



The Friendly Visitor

Grace Lutheran Church

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Summer Worship Services Sunday, September 6
Sundays 8:15 and 9:45 a.m.

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Celebration Sunday September 13
8:15 in the Sanctuary 10:45 in Tower Park

Sundays beginning September 20
8:15 and 10:45 in the Sanctuary

You are invited to Celebration Sunday

Fall activities are gearing up, and so are we. As we jump in to practicing and learning and doing with Grace Bells, the Chancel Choir, Grace Brass, Sunday School, Lutheran World Relief, Confirmation, Gods Work: Our Hands, Bible Study, and more... we're going to have a few celebrations! Please join us!

Popcorn and a Movie

Throw your lawn chairs in your car and bring a friend for popcorn and a movie Sat., Sept. 12. The Adult Faith Enrichment Team (AFET) is sponsoring a showing of *The Big Fish* (**PG-13**) followed by a short discussion. This drama/fantasy/comedy features a father who has spent his life spinning tall tales. When he faces the end of his life, his son confronts him about all the lies he has told over the years and implores him to reveal his "true" self.

The movie is rated PG-13.

When: Sat., Sept. 12, 7 p.m.

Where: Grace parking lot. (Rain location: Grace Hall)

What's provided: Popcorn, water.

What to bring: Lawn chairs, beverages, a friend.

Celebration Sunday September 13

8:15 Worship in the Sanctuary at Grace Lutheran Church

Following worship will be coffee and donuts.

A bus will be made available from the parking lot of Grace to Tower Park before the late service and after the picnic.

9:00 God's Work Our Hands Projects

- Meet in Grace Hall to assemble gift bags for teachers here at Grace Kids Care and Moore Elementary. More information can be found on page 3.
- Meet outside Grace: Join one of three crews as they each walk a different route to Tower Park, cleaning up litter and trash as they go.
- Meet at Tower Park (drive and park, or take the bus!) and join a crew cleaning up there before the service.

10:45 Outdoor worship at Tower Park

You are welcome to walk, drive, or take the bus from Grace to Tower Park. The bus will be running continuously between Grace and Tower Park between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

11:30 Picnic Lunch at Tower Park

We'll provide the brats, burgers, buns, lemonade, water, condiments, plates and utensils. If you would bring a side dish or dessert, we'll be all set! There will also be face painting, balloon animals, and an opportunity to have your photo taken or updated for the photo wall.

Music Rehearsals will begin Wednesday, September 9.
Bells and Brass will meet at 6:30, Chancel Choir at 7:30

Tuesday Morning Bible Study will begin on September 15 at 8:45 a.m.

Sunday School will begin September 20, see page 6 for more information.

Watch the e-news, website, and bulletin announcements for updates on times and activities!

Happy September Birthday

- 1 - Cindy Peeler
- 2 - Heather Nelson
Michelle Voelker
- 3 - Nyla Bartelt
- 4 - John Donnenwerth
Bill Henderson
- 5 - Kiley Brandsfield
Richard Snyder
- 6 - Nely Ruiz
- 7 - Denny Rehder
- 8 - Grace Calhoun
Ethan Meadows
- 9 - Joie Gronert
Alex Mulvihill
Carrie Schall
Lois Slye
- 10 - John Schall
- 11 - Ian Galle
- 13 - Robert Briggs
Rhonda Jensen
John Trickle
- 14 - Katelyn Jessen
- 15 - Laural Brown
Rich Voelker
- 17 - Stephen Bloomberg
Lorna Johns
- 18 - Sophia Anderson
Karen Mann
Rev. Michael Schmidt
- 19 - Sarah Helt
Sonny Hutton
- 20 - Frank McKinney
Michael Vernon
Cindy Wheeler
- 21 - Chris Lehfeld
Marlin Nielsen
Anthony Royster
- 22 - Kylan Appenzeller
Finnegan Holst
Jeanine Rutter
Aaron Thompson
- 23 - Susanne Carney
Cory Johansen
Angela Ringgenberg
- 24 - Mike Meadows
Thomas Rutter
- 25 - Karen Bandy
Ellen Rothweiler
Karla Tillotson
- 26 - Bruce Mumm
Barb Powers
- 27 - Jeanette Best
Joshua Curry
Gregory Honnold
Jeryl Janson
William Kallestad
Helen Schroeder
- 28 - Ross Peeler
- 29 - LaRue Buiner
Aaron Page
Robbie Rissman

