie** won a ribbon in the Baby Quilts Division.

**Barb Zimany** won a red ribbon for her sweater entered in the Knitting Division and an honorable mention for her lace scarf.

**Cooper Mortenson** won Best of Color for his photograph "Reach for the Sky" in the Youth Division. He entered four pictures altogether and two others were displayed.

**Jason Bradwell** won several awards for photographs entered. He won first place for "Pole Vaultathon" and first place for "When Doze Reflect." His entry "Baby Bump Float" won third place.

**Amy Schmelzer** had two photographs on display.



Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Sharon Sindergard who passed away September 14 at Mercy Hospice in Johnston, IA. Her funeral was held in Laurens IA with burial at the Laurens Cemetery. Sharon married Kenneth Sindergard in 1958 and they raised five children. Following her husband's death in 1996, She moved to Urbandale. Sharon loved gardening and spending time with her children, grandchildren and friends. Survivors include her children Kenny Sindergard (Donna) of Laurens; Kevin Sindergard, Angela (Bill) Hansen, Tammy (Matt) Hagerty all of Des Moines; and Todd (Angela) Sindergard of Pickerington, OH. and five grandchildren.

### ***Men in Mission***

We will meet on October 13 at 6:00 p.m. at Immanuel Methodist Church, 2900 49th Street. Jodi Tymeson, Executive Director, Iowa Department of Veterans' Affairs, will speak on the Iowa Veterans' Cemetery at Van Meter. Jodi is a retired General from the United States Army.

### ***Neighborhood Associations***

Grace holds memberships in both the Beaverdale and Merle Hay Neighborhood Associations. Until now, our participation has been limited, but we would like to change that. Are you a member of either group, or are you interested in becoming a member? If so, would you be willing to represent the resources of our congregation to either of these groups. We think neighborhood associations are important, and we would like to provide more support to their mission. If you are interested in this kind of outreach, please contact the church office.

*Grace Social Ministry Committee*

### ***Luther Park Auxiliary Fall Soup Luncheon***

October 8, 2011

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Chili, Chicken & Noodle, Broccoli & Cheese soups, breads, bars, cookies, and Bake Sale  
Free Will Offering



## **GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

### **Council Minutes**

**August 23, 2011**

Present: Mary Freimuth Helt, Jon Rissman, Pastor Schmidt, Julie Honsey, Rich Snyder, Janet Habick, Carla Peterman, Joyce Lewis, Gary Nehmer, Kathy Bowermaster, Melissa Lawson  
Absent: John Roehrick, Kristin Medhurst

Pastor Schmidt's devotion was from Psalm 18, "I love you, O Lord; my strength... I will call upon the Lord who is worthy to be praised."  
The agenda was adopted as printed.

The minutes from the June 28 regular Council meeting were approved as printed. The minutes from the July 14 special Council and Endowment Committee meeting were approved with the correction that the Endowment Committee members were noted as "Present" and not as "Guests".

The staff reports were accepted as printed with the Council approving a request from Stephanie Johnson's report that the Backpack Buddy program be uplifted a few times in the coming year in "The Friendly Visitor" and Sunday worship bulletin for the purpose of collecting food for hungry children in the Des Moines area.

The Financial Report was accepted as printed. It was noted that we are \$12,000.00+ under budget.

### **Standing Committee Reports**

- The Personnel Committee recommended that the Council appoint Jay Wangerin to serve on the Personnel Committee. The Council approved the appointment.
- The Fellowship Team is planning a Halloween party.
- The Worship and Music Team is considering the idea of using seasonal bulletins with weekly inserts in order to save paper and money. They are in the process of appointing people to serve on a search team to seek out a person to direct music. The job description has yet to be defined. The proposed Thursday evening worship service start date has been postponed.
- Jon Rissman, on behalf of the Property Team, presented a report as well as price quotations from Strauss Lock and Atech for installing security cameras and/or locks on the doors. No decisions were made. The original task force will be asked to meet to make decisions and consider all the questions that have arisen during this process.
- The Spanish/English classes will begin with the start of Super Wednesday in September.
- Cathy Barks will coordinate the LWR in-gatherings.
- The Youth Team will be coordinating a "Blessing Bowl" ministry. We need more people to teach Sunday School. Bibles will be given to kindergarten and third graders with the kindergarteners being given a storybook Bible and the third graders a study Bible.

