

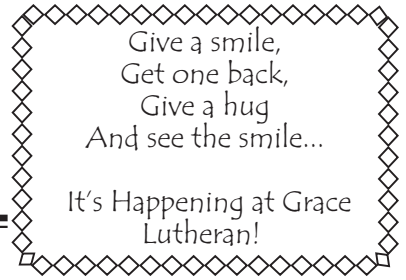


The BEACON

Shines with Grace Lutheran Church News

January, 2013

From the Pastor's Desk



Give a smile,
Get one back,
Give a hug
And see the smile...

It's Happening at Grace
Lutheran!

As we fumble our way out of bed in a winter morning that seems more like night, Isaiah's words "Arise, shine for your light has come!" (Isaiah 60:1 New International Version) may sound ironic, even sardonic. Still, we know that the prophet's words have no connection at all to the changing of the seasons. No, they come to us in the context of our Lord's revelation as the beacon of salvation for the whole world. In response, the Epiphany season calls us, entices us, even commands us to rise up, to leap out of those places where we live in spiritual darkness. God calls us to polish our glasses, clean our windows to be able to see with clarity this new thing that has happened. Arise! Shine! We are invited to greet and welcome the light – a luminescence that shines with such magnitude that it melts the icy coldness of our hearts. Epiphany is no wimpy one-candle-in-the-darkness deal, but rather a blast of brightness not seen before. Get up and see it! Bask in its brightness. Behold the light that shines upon us, scattering the darkness of our minds so that we may walk as children of light.

The light is Christ. Any spiritual light that we have is his, shining in and through us. Indeed, so great is the grace that shines upon us that it seems that our faces, like Moses', should be glowing with reflected glory. At the very least, our way of living surely will catch the light of Christ's love and shine it on those around us. Such is the extroverted, mission oriented nature of this season.

Although the people are the church and thus will be the primary light-givers in this season, our center of worship too should glow with light. Don't let Epiphany be wimpy. Let everything associated with our worship shine in celebration that the light of our lives is living among us. Polish the metal, light the candles and let us shine full blast. Our church should be a beacon, a searchlight calling out to all who are in spiritual darkness.

Epiphany begins at Bethlehem, but it deserves to be more than a half-baked rerun of Christmas. The magi followed an unmistakably bright star previously unknown, a luminous sign from God to pay attention. During the season of Epiphany we also celebrate the baptism of Jesus, introducing the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire.

The brightness carries on through the season. At Cana, Jesus does the first of his signs. The rabbi Jesus proclaims the recovery of sight for the blind. Jesus is a light seemingly too intense for some in his hometown. He invites others into the circle of his light, inviting fisherman to pull in people. Christ is a light that shines where none has before, blessing the poor, the hungry, the sorrowful. Finally we have the dazzling light of the transfiguration.

This light is for all people: "a light for revelation to you and for glory to your people Israel" in the words of Simeon (Luke 2:32 New International Version). This light and fire of God shines like a therapeutic laser right into the places where it is most needed. This cleansing light sears away the scales on our eyes, cauterizes the seeping wounds of sin, and halts the gnawing darkness of anxiety. This is a healing light, a refining light, a burnishing light and a purifying light. This light is like no other. This light has the power to save.



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The Council met on December 13. The following article is a summary of the minutes submitted by Council Secretary, Beth Kollosch.

The first item was to review and approve the minutes from September and October. The minutes from the special council meeting held on November 11 were reviewed, and Jeff Arnold corrected the amount needed to repair the roof from the estimated dollar figure of \$750 submitted last month to \$850, which passed by motion. The Property committee submitted their report, that a heater was installed in the nursery, the steeple repair is underway, and roof repairs will follow.

The Human Resources committee has been working very hard lately to bring the church's paid staff in line with contemporary non-profit business practices. They have prepared revised contracts for two of the paid positions to reflect the changes approved

as part of the 2013 budget. Annual reviews for two more of the paid positions still need to be completed, hopefully before the closed of 2012. President Ken Turner inquired into the status of job descriptions in light of the discussions during the budget hearings. The committee reports that they are working on them. Additionally, the committee recommends that a new pictorial directory be prepared in the near future. A discussion on background checks for volunteers and staff that work with children and youth was also introduced. The youth group will not be attending Winterfest as originally planned, as background checks were not yet completed on available adults.

