



GraceNet

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June 2024

Focus Ministry: The Marvelous Sunday Morning Bible Studies

After I retired, I made it my goal to attend every Sunday morning Bible study at Grace. Recently I accomplished this goal. What a wonderful and uplifting experience this has been! It was gratifying to see that these classes are led by seven excellent teachers and leaders and are populated by enthusiastic attenders. These classes are truly a great strength of our church.

Here is my experience with these Adult Sunday School classes beginning with the five 9:45 a.m. studies.

Verse by Verse Through Acts led by Mark Anderson

This is a video class. After viewing the video there was a lively discussion. The Sunday I was present, Mark was not there but his wife Donna filled in beautifully. You will come away from this class thoroughly understanding the message of Acts. Furthermore, you will be surrounded by friendly people.

30's - 40's Class led by Brian Kaul

Brian is so knowledgeable and wise. My daughter, Stephanie, attends this class and has always raved about it and now I know why. This is one of the smaller classes because this age group is, unfortunately, the least likely to attend one of our Adult Bible studies. This means there is room for you in Brian's class!

The Book of Acts led by Harvey Booher

What an excellent teacher Harvey Booher is! And what a great group of attenders! Harvey always comes well prepared. My long association with Harvey has made me marvel at his ability to handle the Word of God and present it in a way that touches the heart. (Harvey will begin a new

series on June 16 entitled: *The Prophecies in the Holidays of God: Past, Present and Future.*)

The Book of John led by Joel Roettger

Joel's class was a favorite of my late wife Susie. Now I know why! Joel is an excellent leader. The class is made up of people from different generations with different viewpoints. One distinctive of this class is that at least two families attend online. It is very well attended but there are a few chairs left – so join in!

Exploring Ancient Christianity led by Kevin Kragenbrink

What a fascinating and important Bible Study this is. Kevin is so well learned with a vast educated background. I am tempted to call him Professor Kragenbrink. Orthodox Christianity of today stands on the shoulders of those who came before. The saints of old battled the heresies and the work of Satan and delivered a theology that is truly Biblical. You will learn so much that you were unaware

of if you attend this class.

There are two 11 a.m. classes.

Hot Topic: Objections People Raise led by Pastor Phil Bohlken.

If you know Pastor Phil Bohlken, then you know he is brilliant. He is truly a Biblical scholar conversant with Greek and Hebrew. He knows so many things from welding to the intricacies of Greek grammar. Presently in this

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class the topic is apologetics – the defense of the faith. Wonderful people attend but there is room for you! I guarantee you won't be bored.

Bible 101: Amazing Biblical Accounts – What We Can Learn led by Dave Harjala

Dave is the consummate Bible class teacher. His class is packed (there is still room for you) for good reason. People come away with solid Biblical learning and motivation to live out their Christian lives and service. I thoroughly enjoyed the class I attended.

So, to those who have never attended an Adult Bible class, I ask, "Wy not?" Let me challenge you. Do as I have done – pop into one of these classes this coming Sunday. They will welcome you and it will feed your mind and soul.

~ Pastor Rich Elseroad



Lutheran Women in Mission

Women and men are invited to attend the **LWML Mid-South District Convention** on **June 7-9** at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Memphis, TN. This is a great opportunity to fellowship while learning about the missions that our district is going to support. There will be a guest speaker, banquet, and entertainment! For more information come by the coffee bar or contact Mary Krempasky (717-418-0112) or Sandie Harjala (865-201-2244).



Coffee or Lunch with Pastor Danny?

Pastor Danny would like to share a cup of coffee or meal with you—no strings attached! You can sign up to meet with Pastor Danny <https://calendly.com/pastordannygraceknoxville/breakfast-lunch-meeting>

Grace Prayer Team Welcomes Requests

The Grace Prayer Team is constantly at work! If you have a prayer request that you would like prayed over by the Grace Prayer Team, we welcome your requests. Please contact **Kristin McGee** kdmcgee08@gmail.com (865-384-9834) or **Ev Brown** evbrown3@gmail.com (757-870-5603). The request will then be passed on to the team. We continue to welcome Prayer Team members as well. If you are interested in praying for the needs submitted by our church family, please contact Kristin or Ev with your interest.



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An Ode to Dads

God took the strength of a mountain,
the majesty of a tree,
the warmth of a summer sun,
the calm of a quiet sea.

The generous soul of nature,
the comforting arm of night,
the wisdom of the ages,
the power of the eagle's flight.

