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# #aplaceforgrace

For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. Romans 3:22b-24



We are definitely into the fall now. It's interesting to me that we make all of our new year's resolutions at the end of December, when I feel like right now is really the start of the year. We begin the program year as planners/leaders/participants with all kinds of good intentions and then we run into the reality that is the calendar and clock. Perhaps this is a season with more tests, exams, evaluations, or maybe that's your reality year round. We run into issues related to life and health that can crop up at any time, but the shorter days make them feel

more pronounced. The shorter days even reflect the darkness that plagues the world from drought to floods, from Ebola to terrorists and bombs, from wealth inequality to unemployment.

In the midst of all of this humanness, we are mindful of Reformation Sunday this newsletter. Martin Luther understood in very real terms the humanness of this life personally and globally dealing with his own numerous shortcoming, the plague, and invasion by the Turks. In contrast, in the Romans passage above, he found a powerful articulation of God's grace that comes crashing into our reality.

This grace is experienced in many ways, but some of the most powerful experiences are through a faith community like Grace. Literally, our part of the Body of Christ becomes #aplaceforgrace. Grace flows through the sacraments and is felt tangibly in the solidarity that is the Body of Christ. In our broken and busy world and lives, it can be hard to fit it in. Life in community, just like exercise, when done infrequently can be awkward and uncomfortable. However, when it is a regular, consistent part of our lives, a missed Sunday can feel like a real loss.

So celebrate this new season with a resolution to make Grace #aplaceforgrace for you personally where you are regularly buoyed as a member of the Body of Christ. See you soon!

Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matt Smuts". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a white background.

Rev. Matthew A. Smuts, pastor



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*by Elizabeth Hood*

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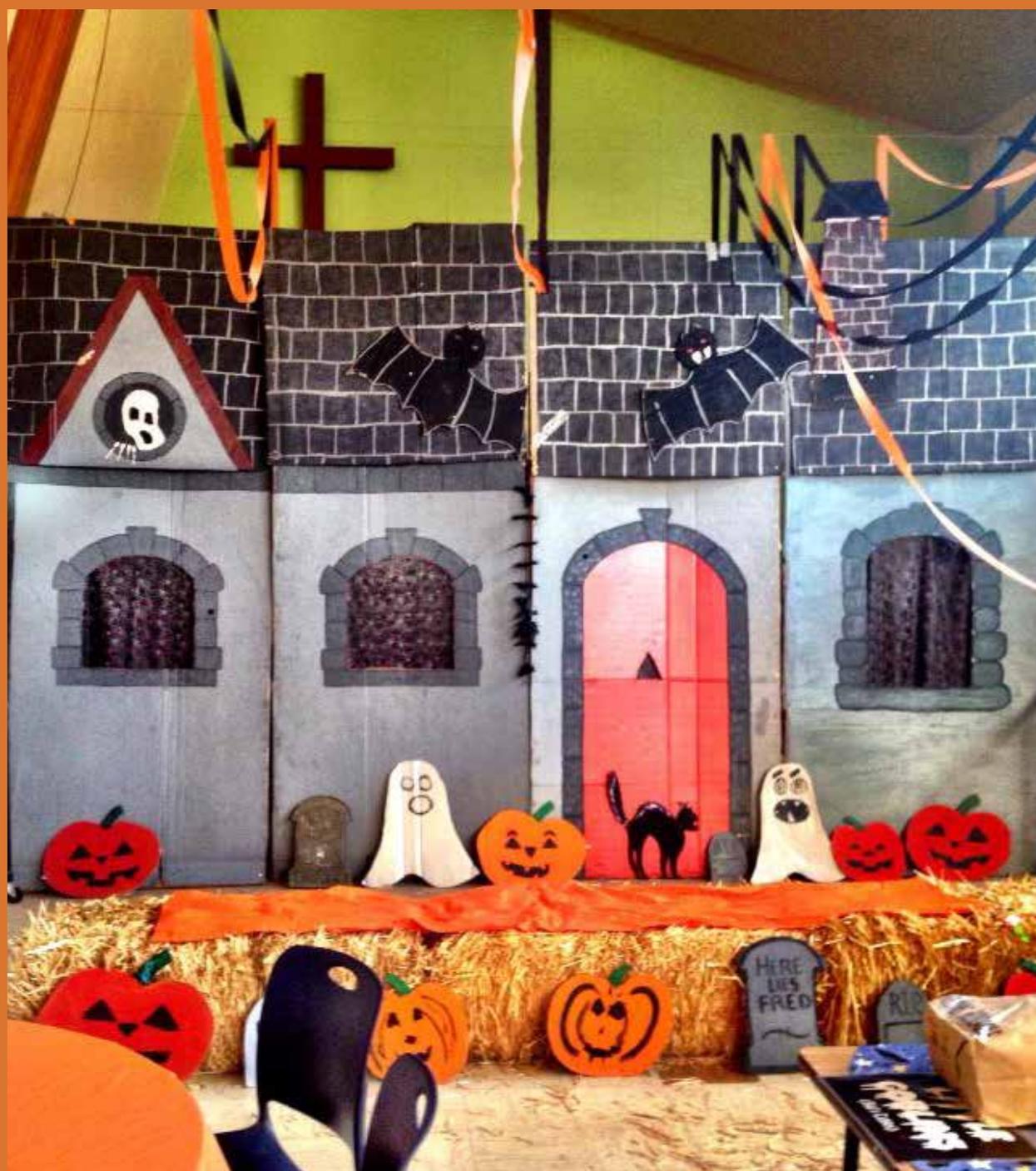
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# JamBOOree

