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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

Youth Ministries - Brenda Spahr

Organist - Lynda Laird

Sexton - Brian Sutej

Interfaith Health Ministries - Virginia McGill

Lutheran Volunteer - Anna Ernst

*Inspired By Christ, it is our mission
to share God's Word and Love in
care and in service to all.*



THE GRACE MESSENGER

2010



2010 Council Members

Greg Hula Gloria Moore Vicky Cox
Andrew Edwards David Nange Ernest Olson
Arlone Farber Carolyn Matson Samantha Trejo
Pastor Laaker

Officers Serving the Congregation but not on Council:

Financial Secretary: Janet Hula Treasurer: Margie Sutej

The regular meeting of the Council was held on September 14. The Council members shared their prayers concerns: we pray for Carolyn Matson as she returns to her job but is still struggling with health concerns; we pray for Sandy Fitzgerald, who is battling brain cancer; we pray for Mickey Andersen, who is struggling with health concerns; we pray for Rick Moore as he struggles with health concerns, but is able to return to his assisted living facility; we pray for Kent Cattlett, as he continues his treatments for lung cancer; we pray for Kevin Courtney, as he receives treatments for colon cancer; we pray for Gwen Grady as she is battling pancreatic cancer; we pray for Nick Fotopols, as he is battling an infection in his body; we pray for Shelia Thornton, who is having a tough time dealing with her mother's death; we pray for June and Ken Hilmer, as June's brother passed away unexpectedly; we pray for Grace Church's neighborhood, in hopes that people will become curious and willing to become united in projects, including keeping our church "alive"; we pray for a resolution in our own city to curb the pattern of violence that is and has erupted, praying for the victims and their families, namely the Pizza Hut delivery man that was murdered; we pray for the safety of armed service personnel, as well as our police and patrol officers, who protect each one of us; and we pray for the understanding for the leaders of our states and nation for inappropriate "labeling" in terms of terrorism and racism.

Devotions were led by Pastor Laaker reading the selected verses of Leviticus 26:9 and John 15:5 from the "Daily Texts." These verses remind us that God builds and maintains relationships with people. Without God in our lives, we are nothing. Christ tells us to abide in him and our lives will be fruitful and good works will be multiplied.

Visions for Ministry: The Council continued their conversation on "Radical Welcome." The Council was very fortunate to have Anna Ernst sitting in on the meeting. With the newly created Lutheran Volunteer position, Anna shared some of her experiences and ideas on building lasting relationships and posed a couple questions to the Council that made each one of us "think" about the future of Grace Church. Pastor Laaker reminds us that building lasting relationships takes time and patience. We must work together to incorporate cultures, values, beliefs, and involvement of people seeking to build lasting relationships.

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

Christian Education: Pastor Laaker will be conducting the Confirmation Program, with approximately ten young individuals in attendance. At this time, we do not have a Wednesday evening program.

Evangelism/Outreach: Anna Ernst may possibly be in charge of the After School Program this year. Brenda Spahr has resigned from the program.

Finance: The Council ratified some allocations from the Disney Endowment Fund that was presented by the Endowment Board.

Property: The alley windows have been blocked in and the painting project is underway.

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Service/Social Ministry: There was a gathering of leaders from across the city that met with OTOC on September 13th. Many interesting ideas and suggestions emerged from this meeting. OTOC is very interested in identifying and helping to solve issues that happen in the community. There is another meeting scheduled at Benson High School on October 31, from 2:30-4:00, with plans to have the Mayor and the Police Chief in attendance.

Support/Stewardship: The Nebraska Synod "Fall Doings" will be on Sunday, October 10th. Pastor Laaker is looking for two other people from the congregation to attend as well.

Worship: No new report at this time.

Unfinished Business: There will be a young man in the neighborhood fulfilling some community service requirements through the Juvenile Justice Department beginning the first Saturday in October.

New Business: Pastor Laaker has been asked by the Synod to lead a workshop in Paxton, Nebraska on Sunday, September 26th. The Council Meeting for October is moved to October 5th.

Announcements: A reminder that the Council will host a reception for Anna Ernst on Sunday, September 19th. Carolyn Matson will bring treats and lead prayer for our October Council meeting.



