



# The GRACE GAZETTE

## From the Pastor's Desk

October, 2012

It probably doesn't matter how long it has been since you last went to school, sent your children off on the school bus, or thought that September was synonymous with homework. I suspect that for all of us it still seems that the year begins in the fall. The civil calendar says it starts in January. The church calendar sees Advent as the beginning. Poets and farmers point to the stirrings of new life in the spring, but at some level many of us still move in the rhythm of the academic year. We slowdown in the summer months and start up again in September. Folks we haven't seen much of during the vacation season begin to return to worship. 'Promotion Sunday' brings the energy of children back to our building. Program plans are made for months ahead. A feeling of energy, excitement and enthusiasm is clearly present.

In a sense, autumn is a continuation, even a fulfillment, of summer. If the focus of our worship during the summer months has been living the life of faith, autumn is the time to deepen that message. Now is when seeds planted in the previous months reach maturity. Now is when the harvest approaches.

Worship in September and October points us toward both being faithful Christians in our own lives and planting the seed of faith in others. We return from vacations, renewed and reenergized, welcoming one another back to our work in Christ's name.

However, even as this season is a beginning, it contains the seeds of endings as well. The signs of the changing season are clear. Throughout the Northern Hemisphere, the days are already noticeably shorter. Different birds appear in our neighborhoods, passing through on their way to their winter homes. October brings a different feel in the air. Streets no longer seem softened by the summer sun. While we welcome all of these indications of the coming of autumn, we also recognize them as harbingers of winter. Harvest home celebrations rejoice in the bounty of our blessings, but they also remind us that now fields are barren and growth has ended.

Autumn is a season of great ambivalence. It fills us with enthusiasm for new beginnings even while it points us to endings. The true message of this season is of change. For our worship in this ambivalent season, the image of change acknowledges those varied sides of our lives.

One of my responsibilities as an Intentional Interim Pastor is to explore with you your tolerance and patience for change. My guess is that you, like most Christians, are more open to change than you think or will admit. At the Worship and Music Committee and the Finance Committee, we have been discussing the possibility of moving to the use of the new Lutheran Hymnal (ELW). There are a number of advantages, should we do this. The ELW brings together most of the best of the Lutheran Book of Worship (LBW), the With One Voice, and includes many familiar Sunday School hymns not included in either of the last two hymnals. In order to find appropriate hymns for the lessons each week we have had to print inserts for hymns not found in the LBW. In addition to this practical reason, there is the fact that increasingly pastors and new members will not have any experience with the LBW but instead with the new ELW. At a time when the Call committee will be interviewing candidates for a 'Call to Grace,' it might be a good signal of willingness for change if progress toward getting the Lutheran Church's current official hymnal were evident.

We are proposing to seek sponsorship for at least 100 new ELW Hymnals at a cost of approximately \$23.00 each. The plan would be to have the hymnals available on a table in the fellowship area to be picked up and returned on Sunday morning. This would be significantly less expensive than trying to purchase enough to fill all the pews (many of which are empty on most Sundays). The goal here is to prepare for the future of our worship for many years to come. I hope that many will give prayerful consideration of this proposal and consider this an appropriate way to memorialize loved ones.

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**Grace Lutheran Church  
General Fund  
Income and Expense Statement  
PROPOSED BUDGET 2013                      12/31/12**

**INCOME  
CONTRIBUTIONS**

|                  |                     |
|------------------|---------------------|
| Envelopes        | \$120,000.00        |
| Plate            | \$ 4,000.00         |
| Initial Offering | \$ 100.00           |
| Trusts           | <u>\$ 30,000.00</u> |

TOTAL GROSS INCOME                      \$ 154,100.00

**EXPENSES**

|                             |                  |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Pastor Compensation         | \$ 57,794.00     |
| Pastor Benefits             | \$ 27,585.00     |
| Car Allowance(Travel)       | \$ 4,000.00      |
| Supply Pastor               | \$ 1,500.00      |
| Salaries (Staff)            | \$ 49,934.00     |
| Pensions & Benefits (Staff) | \$ 1,462.00      |
| Social Security Medicare    | \$ 724.00        |
| Social Security Taxes       | \$ 3,096.00      |
| Gifts, Banquets, Etc        | \$ 1,500.00      |
| Music & Worship             | \$ 4,000.00      |
| Cleaning Service            | \$ 12,000.00     |
| Stewardship                 | \$ 400.00        |
| Church Supplies             | \$ 5,000.00      |
| Office Supplies             | \$ 3,000.00      |
| Postage                     | \$ 600.00        |
| Spirit Cellar               | <u>\$ 600.00</u> |