**HALLOWEEN POTLUCK AND COSTUME PARTY**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24 | 6 - 8 PM**



You are invited to the annual Grace  
**JamBOOree!!**

If you have never been to JamBOOree before, it is a potluck/party with a Fall/Halloween Festival theme—fun for the whole family!

Bring your family, friends, and neighbors! Parents can enjoy a seat outside around the fire pit while the kids check out the Haunted House provided by the High School Youth!

Other activities include:

- Trick or Treat House and Games for children of all ages!
- Guessing Jars full of mysterious treats.
- Costume Parade for everyone who wants to dress up!
- Arts and Crafts and lots of sweets for all to enjoy.

**DON'T MISS THIS PARTY!!**



**Reformationfest**  
**Sunday**  
**26 October**

**Festival Worship: 8:30 and 10:45 am**  
 The Rev. Dr. Hans Wiersma, preaching  
 12:00 pm Reformationfest Celebration!  
 Rootbeer! Brats! Games! Fun!  
 Please bring a salad or sidedish to share!

## Reformationfest 2014!

This is going to be a banner  
 Reformationfest yet again!

This year, son of Grace, the Rev. Dr. Hans Wiersma of Augsburg College, will be our preacher. Says Wiersma, "Much of my teaching (as with much of my scholarship) is focused through the History of Christianity. I believe that an appreciation of where the church has been, where it's at today, and where it might be going will better guide budding Christian leaders."

There will be brass and an accordion! And of course, no Reformationfest is complete without our famed festive lunch following worship with brats, (root)beer, and fun! Don't miss it!

8:30 am	Festival Worship with brass, Hans Wiersma preaching
9:40/45 am	Our usual Sunday School offerings, including Hans Wiersma leading our Adult Forum
10:45 am	Festival Worship with brass, Hans Wiersma preaching
Noon	Reformationfest 2014! Brats, (root)beer, activities for kids and adults, and an accordion! Feel free to wear your dirndl or lederhosen! There is no cost...See you there!



The Rev. Dr. Hans H. Wiersma is an Associate Professor of Religion at Augsburg College, Minneapolis, Minnesota. He is an ordained pastor of the ELCA and contributed to *Crazy Book: A Not-So-Stuffey Dictionary of Biblical Terms* and *Crazy Talk: A Not-So-Stuffey Dictionary of Theological Terms*.



# making a place *for grace*

The programming year is back in session and activity is booming at Grace Lutheran Church. From the sounds of the choir, to active adult forums, to youth group retreats, and Sunday school, this time of year presents many tangible reminders of how we work together to make a place for community, service, faith, others, and grace.

Text by Aarika Riddle

**M**AKING A PLACE for grace is a process that never quite ends. It's an ongoing effort that calls us to be intentional—in our faith life together, our sense of welcome, our service to others, and in our care of this campus.

We cannot express how grateful we are to those who have pledged or made a capital campaign gift, enabling us to raise \$1.14 million to date toward the making a place for grace vision. Thank you for your generosity that will enable us to make a place for grace that will impact us today and usher this ministry into the future.

This is a three-year campaign ending in June 2017, which means that if you haven't made a pledge yet, it is not too late! You can pledge or make a gift online, transfer gifts of stock, or pick up envelopes in the narthex. With the end of the calendar year quickly approaching, there are many tax benefits you can enjoy by making a contribution by December 31, 2014.

For those who have contributed or made an installment on your campaign pledge, *please pay careful attention to the giving statement you'll be receiving in the mail in October. We ask that you review your contributions to the operating fund and/or capital campaign fund to ensure they are properly recorded.* If something needs to be adjusted, please contact Gretchen Rauch at [office@gracepa.org](mailto:office@gracepa.org) or 650-494-1212. ■