Happy September Anniversary

- 3 - Valerie and Brent Culp
Elizabeth and Todd Prescott
- 4 - Gail and Donald Peterson
- 5 - Tammy and Chuck Denton
Willia Mae and Arnold Johansen
- 6 - Martha and Aaron Page
- 12 - Diane and Lonnie Jessen
- 13 - Janice and Larry Nordeen
- 17 - Nicole and Michael Vernon
- 24 - Sharena and Joshua Appenzeller
- 27 - Mary Jo and Tom McCleary



Sympathy is extended to:

The family of Allen Reistroffer

(Mary Jo McCleary's father)



The family of Rick Carson

The family of Dorothy Shiffler

Thank you very much to the members of Grace for the many cards and prayers for our family on the passing of Burke's mother. It is a blessing to be part of this church family.

Burke, Shirley and Sawyer Shiffler

Thank You

Friends -

We gratefully acknowledge your \$500 EPIC Scholarship for McKenzie Carney. Thank you for your partnership in her education at Luther.

Yours in Christ,
The Luther Community

Women of Grace Lutheran Church -

Thank you so very much for the prayer shawls. They are so special and I feel the comfort and prayers provided. It is a wonderful feeling and greatly appreciated.

Thanks again.
Diane Jessen

God's Work, Our Hands

A Celebration and Renewal of Stewardship

As followers of Jesus we know that everything we have – our time, our talents, and our money – is God's. And God wants us to be good stewards of what we have been given, taking care of ourselves and sharing generously for the benefit of our neighbors.

This year we are taking a holistic approach to our fall stewardship emphasis. Under the theme God's Work, Our Hands we'll be highlighting and celebrating the many ways in which the members of Grace demonstrate their stewardship of time, talents and abilities. This celebration was launched on August 30 and will conclude on October 18. This will also be a time for renewing our commitment as good stewards. It will be a fun-filled and busy time with lots of activities! Here's a quick overview:

We'll be celebrating some things we're already doing...

* The Malaria Campaign "3% Challenge". If you were in church on August 16th or 23rd you know that we're working to raise \$1,160 or more to help put this ELCA campaign over the top.

* The LWR Ingathering of quilts and supplies for health kits to be shipped to neighbors overseas. This begins on Sept. 20 and ends with a dedication of gifts on Oct. 11.

We're adding some new things too...

* God's Work, Our Hands Sunday on Sept. 13. This is an ELCA nationwide day of community service projects. We're doing two projects that day, both following the 8:15 worship service at the church. You may choose to pack Care Packages for teachers at Moore Elementary School to welcome them to our neighborhood and provide a variety of supplies. We will also be packing supply kits for Grace Kids Care teachers. (NOTE: an article below lists items needed as donations for Care Packages). Or, if you are going to the outdoor service and picnic at Tower Park you can help with a trash pick-up project by either meeting at the church and going with a group that will pick up trash as they walk to the park, or helping to pick up trash around the park if you go directly there. Either way, we'll provide the trash bags. We will also have stunning bright yellow T-shirts available that day for those who are helping in any way. They have the God's Work, Our Hands logo – and they're free while they last! This is an annual ELCA affair so you can wear them for years.

* "God's Work, Our Hands...more than just one day" mural. Because Grace members are engaged in serving their neighbors and communities in many ways all the time, we thought it would be great to create a mural in the Gathering Hall that depicts that reality. So, beginning on August 30 there will be bright colored index cards available from the ushers or on a stand near the mural. Please pick up some cards and use a separate card to note each way you serve. Then return them to the church and add them to the mural. Over the weeks we want to fill the whole wall, so don't be shy!

And we're not forgetting to celebrate and renew the stewardship of our financial resources...

* You will receive a stewardship letter in the mail the week of Sept. 8 containing a letter from Pr. Mike and a Statement of Intent for your 2016 giving.

* On Sept. 27, Oct. 4, and Oct. 11 we will show a brief video during worship, each featuring an interview with a Grace family discussing their experience as stewards of God's gifts.

* Commitment Sunday will be Oct. 18. We ask you to bring your Statements of Intent in a sealed envelope that day. We'll gather them, give thanks for them, and dedicate our gifts for God's work in our church, our community, and around the world.

