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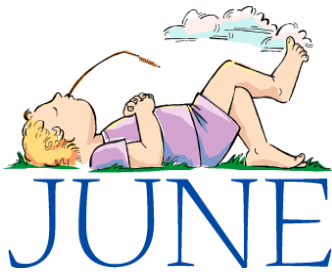
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**REGULAR SUNDAY EVENTS**  
**9:00 A.M. Christian Education**  
**10:30 A.M. Worship Service**

**Pastor - Rev. Dr. Damon D. Laaker**  
**Editor/Church Secretary – Benhi !Khabeb**  
**Youth Ministries - Brenda Spahr**  
**Organist - Lynda Laird**  
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**Interfaith Health Ministries - Virginia McGill**

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to share God's Word and Love in  
care and in service to all.**



2009

# **THE GRACE MESSENGER**

## 2008 Council Members

Ron Adrian	Sarah Emery (Sec)	June Hilmer
Andrew Edwards	Arlone Farber	Vicky Cox
David Nange	Ernest Olson	Gloria Moore
Vicar Angela Khabeb	Pastor Laaker **	

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Officers Serving the Congregation but not on Council:

Financial Secretary: Janet Hula      Treasurer: Margie Sutej



### COUNCIL NOTES:

The regular meeting of the Council was held May 19th. The Council members shared their prayer concerns: Care for those in need of healing; Wendy Henexson (daughter of Pastora Liz), Bobby Heesacker, Ron's neighbor Angelo, Ernie's friend Maxine Beard; care for those within the Grace family that they continue to heal; Ambrose Lado and his struggle with cancer, Pastor Laaker with the pain in his hip; we praise God in joy for Angela's graduation from the Lutheran School of Theology and ask for God's guidance in her final days of Internship with paperwork. We pray for God to surround the family of Arlone's friend Les who recently died. We pray for wisdom and guidance for the new mayor, city council, and police officers of Omaha. Pastor led devotions from Lamentations 3.22 and 2 Peter 3.9. The first speaks to us about God's goodness keeping us from being swallowed up while the second reminds us that repentance will keep us all from perishing.

Visions for Ministry: The Council is reading "*Radical Welcome*" by Stephanie Spellers. Please read pages 51-60 in the book by the next meeting.

Reports were received from the Financial Secretary and the Treasurer. Please continue to give generously.

Christian Education: Faith Quest will break for summer after 3 more weeks, and will resume in the fall.

Evangelism/Outreach: Kids At Work has planned their Welcome dinner for Tuesday, June 2 at 6:30 p.m.

Finance: An extended discussion continued concerning Internship. Vicar Angela expressed her desire to remain with us until she receives her first call or the end of 2009, which ever comes first. She expressed her desire to be employed on a part-time basis only in order that she might have time to relax and renew before receiving her first call. The Council discussed the financial needs necessary for this effort. A letter will be sent to the congregation members describing the plans and the needs.

Property: Endowment report received and ratified.

Service/Social Ministry: No new report.

Support/Stewardship: No new report.

Worship: The congregation bid farewell to Cody & Jen Talarico last Sunday. They will be greatly missed. We have a couple of potentially interested individuals for the position. Please keep in mind that the last Sunday in May we will be celebrating Vicar Angela's graduation. It is also Pentecost – remember to wear red!

Unfinished Business: The Council finalized the dinner plans for Pastor Laaker's celebration on June 14th. Ernie will prepare and bring the meat items, the council will supply the cake, and would ask that the congregation bring side dishes.

New Business: Council asked that the financial giving numbers, printed in the bulletin for Sunday, show only what is actually contributed to the church in the Sunday offering.

Announcements: The Nebraska Synod Assembly will be in Fremont on June 5, 6, & 7. Pastor, Mary Laaker, and Andrew Edwards will attend, along with David Nange and John Boato for the Sudanese congregation. Gloria will bring treats and lead prayer for our June meeting.



I have written at various times about the importance of seeing our neighborhood as the place where God is at work. I have written about these things because I am convinced that God is desirous of Grace becoming the place where all people can experience God's amazing grace.