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# Building Team

As you may have read in the council update in this issue, Grace is leaning into the process of assembling a Building Team. In fact, as you receive this newsletter, our pre-qualification construction lending application is in the mail to be considered by the Mission Investment Fund. The Building Team will work for about two years after our (hopefully soon!) final congregational approval. Our hope is that the team is in place so that when that approval comes, they are ready to go! This team will be assembled by the council, but we are definitely looking for volunteers. Please note, that as there are many considerations, volunteering does not guarantee a place on the team itself. This team's purpose will be to build the new narthex and manage the repairs along with the architect and others. Exciting times! If you would like to throw your name or someone else's in the hat, please pass that information along to Ray Ernenwein, our council president: [r\\_ernenwein@yahoo.com](mailto:r_ernenwein@yahoo.com) ■

## The Three-legged Stool

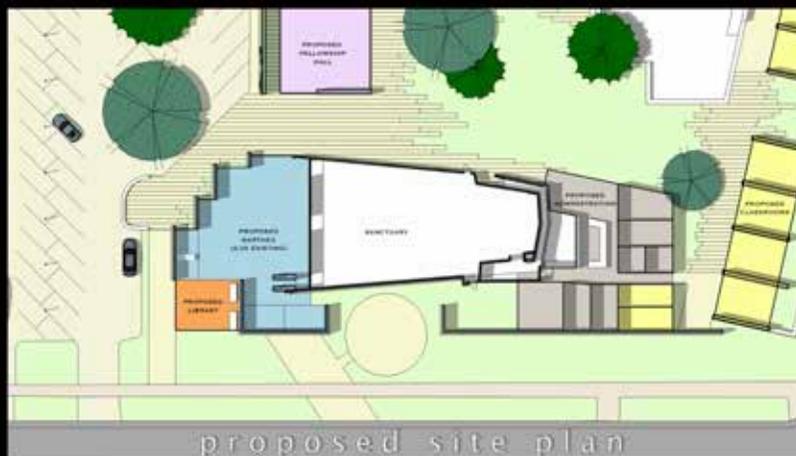
Most churches have **three** types of funds: like a three-legged stool, good balance is maintained if *all three* legs work together. Those legs are:

- **Operating Fund** – supports the annual operating budget, including personnel, facilities and day-to-day expenses.
- **Capital Fund** – supports maintenance and ongoing building improvements.
- **Endowment Fund** – supports various specific ministries of the church. It is the church's "savings account" and ensures a strong financial foundation. Often these take the form of a bequest in your will, an insurance policy, an IRA or 401K retirement benefit plan or stock, bonds, real estate, and property.



Endowment or Legacy gifts are often the ultimate gift made from one's estate, and represent careful planning and prayerful consideration. No matter the size, a Legacy Gift is a personal statement of gratitude in the form of financial support for Grace Lutheran Church that will last forever. ■

Martha Meyer



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# The Roar of the Crowd

IT'S NOW BEEN exactly two years since the role of children's music director was added to my job description at Grace. It's such great fun to be able to share the joy of making music with our young people, as well as to help them grow in faith and their understanding of worship.

What is the role of the children's choir in worship? It's my sense that the function of the children's choir is very much the same as that of the adult choir. When taught properly in an age-appropriate way, they can lead the singing of hymns, psalms, and liturgical music throughout the service. With practice, they can and should sit together as a choir, rather than just assembling "on stage" for "their

song." They sing anthems that speak to the themes of the day and enrich our understanding of the texts, while also adding an element of beauty to the service. Should we applaud them for a job well done? I'm not one to say "no, there should be no applause in church," but I do wonder why we single out children for the honor. We don't applaud after a reading, or the sermon, or communion—all of which can be powerful and inspiring and move our emotions. We don't typically applaud when the adult choir sings (although I've noticed

that sometimes music in a gospel style or with a particularly rousing ending might invoke applause). So why the kids? Is it because the music they sang is the best thing that happened in the whole service? Is it because they look cute? Is it because their very presence in worship makes us happy? (Yes, all of those might be true!) Applause often has the effect of drawing our attention away from our corporate worship of God and toward the performer. And sometimes the absence of applause is confusing to kids: "They clapped for us last time, so why didn't they this time?" I'd like to suggest

that there might be better ways to show our appreciation for the children's gift of music. The best of all might be to personally seek out one or two of the children after worship, pay them

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a compliment, and maybe have a short conversation about what was meaningful to you about their offering. Kids LOVE engaging in one-on-one conversation with adults, and usually find it a big honor when an adult speaks to them. Or you can send a quick card or email to me and I will be sure to share it with the kids at our next rehearsal. Positive affirmations like these will inspire them to do even better the next time! ■