TOTAL EXPENSES                      \$ 173,195.00  
Net Gain or (Loss)                      \$ (19,095.00)

**GENERAL FUND  
PROPOSED SALARIES 2013                      12/31/2012**

|                             |                    |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| Pastor-Compensation         | \$ 57,794.00       |
| (based on 12-month service) |                    |
| Music Director              | \$ 15,000.00       |
| Contemporary Music Director | \$ 2,525.00        |
| Secretary                   | \$ 16,100.00       |
| Assistant Secretary         | \$ 1,500.00        |
| Per Hour - 12.38            |                    |
| Treasurer                   | \$ 12,809.00       |
| Per Hour -12.38             |                    |
| Assistant Treasurer         | <u>\$ 2,000.00</u> |
| Per Hour -12.38             |                    |
| Total Salaries              | \$ 107,728.00      |

**BENEVOLENCE FUND  
INCOME AND EXPENSE  
STATEMENT  
PROPOSED BUDGET 2013                      12/31/12**

**INCOME  
CONTRIBUTIONS**

|                     |                    |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| Envelopes           | \$ 29,000.00       |
| Social Ministry     | \$ 6,000.00        |
| Youth Ministry      | \$ 1,000.00        |
| VBS                 | \$ 1,000.00        |
| Pastor's Disc. Fund | <u>\$ 2,000.00</u> |

TOTAL GROSS INCOME                      \$ 39,000.00

**EXPENSES**

|   |                    |
|---|--------------------|
| Synod, E L C A  | \$ 14,000.00       |
| Grace Lutheran Church -Benevolence<br>(Sr. Choir 600.00<br>Ryan Murphy Mission 2000.00) | \$ 2,600.00        |
| Rocky Boy Mission   | \$ 400.00          |
| Social Ministry   | \$ 6,000.00        |
| Youth Ministry  | \$ 1,000.00        |
| VBS   | \$ 1,000.00        |
| Council of Churches   | \$ 550.00          |
| Friends of Nawakwa  | \$ 1,000.00        |
| Meetings-Camping-Assembly   | \$ 1,000.00        |
| Pastor's Disc. Fund   | <u>\$ 2,000.00</u> |

TOTAL EXPENSES                      \$ 29,550.00  
Net Gain or (Loss)                      \$ 9,450.00

**PROPERTY FUND  
INCOME AND EXPENSE  
STATEMENT  
PROPOSED BUDGET 2013                      12/31/12**

**INCOME  
CONTRIBUTIONS**

|               |                  |
|---------------|------------------|
| Envelopes     | \$ 44,000.00     |
| Rents         | \$ 1,350.00      |
| Sunday School | <u>\$ 600.00</u> |

TOTAL GROSS INCOME                      \$ 45,950.00

**EXPENSES**

|                               |                    |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| Bldg. Maintenance & Repairs   | \$ 4,500.00        |
| Grounds Maintenance & Repairs | \$ 5,000.00        |
| Equipment                     | \$ 10,000.00       |
| Equipment Repairs             | \$ 4,000.00        |
| Gas Company                   | \$ 6,000.00        |
| Electric Company              | \$ 12,000.00       |
| Telephone Company             | \$ 2,500.00        |
| Water & Sewer Company         | \$ 700.00          |
| Insurance                     | <u>\$ 5,500.00</u> |

TOTAL EXPENSES                      \$ 50,200.00  
Net Gain or (Loss)                      \$ (4,250.00)



The church council is “knee deep” in the budget for the upcoming congregational meeting scheduled for November. At its September meeting, the church council has approved a budget for 2013 to recommend to the congregation for a vote at the annual meeting. After recommendations from the Finance Committee and the Human Relations Committee and consultation with the other committees of the church this budget recommendation includes significant reductions in many areas. The council has decided to discuss the budget in separate meetings from the congregational meeting so everyone can review it and ask questions before the up or down vote during the congregation meeting. There will be two opportunities to attend a meeting; October 7 after the 9:00 a.m. service and October 21 after the 10:45 a.m. service. All members of the congregation are encouraged to attend one of these meetings. If you are unable to attend and you would like to submit any questions or comments, they can be presented in writing before either meeting. The council hopes to make the budget available for review and sent via email or be available as a paper copy prior to the meetings.

