



The Grace Vine

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Pastor's Ponderings



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Dave and Bev Long sent me via email some stunning pictures of the wreck of the *Costa Concordia*, the Carnival Cruise ship that foundered off the coast of Italy after striking a reef. The captain reportedly set a course for the ship that would bring it close to the shore because the ship's headwaiter lived in the coastal town and he wanted to give him a thrill. It was also a tribute, reportedly, to a retired ship's captain who lived in the town. Whatever the reason,

it was a tragic miscalculation.

Several of the pictures Dave and Bev sent are at low tide which exposed the huge gash in the hull of the 1,000 foot long luxury cruise ship. Clearly visible is a boulder stuck in the gash. While the boulder is quite large, it is dwarfed by the size of the liner. In comparison to the size of the ship, it looks like a pebble, but its effect on the ship was anything but small. The sad reality is that at least 15 people are dead and this huge vessel, a monument to modern shipbuilding and design, equipped with the latest in navigational and safety aids, captained and maneuvered by highly skilled, well-trained people, was brought to ruin by a rock, something as profoundly primitive and simple as it is possible to imagine. The captain and crew placed their faith in the electronic instruments which were designed to warn of impending danger and in cartographers who, using similar modern equipment, produced the charts which mapped the shore and the ocean bottom.

Despite the horrific outcome and his actions during the catastrophe, the *Costa Concordia's* captain was trying to do a kind thing for a friend. He certainly did not intend to wreck his ship nor to kill and injure his passengers. But he took a risk – a calculated risk, perhaps, but a risk nonetheless. If I understand correctly, he deviated from the charted course.

Although none of us may ever captain a cruise ship and precious few may have the lives of others in our hands to the degree the captain did, there may be a cautionary tale in this for all of us seeking to lead lives of which God would approve out of love and gratitude to Him. As the reef which tore the bottom out of the *Costa Concordia* lay below the surface of the sea, invisible, but deadly, so there are dangers, some obvious, some hidden, in deviating from God's will.

God gave His people Israel – and through them to us – His Ten Commandments. Some have accused Him of being a spoilsport or a control freak, just wanting to assert His authority over mankind or spoil our fun. Far from it, God reveals to us His will for our lives – what we should do, what we should avoid doing – to keep us safe from the obvious dangers and hidden

reefs that await all of us who would choose to go our own way or plot our own course apart from His will.

I've been "blessed" throughout my life in being one of those people who could never get away with anything. Every time I tried to engage in some activity that was even slightly sinful, the boom would get lowered on me. It felt like a curse in my younger years. Now I know it was a blessing. It kept me off the reefs, so to speak, out of trouble. That has enabled me to have a wonderfully blessed life in other, much more important ways.

God has clearly marked the way to heaven through Jesus, the Way. Through faith in Him, we are granted safe passage into eternal life. Of course, when we wander off down one of the unmarked paths and get into trouble, God, for the sake of Jesus, forgives us and gently guides us back into the right way.

It pays to heed God's Word. It is never to our detriment; always to our good. Like a good nature guide, God knows where the reefs lie, where the chasms yawn, and where the safe paths are.

Blessings,
Pastor

(24 January 2012)

St. Valentine's Sacrifice

Every February 14, we celebrate the loved ones in our lives with cards, flowers and chocolate. But Valentine's Day has another meaning that's been lost.

First declared a holiday by King Henry VIII of England in 1537, it commemorates the beheading of St. Valentine on February 14, 270 A.D. His crime? Performing wedding ceremonies after Roman Emperor Claudius II had outlawed marriage.

Valentine was martyred for faithfully doing the work God had given him. Although it's good to celebrate love and marriage, let's also remember the courage of a man who gave his life following his convictions.

Anon. (February 2012). St. Valentine's Sacrifice. *Newsletter Newsletter*, 34 (2), 6



FROM THE ORGAN LOFT

Some months I struggle with trying to figure out what to share with the saints of Grace in our monthly newsletter that will be relevant to our spiritual journey together and still focus on some facet of the musical ministry in which I serve you and our Gracious God. This month, there was no doubt about the focus. One Sunday morning recently Sandy Burke came up to the piano and gave me an article titled “Birds Know: We Should Always Find Time to Sing” (Thank you, Sandy for the inspiration for this month). In addition to my love of music, I am also an avid bird lover, bird watcher, and bird listener. Every season of the year I enjoy whatever wonderful feathered creatures venture into my yard. I draw them with ample food and readily available

clean water for drinking and bathing. My yard offers many places for them to perch and hide. They reward me with their beautiful songs and their bright colors as they fly about my yard. They bring me daily joy and wonder as I ponder their colors and variety and thank God for the joy of our shared geography.