There is abundant evidence at Grace that our members share both their time and their money generously. That's why we have so much to celebrate! But there is also incredible need among our neighbors: need for enough to eat, for decent housing, for health care. And the need to hear the Gospel so they can come to know God's love in Christ Jesus. That's why we prayerfully renew our commitment to share from what we have been given. And we do it all gratefully and joyfully because God is with us in the doing. It is after all, God's Work, Our Hands.

The Stewardship Committee

God's Work Our Hands

Teacher Care Package Needs

Between services on Celebration Sunday, September 13, as a part of our God's Work Our Hands effort we will be assembling care packages to give to the teachers and staff at Moore Elementary and Grace Kids Care. The items listed below are needs we have. If you feel so moved, visit the care package display in the Gathering Hall and select a need or two to purchase and donate. Please turn in donations in the Gathering Hall no later than Wednesday, September 9.

Magnetic erasers that stick to the new white boards most teachers have,
Sharpie markers multi-pack, Post it notes multi-pack, Expo dry erase markers black multi-pack, Box of tissues, Pocket hand warmers, Wooden pencils 6 pack, Hand sanitizer, Clorox wipes, Chocolates, Lifesavers Mints

Grace Lutheran Church Council Meeting

July 19, 2015

The retreat was called to order by president Kevin Drury at 11:15 a.m.

Staff and committee reports will be tabled until the September council meeting. The exec committee and finance committee will continue to monitor the standing committee business during this time.

The following agenda items were discussed and acted upon:

1. Office technology update: Further research and discussion made it clear that laptops for the office staff were a better option than tablets for how the staff would use this wireless technology. It was moved, seconded, and passed to purchase laptops for the office staff use.

2. Programming Year Theme: Three programming year themes were discussed. 1) First Impressions 2) Web of Relationships 3) Whole Health After further discussion, it was moved, seconded, and passed to utilize the theme "First Impressions" for the upcoming program year. As Grace intends to appeal to "M&M's (those with modern and messy lives)", each committee will be asked to focus on how the work they do lends itself to a positive first impression of Grace for first time visitors. Following phases after this them could be "Invitation" and "Involvement".

3. Grace 90th Anniversary Celebration: Grace will be celebrating its 90th anniversary in May, 2017. The council desires to have in place by May of 2017 a Vision 20/20 program which will identify congregational goals to obtain by 2020. The church council will need to identify 7-10 Grace members this fall that are willing to serve on the Vision 20/20 team.

4. The Council DEEP process: Further discussion was held on how to make serving on church council more appealing to current members and M&M's. The following plans were adopted:

* Better communication with the congregation – A "Council Corner" will be added to the Friendly Visitor with a quarterly report on council activity.

* Consent agenda adoption: The council will adopt a consent agenda. Staff and committee reports will be emailed to council a week before the council meeting. Rather than reviewing each at the meeting, council members will be expected to review before the council meeting. One motion will be made to approve all reports. The will allow council to focus more on future items rather than what has happened in the past.

* Meeting Times: The council will continue to meet on the fourth Tuesday night of each month but will now meet at 6:00 rather than 7:00. We will also have a meal as part of our meeting. This will allow for more social interaction of the council but also let the council members get home to their families earlier in the evening.

Before we adjourned, Pastor Mike has several significant announcements. They are:

1. Out of 10,000 ELCA congregations, Grace was 42nd in the amount of money raised for the malaria campaign! Kudos to everyone that planned and participated in the campaign.

2. The Marvin Malmin estate has been settled. In doing so, an additional \$11,407.42 has been given to Grace for a final gift to Grace from the Malmin estate of \$711,407.42. To date, Malmin estate gift monies have been used to give a First Fruits gift of \$70,000 to the synod and then the mortgage of approximately \$165,000 was paid off at First American bank.

The retreat adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Drury

Finance Report – July Results

Financial results for July YTD are as follows:

* Pledged Offerings – Actual \$248,070, Budget \$262,042

* Other Income – Actual \$10,811, Budget \$11,021

* Expenses – Actual \$277,506, Budget \$293,639

* Net activity – Actual (\$18,626), Budget (\$20,577)

Actual net activity was favorable to budget due to offsetting variances. Pledged offerings are below budget primarily for the month of July. Unpledged offerings have been below budget the entire year. Significant savings is being realized from the payoff of the bank debt (\$20K). Additionally, there was certain savings from the vacant Youth and Family position. These savings were offset by overages in maintenance (Elevator and AC repairs), new office construction and office equipment purchases.