### **New Business**

Pastor Schmidt is pursuing establishing a Eucharistic Ministry to take communion to shut-ins on a regular basis while at the same time support him in providing pastoral care to members who are homebound. A training session will be scheduled.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Honsey, Congregation Council Secretary

### ***Endowment Fund Application Forms Now Available***

Application forms for projects to be funded from 2011 Endowment income are available from Jackie in the church office. Projects may be for the benefit of Grace Lutheran Church or for other projects that meet Endowment guidelines. Deadline for submitting applications is January 31, 2012. Funds for approved projects will be awarded by March 31, 2012.

## **National Youth Gathering**

**What:** Initial planning session for ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans in 2012.

**Who should come:**

High school youth and their parents

**Where:** Grace Lutheran Church, Grace Hall I

**Date & Time:** Wednesday, October 5, from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

- Gathering runs from July 18-22, 2012. Including travel dates, the time commitment is Monday, July 16-Monday July 23.
- Registration begins October 9, 2011.
- Gathering website <http://www.elca.org/ELCA/Youth-Gathering.aspx>

## **Come and Visit Our New Meeting Room**

The Lay Ministry Team would like to invite you to take a tour of the newly refurbished meeting room housed in Esperanza Café. The funds for the furniture and paint came from an Endowment grant written by the Lay Ministry Team for the purpose of honoring and uplifting the work of committees and teams at Grace by providing them with a pleasant and inviting space in which to plan and do the ministry of the congregation.

Thanks to the Willing Workers for painting the space and moving furniture, to Mindy Scholten and Jane Ridnour for selecting the furniture and designing the space, and to the Property Committee for installing the lights and approving the plan.

## **Adult Forum Schedule**

**Oct 2** LWR kit packing  
Cathy Barks

**Oct 9** Stewardship Bible study  
Doug Johnson

**Oct 16** Stewardship Bible study  
Leonard Larsen

**Oct 23** OPEN

**Oct 30** Hymn Sing - Rich Snyder

**Option: Nov 6-Dec 11** "Close Encounters of the Jesus Kind: Studies in Luke" - Julie Honsey  
Signup sheet in Grace Hall soon to order correct number of books

**Nov 20** Bringing Faith Home  
Beth Flannery

## **Grace-Fully Aware**

Members of Grace have expressed an interest in policies and procedures of our church. Every month we will share basic information about our church. If you have questions, please ask. Eventually, everything will be available in the office, the library, and on the website.

We have many rooms and spaces available to share with our members and guests. Grace-sponsored activities do not require deposits or fees. If you or your family have a big occasion such as a birthday, graduation, baby shower, anniversary, or meeting, we have usage policies. Using our facility (excluding weddings and funerals) requires a relationship with the church, but does not require a deposit or room fee from members. There is a janitorial fee of \$25 for small groups and/or a greater amount for larger groups to keep our rooms clean and ready for the next activities.

Non-members pay a refundable deposit of \$200 with room fees of varying amounts from \$50 to \$500, depending on the room. Some groups who meet here on a regular basis have a fee arrangement and continue to meet at their original rate, at the discretion of the Executive Committee and the Office Administrator.

We currently have many family and community activities on the calendar. Space needs to be reserved far in advance and is contingent on availability.

## **Grace Hall**

This month we will share information about our Grace Hall fellowship area. This wonderful space is part of our building expansion and was inspected and open for use in November 2001. The room features an operational wall system which is used to divide Grace Hall I and Grace Hall II. The capacity of GH I is 188 and capacity of GH II is 124. Both sides of the room can be put into service at the same time and both sides are used very often. Our largest renter of this space is Three Legacies Group. This is the largest AA group in the State of Iowa, meeting in two increments from 6:00-8:00 p.m. and 8:00-10:00 p.m. every Monday evening throughout the year.