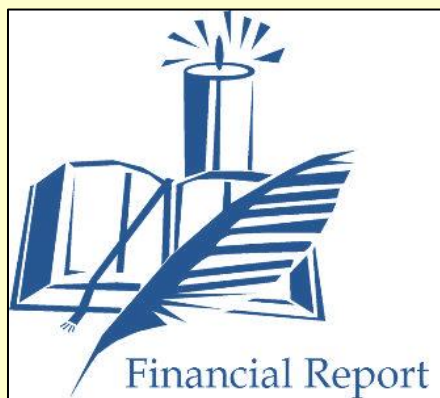
Why do birds sing? Scientists (Sandy's article listed a Dr. Radosta but didn't mention where Dr. Radosta is from or what his/her scientific specialty is) mention a variety of reasons such as attracting mates, warning other birds of danger, informing like species of available food (yep...I got that one covered), or if they are just happy and enjoying life. Dr. Radosta mentions that we humans might be missing out if we don't express ourselves in song as well. In older folks, research has shown that singing and the making of music can help relieve the symptoms of arthritis pain, sleep disorders, and dementia. This magical effect happens when our bodies respond to singing and the making of music with an increased release of a chemical called oxytocin, a hormone manufactured in our pituitary gland. One study discovered that a single voice lesson (yep...that's what happens every week during choir rehearsals) increased the feelings of well-being. Research even suggests that singing can boost immunity and help people suffering from lung problems.

One of the ringers in our Happy Clappers handchime group told me this month that she almost didn't come to rehearsal that Wednesday morning because she was feeling poorly. She decided to try anyway, and I told her that I thought she would be surprised at how much better she felt after she spent an hour making music. After rehearsal, I asked her how she was doing, and she was amazed at how great she felt! Music is certainly a grand and glorious gift from God (Martin Luther's words, not mine). Spending time with others singing and making music has a very positive effect on our health. This happens on Sunday mornings as well as we sing our hymns and spiritual songs together. It doesn't matter how wonderful (or not so wonderful) our voices are! When we sing together healthy things are happening in our bodies just by the actual singing of the words and the mechanics of breathing deeply and rhythmically together.

Birds know it and now so do you! Come to choir and experience the joy of making music together in service to our God! Learn to play our beautiful handbells or handchimes, or another instrument that has drawn your interest during your life. At the very least, sing with vigor and joy on Sunday mornings as we worship together. Don't let others do the singing for you! Lift up your voice in a joyful noise to our awesome God who gave us music, our miraculous bodies, and those beautiful birds to watch and enjoy. You will please him as you sing AND you might even feel better too!

Blessings to all,
 Sue Gamber
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(17 January 2012)



Grace Lutheran Church	
General Fund Financial Status	
December 31, 2011	
(Year End Final 2011)	
General Fund Total Giving	\$ 416,886
General Fund Total Spending	\$ 401,691
Surplus	\$ 15,195
Missionary Support	\$ 4,026
Seminary Support	\$ 4,309
(Missionary Support and Seminary Support represent funds remaining after all current payment have been made)	

Dick Reese

(16 January 2012)



Jesus' Disciples

Jesus started His earthly ministry with just 12 men and in three years taught them how to live with God and man. Numerous authors have tried to analyze the teaching techniques of Jesus. If there was ever a teacher who practiced what He taught, it was Jesus. Evangelism was lived before His disciples in spirit and technique. Can you imagine being a student in a class with “the perfect teacher?” He told interesting stories or parables and then explained them to His disciples. He did not ask anyone to do or be anything which first He had not demonstrated in His own life. He was the ultimate leader! His faith was deeper than the oceans.