Additionally, not included in the above results are a \$700,000 estate gift and the use of these monies - \$70,000 (10%) Synod Benevolence and \$160,000 for payoff of bank debt.



September 13 – 19 is Direct Support Professionals Week

This month Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) celebrates Direct Support Professionals Week during Sept. 13 – 19.

This national awareness week recognizes the dedication of direct support professionals and their important role in caring for people in our communities.

At LSI, direct support professionals partner with children and adults with intellectual disabilities to help them pursue meaningful, personal lives through their personal goals. They also provide care for children and youth at our Beloit and Bremwood Residential Treatment Centers.

This could mean helping an adult with autism live on her own or helping a child who was abused begin to heal. We thank you for your faithful support of LSI – you create so many new possibilities for children, families and adults!

LSI is proud to be an affiliated social ministry organization of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Learn more at www.LSIowa.org and www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa.

Celebrating Life with Jamalia

Jamalia is excited for the weekend. She's been saving her money for a special event: a Friday night at the movies, complete with popcorn.

Her LSI staff is excited, too—because that's who they are. They cheer people on in all parts of their lives, celebrating every accomplishment and every opportunity for joy.

Jamalia is 29, and she has autism. She and her roommate, with help from LSI's services for people with disabilities, have lived together for more than ten years. Their apartment is a cozy place with a bright yellow kitchen table, an exercise bike, puzzles and favorite movies.

LSI's 24-7 supported community living services help Jamalia with her goals, make sure she is safe and ensure she never has to be alone.

Over the years, Jamalia has built a great daily routine. Her calendar is packed with activities ranging from Special Olympics to horseback riding to exercising on her bike. "On days when I'm not here, I'm always thinking about what Jamalia and her roommate are doing," said Haley, an LSI staff who has known Jamalia for a long time. "I enjoy being here. It's rewarding to see someone grow and learn and succeed."

Jamalia speaks with few words, and those who know her well say she uses something else instead to express herself: her wonderful smile.

And for LSI, celebrating life with Jamalia is definitely something to smile about!



ELCA Malaria Campaign
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

Be a part of the 3% solution!

The big news: The ELCA Malaria Campaign is within 3% of its goal of reaching \$15 million by the end of 2015! That amounts to only \$500,000.

The challenge: We smashed our original goal of \$5000 in 2013-2014, raising \$11,600.75 instead. By the time you are reading this, you will have heard the remarkable news that Grace's giving ranked 42 out of 10,000 ELCA congregations and that we have been asked by the ELCA Malaria Campaign if we can make one final push toward the effort. Your Malaria Swat Team believes that, through the work of the Spirit, we can smash the original goal even further. Please prayerfully consider playing one more part in wiping out malaria for good and helping us raise an additional \$1160... and beyond! The first \$500 will be matched dollar for dollar by a member family. **Be a part of the 3% solution.** Go to www.elca.org/malaria for more information.



First Circle Friends

Many of us know someone – a spouse, parent, grandparent, or friend – who has been affected by early to mid stage memory loss. What if both of you could join a new circle of friends, specifically for people with memory loss, to enhance your quality of life?

LSI's First Circle Friends program, offered at Grace on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of every month, helps engage your loved one in cognitively stimulating activities while you have a few hours to rest and renew your energy. Your loved one is matched with a trained volunteer and enjoys conversation, music, games, light exercise, and more, all planned around a theme for the day. LSI provides a free assessment to determine if the program is a good fit for your family. Participants need to be able to feed themselves, use the bathroom independently, and take any medications before or after the session. Each session costs \$45 and includes lunch, morning coffee, and snack.

To learn more or to enroll, please contact Cannady Fritzjunker, LSI's First Circle Friends service coordinator, at 515-271-7408. You may also visit www.lsiowa.org/fcf.

Sunday school wish list

Sunday school will be resuming on September 20th for children 3 years old – teens. Education hour is 9:30 – 10:35 a.m. On the wish list for the year is needing help with the elementary learning stations.

Last year a new Rotational Sunday School was started with the elementary kids. Grades Kindergarten- 5th grade will once again learn about Bible stories through several types of stations. Two to three weeks will be spent on each Bible story. Each week the opening and two twenty minute stations will give our kids several ways of learning about each story.