In new business, the council agreed that the paid staff should receive a Christmas gift of a \$50.00 gift card. The Council would also like to officially recognize Jeffery Cogan for all the many things he does above and beyond his job description.

'THE BEACON' GOES ONLINE



If you receive the newsletter via email, you may have noticed this month that, instead of the usual extensive address list and an attached file, you were sent an individual message with a link. That is because we are now connected with an email service called

Mail Chimp. Mail Chimp is a free service that enables the church to have a secure account for electronic mailings. We can create mailing lists and send links to individuals. This gives privacy to our members and simplifies the emails you receive. For example, if you get *The Beacon* via your phone, it may be very annoying to scroll through the other email addresses to reach the copy, and your device may have difficulty opening attachments. Perhaps you are someone who prefers that all the other addressees do not see your email address. Mail Chimp makes all these issues go away by sending you a link to the website each month. As a result of us posting online, you can access old issues without needing to save them to your hard drive or searching your old emails for what you want to reread. Our webmaster has already put the back issues from September 2012 onward on the website.

Another advantage of Mail Chimp is to customize email lists for different purposes. For example, if we have a list of members with children, we can send notices that may be of interest to them, but not to members who do not have young children. If anyone would like to create an address listing for something he or she coordinates, please contact the webmaster. Mail Chimp is simple to use and easy to learn. It is a great way to stay in touch with your group and advertise what you are doing in and around the church.

With the introduction of Mail Chimp, we are in need of updating the email address list. It has come to the editor's attention that some emails are out of date or wrong. Rest assured that your email address will only be used for things you personally sign up for. Please contact the editor or webmaster to update your email information. If you know of someone who would be interested in receiving *The Beacon* via email, we can have up to 10,000 email addresses, the more the merrier!

If all this sounds like a foreign language and you prefer a paper copy, issues will still be printed and available in the church. Paper readers can also access old issues by contacting the editor any of the ways listed in the submission box ad on this page.

CALL UPDATE

The Call Committee has met with the potential candidate and was very impressed. This candidate is a seasoned minister and has experience in both contemporary and traditional formats. The next step in the process is for the council to call a special meeting to meet the candidate and vote on whether or not he is a good fit for our church. The council is making it a priority to have this meeting as soon as possible in January. If the meeting bodes well, look for a date to be scheduled for the congregation to meet the candidate.



A Super Bowl pretzel sandwich sale will be held to raise funds for the 2013 New Year's Eve party. Pretzel sandwich choices are ham and Swiss cheese, ham and American cheese, or turkey and American cheese. Cost is just \$4.00. Order forms will be available January 6-27. Pickup is Saturday morning, February 2 and Super Bowl Sunday February 3. Contact Ellen Warntz for additional information.



'STRANGERS IN KENYA' ON A UNITED STATES ADVENTURE

Not to us, O Lord

Rift Valley Academy (RVA) features a number of special songs at its yearly graduation ceremony. My favorite is a song called "Not to us, O Lord." The refrain to that song continues, "...but to Thy name be glory, and to Thy name be praise." This song held extra meaning for me this past July. On graduation night, we left on the red-eye flight from Nairobi back to America for our second home assignment (or furlough) of the past seven years. Home assignment can be dangerous for missionaries, as there is a lot of focus on "us." We're the guest speakers, we're the long-lost friends, and we're the special visitors. On top of that, we also get to enjoy the simple luxuries of life in America again, which are indeed extra cherished after years in a developing country. As we prepared

for this home assignment, I felt God put a succinct prayer in my heart. Despite a natural desire to "take a break," I wanted to more passionately make an impact for the kingdom during our time home. I feel like this awareness and desire made our five months in America extra special. We were given the main Sunday pulpit in 12 different churches. We were blessed with chances to speak at another dozen small groups or home fellowships. Although we didn't meet with all of our individual supporters, we did have precious one-on-one times with over 60 individuals or families. Within these many events, we can testify to very powerfully sensing the Spirit of God working around us. We feel like the glory in this home assignment was "not to us," but to the Lord.