The joy of a morning in spring,
the faith of a mustard seed,
the patience of eternity,
the depth of a family need.

Then God combined these qualities,
when there was nothing more to add,
He knew his masterpiece was complete,
and so, He called it . . . Dad.

~Author Unknown



Attention all Grace Youth and Youth Families!!

We are launching a new communication system that will allow us to text all announcements and updates. We have two lines, one for youth and one for youth parents. To join, text **GLCyouth** or **GLCparent** to 865-432-0208. If you have any questions, reach out to our DCE Intern Matthew McCarthy at matthew@visitgrace.org.

Seasonal Humor

June is always a favorite month for weddings! Here's a little light-hearted humor for the season of love!

- ◆ The wedding was so beautiful, even the cake was in tiers.
- ◆ Did you hear about the two spiders who got engaged? They met on the web.
- ◆ Two cell phones got married. The reception was terrific!
- ◆ Why did the King of Hearts and the Queen of Hearts get married? They were perfectly suited!!



VBS—Celebrate the Savior!

July 15-18, 2024

9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

All children 3 years old—5th grade are welcome to attend. If you are interested in volunteering (childcare available), please contact Marlene Landon at (865) 567-3578 or mtlintn@aol.com

Volunteers are Needed!!!





6/1	Taylor Martin	6/17	Mary Holden
6/1	Michael Newport	6/18	Kelly Dodson
6/1	Brandi Shipwash	6/18	Scott Pafford
6/3	Marieke Keller	6/19	Alex Brown
6/3	Isabelle Meade	6/19	Steve Crum
6/4	Robert Malone	6/20	Dan Kleckley
6/6	Whitney Kaul	6/20	Kelly Masters
6/6	Benjamin McCay	6/20	Kim Zimmerman
6/6	Paul Pankow	6/21	John Cleland
6/7	Gwen Elseroad	6/22	Stanton Oster
6/7	Carol Haase	6/22	Jenny Payne
6/7	Nancy Thaemert	6/22	Erin Strickland
6/8	Ryan Harter	6/23	Bev Knipp
6/9	Larry Belt	6/23	Rhonda Smith
6/9	Melinda Borchardt	6/24	Landon Cleland
6/11	William Dreke	6/25	Becky Daenzer
6/11	Barbara Frizzell	6/25	Tom Glisson
6/11	Logan Mackley	6/26	Todd Duenckel
6/11	Ella Roettger	6/27	Heather Hatfield
6/11	George Roettger	6/27	Heidi Hicks
6/12	Stanton Elseroad	6/27	Quentin Smith
6/12	Stephanie Elseroad	6/27	Luke Smithey
6/14	Linda Schmid	6/28	Patrick Buchanan
6/15	Arlene Fisk	6/28	Kellye Glisson
6/16	Stuart Elseroad	6/28	Joan Scraggs
6/16	Derek Wilson	6/29	Eric Hughes



6/6	Chris & Dina Augustus
6/6	Byron & Becky Strickland
6/7	Bob & Patricia Strickland (61)
6/10	Tim & Shirley Wolfram
6/12	Stanton & Aubrey Elseroad
6/12	Robert & Jennifer Malone
6/12	John & Deborah Rowlands
6/13	Cory & Michelle Mollenhour
6/14	Pastor Phil & Kathy Bohlken (55)
6/14	Linda & Jeff Jaekel
6/14	John & Christine McCay (53)
6/14	Eugene & Arlene Stern (66)
6/15	Larry & Carolee Granquist (56)
6/16	Lee & Pam Baker
6/16	David & Leslie Poker (51)
6/22	Larry & Cydne Albers
6/22	Casey & Tyler Bailey
6/22	John & Carrie Cleland
6/22	Andrew & Alana Harter
6/24	Dave & Sandi Larson
6/25	Taylor & Dylan Martin
6/25	Jodie & Crystal Swafford
6/27	Keith & Cheryl Denton
6/27	Brett & Caitlin Kothe
6/30	Stuart & Annie Elseroad

Bible Quiz

King Ahab, assisted by his conniving wife Jezebel, appropriated for himself something belonging to a man named Naboth. What did he take?

- A. Naboth's oxen
- B. Naboth's farm
- C. Naboth's vineyard
- D. Naboth's house



Answer: C (see 1 Kings 21:1-16)

June Scripture of the Month

If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.