### **Fees to rent this space are:**

**Members** – no fee for room or deposit, mandatory \$25 custodial fee.

**Nonmembers** - \$200.00 refundable deposit, \$100 room fee and \$25-50 custodial fee depending on size of group and activity.

**Grace Sponsored Events** – No fee for room or deposit, no custodial fee  
Examples of Grace sponsored groups are LSI, Mosaic and Cub Scouts.

## **Anti-hunger Opportunities**

### **World Food Prize Convocation**

On Thursday, October 13, David Beckmann, 2010 World Food Laureate and Founder and President of Bread for the World, will be the presenter at the World Food Prize Convocation at Grand View University. Anti-hunger advocates are encouraged to attend the event and luncheon following. Luncheon opportunities include dialoguing with Pastor Beckmann, networking with other anti-hunger advocates, joining Bread for the World, and hearing about other organizations in Iowa that are working on anti-hunger projects.

**Date:** Thursday, October 13

**Time:** 11:00a.m. Convocation, 12:00 p.m. Luncheon

**Place:** Grand View Lutheran Church

2930 E. 13<sup>th</sup> St.

Des Moines

Reservations are required. Please contact Connie Ridge at [caaridge@mchsi.com](mailto:caaridge@mchsi.com). The parking lot at Grand View will open at 10:30 a.m., and other parking is available at Luther Park.

## **Finance Report – August Results**

Financial results for Aug YTD are as follows:

- Pledged Offerings – Actual \$312,295, Budget \$315,437
- Other Income – Actual \$11,417, Budget \$12,872
- Expenses – Actual \$324,434, Budget \$332,122
- Net activity – Actual \$(722), Budget (\$3,814)

Actual activity was favorable to budget due to certain prepayment of pledges and expenses whose activity was budgeted but the actual expense has yet to occur. Additionally, certain savings was achieved due to lack of Lead Pastor expense for a portion of the year and lower Latino Communication Coordinator activity. These savings were offset by higher building maintenance activity including the concrete repairs of the parking lot.

During the month, the Church borrowed \$125,000 from the Endowment fund. It used these funds to pay down the principal on the mortgage with the bank. The interest rate on this loan (4%) is lower than the current rate on the mortgage (6%) and higher than the rate the Endowment could obtain in the current fixed maturity market (2%) as an alternative investment. This will allow the church to save \$20,000 in interest costs and reduce the principal on the debt an additional \$50,000 under the current repayment terms though October 2017 (the maturity of the notes). At that date, the outstanding balance of the mortgage will need to be refinanced and additional savings could be achieved if the Endowment note is renewed under similar interest rate spread terms. Finally, the Endowment will have an additional \$2,500 per year to distribute versus what would have been available should they have invested in a currently available fixed maturity product.

## **Library News**

Beginning in October, the Sunday school children ages 3 years through 5<sup>th</sup> grade will visit the library for a story each month. This is a great opportunity for them to find out more about the library, located across from the office. The library is open when the church is open with many books not found in the public library. There are also DVDs and Videos available for checkout. Children will need to be with an adult to checkout a book. Look for “how to” check out items on the desk in the library.

Did you miss a service or want to hear a sermon one more time? Recorded copies of church services, “Grace Lutheran Church Service to Go”, continue to be popular and are available on the New Books bookcase. Each week our sound team records one of the Sunday services and makes it available on DVD to view at home. We are thankful for their expertise making recordings. We have new additions to the church library, listed below.