Things we were able to take away from our home assignment

We were both able to attend a one day Advanced Placement seminar in October. Heather went to explore future possibilities for the Social Studies Department at RVA, and Ryan went to pick up greater skills for English Literature. Ryan attended another class at Bethel Seminary during home assignment, thanks to designated gifts from supporters. He is working towards an eventual chaplaincy degree to further his spiritual impact on students at Rift Valley Academy. We were able to focus on our marriage for a weekend in November as we attended a Family Life marriage conference. God continues to strengthen us as a couple so we can lead our children and tackle our exciting ministry in Kenya.

We were fortunate to have a great public school in our San Diego neighborhood. The boys settled in well to third grade (Micah) and kindergarten (Asher) and thrived during their semester there. Ryan, Heather, and Claire used the daytime hours to meet with supporters and take classes. In addition to speaking at 12 different churches during our five months in the USA, Ryan also met with a former RVA student who is attending Point Lorna Nazarene University (our alma mater as well). God bless you as you stand behind us!

Prayer requests: your most important gifts!

Praises: Thanks for wonderful times with friends and families, and faithful and committed supporters. We are thankful for great transitions for the children between Kenya, Pennsylvania and California. We had many fruitful speaking opportunities during our stay in the US. We thank the capable substitutes that performed our tasks at RVA during our absence.

Requests: Pray for our family transitions as we begin a new term at Rift Valley Academy, ministries to closed Muslim countries, the Orma People group in eastern Kenya, our December 28 return to Kenya, the upcoming election in Kenya, and financial recovery for the USA.



AFTER THANKSGIVING ... A TIME FOR GIVING THANKS!

After a record breaking year, with a grand finale of feeding 281 families at Christmas, it is time to give thanks to all who helped make the food pantry and its ministry possible. First, thanks to all the volunteers who give up their Saturday morning in bed to come to help pack those nearly 1000 boxes every time we distribute food. Going round in circles doesn't seem like it would be fun but the workers laugh and really do enjoy their time together. Next, we want to thank those church members who routinely designate their benevolence to be given directly to the food bank. With a 20% reduction in state funding, we were concerned that we would have to cut back on how much food we give to each family, but your continued support has made it possible for us to maintain our usual amount of giving.

Another group of volunteers that deserves appreciation are those who come on those Sunday afternoons to set up the sanctuary for our yard sale ministry. This ministry continues to grow through the generous donations of our church members, friends and even the community. The boxes of gently used clothing, bedding, towels and washcloths, household and kitchen utensils, books, shoes and especially toys help to provide much needed articles for our clients. Imagine being able to "shop" for free! You have no idea how overwhelming it is to set up 20 tables, and bring untold bags and boxes from downstairs from stairwells and every nook and cranny to be unloaded for distribution. At Thanksgiving, we had 43 volunteers who madly attacked those bags and boxes and in a little over one hour completed the daunting task! The yard sale ministry has become so important to our clients that they arrive in our parking lot at 6:30 a.m. on those Monday mornings to be first into the sanctuary to "shop" for things. They know that they are guaranteed to get food, but they want first dibs on the unknown goodies waiting for them. The volunteers who come on Monday to serve as helpers in the Sanctuary are rewarded time and time again with a smile, a hug and of course, a great big, "Thank you!" The yard-sale ministry isn't finished when the people

are done shopping, however, because now we have volunteers who pack up the remains either for saving for next time or for donating to the Salvation Army. Even though they may have been at church since 8:00 a.m., those same workers willingly pack and move many boxes out of the sanctuary and into designated waiting spaces for further use.