by Tim Getz  
Director of Music Ministry





## Christmas is coming!

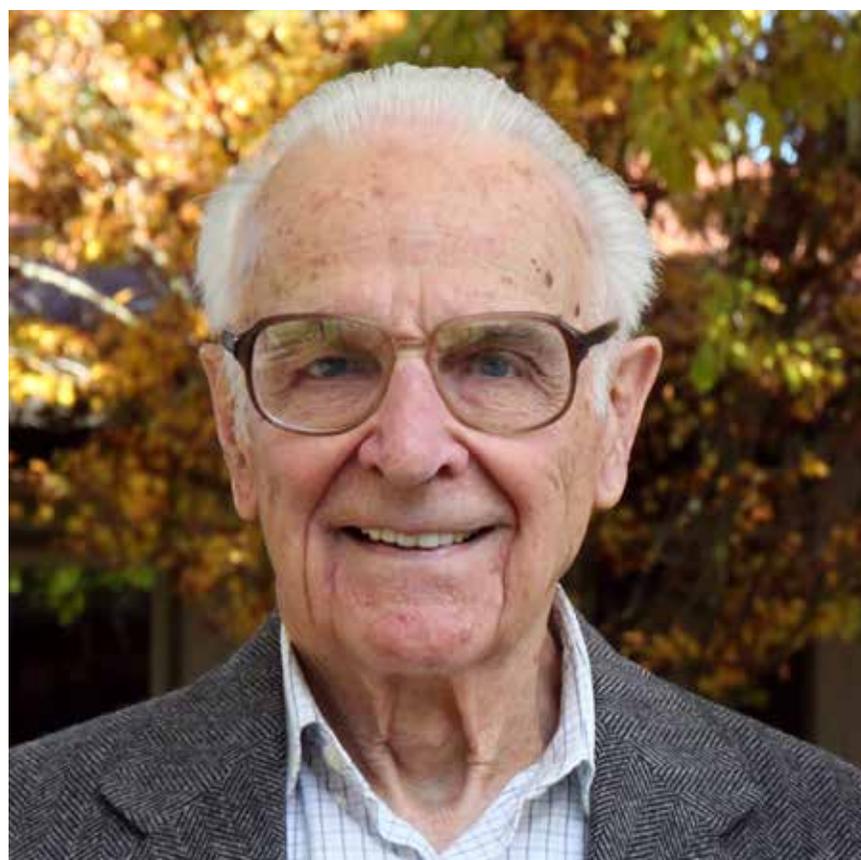
I know, I know...I'm the first to complain when the Christmas trees pop up in stores in October. But our music groups at Grace like to be prepared, and we will soon start rehearsing our music for the Advent and Christmas seasons. **If you'd like to be part of a musical ensemble during the holidays, now is the time to join!** Children's choir (grades 1-8) meets from 6:00-6:45 pm on Wednesdays, adult choir meets from 7:00-8:30 on Wednesdays, and the handbells ring from 4:30-5:45 pm on Thursdays. (It may be possible for the bell rehearsal to move into the evening on Thursdays. If you'd like to ring, but can't make the 4:30 time, please let me know.) *Let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing!* ■

# Member Remember, Reformation, and more!

**S**TARTING IN SEPTEMBER, Sunday morning Adult Forum took participants back to the basics of our faith through the two-session series on the Bible in September and three "Member Remember" sessions for the whole community in October. The next two months offer several opportunities to dig deeper into the Bible, the Christian faith, and its contemporary relevance. On Reformation Sunday, Prof. Hans Wiersma (Augsburg College) will lead Adult Forum on the Lutheran Reformation. During November, there will be two adult study options on Sunday morning between services. On November 2 and 9, Vicar Nikoli will lead two Adult Forum sessions in the Chapel on his current work at the Seminary. On November 16, Tim Getz will get us ready for Advent with a session on musical aspects of the coming season, and the following Sunday, Mariel Spengler will speak about Advent activities for sharing faith across generations. On November 2, 9, and 16, Pastor Matt will lead a three-session Bible Study on the Gospel of Mark, from 9:45-10:30 in the Library. During Advent, the theme of the Holy Land will be the topic of Adult Forum. Martha Meyer will lead a book discussion of Mitri Raheb's *Faith in the Face of Empire* during the session leading up to Christmas. For information on this book, see the book review by Daniel Clendenin: [http://www.journeywithjesus.net/BookNotes/Mitri\\_Raheb\\_Faith\\_In\\_The\\_Face\\_Of\\_Empire.shtml](http://www.journeywithjesus.net/BookNotes/Mitri_Raheb_Faith_In_The_Face_Of_Empire.shtml)

Last but not least, we would like to acknowledge the cheerful and faithful service of our longtime committee member, Bob Kraus. We will miss Bob's input and support of Adult Ed, but wish him and Marianna all the best and Godspeed. ■

Barbara Pitkin, Geri Horsma, Frances Harris, Sabine Kabel-Eckes (Council Liaison)



#### LEFT

Tim Getz, Director of Music Ministry.

#### CENTER

Grace Children's Choir.

#### RIGHT

Bob Kraus.