We can use your help. If you would enjoy teaching about God's love to our kids you can lead a 20 minute station as you have time throughout the year. Here is a listing of the type of stations:

- Art
- Bible skills and games
- Science
- Cooking
- Computer lab
- Creative Drama
- Video

The first 4 weeks the Bible stories will be Noah and Daniel. The stations will include Bible skills and games, cooking, video, art, computer and music.

Please sign up to be a Sunday School rotation leader! Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

1. Click this link to go to our invitation page on VolunteerSpot: <http://vols.pt/g9uMtn>
2. Enter your email address: (You will NOT need to register an account on VolunteerSpot)
3. Sign up! Choose your spots - VolunteerSpot will send you an automated confirmation and reminders. Easy!

Once you are signed up Deanna Weber and Karri Brandsfield will send you a reminder email a couple weeks out. They put together all the materials for each station 1 -2 weeks in advance so that station leaders can pick up materials to plan and practice station activities.

If you have questions please contact:
Deanna Weber dejo.weber@gmail.com
Karri Brandsfield kbrandsfield@gmail.com or
Beth Flannery bdfannery@gmail.com

Receiving Grace, Being Grace with LWR

The Lutheran World Relief Fall Drive will be from September 20 through October 11. We will look at what grace means and how we at Grace respond to what we have received from God. Visit the display in the Gathering Hall, pick up an envelope from a pew, consider making a donation to aid our neighbors around the world, pray together for the work of LWR, see where our kits and quilts have gone this year. On October 4th, please join us between services as people of all ages work together to make school kits, baby care kits, and personal care kits in Grace Hall. On October 11th, we will have our ingathering during worship services. Thank you for your support!

From your LWR Team: Beth Flannery, Cathy Barks, Gail Peterson, Helen Ringgenberg, Lois Slye, Lori Fry, Lydia McCleary, Lynn Niemuth, and Mary Jo McCleary

News from the Library

The library is active and open this summer! Two books from Pastor Mike's summer reading list have been added; [Clip In, Risking Hospitality in your Church](#), by Fiona Haworth and [Learning to Walk in the Dark](#), by Barbara Brown Taylor.

A memorial gift in honor of Pat Rehder has been used to purchase a new collection of reference books, [A People's History of Christianity](#), by Denis Janz. This six volume set discusses early Christianity to the present, global Christianity. Using newly developed research methods, over one hundred scholars uncover the neglected side of church history as they offer glimpses of the religious ideas and consciousness of "the people"— their assumptions, beliefs, values, habits, longings, terrors, anxieties, and comforts. This is history "from below," and the revelations and insights are fascinating. Each volume includes ten to twelve essays by leading experts in the field about the lives of ordinary Christian women and men of the time. Included in each volume are over three dozen graphics and maps, an eight-page color gallery, as well as extensive bibliographies.

Also recently added is, [Dreams of My Mothers: A Story of Love Transcendent](#), by Joel Peterson. Based on a true story, author Joel L. A. Peterson gives us a vivid and gripping story of a biracial, impoverished boy who, through the love and courage of his mothers, overcomes questions of identity, race, physical handicaps and prejudice to become a new American success story. It touches on all the issues of who we are--as a people, as a nation, and as individuals. [Dreams of My Mothers](#), is a story particular to a few, but relevant to all. It is American, yet global. It is a story that feels intensely personal, yet universal in its themes and humanness.

Stop in the library to see these new titles. You'll find them on the New Book Display.

Grace Lutheran Young Adult BBQ Thursday, Sept. 17, 6:30-8:30 at Riley Park

This fall we are gathering those who are ages 18-30 on a semi-regular basis to build fellowship among this demographic in our church. We will begin this effort with a BBQ at Riley Park, across from the church. Meat will be provided, but please bring a side to share. Friends are welcome to attend! During our time together we will discuss other ways that this group might be interested in gathering. For planning purposes it would be helpful to have a rough estimate of participants, so please contact Ellen Rothweiler at ellen@gracedm.org if you plan to attend or have any other questions!



Fall into Exciting Learning Opportunities

We asked for your ideas; you answered.

Using your input, the Adult Faith Enrichment Team (AFET) plans a robust and varied slate of offerings for adult learning this year. You can look forward to off-Sunday morning opportunities as well as choices many Sunday mornings. These include a Sunday morning Bible study series led by Pastor Schmidt, small group studies, and more. Watch for details to come. In the meantime, let's get started Sunday mornings, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Grace Hall.