Grace was begun 120 years ago. This neighborhood was just beginning to take shape. People were building houses. The congregation began with meetings in some of the neighborhood homes. Finally, a small frame building was erected between the current church building and the home to the south. It was an exciting time. People began to invite their neighbors to come with them to this new congregation. People were dreaming about ministry and interest was high for belonging to a church family.

Obviously, times have changed. The neighborhood has gone from a newly developed suburban area, to a settled area, to an urban area, now to a re-development area. Many people no longer see the area as a desired area in which to live. Transition is taking place. The racial makeup has gone from the dominant white folks to a racial mix. The same kind of change that marks the differences in the neighborhood have also taken place in people's desire to belong to a congregation.

To understand the range and differences among American Christians, Christianity Today International recently partnered with Zondervan Publishers to commission Knowledge Networks to conduct attitudinal and behavioral research of U.S. Christians. In September 2006, more than 1,000 self-identified Christians 18 years of age and older were surveyed on their religious beliefs and practices. The results reveal a number of significant differences. In fact, portraits of five distinct segments emerged from the study. They have named them Active, Professing, Liturgical, Private, and Cultural Christians.

Each group represents about one-fifth of those identifying themselves as Christian, with Active Christians most likely to have a personal commitment to Jesus Christ that affects their beliefs and inspires an active church life; Cultural Christians are least likely to align their beliefs or practices with biblical teachings, or attend church. Between the two is a range of beliefs, commitment levels, and public practice of the faith.

*Leadership* discussed the survey results with leading pastors and religious experts to ascertain the ramifications for church leaders. Three critical issues emerged:

1. The local church is no longer considered the only outlet for spiritual growth.
2. Churches must develop relational- and community-oriented outreach.
3. Lay people have to be better equipped to be God's ambassadors.

Another necessary shift is recognizing that the old metrics of success may no longer apply. Wilkerson says, "We need to spend the next ten years investing in the life of our surrounding community and finding ways to regain a hearing for the gospel. Instead of going to the nursing home and holding a church service, we're just going to go and love and serve people for years and years, until the staff and residents ask, 'Why do they care so much?' This won't result in 150 decisions for Christ in a year. You might not see results for five or ten years."

Churches that do engage their local communities may discover that what they gain surpasses what they give. At Evergreen Baptist Church-LA, the demographics of the city of Rosemead, where the church is located—Asian, Hispanic, and lower-income—differ from the congregation itself—predominantly Asian and largely middle- and upper-middle class. The Pastor strives to encourage the right attitude as his church engages the surrounding community.

"As we reach out to kids in the neighborhood, we tell our congregation that we don't just do this to be good Christians. We tell them that maybe these poor kids know something more than we do about knowing God, more so than us middle-class snobs," he says. "It's not enough to reach out because we think it's the right thing to do. That is paternalistic. We need to see that there is something that different people with different perspectives can show us that we're missing."

I am struck by these reflections. In my mind's eye, they have described Grace's neighborhood. They have described the change that has happened around the church. They have also described some of the efforts that Grace has undertaken in the last 10 years. The efforts that reach out to youth in the neighborhood and beyond through Kids at Work and Wednesday Faith Quest. We are seeking to learn together and act in caring ways that demonstrate that wonderful statement made by Jesus, "Love one another the way I loved you." (John 15:12)

I am pleased that God has placed Grace here. I am pleased that God continues to bless us with ministry opportunities. I am pleased that we can love one another. May we do so, even more so, so that others will come to see God in us and in one another.

*Pastor Laaker*



## What's in a name?

Names are funny. I know that some people are very particular about what people call them. For example, my best friend, Christina has some definite opinions about her name. For the most part, she doesn't really care what people call her. She'll answer to just about anything—Christina, Chris, Tina—anything that is except Christy. She absolutely hates it. For me, I don't mind if people call me Angela or Angie or any derivative thereof. In fact, growing up with three sisters and a brother, I seldom was called by my own name. My mom did the roll call thing. You know? She would throw out names of my siblings until she found the right one. Basically, our rule of thumb was, if Mom was looking at you, then you were the one she meant—no matter what name she called. Once she even called me the dog's name. I thought, "Now wait a minute. That's getting a little ridiculous!" So, I guess for me, the old adage rings true; "Call me what you want. Just don't call me late for supper!" Well at least that was until recently.