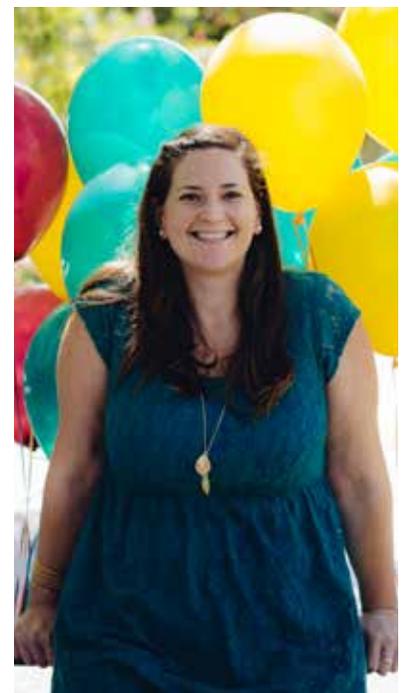
# Gratitude

This fall, the High School Youth Group is exploring Peace, and everything that surrounds that word and feeling. It has been a great adventure so far, and we find every week that there is always more to talk about. This week we talked about gratitude, and how having gratitude and thankfulness in life gives us peace.

We spent about 15 minutes listening to music and creating images of gratitude; here is my image. Everyone's image looked different, and it was a great way to practice gratefulness, we don't often take time to really think about all that we are grateful for.

We also wrote a few Thank You notes to people who have helped the youth this fall. I found that this practice of being thankful for everything I have in my life gave me an immense amount of peace. I hope that you will try this at your own at home, perhaps gathered around the dinner table with the whole family. It is so easy just draw a sun and fill the rays in with all the things you are grateful for. I find that playing music helps me and the youth to try it out. Then you can discuss your images as a family. Hope you give it a try, and I hope that it brings you peace.

We are called to thankfulness in all circumstances; we talked last night about how hard this can be. When everything is going wrong, how can we stop and be thankful—but I ask how can we not? We read a great quote last night, "It doesn't matter if the glass is half empty or half full. Be thankful that you have a glass and grateful that there's something in it." It is a great perspective to have and a great way to find peace in even the hardest situations.



Text by Elizabeth Hood



*in everything  
give thanks*

1 THESSALONIANS 5:18

# Sunday School

EVERY SUNDAY IN THE SANCTUARY AT 9:40 AM:

- Children join us at the front of the Sanctuary and put a sticker on our attendance chart!
- Every Sunday we begin with singing and music with our Director of Music Ministry, Tim Getz.
- Offering is a big part of learning and growing in Sunday School, this Fall we are raising monies for the ELCA School Support: \$10 buys school supplies for children in need.
- Come by and check out our poster for our project!
- Class dismissal: teachers join us for opening and then leave with their classes for a morning jam-packed full of activity and fun!

We hope to see you soon!

# Middle School and High School

Middle and high schoolers all play a huge role in our JamBOOree celebration! Our middle school youth are in charge of our Trick or Treat house, they hand out all the candy for our little trick-or-treaters, and our high school youth are responsible for our Haunted House!

After JamBOOree winds down, we gather in the Youth Room for a Halloween Movie Night! Middle School Youth are welcome to stay for movie number 1, a PG rated Halloween movie. High Schoolers are welcome to stay for movie 1 and movie 2 which is a PG13 movie, usually a little scarier. As always, friends are welcome all night!



# Little Lutherans

NOVEMBER 23: FAITH AT HOME

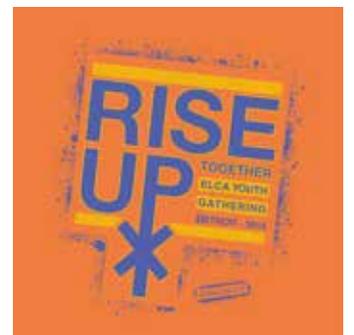
On November 23, we invite all of our parents to a special Adult Forum about Faith at Home, with Mariel Spengler. She will be talking about celebrating Advent and Christmas at home with your children. Child care for the Little Lutherans will be provided by Kirsten in the Child Care room off the courtyard.

# High School

ELCA NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING DETROIT 2015

## Rise Up Together!

We have 15 youth signed up for the ELCA National Youth Gathering in Detroit in July of 2015!! We are so excited and we will start fundraising very soon. We thank you in advance for your support and prayers throughout this journey!!



# Young Adults

OCTOBER 19 | YOUNG ADULT BRUNCH

Brunch October 19 at noon after the 10:45 am service. We will gather after worship and go out to brunch together. We will also plan out what other events will work over the coming months; hope you can join us and the conversation!

# God's Work, Our Hands

Here at Grace Lutheran Church, dedicated members are involved in counting and recording contributions to ensure that everyone's offering finds its proper place. The co-financial secretaries, Sunday counting teams, and the bookkeeper extraordinaire take great care with all envelopes and bank-generated transfers to ensure funds reach the intended goal.