The annual congregation meeting will be held on November 11 at 10:15 a.m. The meeting is being held

## HALLOWEEN ON THE STREET



Calling all goblins and princesses. Join us for some Halloween fun on October 27 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the church parking lot for our annual “Halloween on the Street.” We will be serving lots of treats. All creatures are welcome!

As you remember, last year we had a huge snowstorm on Red Lion Community Halloween night and we were forced to cancel our annual festivities. This year we plan to provide our usual hot dogs, hot chocolate, hot cider and goodie bags for all attendees which often number over 350! It is not unusual for families to wait in our parking lot for 6:00 p.m. to arrive so that they can eat their supper... for free! Volunteers are always welcome beginning at 5:00 p.m. with set-up. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to experience the joy of giving, celebrating thankfulness, and of having a really good time! Please mark your calendar and come to help Grace Lutheran continue its tradition of “the place to be on Halloween night!”

to discuss the upcoming year and where the church is headed. All members can vote on the direction of the church, and it is an important way to make your voice heard. At the annual meeting there will be only a ‘yes’ or ‘no’ vote without discussion on the budget after all the questions or comments are presented, including any amendments moved forward during the budget hearings in October. See you there!

The church council at its September meeting has approved a recommendation of the Worship and Music Committee to move toward providing enough new Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) Red Hymnals to allow us to use them as our principle worship hymnal. Because our finances are extremely tight, we hope to provide enough new hymnals by donations in the form of memorials or dedications in honor or memory of individuals. Our hope is to receive enough donations to provide at least 100 ELW Hymnals at a cost of \$22.50 each. There is a possibility of a discount in November which will allow us to purchase a few extras. If you have any questions regarding the hymnals, contact Jeffrey Cogan at his email: [notesofgrace4u@yahoo.com](mailto:notesofgrace4u@yahoo.com) or call 717-386-9647.

## THE BARKERY BAKE SALE IS COMING!

On November 10 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Grace Lutheran will be transformed to benefit those less fortunate who walk on two legs AND four. There will be crafts, food, face painting and games, with all proceeds to benefit our food bank and the The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA). We will even welcome well behaved furry friends to join in the fun.

The Barkery Bake Sale is in the planning stages right now and you can help make it a hit! We are looking for crafters who would like to sell their wares during the event. You can reserve a space for only \$25. We also need food donations to sell. For further information, call Mindy at 840-4762.





Even though Pennsylvania has cut the statewide budget for food pantries by 20%, our activity here at Grace Lutheran has certainly not been cut by 20%. On September 10, we dispersed food to 239 families, which is the most ever for a September distribution. With the help of our faithful volunteers, we were able to provide canned goods, dry goods, meats and perishables for all of our families.

In addition, we have a "yard sale" ministry that works hand-in-hand with the food pantry. We collect donations from church members and others during the months prior to the food give-away. Then on the Sunday before, we all gather in the sanctuary to put the things out on display. Our clients are allowed to "shop" without having to use money and cheerfully take out bags filled with clothing, shoes, books, household items, blankets, sheets, toys and the famous tchotchkies!

This month we had 36 volunteers come to help with this very large and sometimes overwhelming ministry. As we look forward to Thanksgiving, we will be packing on Saturday, Oct 27 and Saturday, November 3 from 8:30-11:00 a.m. downstairs in the food room. Some of the tasks involved in packing the food boxes do not require brute strength, so please don't stay away from this opportunity to help and to experience fellowship with others.