We can't forget the ladies who work in the office to process the claims of all of our clients. Each client has to be interviewed, assisted with paper work and then pleasantly sent on their way. Talk about hand cramps and cheek cramps! We have to especially remember the men and women who work outside in the alley through heat, cold, rain and snow to pack the waiting cars with their boxes. Unfortunately, the cars are often already loaded with miscellaneous articles, packing our boxes into their remaining space is a real challenge. Our workers are up to the task, however, and somehow always manage to get everything in there. What would a Lutheran ministry be without food! We definitely need to thank the ladies who stand for hours in the Welcome Center to serve the coffee, hot chocolate and cookies to our clients as they wait for the processing to begin. By serving our clients we show them a level of respect that they often don't get and certainly appreciate. You can't imagine how many times we hear, "thank you," during the morning.

There is one more person who needs to be thanked and that is Pam who cleans up all of our messes on Tuesday morning. She vacuums up the crumbs and litter from the Welcome Center and Sanctuary, makes sure the bathrooms are now clean and restocked with toilet paper and takes out all of our trash. By Tuesday morning, we are all pretty tired, so it is comforting to know that we don't have to return to the church to clean up the left-overs! Lastly, we have to thank God for opening our hearts and minds to willingly do the work that he has intended for us and giving us the opportunity to experience the joy and love that comes from serving others.



HAPPENINGS IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

The Beacon would like to be a place to "get the word out" on things our congregation is doing. If you have something you would like everyone to know, submit it to *The Beacon*.

Tristan Eriscon, son of Leif and Peggy, received his Ph.D. degree in Mechanical Engineering from Ohio State University (OSU) on December 16. He is currently teaching as a visiting professor of Mechanical Engineering at Bucknell University, in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania. Tristan's wife, the former Jessica Dortch of Glen Rock, is a graduate of OSU's Medical School. She is a pediatrician studying childhood infectious diseases at Duke University Children's Hospital in Durham, North Carolina.



MUSICAL NOTES

“When in our music God is glorified...”

Our journey through Advent and Christmas set the course of our ministry in 2013. The way of hope, peace, joy and love takes us into the neighborhoods of our lives to meet Christ in the people and situations we encounter there. We do not simply celebrate one day – Christmas – but we celebrate the message of Christmas all year long – the good news that God is with us and goes with us as we begin a new year of life and of life together in ministry. I appreciate all the feedback, stories, and insights from our Advent journey. I hope they continue to be a good reminder of the journey we are on to follow God’s Way.

In my experience as your Organist/Choirmaster, I sense that we are in a time of new beginnings. I am hoping that they and our entire congregation will discern ways to grow our faith, outreach, care for one another, music, membership, and connections to the community in ways that are faithful. In the midst of a new world of technology, busy lives, economic concerns, even the transitions that are happening in our membership, we often lose sight of what we come to Grace Lutheran for. I am praying that we will have the courage to go beyond the edges of what we know and understand and to journey into new ways of hope, peace, joy and love where we will find Christ along the way.

Thank you for these past eight months of wonderful ministry. Thanks for your care, for your faithfulness, and for your prayers for the Worship and Music Ministries of Grace Church. New Year’s Blessings!

In Christ,

Jeffrey J. Cogan
Organist/Choirmaster



ARTISTRY IN MUSIC AT GRACE PRESENTS...

“The Singing Boys of Pennsylvania”

Acclaimed in America and throughout the world for its unique talent, discipline and youthful enthusiasm, Singing Boys of Pennsylvania, founded as the ‘Pocono Boy Singers’, is available throughout the year including Christmas and summers. The company consists of young artists – aged 10 to 14 – selected from the ranks of the organization’s training choir who have been rigorously prepared for two or more years.



The Singing Boys of Pennsylvania perform a demanding repertoire spanning centuries from chant to contemporary works, programs frequently include sacred and secular classics, selections from opera and musical theatre, and a rich assortment of American folk music with choreography. This scrubbed family format is fast-moving and has been enthusiastically received by audiences on both sides of the Atlantic, throughout Japan, as well as by critics who have applauded the choir’s imaginative and versatile programming. The remarkable proficiency which the choir brings to performances has been demonstrated in more than 3000 recitals in 48 of the American states, all the prefectures of Japan, England, Holland, Canada, Mexico and Wales.