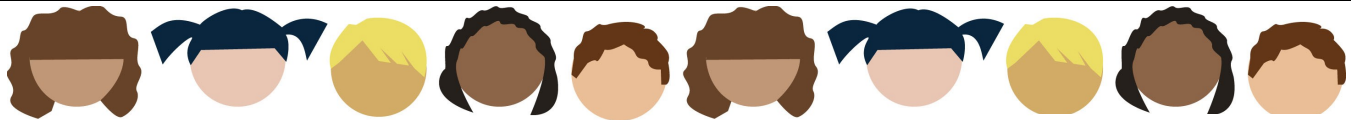
~ James 1:5

June Children's Curriculum Themes

In an attempt to connect the adults and children of Grace just a bit more, I will be letting people know the theme and verse of the week in our children's Sunday school classes. I would love it if the adults would join in memorizing or at least talking about it to the children as they see each other in the halls. Listed below are the themes and scripture for June.

~ Frieda Guthrie

<i>DATE</i>	<i>THEME</i>	<i>VERSE</i>
June 2	Obey God.	<i>So be careful to do what the Lord your God has commanded you; do not turn aside to the right or to the left. Walk in all the way that the Lord your God has commanded you, so that you may live and prosper and prolong your days in the land that you will possess. (Deuteronomy 5:32-33)</i>
June 9	Pray for God's direction.	<i>If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. (James 1:5)</i>
June 16	Honesty is important to God.	<i>The Lord detests lying lips, but He delights in men who are truthful. (Proverbs 12:22)</i>
June 23	God uses hard times to help us grow.	<i>And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose. (Romans 8:28)</i>
June 30	Show Jesus' love in our families.	<i>A new command I give you: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. (John 13:34)</i>



Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child is a year-long effort for children around the world who would not otherwise receive gifts for Christmas. Please consider filling a shoebox(es) during 2024 to bless a child. If you don't want to fill the box yourself, you can contribute funds for a box and we'll fill it for you. If you don't know what to put in a box, there's information in the Children's wing on suggestions for items. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact Frieda Guthrie at childrensmin@visitgrace.org or Paul Guthrie at pgvint3@gmail.com.

Thank you for supporting this important ministry!



Where Are You Going?

Often God steers us in new directions. We are attracted, guided and then taken into a serving experience which builds God's mission. Please pray about responding to either or both of the mission experiences planned by Grace.

English Learning for Immigrants at Pelican Lutheran Church, Naples, Florida

We have a few spots remaining to teach English to immigrants with Pelican Lutheran Church in Naples, Florida, on **June 24-28, 2024**. Transportation and lodging logistics are being planned, and financial assistance to offset costs is available. Save the dates for upcoming meetings: **June 15** at noon in the Fellowship Hall.

Child Beyond Orphanage Ministry in Guatemala

Child Beyond is an orphanage ministry in Guatemala that Grace has been supporting. We are recruiting a team of Grace members to do a project in Guatemala for the orphanage and their ministry. Please consider volunteering, **July 14-21, 2024**.

Please prayerfully consider serving in one or both of these ministries. For more information, please contact **Rev. Paul Muench, Paul.Muench@concordia.edu**

Connect to Costa Rica

March/April Ministry Update

Walk for Peace—On March 1, our LightHouse team had the opportunity to participate in a walk for peace with the community of Parrita. This area has been experiencing a rise in violence over the last several months and this walk was organized by local organizations, community members, and high schoolers to raise support and share their voice amidst the pain and fear. It was an incredible opportunity to physically walk alongside students in this. This was a very impactful experience for me as students took turns speaking out against the violence to the streets of Parrita. It was very evident that God was present and that many of the students believed that only He can bring the peace that these people need. Praise God that He is working and active in this community. Please continue to pray for peace for the people of Parrita and that the light and hope of Christ would shine brightly amidst the unrest, fear, and grieving.

Easter on the Beach—Easter was my biggest motivation to learn how to drive our manual team car and generally learn how to drive in the craziness of Costa Rica. This was necessary because many of my teammates were away for Holy Week and Easter and therefore wouldn't be around to drive me to church on Sunday and the buses would not be running early enough for me to make it to the sunrise service in time. It was a great motivator and I praise God for His provision! It was a beautiful experience to spend Easter in a new culture and in a new way. Easter morning, my teammate Janine and I woke up long before the sun was up and made it to Esterillos Oeste for the sunrise service on the beach. We also had the opportunity to attend a church in another city that is a bit more touristy and therefore had a service in English. What a blessing it was to worship in my heart language once again!