My son, Konami, has developed an annoying habit. Sometimes he calls me "Angie." I really don't like it much. Although I do understand why he does it. Everyone else calls me by my first name so I guess he thinks he should too. However, I am also well aware that toddlers are constantly exploring boundaries. After they have identified a boundary, they are ready to move into the next phase—testing said boundary. Now, I'm sure many new age parents are perfectly comfortable with their children calling them by their first names. But I'm not. So I've been encouraging him to call me "Mommy." The odd thing is that Konami will point to a picture of me and say, "Mommy." But in the very next moment, he'll turn right around look me square in the eye and call me "Angie" . . . even if I am the one holding the photograph.

Well, recently, we've made some progress. The other day Konami was playing in his room when he called out, "Mom?" From the other room, I answered, "Yes?" As I walked into his room, he called out again, "Mom?" And again I replied, "Yes?" Then, as we stood face to face, he called me a third time, "Mom?" Tickled by his persistence, I laughed out, "Yes." Then he smiled and said, "I don't know" and he quickly went back to playing with his toys- completely finished with our exchange. I got such a kick out of his antics that I burst into laughter.

It felt so good to hear him call me "Mom." It's interesting. I didn't want him to call me by my name. Instead, I wanted him to call me *by our relationship*. I'm Angie to everyone. But I'm "Mommy" to Konami. And now, because of the depth of my love for my son, "Mom" has become my name as well. Konami called me, it seems, to test a boundary. He wanted to make sure that when he called for me, I would be there for him.

Earlier today, I was sharing this little anecdote with a friend. As we talked, I suddenly remembered a verse from Isaiah. "And it shall come to pass that before they call, I will answer; And while they are yet speaking, I will hear" (Isaiah 65:24). It is comforting to know that as a child of God, I can call on God and trust that God will hear me. In fact, Isaiah teaches us that *before* we call, God will answer. So, we can call on God by name or by relationship. We can call on God whether we are merely testing boundaries or are in dire need. We can even call on God when we don't know what to say. Because, regardless of our circumstances, God stands at the ready to hear us, to answer us, and to renew us!

Blessings to you,

Vicar Angela

# Kids At Work 2009



Kids At Work Welcome Dinner 2009 will be held on Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

The Kids At Work Program, a program that links elementary and middle school aged youth to faithful worship, learning responsibility and saving their earnings, needs people to volunteer to be team leaders on Tuesday or Wednesday mornings from 9:45 a.m. to 12:00 noon during June and July.

Please do not panic, there is still room for a volunteer or two or three, etc. to sign up and be a part of this summer's activities, please feel free to call me at the numbers listed below if you or anyone you know is interested.

If you can volunteer once or twice during the summer or weekly, your help would be welcomed. Team Leaders make a difference; leaders are there to encourage the youth to complete job tasks correctly. Youth may discover job skills they enjoy completing or job skills they know will not be in their future. This program brings an increasing awareness in different activities in the workplace in the surrounding neighborhood for the youth.

Being a team leader is not the only way to help with Kids At Work. When the youth return to church after completing their daily job tasks at various work sites, they are hungry and thirsty. Please consider providing a simple snack or beverage.

The Kids At Work Kick-Off is on Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> with the first workday being Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>. If you have a project idea that you think the Kids At Work could do for the church or for someone in the area, give me a call at church, 341-7730 or at home, 551-4347.

Brenda Spahr

*Kids At Work, Director*

An exasperated mother, whose son was always getting into mischief, finally asked him, "How do you expect to get into Heaven?" The boy thought it over and said, "Well, I'll run in and out and in and out and keep slamming the door until St. Peter says, 'For Heaven's sake, Dylan, come in or stay out!'"