Join us on Sunday, March 3 at 3:00 p.m. for a memorable performance of artistry. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students (thru age 12). Tickets at the door will be \$12.50. Please see our Organist-Choirmaster, Jeffrey Cogan for tickets, call 717-386-9647 or email him at NotesofGrace4u@yahoo.com

CHRISTIAN CLASSIFIEDS



Taking Care of One of Our Own

Missy Dellinger and her family are now homeless as a result of their home being burned to the ground in December. The family has lost everything in the blaze. While there has been an outpouring of clothing donations, the family will need housewares of all kinds, including furniture, linens, decorative items, toys and equipment, as they must start over. They are currently awaiting the insurance settlement, and while they are, they are living with Missy's parents, Allen and Judy Dellinger.

If you have gently used items in storage or you would like to donate something to the family, contact the church office, Missy's parents or Jack Warntz (Jack has agreed to store items for the Dellingers in the Food Pantry space while they decide on housing options). Let's pull together and help.

Wanted: Proofreader

Do you have pretty good grammar skills? We need a proofreader for *The Beacon*. It takes very little time (one hour per month) and you can get the scoop on what is happening. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the editor, Jennifer Rudolf. Thank you.

DO YOU HAVE A CLASSIFIED AD YOU WOULD LIKE TO RUN? IT IS FREE TO ALL. IF YOU NEED SOMETHING OR A SERVICE OR YOU WOULD LIKE TO GIVE SOMETHING OR VOLUNTEER YOUR TALENTS, ADVERTISE!

Healthy Living WITH ASTHMA

Many of our parishioners have asthma or breathing problems. We are including an article on asthma as we keep the doors and windows tightly closed for winter. During our Thanksgiving Eve service we used incense during the program and it triggered several peoples' respiratory symptoms, causing some to have to leave the church. By knowing more, we can help those who come to church breathe a little easier!

There are many things that can trigger an asthma attack. One trigger can cause an asthma attack. Many triggers together may cause asthma to flare up! Asthma triggers can add up to an asthma attack.

Common Asthma Triggers

- dust mites in fabrics
- strong perfumes, body lotions, powders or sprays
- windy days (kick up dust and pollen)
- smoke of any kind, including a lingering smoke smell or incense
- animal skin, hair, urine and saliva
- cleaning liquids and sprays
- colds or sickness that causes airways to constrict
- weather changes
- exercise
- outbursts of emotion
- certain foods
- freshly cut grass and plants that contain pollen

If we are all more sensitive, we can help to have a safe and happy worship. Please consider what is around you when you prepare to come to church and ensure that you do not carry asthma triggers with you.

HOW TO SUBMIT TO THE NEWSLETTER

We welcome all submissions to the newsletter. *The Beacon* 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 victory. 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 may 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.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH HAS A NEW WEBSITE!

Ever since our former pastor left us, our website has been orphaned, since no one penned down any access credentials to access the background workings of the site. The last posting on it was made on June 11, 2011 – more than 1½ years ago! It is needless to say that this was not good advertising for our church. Rumors even had it that the domain name www.GraceLutheran.com had been taken over by somebody else who demanded huge sums to hand it over, but luckily it was a mere rumor.



Germar Rudolf had offered a while ago to take on the challenge of updating and upgrading the website. When he finally got access, it took only a few days to regain control over the domain name, a few hours to setup a cutting-edge database program to run the new site, and a weekend of dedicated designing and data entry to give the new www.GraceLutheran.com a head start. We all invite you to take a look around on the new site, and submit any suggestions you may have to our new webmaster. All contacts should be made using the contact form on the site itself, which has a drop-down menu of persons to write to; “Webmaster” being one of them.

Beware of the Gaps!

Having joined our church only recently, Germar could not possibly know all the details that ought to be on the website, hence many pages on that site are still empty, requiring input from those who are either in charge of the respective committees/subcommittees or from anyone who can contribute to making the site as informative as it ought to be. We ask everyone who is doing any kind of activity at or for our church to see whether they can find this activity covered and explained on our website, and if not (which at the beginning will be kind of the norm), to please get in touch with Germar and submit any text and/or illustrations which they want to see posted.