Mark Your Calendar!
Lutheran Service Corps
Spaghetti Supper Benefit

Sunday, November 14, 2010
St. Timothy Lutheran Church
510 N 93rd St (93rd and Dodge)
5:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m.

More details in the next newsletter



All proceeds help support the social ministry of Lutheran Service Corps!





Last week the headline read: **43.6 Million: Census Declares More Americans are in Poverty than Ever Before.** The article went on to say: “Just to put the 2009 American poverty rates in some sort of historical perspective: Poverty declined between the years 1993 and 2000, but then increased between 2001 and 2004. While economic deprivation declined slightly again in both 2005 and 2006, it then increased again in 2007 and 2008. Now in 2009, it has once again increased, but by one of the third highest rates since that data was first collected in the 1960s: 1.1 percent.”

I found it interesting that coincidentally devotional material for the same week featured passages from the Bible addressing poverty. Here are those passages: “If you close your ear to the cry of the poor, you will cry out and not be heard.” Proverbs 21:13 “Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,... who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.” Psalm 146 “Better to be poor and walk in integrity than to be crooked in one’s ways even though rich.” Proverbs 28:3 “Whoever gives to the poor will lack nothing, but one who turns a blind eye will get many a curse.” Proverbs 28:27

This month features opportunities to act on addressing poverty locally and abroad. On Sunday, October 10, we will walk in the CROP Walk. This walk has helped provide funds for the Food Bank (25%) and for poverty worldwide (75%). I only hope that our efforts translate into a closer association with those who have to walk miles each day in order to provide food for their family.

On Sunday, October 17, we will observe “Bread for the World” Sunday. The tag line for Bread for the World is “Have Faith. End Hunger.” This seems to me to be a fitting tag line for the efforts to address hunger issues with our elected leaders. While we individually do not have the complete capacity to end hunger, we, corporately, do. Our policies and practices have dramatic effects on the lives of many within our country and in many places within the world. We can write our elected leaders and ask them to not only consider but act on issues that will address the needs of those in poverty worldwide.

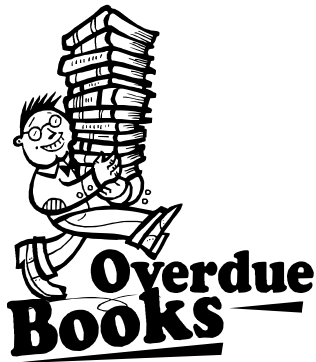
Someone may ask, “Is it really this bad? Why don’t people just get better employment and manage their resources more effectively?” The short answer is “yes, it is that bad, but it is solvable.” The longer answer takes into effect not only the personal circumstances of individuals but the corporate circumstances of policies and trade agreements, climate changes and political realities, as well. The reasons, while important, are not the point. The scriptures seem to say clearly, you and I, all of us, have a responsibility to care and care deeply, even as God cares for us.

I am pleased that many within the Grace family give regularly to our World Hunger efforts. I am pleased that many give occasionally to Lutheran Pantry for our local needs. Some even bring canned goods weekly. These actions are not unnoticed. I believe God provides enough for all. We are called to act in faith believing that God will provide more than enough even as Proverbs states, “Whoever gives to the poor will lack nothing.”

Soon we will begin our Fall Stewardship emphasis. Our theme will be “Faithful Stewards of God’s Grace.” I hope you will prayerfully consider the manner in which you can give of your resources, your time, and your talents and in doing so experience the wonder of God’s Amazing Grace.

News from the Families of Grace Lutheran Church

*Got an item to share?
Let the church office know about it!*



Please...

Pretty Please!

If you have an overdue library book,
Won't you bring it back so that
others may enjoy it?

If you aren't sure if you have a book out that the librarian is waiting for, check with Eva Martin. Thanks

W/ELCA Board &
Circle Meeting
Tuesday, October 19, 2010
1:00 p.m.
Hostess/Bible Study Leader:
LaVonne Moss



*Women of the Evangelical
Lutheran Church in America*

**Lutheran Women
of Omaha Luncheon**

October 12th

Noon - \$6.00 per person

Calvary Lutheran Church
2141 N 80th Street. (north of Maple)

**Reservations by Sunday,
October 10th to
Mardelle Gocek (292-1328)**

Program: "Table Grace "Ministries

Project: Monetary/"Table Grace"



**Quilting on Mondays!
at 9:00 a.m. for
Lutheran World Relief.**

If you have the morning free, drop by and help cut squares and tie quilt tops on to the backs. Coffee break is at 10:00 a.m.