Our Thanksgiving distribution will be held on Monday, November 12. We will set up the "yard sale" ministry on Sunday, November 11 at 1:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. There will be a light lunch provided at noon for those helping with the "yard sale"

ministry set up. As always, we will need your help to make these ministries a success, not only with your time but with donations of 10-12 pound turkeys. You can drop your donation off at the church any time between now and November 12, because we have freezer space available to store them. Your donations of gently used clothing, toys and stuffed animals and household goods for the "yard sale" ministry are also welcome anytime. We have a special need for little boys' clothing. As society struggles with dissolving families, lost jobs and hungry children, we here at Grace are grateful that we can make a difference in our community and for the people whom we have come to know and love.

## ACOLYTES AND CRUCIFERS NEEDED

A big thank you goes to all those 'Acolyte Alumni' who helped out this summer during the 10:45 a.m. service. However, we still have a shortage of Acolytes and Crucifers. Anyone can volunteer that is 10 years old or older (that means any adults with a young heart). It takes very little preparation and it will go a long way to helping make the service more meaningful. Contact Peggy Gardner to volunteer: 244-1818.



Sunday school started on September 16 with an attendance of approximately 50 people of all ages. Sunday school takes place every Sunday between the services from 9:00 to 10:15 a.m. There is something for everyone, including adults. In the Sanctuary, there is a lecture-style class, and the Good News Bible class meets upstairs and is a discussion-based class. The classes for the kids make learning about the Bible fun. Come join in the fun!

## PASTOR CALL UPDATE

The Call committee submitted a call request in late Spring to the synod and is now waiting for a candidate to review. Once a candidate's name is submitted to our Call committee, they will arrange to meet the candidate and then go see them preach somewhere in the community. If the committee likes the candidate, they will then invite them to our church to preach. The committee members are: Keith McCleary (chairman), Bob Miller, Wendy Mummert, Andy Warntz and Doris Golden.

The way the synod works, we can only review one candidate at a time and make a yes or no decision about that candidate. If we do not feel a connection with the candidate and reject them, we cannot change our decision later. The newsletter will keep everyone informed about the process as it moves forward.





# MUSICAL NOTES

*"When in our music God is glorified..."*

"For Everyone, A Season of Music" – At the end of September, the slower pace of summer was surely over, which gave way to the bustle of fall activities humming into gear. Grace's Music Ministry resumed regular rehearsals for most of our musical groups and choirs. This was a time not only for our current music ministry members to re-charge and re-commit, but also for those who have not yet ventured into this territory to open their hearts, minds and schedules to the possibility of joining our music program.

Throughout the Bible, we find that wherever worship is happening there is music! That music starts with the song that is on the heart of every believer, but it joins in a greater chorus when God's people gather. In the scriptures, when we see God's people gather to worship, there are often leaders who are called by God to lead the music. I would challenge everyone in the congregation who has some ability in music to consider whether music ministry might be at least one of the ways you could offer your life back to God.

One of the reasons music is a special calling is that it requires preparation and some ability. Most people have a least some ability! But the preparation part means time—precious time that could be used somewhere else, but because you want to lead others to experience God's glory through music, you make it a significant part of your life.

Indeed, music ministry requires something of us, but it also gives back in amazing ways! As you prepare to serve others, you are encouraged and built up yourself. And you get to serve with some really great people and make friends and connections at church that would be harder to find "from the pew." Doing music at Grace will energize you, even when it's hard to commit to getting to rehearsals or services. So, if you have a heart for worship, for beauty and for the legacy of great sacred music and the future that music represents, please join us! Please make sure your children and grandchildren are part of our children's youth music, too! I believe that every child should feel comfortable and confident during worship at Grace (either "in worshipping" or "during worship"). Music ministry is one of the best ways to help bridge the gap for our kids into the whole life of the church.

The following information will detail the music programs available to children, teens and adults at Grace Church. Please take a moment to look through it and prayerfully consider where in our ministry of music you might offer your time, talents and musical spirit. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have, or for further information reach me at 717.386.9647 or at NotesofGrace4u@yahoo.com.