*Sent by a friend via e-mail*

## Prayer Concerns from Family and Friends



- ◆ Andrew Edwards - Doing dialysis a couple times a week until a kidney can be found. (member)
- ◆ Sandy Fitzgerald - Cancer treatments continues. (member)
- ◆ David Nange's son, Paul as he recovers from surgery on his knee. (Council member)
- ◆ Ken Hilmer - As he struggles with dizziness and breathing problems.(member)
- ◆ La Vonne Moss -Ongoing health issues. (member)
- ◆ Fern Matson - Ongoing health issues. (member)
- ◆ Elna Burns - Suffered a stroke sister of Don Olson (member)
- ◆ Kristine (Nelson) Mauler- Treatment for her cancer. (daughter of Barbara Nelson))
- ◆ Arlone Farber - Treatment for her cancer. (member)
- ◆ Wendy Henexson- Recovery from transplant surgery. (daughter of Pastor Liz Conner)
- ◆ Ambros Lado - Ongoing health issues and as a result of cancer. (member)

### **Pray for our Shut - ins and Nursing Home residents:**

Mae Lane

Richard Moore

Thelma Harrahill - (In Kansas with her children)

Pray for wisdom for your Church Council here at Grace Church.

Pray for the new Council Members. Ask God to bless their ministry among us.

Pray for strength and spiritual wisdom for the leaders in the local church and the Nebraska Synod:

Pastor Laaker

Vicar Angela and family

Bishop David deFreese, Nebraska Synod

Bishop Mark Hanson, ELCA Bishop, United States

- ◆ Pray for the Sudanese community in general. Titus Duli, David Nange and Charles Tuw are the elders for the Sudanese Worshiping Community.
- ◆ Remember John Ivo Mounto. John is working several very dangerous locations in Africa.

Let's encourage each other as we see  
God's hand in answering our prayers.

## This Summer at VBS

We will be going to **ROME** to visit  
Paul and the Underground Church

Monday, July 20th

through

Friday, July 24th, 2009

Evenings: 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm.



*Everyone, please save these dates and plan to join in the fun!*

Last month I offered a list of suggested items needed for setting up our Marketplace. My hope is that you would begin collecting items at your home and bring them to church beginning **Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>**. Our list of needed items will continue to grow, and it will be posted on the Rome bulletin board in the upper fellowship hall.

**Most importantly, many volunteers are needed** to truly “show” the children how the early Christian Church might have looked. There are opportunities throughout the week to pose as people in Paul’s community. Even if you can only volunteer for a day or two, we will gladly find a role for you.

Leaders and Assistants are needed for the following:

**Apprenticeship Games** – need 2 volunteers

**Market Shopkeepers** - Grammaticus, Carpentry, Architecture, Wreathmaking, and more (easy crafts)

**Roman Family leaders** – need 6 to 8 volunteers

**Drama Team :**

- Brutus – Paul’s Roman guard
- Festus – an athlete
- Tullius – a male slave
- Senator Atticus – a man
- Two Roman Soldiers – men
- Severus – architect
- Marcus – a man
- Claudia – a woman food shop proprietor
- Theif – a young person

Junia – a woman metal worker

We will want to “dress the part,” so there’s plenty of preparation needed to get folks into costume, which will include, togas, robes, and Roman guard armor. Check your Halloween boxes for articles that might fit our needs.

Three to four planning meetings will be held; the first on **Wednesday, June 10 at 6:30 pm.**

**Your** ideas and suggestions are important, so the invitation is open for everyone to join in the planning process.

We have much to do to get to Rome by July 20<sup>th</sup>!

**Please search your heart and volunteer for something that sounds like fun.**

**I can assure you, it will be!** Janet Hula, Rome’s Ultimate Director

**There’s No Place Like Rome!**



The  
Zapíen  
Family

## Neighbors South Coalition

When Alma and Jesus Zapien filled out the application for a Habitat for Humanity home, their hope was that their 4-year-old daughter would no longer have to be carried up the stairs in her wheelchair. Today the couple and their two children are living in the basement of a relative's home. They do not have bedrooms and the family has to share the only kitchen in the house. Jesus and Alma are looking forward to their partnership with Habitat for Humanity of Omaha. Together they will help build a handicap accessible home that will make life easier for all of them.

Grace is a partner in the Neighbors South Habitat Coalition. The Coalition begins its building work on the Zapien home, Friday, June 19. The home site is 1952 South 14<sup>th</sup> Street. A volunteer sign-up form is included in this newsletter. Please return the form to the church office, if you are able to assist in the build, and we will submit it to Joe McNamara.