Prayer Meeting

3rd Wednesday Night of Each
month

Next Prayer Service
October 20, 2010
7:00 p.m.



Candle light Prayer Service for
Confession,
Meditation, and Healing
at Grace Lutheran Church



**JOIN US
AFTER
SCHOOL**

**Monday -Tuesday and
Thursday**

4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

In the basement of the Church.

**Free, Fun, Crafts
Snacks**

Safe place to hang out

If OPS is closed, so are





Dear friend in Christ,

The subject of spiritual gifts is sometimes surrounded by controversy. Well-intentioned Christian people often debate whether spiritual gifts are for today, how many gifts are in existence, how to obtain them, who can have them, how they are used, etc.

Writing to those who support the “Insight For Living” broadcast over which he is heard each day, Chuck Swindoll observed,

...there’s at least one gift you may very well possess. That’s the spiritual gift of giving. It’s the ability to contribute material resources to the Lord’s work with generosity, frequency and cheerfulness. People with this gift consider giving to be a wonderful opportunity rather than a sacrificial burden. Contributing to needs even makes their hearts stir. You have certainly shown evidence of this gift!

And that’s true of you as well. Whether you know it or not, and whether you consider yourself to have the spiritual gift of giving, by your faithful support of Grace Lutheran Church during the past quarter, you have demonstrated the earmarks of spiritual giving that Chuck Swindoll described. By giving of the resources that God has entrusted to you, you have made a significant difference for Christ in the past three months of this year, more so than you might realize. And for that, we truly thank you and give God thanks for you!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

October 2010 Stewardship Principle

We give because God first gave us.

“You received without payment, give without payment ”
(Matt 10:8).



Grace Lutheran’s Stewardship Theme for 2011
“Faithful Stewards of God’s Infinite Grace”
2011 Stewardship Drive begins on November 7nd.

Begin now and ask God what He wants to do through you in 2011.



for Family and Friends

- ♦ Andrew Edwards - Doing dialysis a couple times a week until a kidney can be found. (member)
- ♦ Mae Lane - Ongoing health issues. (member)
- ♦ Ken Hilmer - As he struggles with health issues. (member)
- ♦ La Vonne Moss - Ongoing health issues. (member)
- ♦ Ferne Matson - Ongoing health issues. (member)
- ♦ Wendy Henexson- Ongoing recovery from receiving a transplant. (daughter of Pastor Liz Conner)
- ♦ Dennis Olson - as he recovers from surgery. (brother of Don Olson)
- ♦ Barbara Nelson - as she recovers from a stroke. (member)
- ♦ Barbara Narducci - as she continues her physical therapy. (member)
- ♦ Martina Botho - As she recovers from burns and skin grafting surgery.(member)
- ♦ Carolyn Matson - as she recovers from surgery. (member)

Pray for our Shut - ins and Nursing Home residents:

Mae Lane - St Joe Villa.

Barbara Nelson - Life Care Center, Elkhorn.

Thelma Harrahill - (In Kansas with her children)

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

Pray for the 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

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.

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

Halloween Party
October 29, 2010
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Grace Lutheran Church
1326 South 26 St.
Omaha, NE



Admission is \$2.00 per person.
Includes refreshments and 10 game tickets

Ring Toss
Mummy Wrap
Bingo
Cake Walk
Candy Dash
and more!

Use your tickets to play games.
Additional game tickets
are 10 cents each
Win Prizes.



Prizes for Best Costume

- Scariest
- Funniest
- Prettiest
- Most Creative



Plans are underway for this year's Halloween Party.

Your help is needed. Please look over the list below and help where you can.

Donated items should be placed in the Halloween Donation Box in the upper fellowship hall.

Items needed for the Halloween Party . . .

Costume Contest Prizes

Prizes are needed in each of the categories below.

- Prettiest
- Scariest
- Funniest
- Most Creative

Prizes should cost around \$2.00 to \$5.00 each, and be something that can be used for Halloween, or have a Halloween theme. Suggestions: Flashlights, creepy toys like spiders, ghouls, etc., pumpkin carving kits, decorations, pumpkins.

Game Prizes

Approximate TOTAL Cost is in parentheses for those who would rather donate money.