Blessings!  
Jeffrey J. Cogan, Grace Church Organist-Choirmaster

**Join the Choir... You'll be Glad You Did!**

**Add your gifts to the music...**

**Grace Sings! - Meets Wednesdays from 7:30-9:00 p.m.  
Teens 13 through Adult**

**Ringers By Grace - Meets Wednesdays from 6:30-7:15 p.m.**

**Spirit Cellar Band - Meets Wednesdays from 6:45-7:30 p.m.**

**Kids Choir - Begins on Sunday, October 7th from 10:15-10:35 a.m. Ages 3-12 (There is a Meet the Parents Sunday, September 30th at 9:45a.m. following Spirit Cellar Worship.) The first performance is November 4.**

**Christmas Cantata Choir - Special Rehearsals Meets Sundays 3:00-4:00p.m. beginning Sunday, November 4, 2012**

**Music Lessons - Wednesdays between rehearsals 7:15-7:30p.m. for those wishing to learn to read music or sharpen skills**

**Private Instrumental Lessons - As requested by Organist-Choirmaster**

## THE CONCERT SEASON CONTINUES WITH TENOR CHRISTYAN SEAY

Christyan Say is a native of Harrisburg and has performed with the Harrisburg Symphony, the Harrisburg Opera Association and the Wednesday Club, as well as in several concert halls in the United States and Europe. Mr. Seay is a graduate of the Pennsylvania State University. A concert of sacred and classical repertoire will be performed and is sure to please.



Christian will be performing on October 14 at 3:00 p.m. at Grace Lutheran church.

## CHRISTIAN CLASSIFIEDS



Christian Classifieds The newsletter would like to try a new feature in the newsletter called the Christian Classifieds. Anyone who has something to give or would like to help those in need can post an advertisement

for their goods or services. Conversely, people looking for something or needing help may also post a request. It is hoped this section will be a good place for anyone looking to do a service project or kindness to find someone to help. If you have something of value that you think someone can use and you want to donate, follow the instructions for submissions to the newsletter posted on the back page. Here are our first ads:

**Electric Hospital Bed Frame**—Free to a disabled or elderly person. The bed is a Invacare, model 5301IVC. It has both a manual crank and an electric motor to move it up and down, and head up or feet up positioning. The bed is in great condition and works well. It takes a single mattress. Call 501-4452 to arrange for pick-up.

**Hospice Volunteers Needed**—Lutheran Home Care and Hospice, Inc., a ministry of Lutheran Social Services, is looking for hospice volunteers. Being a hospice volunteer is a very rewarding experience. To find out more about the different ways you can help, please visit our website at: [www.lutheranhomecare.org/volunteers](http://www.lutheranhomecare.org/volunteers) or call Missy Gladfelter at 717-757-774.

## FALL FOLIAGE DAY

On Sunday, October 14, bring your family and friends to camp for a fall afternoon at Kirchenwald and Nawakwa. Both events will run from 1:00-6:00 p.m. An evening meal will be provided. Registration is \$5 per person. Activities at Kirchenwald will be: pumpkin painting, canoeing, kayaking, mountain biking, hiking and more! Activities at Nawakwa will be: pumpkin painting, apple butter boil, hayrides, hiking and more! Please call 717-677-8211 or visit [www.lutherancamping.org](http://www.lutherancamping.org) by October 5 to register. This event is sponsored by the Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania.



## THE KID'S CHOIR IS REFORMING!

September 30 after Spirit Cellar- Mark it down on your calendar! Kids ages 3-12 please bring your parents to our kid's choir meeting. You will learn what kid's choir is all about and how much fun it is! Practices will begin on Sunday, October 7th from 10:15-10:35 a.m. after the Spirit Cellar service. More information will be provided at our meeting.



## NAMING THE NEWSLETTER UPDATE

We have had two entries so far. The newsletter will be featuring all entries once a month and once all entries are displayed, a call for a vote will be announced. This month's design is the brainchild of Cindy Strobeck. It is not too late to turn in your idea. The previous design was the editor's attempt at making a logo suggestion. Drop off suggestions in the newsletter

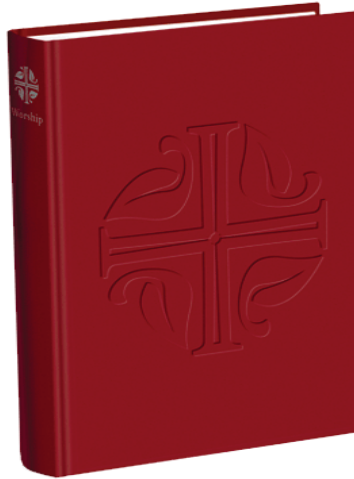
mailbox on the table outside the office door or submit it using the newsletter guidelines listed in this newsletter. Keep those ideas coming!