Sept. 13 – Celebration Sunday. “God’s Work, Our Hands” service opportunities
Sept. 20 – “Why Detroit?” Grace youth share stories and experiences from the recent National Youth Gathering
Sept. 27 – “Leaving a Legacy.” Planned giving options at the end of life. Mike Klinefelter, ELCA Foundation
Oct. 4 – Lutheran World Relief kit assembly – intergenerational

Planning an Adult Learning Opportunity?

If your group has ideas for a presentation or activity on Sunday morning, please share your plans with the Adult Faith Enrichment Team (AFET) by completing an AFET form. This form is found in the church office and on the web. Its completion will help make sure your event runs smoothly and minimize conflicts. If you have questions or need help, contact AFET: Tom McCleary, tmccleary@q.com, 967-3767; Cherie Rissman, cherierissman@gmail.com, 205-8939; Stephanie Johnson, Stephanie@gracedm.org, 276-6873 (staff liaison); Ellen Wonderlin, ellenwonderlin@aol.com, 277-9312; or Carol Woodruff, cl.woodruff@mchsi.com, 277-0910.



Grace men’s group meets the second Saturday of each month. Our next meeting is Saturday September 12 from 9am-12pm. Our next project will involve installing audio visual equipment in Grace Hall. If you are handy with tools or would like to learn please join us. Be sure to bring an appetite for food and devotion.

College Bound Students

We would love to have the addresses of our college bound students. We plan to send a few care packages and notes of encouragement throughout the school year. Please provide addresses to Cherie Rissman. cherierissman@gmail.com or 270-0278



Go online to access our member list

As we begin to plan for a printable church directory, you can help us prepare by checking and updating your information (addresses, phone numbers or email addresses) online.

If we have your email address, go to members.instantchurchdirectory.com where you'll be asked to enter your email address and create a password for your own personal access. Then you can review the information we have for you and your family. You may also find a picture which is probably outdated. To update pictures or information, contact Denny Rehder rehder.denny@gmail.com. If you don't have an email address on file with the office, you'll have to decide if you want us to have it. If you don't use email, contact the office for a printed member list or pick one up in the Gathering Hall at the Social Ministry kiosk.

Photo Wall photos! Remember, we'll be taking photos at Tower Park on Celebration Sunday, September 13. You can update your current photo, add one if you are not on the wall, or leave your current photo right where it is. You can take a serious photo, or include props that clue us in to your hobbies and interests. You always have the option of submitting your own photo, or waiting until we schedule our indoor photo shoot!

Grace Members at the Iowa State Fair and Meals from the Heartland



Stephanie enjoyed the skyride and the baby animals



Mike and I (Marilyn Nizzi) along with our neighbors gave out hard boiled eggs on a stick for the Iowa Egg Council. We had fun making sure everyone received their protein for the day. I think we gave out around 4,000 eggs in the 3 hours we worked. We were very busy! We heard several people say it was their favorite stand to visit.



Allison dances at the Fair



Natasha decides the Red Velvet Funnel cake tastes as good as it sounds.



Mira participated in the fiddle contest, coming in 9th out of 28 contestants age 18 and under. After, she enjoyed two of her favorite foods, pickles and bacon-wrapped ribs.



The Grace crew at Meals from the Heartland0050:
(back row) Joie Gronert, Ed Ridnour, Norm Trentmann, Janet Trentmann, Sue Anderson, (front row) Bill Kallestad, Deanna Snyder, Jay Wangerin, Connie Heuton, Jane Ridnour, Kevin Krause



Heather and Eric Nelson.
Aren't they adorable?

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Overnight on Saturday, August 15

The high school youth of Grace spent some time together in fellowship and preparing for the youth service that took place at 9:45 on Sunday, August 16. We played games, including ultimate Frisbee and Michael Jackson Dance Experience on the Wii, we talked about what it meant to be vulnerable in our relationships with others, we spent some time in prayer and contemplation walking the prayer Labyrinth, of course we ate all kinds of snacks and food, and we even slept! 12 youth and 4 adults spent this time together and a good time was had by all!

Volunteers The September to December needs are now also posted on the Grace website Volunteer sign-up at www.gracedm.org and <https://www.volunteersignup.org/BAKWD> Thanks.