Feel free to donate any amount!

Hundreds of trinkets (penny-nickel-dime stuff) for carnival games (approx. value \$50.00)

Dum-dum suckers for the "Lollipop Tree"

Bottles of pop (2 liter or smaller) for "Ring Toss"

Cakes for the "Cake Walk"

White Elephants or desirable give-aways for "Bingo"

Miscellaneous

Toilet Paper for the "Mummy Wrap"

Cellophane treat bags for popcorn and candy

Cash. A donation container will be placed in the back of the church each Sunday beginning Oct. 3rd.

Refreshments

3 large bags of Vic's Popcorn (approx. value \$10.00 per bag)

8 gallons of Punch or Apple Cider (approx. value \$20.00)

20+ bags of wrapped Halloween candies for "Candy Dash" and treat bags (approx. value \$60.00)

Cookies!! Homemade or store bought, they all seem to get eaten.

Volunteers

Most importantly, your **time** is needed in planning and participating the night of the party.

Last year, we had nearly 150 folks in attendance. As you can imagine, lots of volunteers are needed to ensure that the party runs smoothly and will be fun for all (approx. value – *priceless!*). A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. All are welcome!

Can You Help?

We are still looking for folks to be on the Halloween Committee to help plan, set up, run, and take down the night of the party, October 29th!

Sign up on the bulletin board today!



Anna Ernst
Community Outreach Associate
Grace Lutheran/ St. Luke's Lutheran Church
Lutheran Volunteer Corps (LVC) Volunteer

Hello, Grace! Thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to work for you, and St. Luke's Lutheran, in South Omaha. I am VERY excited to be here!

I was born in Madison, WI, but grew up in Chevy Chase, MD, a suburb just outside of Washington, DC. We moved there when I was eight months old so my dad could take a job as a law professor at Georgetown University Law Center. He still has that job, and my mom is a professor of social work at Hood College, a small college about 45 minutes north of us in Frederick, MD. I have one brother who is entering his sophomore year as a student at Boston University. Chevy Chase has been home base ever since we moved there in 1988, but for the first six months of 1996 we lived in Wellington, New Zealand while my dad had a grant to do legal research there.

My brother and I were very lucky kids for many reasons, one being that my family lives a block away from a Spanish immersion elementary school that we attended from kindergarten to 5th grade. During those years I had most of my classes in Spanish. (We did have an English language class as well.) I continued to take Spanish language classes through middle and high school, and as a student at Oberlin College in Oberlin, OH (about half an hour southwest of Cleveland), where I also had the opportunities to travel to El Salvador for a week and study abroad in Córdoba, Spain for three months.

I graduated from Oberlin this past May with a B.A. in Musical Studies, with a concentration in American Music History. I have played violin since I was 7 and violin lessons, orchestra and chamber music rehearsals have since been a significant part of my life. I have also been very active in my home church, St. Luke Lutheran in Silver Spring, MD, since we became members in the late 90s; I was involved in choir, bell choir, high school drama, and as an assistant minister and musician.

I decided to apply to become a member of the Lutheran Volunteer Corps (LVC) this past April, and was matched with St. Luke's and Grace in June, so the past few months have been kind of a whirlwind! I arrived in St. Paul, MN for our orientation on August 15, where I met my five other housemates along with 140 other LVC volunteers for a week that included personal safety lessons, community-building workshops, anti-racism training, and fun and fellowship. We got into Omaha the night of Friday, August 20, and have enjoyed getting settled in our new home on N. 30th Street across from Miller Park. LVC in Omaha is affiliated with Lutheran Service Corps of Omaha, and we share our home with LSC's office. My housemates are working at Trinity Lutheran Church, Eastern Nebraska Community Action Partnership (ENCAP), Hospice House, Together, Inc. of Metropolitan Omaha, and Voices for Children.

I am really looking forward to getting to meet you and beginning my work as Community Outreach Associate for Grace and St. Luke's. If you have any questions or suggestions for me at any point throughout the year, or would just like to schedule a time to meet for conversation, please email me at anna.r.ernst@gmail.com or call me at (402)-957-1275. Thanks again!

Library News



The summer reading contest "Reading Safari Through the Plains" is officially over. Youth enjoyed several different topics, including suspense, biographies, comedy, and historical. The top three readers are:

Marissa Halfhill
Danaka Yale
Andrea Spahr

Congratulations to all readers who participated this past summer!