## WHY A NEW HYMNAL?

The Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW), also known as the 'cranberry hymnal,' was published in 2006 for the purpose of translating the gospel into the vernacular. This hymnal utilizes the latest scholarly translations and makes this worship source fresh and timely. The ELW contains ten musical settings to the basic text in order to include cultural diversity in worship services. This means that what we are using in Red Lion is also being used in Africa and Latin America. The intent is to offer diversity and yet have a basic unity as we worship one Lord.

The ELW is actually two volumes in one. The first part is resources for liturgical worship. Numbering in this part of the book is at the bottom of each page, and red tabs on the outside edge of the pages divide the major sections. The second part consists of resources for assembly song. The numbering in this part of the book uses large numbers at the



top of each item, with red numbers for the psalms and black numbers for the service music, hymns and songs.

Our new cranberry hymnal provides us with new resources that were not included in the green hymnal. It includes all 150 psalms, complete liturgies for the significant events in the church calendar, special services, expanded prayer resources, instructions and background information, 200 new hymns and songs, and much more. In short, the hymnal is a collection of materials that will provide most or all of what is needed for the assembly's worship.

This article is an excerpt of a longer paper that Jeffrey Cogan has written to explain the many reasons why an investment in the ELW is well worth the expense. If you would like to read more on the subject, copies of his paper are on the table by the elevator doors as you come in the parking lot entrance.

## HELP A HERO—GOT SOCKS?

Socks wear out fast on the frontline, and soldiers often don two to three pairs at a time, making them one of the top requested items among servicemen and women stationed overseas.

As a part of our Graceful Women Mission we would like you to bring NEW cotton tube or crew socks (black or white) to send them to the Jugs Project.



This non-profit organization will include them in one of the thousands of care packages they send to soldiers serving in the Middle East. There will be a box in the church Welcome Center and in the Spirit Cellar.

**Let's help make a difference to our soldiers!**

Lutheran Home Care and Hospice is York County's only not-for-profit, faith based home care agency providing home health care, in-home support... and now hospice!

All of us may someday be faced with a life-limiting illness. If this happens to you or someone whom you love, feel peace knowing that with the help of our caring hospice staff you don't have to struggle alone to cope with the challenges and fears that occur. The last months, weeks and days offer a time to laugh and love, to concentrate on the important issues and to say goodbye. The final moments should come with dignity and in peace. The hospice team is dedicated to caring for those living with a terminal illness and their families. They will assist by managing pain and symptoms, supporting your family, providing education on what to expect, and teaching caregiving techniques. For more information about our services or how we can help, please call: 800-840-9081 or visit our website:

[www.lutheranhomecare.org](http://www.lutheranhomecare.org)

# Grace Lutheran Community Fest

Saturday October 20, 2012

Grace Lutheran Church - 220 N. Charles St. Red Lion

9:00AM - 2:00PM

*A truly unique opportunity for everyone, from food to crafts, jewelry and more. Come see all the new and exciting products from direct sales vendors such as:*

*Tastefully Simple, Tupperware, Velata Chocolate Fondu, Old County Candles, Mary Kay, Mia Bella, Cookie Lee, Silpada, Just Jewelry, Avon, Scentsy, Special Cards by Sisters, and more. As well as homemade baked goods, chow-chow, pickles, soup, and jelly.*

*So come, eat, and browse around for that special gift.  
Christmas is just around the corner!*



The food you love, the time you deserve.

*Cookie Lee*



DOUBLE DELIGHT  
Price is NEW YORK







## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Fall Cleanup is Scheduled:** It is that time of year again to tidy up before winter. We need help in the yard and kitchen. Please join us on October 6. Cleanup will start at 9:00 a.m., and lunch will be provided afterwards. If you have garden clippers, please bring them.