More than 20 times the Gospels call attention to Jesus' regular practice of prayer. In Luke 11:1 we read that Jesus responded to the request of one of the disciples on how to pray by reciting the Lord's model prayer. He shared with His disciples the importance and use of the Holy Scriptures. There are at least 66 references to the Old Testament in Jesus' many dialogues with the disciples recorded in the four Gospels.

Luke 19:10 says, “Jesus came to save those that were lost.” This was Jesus' divine strategy. He was thus setting forth a strategy of evangelism for His Church---for all time. We are that Church today! The great commission of Christ given to us is summed up in Matt. 28:19, “to make disciples of everyone.” Jesus told His disciples the super human work they would be doing demanded supernatural help. Thus He breathed on them the power of the Holy Spirit. Up to that time, He had been their comforter, teacher and guide. Now, He assured them the Holy Spirit would be their new comforter, stand by their side, and take His place. Even St. Paul exhorted the Ephesians “to be filled with the Holy Spirit.” Thus Jesus trained His disciples to carry on His work after He would leave them.

Today, we are Jesus' disciples here on earth to continue to carry out this work and follow His teachings. We must do the things Jesus taught His 12 disciples to do, namely, read and study the Holy Scriptures, examine carefully the life of Jesus, pray without ceasing, ask the Holy Spirit to direct our lives' and finally seek out those who are lost. Think about it!

Bill King
Outreach

(17 January 2012)



I Love You

One of the best known days in February is Valentine's Day. Some people are tempted to call February 14th "Hallmark Holiday." Little wonder because in our country over 7,000,000,000 valentine cards are purchased each year. Most of these cards say "I love you" in one way or another. But what does "I love you" mean?

Some would say that "I love you" refers to being physically attracted to a person of the opposite sex. While it is true that physical attractiveness can draw people together we need to remember that physical attractiveness changes over time. Yes, it is an important kind of love, but it does not have the same lasting power as other forms of love.

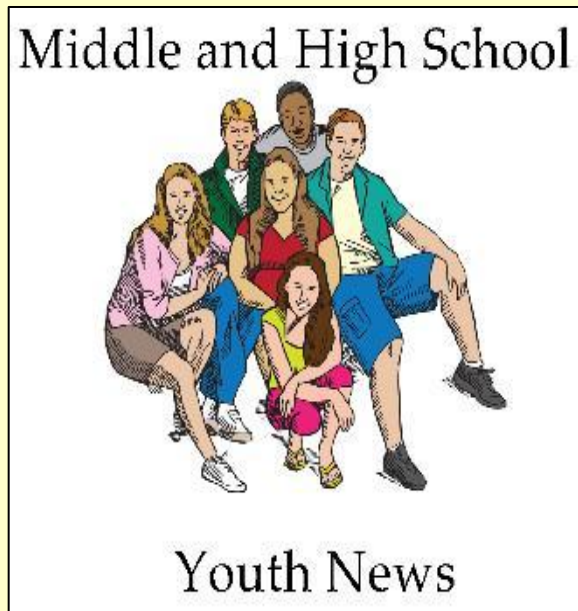
Others would say that "I love you" means you are my special friend. Good friends are sweet blessings in this life as we find things that we enjoy doing with certain people we like and with whom we have so much in common. A friendship kind of love is very special but, sadly, we know from experience that friends come and go.

There is a deeper understanding of what it means to say "I love you." The word that comes to mind for many Christians is "**agape**" which we call God's kind of love. It is unconditional and keeps reaching out to other people even when they may not return this kind of love. That is certainly true of God's love for us sinners. Even when we say and do sinful things God's love reaches out to us. As the Scriptures teach, "**while we were yet sinners Christ died for us.**" (Romans 5:8 NIV). Jesus Himself said in John 15:13 (NIV): "**Greater love has no one than that he lay down his life for his friends.**"

1 Corinthians 13:4-8a (NIV) describes agape love in this way: "**Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.**"

The Apostle John wrote in 1 John 3:1 (NIV): "**How great is the love the Father has lavished on us that we should be called the children of God! And that is what we are!**" Good and godly children imitate the positive characteristics of their good and godly parents. As the children of God through Jesus Christ we imitate the love of our Father in heaven. "**We love because He [God] first loved us.**" (1 John 4:19 NIV) What does our Father in heaven delight in doing? John 3:16 (NIV) says it so well: "**For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.**"

God delights in loving and giving. Empowered by the Holy Spirit we are God's children, God's disciples, God's stewards. There is no better witness to what it means to be a child of God than for us to use all of life and life's resources in a way that brings glory to God and blessings to those whose lives we touch. May our "I love you" always be God's kind of love, God's agape love.