Trip to Guapiles— During Holy Week, I had the opportunity to travel to Guapiles which is a city in the Limon province, a new part of Costa Rica for me. This trip was very bucket-filling for me and a great chance to continue building relationships. In Guapiles, we were able to attend their Good Friday Procession. As you might know, most of Latin America, and therefore Costa Rica, is considered to be a Catholic country. This means that Holy Week is a very important time for them and these processions are a big part of their traditions. The procession was focused around the Catholic stations of the cross and was portrayed in a play-like manner throughout the streets of Guapiles. This was a really neat cultural experience!

Continued Ministry in the High School—We have been so excited with how consistent we have been able to be in the Parrita High School. It has been such a blessing to see the impact it has had on the students as they begin to realize that we are here to support them and we are here to stay. It fills me up each time a student walks up to one of us asking if we'll be here again tomorrow. And of course, the answer is always "yes"!

~ Sarah Parrish

The Ascension of our Lord, Jesus Christ

Although we have passed May 9, we cannot forget the Ascension of our Lord. That would be like passing by Christmas or Easter with no mention of them. The Ascension is one of the five great jewels in our Lord's exalted crown. The first jewel is the **Incarnation** where our Lord took on human flesh. The second is the **Cross** where the penalty for our sin was paid. The third is the **Resurrection** where the power of death and hell was broken. The fourth is the **Ascension** where our Lord opened up the way for our own ascension into heaven one day. And the fifth jewel in Christ's crown is **His Return** in Glory on the Last Day. We pray:

O Ascended Lord Jesus You rose far above all heavens that You might fill all things. Mercifully give us faith to perceive that You are with Your people to the end of the world and beyond.

You promised as You ascended that you would come again to judgment. Help us to celebrate the Feast of the Ascension that we may rise above the things of earth to better and holier living, and that when You come again we may receive You with gladness of heart.

O Christ, You rule and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit eternal in the heavens. May we acknowledge Your rule and trust Your authority as the omnipresent, omniscient, omnipotent Triune God.

Since the day Your disciples lost sight of You, some of us have thought You far away, and have forgotten Your rule over us. O Lord, whose rule sets us free, forgive us.

We have been taught that every knee should bow and every tongue confess that You, O Christ, are Lord. Help us to make this good confession always.

We rejoice that when we seek, You find us wherever we are. Blessed are You, O Living Christ, who keeps company with us and never leaves us nor forsakes us. Help us to acknowledge Your presence and rejoice in Your nearness always.

Comfort the troubled, the faint, and the weak. Set free the captives from sin and unbelief that they may learn to rejoice in Your great salvation. Help us all to seek those things which are above and wait for Your coming again to receive Your people to Yourself that they may ever be where You are.

Glory be to You, O Father, and to You, O Son, and to You, O Holy Spirit, for You live and reign, one God, forever and ever. Amen

Let us celebrate our Lord's Ascension with glad and joyful hearts!

~ Pastor Steve Skov

HealthLine

Please note that everything written in this column will be backed by research, various studies and facts. There will be no personal opinions.

~ Sheila Wittke



Magnesium is Essential for Life and Health

Magnesium is one of the most important nutrients for human beings. We cannot manufacture it in our bodies and, we cannot live without it. Magnesium supports and regulates a wide range of bodily functions: blood glucose control, regulation of blood pressure and blood vessel function which leads to the prevention of blood clots, bone health, and strength, energy production, muscle activity, nerve function, and protein synthesis. An adult body contains about 25 grams of Magnesium, nearly 60 percent which is in the bones, while 30 percent is found in protein (muscles). Chronic deficiency of Magnesium is associated with high blood pressure, all heart disorders, strokes, seizures, coma, asthma, chronic fatigue, and depression. In addition, medical studies suggest that Magnesium deficiency contributes to the aging process itself, and increases vulnerability to age-related diseases. Studies have shown that most American eat too much processed foods that contain little Magnesium. Magnesium can be taken orally, but absorption of the supplement form is not the best way. It is better to get Magnesium from organic foods: green leafy vegetables, fruits, nuts (almonds, walnuts, peanuts), pumpkin seeds, chia seeds, black beans, eggs, salmon, potatoes, and yogurt. It is also very important to avoid alcohol and foods high in refined sugar, salt, flour, and oils.

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9:30 a.m. (Blended)/11:00 a.m. (Contemporary)

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

TO:



Connect ~ Grow ~ Serve

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY



BEHOLD WHAT MANNER
OF LOVE THE FATHER
HAS BESTOWED ON US,
THAT WE SHOULD BE
CALLED CHILDREN OF
GOD! **1JOHN3:1NKJV**

Sunday, June 16, 2024