**St. Nicholas Party Planning Update:** We are still in need of volunteers the night of the party. Please let Pastor Bill, Connie or Heather Manahan know if you are interested in helping. The date for the party is December 4 from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

**Attention Graceful Women:** The Graceful Women going to Dutch Apple Dinner Theater should meet in the church parking lot around 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 4. We will leave no later than 5:15 p.m. Please call Otilie Grim at 428-0729 if you have any questions. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on November 1.

**String and Choral Concert Announced:** The Red Lion Area Senior High Strings, directed by Mrs. Mary K. Loyer, and The Equine Singers, under the direction of Mrs. Betty J. Folger, will dazzle music lovers with a fall concert at St. Paul's United Methodist Church on Sunday, October 14 at 7:30 p.m. The concert will be held in the Sunday school room, and admission is free. St. Paul's is located at 45 First Avenue here in Red Lion.

### HOW TO SUBMIT TO THE NEWSLETTER

We welcome all submissions to the newsletter. The newsletter is a great place to ask for help, publicize an event you are planning in the church, tell people about something you or your family is doing, thank members, celebrate a victor... the possibilities are endless! The vision for the newsletter is to communicate between members in a clear and interesting format. If you would like to submit to the newsletter or help in any way, here is what you can do:

\*If you are comfortable with computers, you can email Jennifer Rudolf at: swimmerjenusa@yahoo.com. Please make sure your document is either a .doc or .pdf file. If you are including digital artwork, make sure it is at least 300KB in size.

\*If you prefer paper, just drop off your submission in the mailbox marked 'newsletter' outside the office door. The mailboxes are located on a table across the hall.

Please keep in mind that the deadline for submission is the 20th of each month for the following month's newsletter. If you have pictures or graphics that compliment your submission, include them along with directions or suggestions on their use. Please include your contact information in every submission so the editor can get in touch to clarify or fact-check. If you are interested in a monthly submission or article, we welcome that as well.

## 'STRANGERS IN KENYA' ON A CALIFORNIA ADVENTURE

Editor's note: Every month we will have news from the Murphy family. Ryan's blog is called 'Strangers in Kenya.' Go to our website for the latest news: [www.gracelutheran.com](http://www.gracelutheran.com). The following is Ryan's submission for October.

Heather had a mini-meltdown last night. She was looking over our schedule for the next 10 weeks (anxious to set up some lunch dates with friends) and was having a hard time finding any daylight. This is a good problem to have though. With dozens of supporters to catch up with after more than two years of having been away in Kenya, and a handful of churches to visit and thank for their faithful and generous support of our work, we have been blessed with a wonderfully full schedule here during home assignment. Don't worry though, Heather's fully recovered and doing fine.

Our boys are enrolled at public school (Bay Park Elementary) two blocks from our house. This is the same school where Micah went in 2010, where scores of other missionary children from our sending church, CEBC, have also attended through the years. We had a tearless first week, and they seem to be adjusting very well. This is a HUGE praise for us as we juggle ministry and family. They are a bit "homesick" for Africa though.

Besides visiting with supporters and family and being involved with numerous Bible studies, we're also attending an Advanced Placement Institute for the Advanced Placement courses we'll be teaching at Rift Valley Academy when we return. Ryan is continuing towards a chaplaincy degree at Bethel Seminary by taking another class this fall. That's our life in a nutshell. On to the...

#### Prayer requests...

- \*Times of mutual encouragement between us and our family/supporters during home assignment
- \*Grace and wisdom for our substitutes at RVA while we are gone during this fall
- \*To return to 100% monthly support so we can return to Kenya in December. We're at 90% of our pledged amount currently.
- \*Opportunities to speak of the goodness of God with folks in America
- \*Rest and preparation to fuel our next three years of service in Africa

Thanks for your prayers during this interesting phase of life. We also appreciate everyone who has continued to support us financially during home assignment. Life in America isn't cheap, and we really appreciate how you've helped us during these important five months.