**Astronomy in the Bible** by Joan Andre Moore  
**God’s Little Devotional Bible**  
**The Exodus Case** by Lennart Moeller  
**Family Guide to the Bible** - Reader’s Digest  
**After Jesus; the Triumph of Christianity** - Reader’s Digest  
**Jesus and His Times** - Reader’s Digest  
**What the Bible Really Says** by Manfred Barthel  
**Healing Wisdom from the Bible** by James E. Gibson  
**The Mount Sinai Myth** by Larry Williams  
**Bible Through the Ages** - Reader’s Digest  
**Passages of Light** by Thomas Kinkade  
**Atlas of Holy Places and Shrines** by Colin Wilson  
**The Gift for All People** by Max Lucado

**The Letter and the Scroll** by Robin Currie  
**The New Manners and Customs of Bible Times**  
by Ralph Gower  
**The Gospel According to Jesus** by Stephen Mitchell  
**The Biblical World** - National Geographics  
**The Story of Jesus** - Reader’s Digest  
**The Complete Book of Bible Promises** by J. Stephen Lang  
**Kabul Beauty School** by Deborah Rodriguez and  
Kristin Ohlson  
**Heaven is Real: A Little Boy's Astounding Story of His  
Trip to Heaven and Back** by Todd Burpo  
**Irrepressible Hope** by Patsy Clairmont  
**The Torch, Spring Ed** an article by Ro Zimany.



### **CAUTION: God sightings ahead!**

It has been reported of late that there have been God sightings in the area. Various members have noted God’s presence in people, places, and events. Have you? Where have you seen God lately? On Rally Sunday we had a running slide show of various ways members of Grace have encountered God’s face and presence. And if you look around the building, you might see postings titled “I see God...” scattered here and there. Have you found any of them yet? There’s also a book of God sightings in the office. Where have *you* seen God? Be on the lookout – but beware. An encounter with God could lead to an unforeseen transformation and a changing landscape. But though we may not know what lies ahead, we do know *Who* does. You never know where you might find the Spirit moving.

*Where have you seen God?*

(Thanks to Denny Rehder for his work on this project.)

## **Reception for Confirmands**

On Sunday, October 30 we will be celebrating the Affirmation of Baptism at the 10:45 a.m. worship service. A reception of punch and cookies will take place at 12:00 p.m. in the Gathering Hall as well. Join us as we mark this milestone.

### **The 2011 Confirmands**

**Christina Anderson  
Leslie Denton  
Tanner Peeler  
Nely Ruiz  
Natasha Voelker**

## **Advent Devotions**

With October on the horizon, Advent is not far behind. As we approach that season and the beginning of another church year, we will be looking for writers for another daily Advent devotions series. If you enjoy putting your thoughts and inspirations on paper, you may want to consider serving in this way. As a community of faith, we are enriched by the faith stories and reflections of those around us. May the coming Advent season be one of Spirit-led growth and insight.

Stay tuned for details regarding a sign-up process for sending in submissions.

## **Women of the ELCA Clusters 10/11 Fall Fathering**

October 1, 2011

Registration 9:00-9:30 a.m.

Speaker Peg Armstrong Gustafson  
"Facing Changes: Changing  
Climate, Changing Population,  
Changing Hunger"

Windsor Heights Lutheran Church  
1240 66th Street, Des Moines

Free Will Offering

**-Love Gifts-  
Synod Disaster Reponse**

## **Stewardship Thought**

### **"First Fruits Giving"**

Thinking back to his childhood the now grown man remembers being raised in a large family with a stay-at-home mom, and a father who worked in a factory. Dad didn't earn a high wage but there was always enough to put food on the table and provide for the family's basic needs. He also remembers the times as a small boy when his father would come home on pay day, having cashed his check, and put money into envelopes that were kept securely in a box. One envelope was for the weekly portion of the monthly mortgage, one was for groceries, others were for utility bills and such. But the first envelope that was always filled was the church offering envelope.

The man also remembers the time when, as a high school youth, the pastor approached him after a youth group meeting and said, "I've asked your father to chair the congregation's stewardship committee. He seemed a little hesitant. I hope you'll encourage him to do it." The youth replied, "But...why my father? Surely there are many people who give more to the church than he does." The pastor replied, "You're wrong about that! No one gives more than your father. You see, he gives generously based on what he has been given...and he gives it 'off the top' before he uses his money for anything else. That's what the Bible calls *First Fruits Giving* and it's the best way to show our gratitude to God."

That day the young man's admiration for his father grew to new heights. And that day the young man learned an important lesson. It's a lesson he's never forgotten.