Some members have asked: Do 100% of my contributions over the year go toward fulfilling my annual Operating Fund pledge? The answer is not so simple. Any gifts marked for special purposes or enclosed in special envelopes (e.g. 2015 Youth Gathering, Seminary Scholarship Fund, Music Fund, Christmas, Easter, etc.) are applied specifically to that fund or budget item and are considered above and beyond one's annual pledge to the Operating Fund.

We are deeply grateful to the many Grace members who pledge annually. These pledges are the basis for Operating Fund budgeting at Grace. Operating Fund pledges guide Church Council decisions

## A Creation Stewardship Opportunity

Every Sunday in our Prayers of Intercession, we ask God's help in caring for the environment. In the spirit of God's Work, Our Hands, here's an opportunity to put our hands (or at least our fingers) to work.

All of our ministry at Grace, doing God's work in many areas, depends on the foundation of a healthy Earth, and the Earth has a fever. It's called Global Warming. We know how to check further rise of the fever. We do what we can in our personal lives and on our campus at Grace, but the complete solution requires a much broader transformation. The technology is ready. The economics are favorable. Politically, we are at a tipping point, from resistance to action. Letters from US (written by our fingers), petitioning our leaders to take the needed actions, and engaging others in spreading the message, can help push us over the tipping point.

Join the Grace Climate Action Letter-writing Team. You can do it from home on your own time, and the cost is only a stamp or two. Don't know who to write to or what to say? Just ask Timo Ahonen, Bill Cutler, or Michael Stewart in church on a Sunday, sign up on the list that will be posted in the narthex soon, or e-mail one of the above at:

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related to program choices, staffing, insurance, power/water, and benevolence from Grace Lutheran Palo Alto to ministries beyond our campus. Each dollar received is carefully recorded and accounted for by the Sunday counting teams and co-financial secretaries.

**God's work.  
Our hands.**



Did you know you can view a current giving statement from CCB? To check it out, simply log on to CCB, click the 'Give' tab, then click 'My Giving Statement.' A breakdown of your regular giving, Capital Campaign contributions, and/or special giving is displayed in an easy-to-read statement. It's printable, too!

If you have any questions about the financial process or your own giving, don't hesitate to contact Marilyn Aden (Stewardship Co-Chair) on Sundays or through CCB.

Thank you for keeping Grace—both people and programs—in your giving plan and your prayers!

## Grace Men's Tuesday Breakfast

You'll want to make sure you're a part of the Grace Men's Tuesday Breakfast. Solid long-term relationships are being built in a time-tested men's format...over bacon. You are always welcome to come any or every Tuesday morning. We meet at 7 am, but rolling in any time through 7:30 am works fairly well also. We meet in midtown at the Palo Alto Breakfast House, which is across Middlefield from CVS. There's no need to RSVP, just show up. You need to eat breakfast, so you may as well come and develop relationships with your brothers in the faith at the same time. See you Tuesday!

## Thursday Morning Bible Study

Every Thursday morning at 10:30 am in the Library, we meet for Bible Study. The texts are provided, and no experience is necessary. We've been a good sized bunch lately, a dozen or more, so come early to get a seat! Our texts every week are the readings for the coming Sunday. Not only will you get more out of worship, you may even hear your thoughts in the sermon. Come for the fellowship and the faith building. See you Thursday!

# God's Work, Our Hands

A number of Grace members recently spent a Saturday volunteering with Thrivent Builds Repairs, a partnership between Thrivent Financial and Habitat for Humanity. We work on short-term, exterior home repair projects that have real long-term benefits for our community and those homeowners who don't have the resources to complete the projects themselves.

The Grace team helped finish a roofing project for a family in east San Jose. Thanks to Thrivent for supplying project materials ... and for delivering lunch to the work team!

If you are interested in helping out with future projects, please contact Bruce FitzGerald.



# The Library Has What?

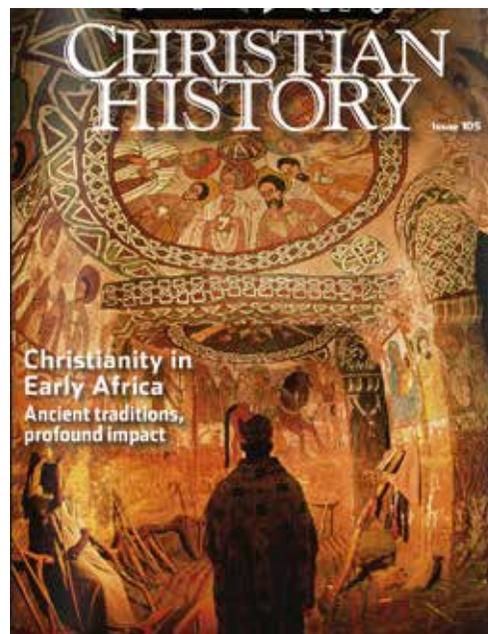
*Christian History* magazine is a donor-supported ministry of Christian History Institute. Subscription is by donation! Each quarterly issue focuses in depth on a theme. Several recent issues, including the one on Christianity in Early Africa that Jan Curtis found so interesting (below), are displayed on the coffee table in the library, and we also have a DVD archive of 100 past issues. If you decide to take an issue of *Christian History*—or any magazine—home, please leave us a note in the check-out box. You can also read the current issue online at [www.christianhistorymagazine.org](http://www.christianhistorymagazine.org) and explore the other publications and resources the institute offers.