Blessings,  
Ryan

# Those Who Serve and We Celebrate

## Greeters

Roberta Ebert  
Wendy and Robert Miller

## Altar Guild

Tom Smith

## Acolytes

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

## Crucifers

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## Nursery

07-Kendra Shaffer  
14-Heidi & Mark Einsig  
21-Nancy Golden & Jenna Hammers  
28-Wendy Miller & Alec Crawford

## Lectors

07-Bobbi Jo Shaffer  
14-Cora Sue Herbst  
21-Regina Thompson  
28-Otilie Grim

## Offering Ushers

Jeff Arnold  
Josh Arnold  
Wendy Miller  
Jim Fishel

## Assistant Ministers

01-Eric Grim  
14-Tom Smith  
21-Gerald Heiss  
28-Dick Rhine

## Spirit Cellar Communion Team

Wes and Missy Smith  
Barb Taute  
Eric Grim  
Kathy Vivian

## Snack Helpers

07-Susie  
14-The Rudolf family  
21-Beth Hollingsworth  
28-VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Thank you to all who cheerfully serve and make our services the best they can be. We welcome anyone who would like to volunteer. If you would like to help, please contact the office.



01-Doris Douglas  
02-Julia Kinard  
06-Michael Dennish  
07-Roy Grove  
08-Beth Hollingworth  
08-Regina Thompson  
09-Jeffrey Barker  
09-Jana Shoffner  
11-Helen Alwood  
15-Atty. George Eveler  
16-Kelly Anderson  
17-Thalia Jones  
17-Mark Stanley  
18-Jennifer Rudolf  
20-Arlene Smith  
21-Wicky Barnes, III  
23-Linda Dennish  
23-Peggy Keener  
23-Ally Warntz  
25-Dayne Bailey  
25-Cassandra Carter  
25-Atty. David Laucks  
28-Edna Howard  
29-Lisa Germick  
29-Germar Rudolf  
30-Melisa Dellinger  
30-George E. Sanders  
30-JoHanna Shaffer

## Anniversaries

03-Diana and Eric Smith  
05-Donna and Evans Fishel  
08-Sharon and William Stein  
10-Jeanne and Dr. Samuel Laucks  
11-Giovanna and Nathan Biles  
11-Susan and Brett Hammers  
12-Sami and Kirt Peters  
14-Daune and Edward Hartman  
20-Doris and Chris Golden  
24-Lorann and Joe Jacobs  
27-Robin and Drew Walker  
29-Angelique and Vincent Kicas  
29-Jennifer and Thomas Kuhn



# October 2012

| Sun   | Mon                             | Tue | Wed   | Thu   | Fri             | Sat  |
|---|---------------------------------|-----|---|---|-----------------|--|
| CS—Contemporary Service<br>SS—Sunday School<br>TS—Traditional Service                                     | 1<br>7:00pm Parish Ed Committee | 2   | 3<br>6:30pm Ringers by Grace<br>6:45pm Spirit Cellar<br>7:30pm Grace Sings  | 4<br>6:30pm Girl Scouts                           | 5<br>8:00pm AA  | 6  |
| 7<br>9:00am CS/Supply Pastor Rev. John Largent<br>9:45am SS<br>10:00am TS/Supply Pastor Rev. John Largent | 8                               | 9   | 10<br>6:30pm Ringers by Grace<br>6:45pm Spirit Cellar<br>7:30pm Grace Sings | 11<br>6:30pm Church Council<br>6:30pm Girl Scouts | 12<br>8:00pm AA | 13   |
| 14<br>9:00am CS<br>9:45am SS<br>10:45am TS<br>3:00pm Concert/Victor Fields                                | 15<br>7:00pm Property Committee | 16  | 17<br>6:30pm Ringers by Grace<br>6:45pm Spirit Cellar<br>7:30pm Grace Sings | 18<br>6:30pm Girl Scouts                          | 19<br>8:00pm AA | 20<br>Grace Community Fest                             |
| 21<br>9:00am CS<br>9:45am SS<br>10:45am TS  | 22                              | 23  | 24<br>6:30pm Ringers by Grace<br>6:45pm Spirit Cellar<br>7:30pm Grace Sings | 25<br>6:30pm Girl Scouts                          | 26<br>8:00pm AA | 27<br>6:00-8:00pm Trick or Treat with Red Lion Borough |
| 28<br>9:00am CS<br>9:45am SS<br>10:45am TS  | 29                              | 30  | 31<br>6:30pm Ringers by Grace<br>6:45pm Spirit Cellar<br>7:30pm Grace Sings |   |                 |  |