The Stewardship Committee

## **Backpack Buddies**

Volunteers are needed! Backpack Buddies is a Food Bank of Iowa program that alleviates childhood hunger on weekends and school breaks by sending home packages of food with them. Children for this free and confidential program are selected by their eligibility for the federal free and reduced-price breakfast and lunch programs and by the guidelines for identifying the chronically hungry child. Volunteers help in a variety of ways, from assembling the sacks of food at the Food Bank, to delivering them to program locations for distribution. **In particular, volunteer drivers are needed.** Currently Backpack Buddies serves 1000 children per week, but the Food Bank anticipates that number to increase to 2000 children per week by the end of the school year.

For more information about volunteering, please contact Amber Diehm Heuer, the Community Outreach Coordinator, at 564-0330 or [adiehm@foodbankiowa.org](mailto:adiehm@foodbankiowa.org). The process of becoming a volunteer for Backpack Buddies or other Food Bank opportunities begins with filling out a Volunteer Profile and standard Waiver of Liability. Filling out the form does not automatically commit you but begins a conversation and keeps you in touch with opportunities as they become available.

A job description for drivers, and a Volunteer Profile/Waiver of Liability, are also available on the Social Ministry bulletin board or from Stephanie Johnson.



## **Fall News for Grace Kids Care**

We started off our school year with a very successful open house: "Look What's Cookin' Here at Grace Kids Care" was the theme. The "admission" was play food and baby doll items, for our dramatic play centers. We have very generous parents and we are set with toys for "house center". We received several positive comments on the center, the teachers and everyone is excited about our new room!

### **Staff**

Our staff pulled off a great Open House, decorating the rooms with bright fall colors, preparing classroom plans and policies packets and greeting the parents with smiles and positive attitudes!

We currently have 5 classrooms open here at the center and in total, employ 17 staff members both full and part time.

I am very happy to announce we have 2 staff members renewing their CDA credentials.

We have filled our afternoon positions with Urbandale, Hoover and Kaplan students.

Our staff is ready for a wonderful fall!

### **Children**

As always the children are keeping their teachers very busy! They are learning so much through our wonderful curriculum and are off to a great school year.

We hear the Fire Marshal will come visit during Fire Safety Week with "SPARKY"

As we said sad good-byes to our friends going off to kindergarten we have happily added several new students to the center!

Currently we have 50 children in our care ranging from 12weeks-5 years!

We are ready for all of the fun fall activities!

### **Good News!**

Our new cribs have arrived! State law, requires no drop side cribs as of Jan 2012. So we purchased 7 new cribs and 1 evacuation crib for emergency evacuations. They look wonderful and brighten up the room! Another way we are keeping our children safe here at Grace Kids Care!

We will be having our annual T-shirt and Sweatshirt sales.... Be watching for a poster in the entrance area. We welcome anyone to purchase Grace Kids Care shirts to show our pride and do a little extra advertising!

Great things are happening here at Grace Kids!

We appreciate your continuous support and prayers, as this IS a wonderful mission of Grace!





## **Super Wednesdays**



**Mark your calendars for the following schedule and plan to join us:**

**5:00-6:00 p.m. – Supper (Grace Hall 1)**

**5:30-6:30 p.m. – Book Discussion (adults, Library)**

**5:30-5:50 p.m. – Chapel Chimers (grades 3-5, Msindo Hall Bell Room)**

**5:55-6:30 p.m. – Youth Bells (grades 6-12, Msindo Hall Bell Room)**

**5:55-6:25 p.m. – Youth Choir (grades 1-5, Msindo Hall Choir Room) Begins October 19th**

**6:00-7:00 p.m. – Lectionary Study (Conference Room)**

**6:30-7:30 p.m. – Grace Bells (adults, Msindo Hall Bell Room)**

**6:30-7:30 p.m. – Kids' Hour/Pray and Play Hour (grades 1-5/pre-K and K)**

**6:30-7:30 p.m. – Confirmation Class (grades 6-8, Esperanza Chapel)**

**7:45-8:45 p.m. – Chancel Choir (high school through adults, Msindo Hall Choir Room)**