Youth Group Meetings

The HSYG meeting will be February 5th at 9:30 and the MSYG meeting will be February 12th at 9:30 in the youth room. We'll have breakfast snacks, share a devotion, and plan our upcoming events. If you want input in youth activities, you should come and hang out with us!

February Youth Big Event---Bowling!!

What: Lunch and bowling for all youth 6th grade and up (and adults!)

When: Sunday, February 12th after 2nd service

Where: Subway Restaurant in Bermuda Square and The Bowling Alley in Colonial Heights

Cost: \$\$ needed for lunch and \$8 to bowl 2 games (includes bowling shoes)

Immediately following the 2nd service, meet in the narthex and we'll carpool to the Subway Restaurant in Bermuda Square for lunch. After lunch we'll bowl two games. If we have 20+ people, we'll save \$ on bowling. We'll call parents on the way back to church and they should be waiting in the church parking lot. Adults are needed to drive and are welcome to eat and bowl with us. Friends are welcome (as long as your adult is driving!) ☺

Grace Lutheran cares in "Souper" Bowl of Caring

Once again Grace youth will be collecting food and monetary donations on Super Bowl Sunday, February 5th for the CCHASM food pantry. Last year Grace Lutheran had the largest donation we'd ever had, both monetarily and in groceries. With the tough economy, there are more people in need of the CCHASM food pantry than in any recent time. Please help us support the food pantry in our "Souper Bowl of Caring" by either bringing food and placing it in the grocery cart or by making a monetary donation in the soup pots that the youth will be carrying on Super Bowl Sunday. We appreciate your support!

Pancake Supper

It's almost that time again----time for the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper hosted by the youth of Grace. The pancake supper will be on Tuesday, February 21st from 5-7:00. Cost is \$4.00 for adults and kids ages 10 and up; \$2.00 for kids ages 3-9; and kids 2 and under eat free! Our menu will be sausages, baked apples, juice, coffee and tea, and our world famous all-you-can-eat pancakes! Enjoy a family night out with wonderful service provided by the youth of Grace Lutheran. All profits will be used for church retreats and youth activities.



FEBRUARY/MARCH 2012
UPCOMING MIDDLE SCHOOL EVENTS

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| Feb 5 | “Souper Bowl of Caring” |
| Feb 12 | Middle School Meeting 9:30AM in Youth Room |
| Feb 12 | MS/HS Youth Big Event---Lunch & bowling |
| Feb 21 | Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 5-7PM |
| Mar 11 | Middle School Meeting 9:30AM in Youth Room |
| Mar 11 | Youth Bake Sale Fundraiser |
| Mar date TBD | MS/HS Youth Big Event |

FEBRUARY/MARCH 2012
UPCOMING HIGH SCHOOL EVENTS

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| Feb 5 | “Souper Bowl of Caring” |
| Feb 5 | High School Meeting 9:30AM in Youth Room |
| Feb 12 | MS/HS Youth Big Event---Lunch & bowling |
| Feb 21 | Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 5-7PM |
| Mar 4 | High School Meeting 9:30 AM in Youth Room |
| Mar 11 | Youth Bake Sale Fundraiser |
| Mar date TBD | MS/HS Youth Big Event |

Lisa Neal
Middle School & High School Youth Coordinator
Grace Lutheran Church
Chester, VA

(19 January 2012)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CARITAS

(Congregations Around Richmond Involved to Assure Shelter)

CARITAS began in the mid-1980's as a response to the growing need to provide emergency shelter to homeless adults during the cold winter months. Today, they have grown to a year-round, full-service program for both single adults and families. Without the church families they could not do this. We here at Grace want to help the CARITAS Shelter meet some of their peoples' needs. We have secured a date (September 8-15) to host families. There will be approximately 28 people. We will need many people from Grace to help with meals, laundry, transporting to the YMCA for showers, etc. We will have sign-up sheets in the coming months for all of you who can help.