Just because the summer reading program is over doesn't mean there is no more reading. Books are still in the library so stop in and find a good book waiting for you to read.

The Library has
several new donations
of books!

Stop by and



One Out!

Back by Popular Demand! Supplies are Limited. Order Today!

Buy Your 2011 God's Creation Calendar Today!
Fundraiser for the Grace Lutheran Church Library

Each calendar contains beautiful scenic photography enhanced with inspiring Scriptures from the Holy Bible.

Some features of our popular 12-month, 28 page calendar include:

- 12"x 9" pages
- high-quality, heavy-weight stock
- gloss-coated photo pages
- matte-finished calendar grid pages
- a superb writing surface
- ample space to write appointments
- a special page for important phone numbers



Only \$5.00!

Our Calendars are almost here ! They have been ordered, watch the bulletin for further notice.

***"They will celebrate your abundant goodness
and joyfully sing of your righteousness."***

~Psalm 145:7~



"Helping Hands"

Working Together in God's service

Project Hope

The Theme for October is pie and pie fillings.

Most Needed:

- Cookies
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Dried Soup
- Ramen Noodles
- Bathroom Tissue

Project Hope
4205 Boyd St
Omaha, NE 68111

Over 100 restaurants pledged to donate 10% of the day's proceeds on Tuesday, October 12th, to The Food Bank.

Be sure to mention that you applaud the restaurant's support of Dine Out Against Hunger.

Here is a partial list of restaurants participating:

All area Runzas, all Scooters, Petrows, Lums, Lanskys, CiCi's Pizza, Lo Sole Mio, Culvers, Spaghetti Works, Valentino's, Zio's Pizza, Bohemian Café, Ethnic Sandwich Shop, Big Horn Mountain BBQ, Joe Tess, Dundee Dell, Dinkers Bar and Grill, Johnnys Café, Old Chicago and Julio's.

A **complete list** of all the participating restaurants is posted on the bulletin board. or go to <http://www.omahafoodbank.org> and click on the Dine Out link for a complete updated list.



Nebraska Lutheran
World Relief Ingathering
November 1- 5, 2010

What to Donate:

- ♦ Quilts and blankets
- ♦ Light and medium weight clothing for men and children.
- ♦ Sweaters of all kinds for men, women and children.
- ♦ Pieces of woven or synthetic blend fabric large enough to make a dress.
- ♦ Soap in ORIGINAL wrapper.

Please make sure all items donated are clean and in good shape. Bring your donations to the church and put them by the pantry shelves.

We are asking that all donations be at the church by 9:00 a.m. Monday, October 30th so that the boxes can be packed, labeled and taken out to Brown Transfer. If you wish to volunteer to help get the items ready for shipment, contact Marilyn and Jerry Van Ormer through the church office at 341-7730.

26th Annual Crop Walk 2010

October 10, 2010

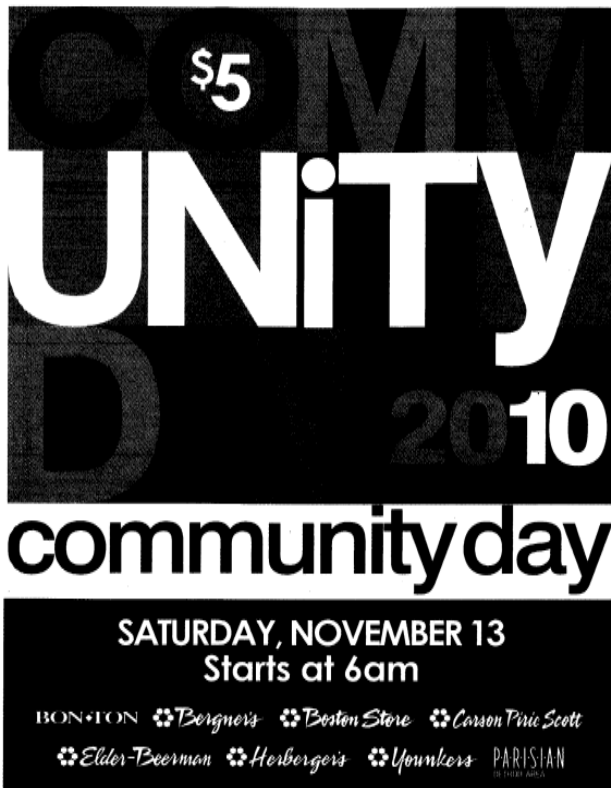
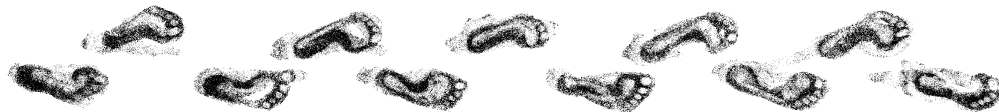
1:30 p.m.