This is a marvelous opportunity to work together in building a simple decent home for this special family. Please consider how you might help. Donations can be sent to the church with Neighbors South in the memo line.



**Habitat**  
**for Humanity**<sup>®</sup>  
of Omaha, Inc.





**2009 Volunteer Form**

(Please keep this page)

Thank you for your interest in participating in the 2009 Neighbors South Habitat For Humanity build. On Friday, June 19, we will start the build. The home will be located at 1952 So. 14<sup>th</sup> St. Working on a Habitat build is a great experience. You get to help provide a quality, affordable home to a deserving family, you may learn some new skills to help you on your home projects and you will meet some great people. We can use all levels of skill. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!

To sign up, we need to have you complete a few items for us:

Please fill out the Volunteer Form on the next page by marking the days that you will participate. Please indicate the portion of the day you will work, i.e., morning (AM), afternoon (PM) or both.

Please fill out and sign the Habitat waiver form, adult and minor form (ages 16 and 17) and return with the Volunteer form.

Per Habitat For Humanity rules, we are not able to allow those under 16 to work.

**Return the completed forms to your church representative or mail or e-mail to**

**Joe McNamara, 7328 N. 125<sup>th</sup> St., Omaha, NE 68142 402-602-3432 [jmcnamara@fnni.com](mailto:jmcnamara@fnni.com)**

We suggest that you mark the following and keep as a reminder of the dates for which you have volunteered. **(CHECK NEIGHBOR SOUTH WEBSITE FOR PROGRESS & PICTURES) [www.neighbors-south.com](http://www.neighbors-south.com)**

**BUILD LOCATION: 1952 So. 14<sup>th</sup> St., Omaha**

_____	Set exterior and interior walls	Friday	June 19	AM	PM	Both
_____	Set trusses and sheath roof	Saturday	June 20	AM	PM	Both
_____	Felt roof and begin shingling.	Friday	June 26	AM	PM	Both
_____	Shingle roof, wrap house.	Saturday	June 27	AM	PM	Both
_____	Build soffits. Set windows and doors.	Friday	July 10	AM	PM	Both
_____	Miscellaneous tasks.	Saturday	July 11	AM	PM	Both
_____	Siding/Soffits	Friday	July 17	AM	PM	Both
_____	Siding/Soffits	Saturday	July 18	AM	PM	Both
_____	Finish siding and complete exterior	Friday	July 24	AM	PM	Both
_____	Insulation / Sheetrock Ceiling	Saturday	July 25	AM	PM	Both
_____	Sheetrock walls	Friday	July 31	AM	PM	Both
_____	Complete sheetrock	Saturday	August 1	AM	PM	Both
_____	Miscellaneous for completion	Friday	August 7	AM	PM	Both
_____	Miscellaneous for completion. Paint.	Saturday	August 8	AM	PM	Both
_____	Painting	Friday	August 14	AM	PM	Both
_____	Painting	Saturday	August 15	AM	PM	Both
_____	Cabinets / Trim	Friday	August 21	AM	PM	Both
_____	Cabinets / Trim. Porch posts and railings	Saturday	August 22	AM	PM	Both
_____	Cleaning. Miscellaneous for completion	Friday	August 28	AM	PM	Both

We will attempt to maintain this schedule. If you are interested in only a particular activity, please confirm the schedule with your church representative or call Larry Hinrichs at 402-669-1315 or Joe McNamara at 402-602-3432.

**THANKS AGAIN FOR YOUR HELP!!**

# Community News

**Neighborhood Association  
Membership dues  
\$5.00 a year per household!**

Send your money to  
CPNA care of Grace Lutheran Church  
1326 S 26 Street  
Omaha, NE 68105  
Call 341-7730 for more information.



Need Some Help with Your Life?

**Free Counseling is available  
through the Community Counseling Program**

Allyson Campbell, CMSW, LMHP is available to offer confidential counseling to everyone regardless of their ability to pay. Her office is at St Luke's Lutheran Church, 2315 I Street. Her hours at St. Luke are Tuesdays and Thursdays for 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Call 733-0172 to set up an appointment.