Individuals in charge of responsible positions at our church who have some basic computer knowledge and need or want to frequently post/update information on the website can obtain their own contributor account enabling them to post/edit items on the site. If you think that would be an option for you, please tell either our webmaster or the pastor, who is in the process of compiling a list of all the individuals that ought to have such a user account.

A Dynamic Website

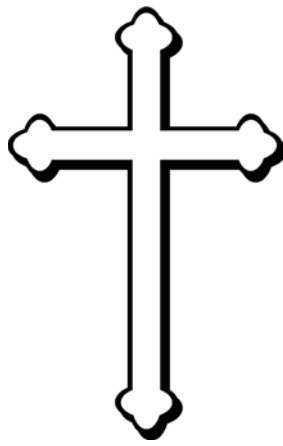
Grace Lutheran wants to have a dynamic website where people can find all the church news not much later than when they happen or become available. Our new site has two ways of dealing with this:

1. We have a “blog” where news items are posted and listed chronologically. It’s not exactly a free for all, but as long as an item is from any of our church members and addresses anything that is relevant to our congregation, it can and should be posted there. If you have anything to convey to our parish in this regard, please be so free and send it to our webmaster. We must reserve the right, however, to decide whether, and if so, when an item will be posted. If there is doubt about an item’s suitability, our pastor will make a final decision in this regard. Many, if not most items submitted for posting on our blog will also be considered for reprinting in Grace’s newsletter *The Beacon*. Some time-insensitive items might even be withheld from the blog until they have been published in the newsletter – so that the newsletter really has something new and isn’t a mere regurgitation of our blog.

2. We have a sophisticated calendar of events. However, that calendar is only as good as the people who maintain it. Therefore, if you have any church event that’s brand new or that’s missing in our calendar, please be so kind and let our webmaster know so he can enter it.

Window to the World

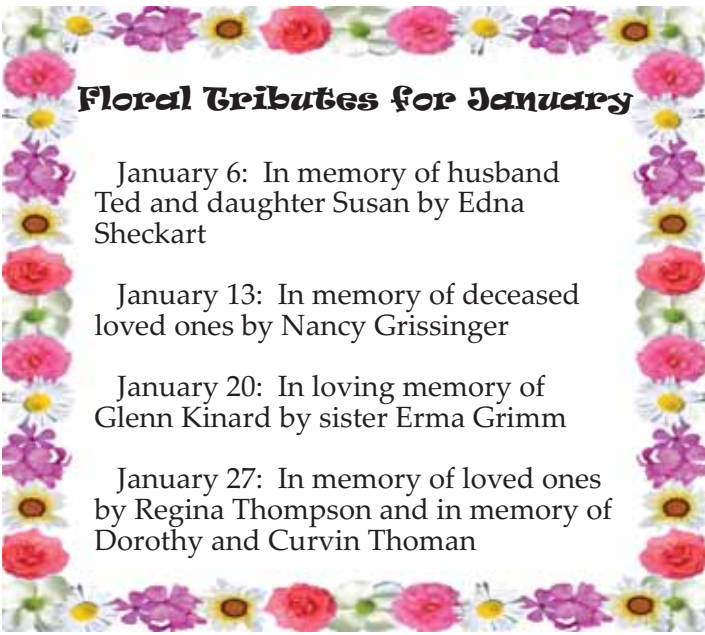
GraceLutheran.com is our window to the world. In a world dominated by the Internet, this site is our most important means of reaching out to potential new members. Therefore, we ought to make this virtual showcase as attractive as possible. As with everything else, we can achieve this ambitious goal only if we work together on this. We kindly ask everyone in our congregation who gets involved in any activity to think about informing our webmaster about it before it happens, so others will find out about it prior to the event and have a chance of joining in. Our organizers should also think about writing something nice and informative about the event after it has happened, in order that the world can learn about the many interesting and uplifting activities of our vibrant community.



Pastoral Acts

Baptism- On December 2, 2012 Regan Elizabeth Florry was baptized at the contemporary service. She is the daughter of Travis and Kelsey Florry. Regans Sponsors are Carl and Tasha Barcikowski.