Mary Ashley, Librarian

*Christian History* is a magazine found in Grace's library... have you ever looked at it? Each issue is based on a different theme.

I took a copy home titled "Christianity in Early Africa: Ancient traditions, profound impact." Pastor Matt has been teaching us about the Early Church, off and on, over the past few years. Two things I learned from him that I had never properly internalized before, are: the main language all around the Mediterranean Sea in the early centuries of the Christian Church was Greek, not Latin or one of the Romance languages, and the Early Church in North Africa was really very important. The Augustine, for whom Martin Luther's order of Augustinian monks was named, was "Augustine of Hippo," (354-430) (in Algeria, unless they've moved the border again) not "Augustine of Canterbury," who brought Christianity to the South of England a good couple of centuries later. Tertullian, from Carthage, (Tunisia,

mind that border!)160-220, wrote the earliest Christian treatise on the Sacraments (and many other things as well), and Clement, 150-215, from Alexandria, in Egypt, wrote letters, like Paul, containing thoughts and phrases that sound very much like quotes from the Gospels. These people were living in the second to fifth centu-



ries of our own era—scholars, theologians, and hymn-writers, sorting out the Church's earliest thoughts about the Triune God and just how we are to live, be, and worship, as Christians.

The magazine is full of beautiful illustrations of ancient paintings, mosaics, and ruins, and stories of many other ancient saints from North Africa. Best of all, there's a map, which I need if I'm to orient myself with all these old folks from places that in some cases no longer exist...yet were instrumental in the furthering of the Gospel in the world. ■

Jan Curtis

Palo Alto Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

## "Sharing the Land"

... with compassion and without fear

**Tuesday, Nov. 25, 2014**  
at 7:30 PM  
**Saint Andrew's United Methodist Church**  
4111 Alma Street

Collection will be taken for:  
*Community Legal Services*  
*Doctors without Borders*

Make checks out to one or both of these charities. All checks will be forwarded directly to the appropriate organization.

Cash donations will be divided between the two.

non-perishable food items for our local food closets are always welcome

## College Student Address Request

College: ?  
Address: ??  
Updates: ???



**It IS that time of year again!!**

We need to know where your College Youth are: what are their NEW addresses? Please send them in an email to [office@gracepa.org](mailto:office@gracepa.org) so that we can make sure to send them a care package this fall. Thanks so much to Anne Ritchie, who will help to put our packages together this year! We love staying connected to our college youth and knowing what they are up to in the world! Feel free to send an update!

# Council Notes

At our August and September meetings, the Church Council has focused on getting the new programming year off to a strong start. Our Rally Day picnic was a great success. Pr. Matt noted it was the most well-attended one in several years. The spirit of Grace was in fine form as we reconnected with one another in fellowship and also welcomed several visitors.

The Council is also keeping a close eye on income and expenses. We are expecting to close the calendar year on budget. Longer term financial topics are also being discussed. Among them are the possibility of securing a seminary intern to start in the Fall of '15 and adjusting the budget calendar (currently January-December) to synchronize with the programming calendar (July-June). Another financial matter we're contemplating is, in future years, splitting Grace's budget into an operating budget and a capital budget. This may allow us to better manage short-term income and expenses alongside longer-term projects and investments.

Last but not least, the Council is also carefully planning the path forward as we transition from Capital Campaign fundraising to turning the congregation's visions for the campus and our ministry into reality. To that end, we have approved the formation of the Building Committee, which, as soon as volunteers have been appointed, and the congregation gives final approval, will oversee the construction phase and the associated capital spending on behalf of the congregation.

One final bit of news—Church Council members also serve as liaisons to committees at Grace. The current committee liaison assignments are listed in the side bar. If you have any questions about what's happening on a committee, please feel free to connect with a committee member or the committee liaison.

Peace,  
Ray Ernenwein, Grace Council President ■

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YOUTH MINISTRY

## The Endowment Committee Welcomes Your Suggestions

It's that time of the year again! Grace's Heritage Fund is accepting, even urging, suggestions for a need in the congregation, the local community, or the international community that is not funded by our annual budget. The request form is available from the church office. Just to give you an idea: in the past, for example, the Heritage Fund has funded equipment for the Grace Library, travel assistance to the Lutheran Youth Convention, the South Palo Alto Food Closet, equipment for Hope Lutheran School in Ramallah, Palestine, scholarships for the Diyar Consortium in Bethlehem, and famine relief through the Lutheran World Federation.