## WORLD REFUGEE DAY

Our community of Omaha is the home to thousands of refugees from all over the world. The Refugee Task Force of Omaha is planning the 2009 celebration of World Refugee Day. This day has been set aside to educate the community about our newest neighbors and the contributions they bring to Omaha.

The day will include an educational program on refugee issues, musical and dance performances by the different refugee groups, lunch, vendors with hand-made items, job fair, medical screenings, fashion show, awards ceremony, children's carnival and sporting events such as volleyball and soccer. Last year, over 500 individuals took part in the World Refugee Day event. This year the Planning Committee is anticipating 1,000 participants.

## Project Hope

The Theme for June is  
Personal Care Items such as Shampoo,  
deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste.

Project Hope always needs boxes of zip lock  
bags in quart or gallon size,  
soup, peanut butter, macaroni , rice, diapers,  
bathroom tissue & feminine, hygiene items.

## Grace Lutheran Refugee Celebration Sunday July 2009

The people of Grace Lutheran Church will join together with the Sudanese Church for a Community Service and potluck picnic on a Sunday, in July, in celebration of diversity in our worshipping community. At the potluck, we will be asking folks to bring their favorite dish to share. Contact the church office or watch the church bulletin for more details.

**Saturday, June 20, 2009  
10:00 am - 4:00 pm.  
Benson High School  
5120 Maple Street**



Virginia McGill  
Director, (402) 660-6689  
Gema Wolde  
(402)616 4721  
Se habla español .

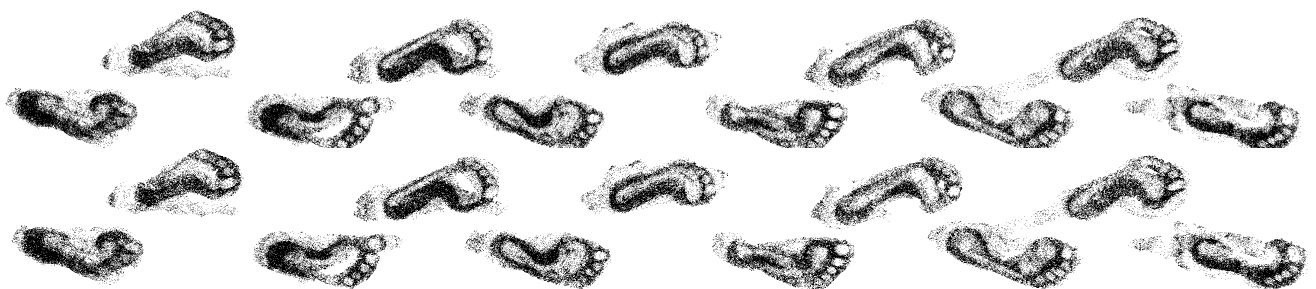
#### Mother's Day Celebrated by Interfaith's Latinas in Action Group

Interfaith's Latinas in Action group held a wonderful celebration honoring all of our women and their children this month. Mother's day fell on a Sunday this year, so we scheduled our Latinas in Action fiesta for a Friday picnic at Columbus Park in South Omaha. The festivities began with our women taking part in an abbreviated exercise class, taught by Ilda, our lead instructor. Gema outdid herself in going the extra mile to make the celebration special. Her decorating skills included balloons, lovely table decorations and her presenting a very special Latinas in Action logo water bottle gift to each participant.

Following class, our participants brought out delicious food, desserts and beverages to share with one another. After the food and fellowship, our youth group had a blast playing soccer, while the smaller children played on the park swings, slides and in the sand. Adults had the opportunity to visit with one another and catch up on news. I was particularly touched by Martha, one of our participants who shared with me that she debated coming to the picnic because she had just finished a very long and tiring week at work. She said she had to force herself to get out of the house, get her young daughter ready, pick up her other daughter and granddaughter and attend the celebration when all she wanted to do was rest. She then shared, smiling very broadly, that she was very glad she made the effort because seeing her friends helped lift her spirits. When the clean up of the evening was completed, Martha and her family were the very last people ones to linger, talking to me and a handful of other participants who wanted to savor the evening.

We look forward to many more celebrations with the coming of summer in our Interfaith programs.