Starting from First Christian Church
6630 Dodge Street
Omaha, NE



As a walker - The CROP walk is for the entire family from baby to grandparents. There are routes of 1, 2, and 5 miles. You choose how far to walk. Parents can push strollers or pull wagons. There are rest and water stops along the way and transportation back to the start if you need it. To be a walker, get your sponsor sheet from .Pastor Laaker.

As a Sponsor - Even if you cannot walk you can participate by sponsoring someone who can. Offer to sponsor a walker with a pledge per mile of a donation and make a real difference in meeting hunger needs at home and abroad. To sponsor a walker, go to the table at the back of the sanctuary and locate the pledge sheet of the person you wish to sponsor.



Younkers Community Day
Saturday, November 13, 2010
6:00 a.m. - Continues All Day

Coupons good at any Younkers!

Buy a \$5.00 Booklet and get a \$10.00 Coupon!
Your \$5.00 will go to the Lutheran Pantry.

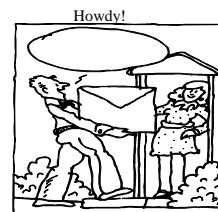
Each booklet contains a \$10 coupon good on almost any merchandise item priced at \$10 or more (customers spend \$5 for the booklet and get \$10 back on their first purchase!), plus eight 20% off coupons and offers for great bonus items, available on Community Day only. All coupons are valid on top of our already low One Day Sale prices.

Contact the Church office or Pastor Laaker
for Coupon Booklets

For every 50 booklets sold,
the Lutheran Pantry receives \$250.00!

It's that easy to raise money to fight hunger in the Metro!

Community News



Columbus Park Neighborhood Association

October 21, 2010
7:00 p.m.
Grace Lutheran Church
1326 S 26 St.



**Membership dues are only
\$5.00 a year per household!**

CPNA
1326 S 26 Street
Omaha, NE 68105

Call 341-7730 for more information.



October 3, 2010



Habitat for Humanity
Neighbors South Coalition
House Dedication at
2100 Poppleton Ave



4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

**Kindergarten through 6th grade kids!
Games, Crafts, and Fun**

Free!

A Safe Haven & A Safe Place to Play!

**Note: If there is no OPS school,
there is no After School Program.**

CANDORVILLE

by Darrin Bell



This comic courtesy of

The Washington Post
WRITERS
GROUP



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

Spotlight on Interfaith's High School Latinas in Action Participants:

Interfaith's evening Latinas in Action Education and Exercise groups have garnered a big increase in the number of teenagers in attendance this Fall. Part of this increase is because several of our regular participants who have been attending programs with their parents since the ages of 8, turned 13 this summer. Also, several new teenagers attended our fashion show and decided that they wanted to be a part of the program. And, of course, the new families that join every month typically attend with their school-aged children.

Several of our teenagers intend to try out for soccer teams at South High School and Bryan High School and have shared that they believe exercise classes help keep them in excellent physical shape throughout the school year. They also shared that they enjoy seeing our staff and each other outside of school.

Of our high school students, four decided that it would be a fairly painless adventure to be interviewed for our congregational newsletter article this month. Maria, Stephani, Maggie, and Julia met with me to discuss their initial experiences of high school. Julia attends Bryan High, while the others attend South High.

What is the big difference in going from middle school to high school for you?

Maria: Class size. Classes at South are huge. Our class has 400 students

Julia: Getting to lunch or through the hallways in between classes is usually a major feat. The halls aren't very broad and there are so many students at Bryan.

How do you feel now that your first month of high school is over?

Maggie: Not as nervous. I have made some friends. I know where my locker is and where to sit for lunch.