If you have any questions, contact anyone on the Endowment Committee: Amrette Butler, Bob Kraus, Dan Logan, Martha Meyer, David Vroom, Don Zepp, and Pastor Matt.

## YTD Stewardship Statements

A statement reflecting your giving year-to-date will be arriving at your home shortly. Please review it carefully. As we begin our capital campaign, we'd like you to help us confirm that your gifts have all been allocated to the right funds. Also, take this time to notice if you are on track for the year. This is a great time to make up a few payments or perhaps make an additional one as you have been blessed. We are looking to finish this year on a strong note so that next year can be even stronger. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to be in touch with Gretchen in the office, and she can direct you to the right person. Thank you for your generosity!



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## Sunday Worship

8:30 & 10:45 am

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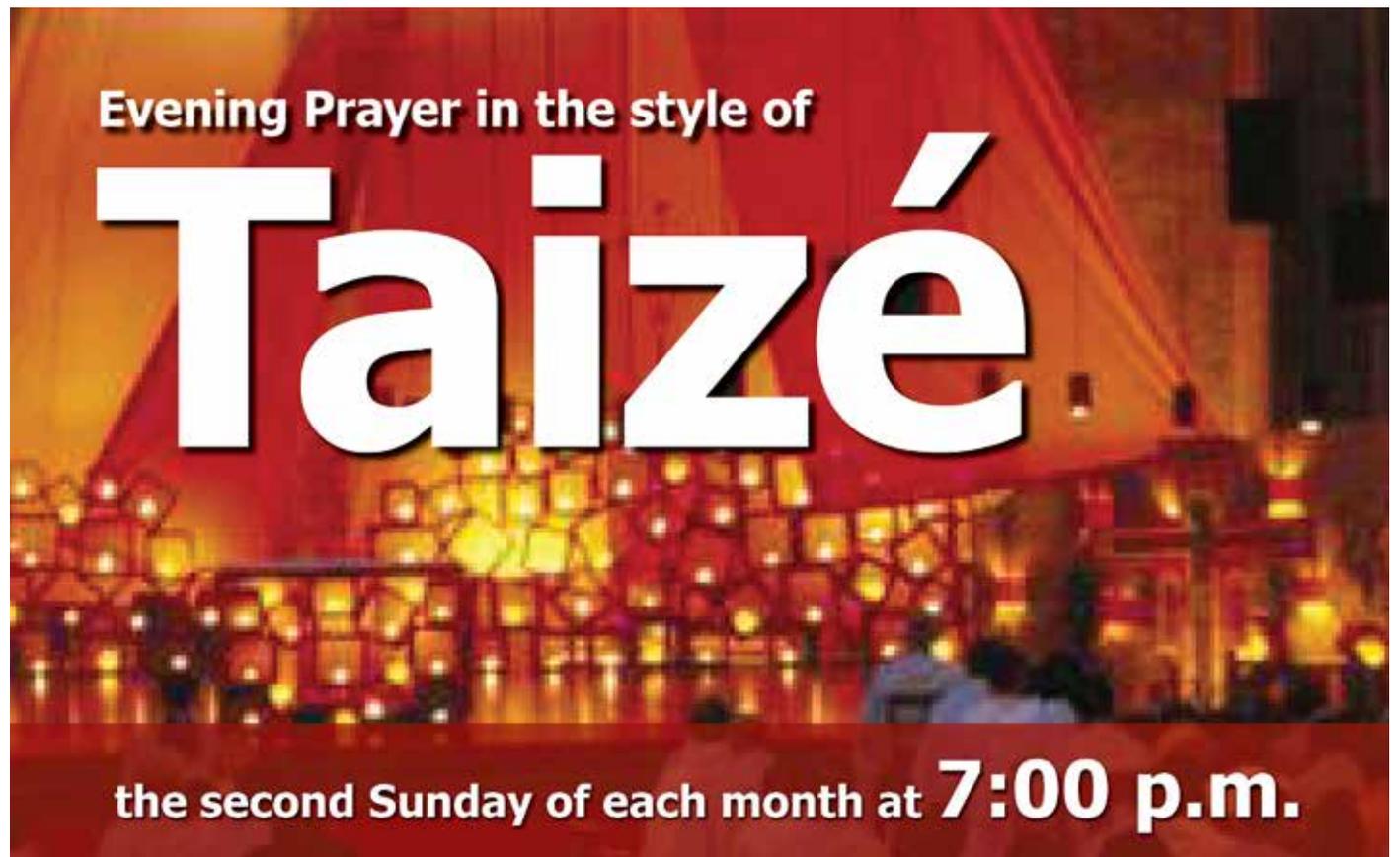
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Sundays 11 am | 8:30 pm

Mondays 12:30 pm



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Evening Prayer in the style of

# Taizé

the second Sunday of each month at **7:00 p.m.**

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