*Virginia McGill Interfaith*



# What's Happening at Grace Lutheran Church

## Talarico Farewell

Grace Lutheran held a farewell reception for Cody Talarico on Sunday, May 17, following worship. Cody has been our weekly musician since the beginning of October 2000. In those 9+ years, the congregation celebrated Cody and Jen's wedding and Cody's graduation from UNO with his Masters in Music Education.



We wish Cody God's blessings as he assumes his new congregational position with Luther Memorial Lutheran.

*These Programs  
Will Resume in the Fall.*  
**Thank you Volunteers for Assembling the Newsletter!**  
*Have a great Summer!*

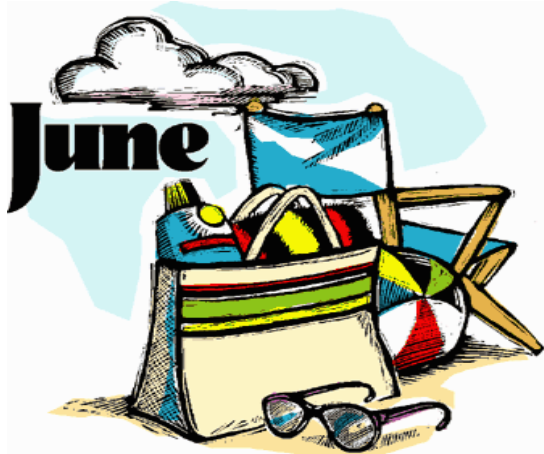
- ☼ Women of the ELCA Board and Circle Meetings.
- ☼ Quilting for Lutheran World Relief.
- ☼ Afterschool Program

- ☺ Kids At Work Kick Off on Sunday June 9th. The Program completes in early August.
- ☺ Vacation Bible School July 20- 24. More details in this newsletter.
- ☺ Grace Lutheran Refugee Celebration. Details to be announced.
- ☺ Opportunity to work on the Neighbors South Habitat for Humanity House. Details in this newsletter.



The Summer Issue of  
Davey and Goliath's Devotions Magazine is here!

These fun-filled activity books are available at the table in back of the sanctuary. These are free to the first 10 families!



## June Trivia

- Probably named for the Roman Goddess Juno, patroness of women, marriage and the home.
- Has 30 Days.
- Birthstone - Pearl or Moonstone.  
(Meaning - Wisdom and Faithfulness)
- Flower - Rose or Honeysuckle.  
(Meaning - Love)

### Top Ten Things You'll Never Hear a Dad Say

10. Well, how 'bout that?... I'm lost! Looks like we'll have to stop and ask for directions.

9. You know Pumpkin, now that you're thirteen, you'll be ready for unchaperoned car dates. Won't that be fun?

8. I noticed that all your friends have a certain "up yours" attitude ... I like that.

7. Here's a credit card and the keys to my new car -- GO CRAZY.

6. What do you mean you wanna play football? Figure skating not good enough for you, son?

5. Your Mother and I are going away for the weekend ... you might want to consider throwing a party.

4. Well, I don't know what's wrong with your car. Probably one of those doo-hickey thingies -- you know -- that makes it run or something. Just have it towed to a mechanic and pay whatever he asks.

3. No son of mine is going to live under this roof without an earring -- now quit your belly-aching, and let's go to the mall.

2. Whaddya wanna go and get a job for? I make plenty of money for you to spend.

1. Father's Day? aahh -- don't worry about that -- it's no big deal.

[www.aha.com](http://www.aha.com)

### Special Days in June at Grace Lutheran Church

Be sure to greet our Kids At Work Kids and their families who will be worshipping with us every Sunday through late August..

**Every Tuesday and Wednesday  
beginning June 10th 10:00 - Noon**  
Kids at Work Program.

2 - Kids At Work Get Acquainted Dinner  
with the Church Council.

9 - Kids At Work Kids and Families in Worship.

8- Church Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.

14 - Pastor Laakers Ordination Celebration.

21- Happy Father's Day!

19- Habitat House Build Begins at  
1902 S 11th Street.

July Refugee Celebration Sunday.

More details in the coming weeks!

July 20-24- "Roman Voyage" VBS!