Stephani: There is a lot more homework every night. I'm taking all honors classes and sometimes Geometry seems over my head, but I'm glad that I can keep up with things so far.

What activities are you involved in or would you like to be involved in during your high school years?

Maria: I'm going to try out for the soccer team. I've heard that freshman don't make the team, but I am in good shape from coming to Latinas in Action and I think I have a chance.

Julia: I'm in orchestra and I may try out for soccer because Maria wants to hear about what the team is like at my high school. I am good at writing so I may see if I can get on the school newspaper staff some year.

What is an interesting story about your first month of high school?

Maggie: Last Friday, I was feeling a little sick, but I didn't want to stay home from school because I'd miss taking notes in class and would have homework to do on top of that. During our school lunchtime, I put my head down after I ate to rest my eyes and I ended up sleeping!!!! With hundreds of students in the cafeteria!

Stephani: That is the best story! I had to wake Maggie up and she was disoriented. She didn't mean to fall asleep! We still laugh about that and I call her sleeping beauty."

What words of wisdom do you have for other Latinas in Action participants who are in middle school right now and who will be entering high school in a year or two?

Maria: Enjoy middle school. High school is different, but it is fun.

Julia: Keep studying because high school only means more homework!!

With thanks to our lovely high school students and to their parents who join them each night we have Latinas in Action education and activities.

Virginia McGill,
Interfaith



October Trivia

- ☼ has 31 days.
- ☼ 10th month of the year.
- ☼ In the Roman calendar, October was the 8th month and got its name from the word "Octo," meaning eight.
- ☼ Flower - Calendula. (Marigold)
- ☼ Birthstone - Opal or pink tourmaline

Update on Stewardship Trends in Churches in Las Vegas

This may come as a surprise to those not living in Las Vegas, but it is a very spiritual city, with more Catholic churches than casinos!

Not surprisingly, some worshipers at Sunday services will give casino chips rather than cash when the donation tray is passed.

Since they get chips from many different casinos, the churches have devised a method of turning the chips into cash.

They send all their collected chips to a nearby Franciscan monastery, where the patient and detail-oriented men sort and count the chips. The chips are then taken to the casinos of origin and cashed in.

This is done by the chip monks.
You didn't even see it coming, did you?

Suffering from a bad case of the flu, a man phoned his doctor to get an appointment.

When he was told the scheduled date of the appointment, he became outraged and bel-lowed, "Three weeks? The doctor can't see me for three weeks? I could well be dead by then!"



Calmly, the receptionist replied, "If so, would you have your wife call to cancel the appointment?"

<http://www.gcfl.net>



**Early Sunday Morning
November 7, 2010**



"Hello, Al's Office Supply? While I admire your gumption, I'm afraid these offering envelopes are too big."

Psalm 23:6

Find each word from the verse below.

Surely goodness and love
will follow me all the days of
my life, and I will dwell in the
house of the Lord forever.

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d a a
v r a l l
f w a i y m g
g o o d n e s s g
w i l l r w d m y a h
h t l l i f e e l k h a c
a p h o u s e v l o r d r
i z w w z s u r e l y q t
v b t c b c w b q r o f r
y z x g p r o k d t x v m
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Special Days in October at Grace Church

Every Monday's Tuesdays and Thursdays - Good Times
After School Program from 4:00 p.m. To 5:30 p.m.
. Come Play and Partake in and Fun Activities.

- Every Sunday Adult Sunday and Confirmation Class, 9:00 a.m.
- 3 - Neighbor South Habitat Home Dedication at 2100 Poppleton at 3:00 p.m.
- Adult Sunday and Confirmation Class, 9:00 a.m.
- 5- Church Council Meets - Note Date Change!
- 10- Crop Walk.
- 12 - Dine out against Hunger.
- 29 - Church Halloween Party.

Things ain't what they used to be
and probably never was.

Will Rogers



The CEO was scheduled to speak at an important convention, so he asked one of his employees to write him a punchy, 20-minute speech. When the CEO returned from the big event, he was furious.

"What's the idea of writing me an hour-long speech?" he demanded to know. "Half the audience walked out before I finished."

The employee was baffled. "I wrote you a 20-minute speech," he replied. "I also gave you the two extra copies you asked for...."

Join Us for Worship!
Sundays 10:30 a.m.