Pastoral Acts are births, baptisms, confirmations, new members, weddings, transferring members and funerals. Any significant event members may have in their relationship with the church and God. We hope to publish this information each month. If you know of a pastoral act, please let *The Beacon* know of it.



Floral Tributes for January

January 6: In memory of husband Ted and daughter Susan by Edna Shekart

January 13: In memory of deceased loved ones by Nancy Grissinger

January 20: In loving memory of Glenn Kinard by sister Erma Grimm

January 27: In memory of loved ones by Regina Thompson and in memory of Dorothy and Curvin Thoman

CHRISTMAS PHOTOS



THE GOOD NEWS AND THE BAD NEWS REGARDING THE TREE GIVEAWAY

Thanks to all who participated in our Christmas Tree Charity Program. We were able to send over \$430 to four charities that help out the poorest of the poor throughout the world, our own food pantry, and a contemporary Christian music radio station that broadcasts worldwide on the internet. Charities which benefitted were: Heifer Project International-\$130, Grace Lutheran Food Pantry-\$115, Smile Train-\$50, Food for the Poor-\$45, Feeding America-\$45, and radio station WJTL, 90.3FM-\$45.

I got a chance to look back at my records over the last 15 years, since I have been having people chose the charity to which they want to give, and the bad news is this has been the second worst year for giving trees away. We only had nine families participate. The highest year of tree giveaways was 1999 when 74 trees were given away. The good news is this was the second best year for donations per trees given away. This year's ratio was \$46.70 per tree given away. Our best year for total donations was also 1999 when a total of \$1074 was donated. We did so well, because one member made a donation, but did not get a tree or any greens, two other members got both a tree and greens, and one donated over two times their value, and the other donated over three times their value. Again, I say, "thank you," to all who helped in any way.

Remember, those of us that have clothes to wear in the winter and summer, a warm house in the winter, a roof over our heads, plenty of food to eat, a vehicle to get around in, and the freedom to worship as we please, are richer than at least 75% of the world's population. This means that we are living better than 4.5 billion people. We should not only thank God during this very special season, but we should thank God on a daily basis for all His gifts to us.

With brotherly love,
Michael



- 02-Richard Hollingworth
- 02-Richard Webster
- 03-Jay Keener
- 03-Kody Peters
- 05-Todd Osterhaus
- 06-Jack Biles
- 08-Jackie Atkins
- 09-Nancy McCleary
- 13-Tammy Golden
- 13-Josie Shoffner
- 14-Evans Fishel
- 17-Marian Warner
- 18-Erica Anderson
- 19-LaDawn Anderson
- 19-Rae Williams
- 20-Lynette Grim
- 20-Dylan Peters
- 25-Heidi Einsig
- 27-Edward Dellinger
- 28-Cora Sue Herbst
- 30-Lisa Crawford
- 30-Sтивен Gross
- 30-Daune Harman

Wedding Anniversaries



- 23-Lindel and Peggy Rotz
- 29-Dennis and Vickie Grove

Beginning this month, *The Beacon* will no longer be printing the worship helper's schedule. This is a result of constant changes to the schedule. If you have volunteered to serve, please contact your coordinator for details.

January 2013

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
		1 New Year's Day (Office is closed)	2 6:30 pm: Ringers by Grace 6:45 pm: Spirit Cellar Practice 7:30 pm: Grace Sings	3 Graceful Women meeting is CANCELED	4 8:00 am - 9:00 am: AA Meeting	5
6 <u>Noisy Offering</u> 9:00 am - 9:45 am: Contemporary Service 9:45 am - 10:45 am: Sunday School	7 7:00pm: HR Committee	8 7:00 pm: Parish Education Committee 6:30 pm: Tentative Meeting with the Pastoral Candidate and the Church Council	9 6:30 pm: Ringers by Grace 6:45 pm: Spirit Cellar Practice 7:30 pm: Grace Sings	10 6:30 pm - 7:45 pm: Girl Scouts	11 8:00 am - 9:00 am: AA Meeting	12
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