Jean Hudgins--768-9040

Joan Philipkosky--536-571

(23 January 2012)

GENERAL INTEREST ARTICLES

Meet Your Church Family



Meet the Dubisar family, Bruce, Peggy and their son George. They are originally from South Dakota. Bruce graduated from the University of South Dakota and works for the Department of Defense in the Commissary Agency. His position at Fort Lee is what brought the family to our area. Bruce enjoys golfing and hunting in his spare time. Peggy attended Bethany Lutheran College in Mankato, MN, Rochester Community College in Rochester, MN, and Old Dominion University in Norfolk, VA. She now works as a nurse at John Randolph Hospital in Hopewell, VA in the Critical Care and Cath Lab Departments. Peggy teaches our Children's Sunday School Program and has worked with Vacation Bible School in the past. In her spare time, Peggy loves to cook and read books. George is a sophomore at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University where he is studying Electrical Engineering. The Family has been attending Grace Lutheran Church since 1997. Peggy stated that she actually found us in the Yellow Pages. Be sure to say "Hello" to the Dubisar family the next time you see them at church. We are so blessed to have the Dubisar family worship with us and we give thanks for all they are and do at Grace.

Submitted by their Deacon, Chris Gattis

(7 January 2012)

Open Letter to the Congregation

The letter on this and the following page was sent by Vicar Pahl to the Congregation of Grace Lutheran Church. The original letter may be viewed in the Grace Lutheran Church Office during normal business hours.

Submitted by Pastor Finck

(21 January 2012)

January 17, 2012

Grace Lutheran Church
13028 Harrowgate Road
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Dear Ladies and Gentlemen of Grace Lutheran Church,

SUBJECT: CONGREGATIONAL SUPPORT LETTER

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ, whose birth into the flesh made it possible for God to be revealed to us!

I first would like to apologize – yet again – for not sending this update sooner. If there is one thing that I have already learned while on vicarage, it is that the life of a pastor is a very busy and exciting one! It was my intention to send out a Christmas update and card (that you all would have actually received before Christmas), but that just didn't happen. Oh how I could tell you about time management, and my need to continue to work on becoming more efficient!

Jennifer and I did hope and pray that you all had a good Christmas, full of joy and hope, which is found only in Jesus Christ. For us, and I'm sure you all were no different, were just swamped during the weeks leading up to Christmas. All the hustle and bustle with family, friends, and parties were overwhelming. In fact I personally feel that we all need a couple of days off following Christmas to recover. A time to reflect on what just happened as we busily moved right from Advent, to Christmas Eve, to Christmas Day. In fact you might be surprised to learn, but historically in Europe, as in Luther's time and following, all commerce didn't just stop for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, but for several days afterwards. And life didn't just *snap* back into full swing, but actually started to return to normal slowly. Only the critical trades and functions would start back to work first, while the remaining industries started to come back online over the next several days. Now fast forward several hundred years across the *pond* of the North Atlantic to us. How do we reflect back on Jesus' birth? Well if you were like me, work called back quickly, so I got right back into the swing of things two days after Christmas. But maybe my time could have been better spent with family; a time spent recovering from the busiest Advent and Christmas season I've ever had in my life. Perhaps my time could've been better spent reflecting back on Jesus for just a little more while. That is of course not what our society wants, we Americans want *productivity*, we want it *now* and we want it *cheap*!

However, the birth, life, death, and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ tells us something different! Don't be conformed to this world, don't be rushed by a temporal world that will not endure the end of days, but be still, and be patient while we live out our lives waiting on the return of that little baby we just celebrated. That little baby who seemed so innocent, who was the only truly innocent baby of all history grew up and lived a life, a life that was destined to become God's perfect, blameless Passover Lamb. This little baby we celebrate is the very man whose life was lived, whose life was lost, so that we may live with Him for eternity!

So as I look back to the hustle and bustle of my Advent and Christmas Seasons, I'm reminded of a scene that was nothing like that; I'm reminded of the scene of our Lord's birth where time seemed to stand still, and the world around Him had no idea of what had just taken place. Our Lord broke into this world in a peculiar place, a place where no one would have possibly expected Him. And He came to accomplish a task that no one expected too, but thanks be to God He completed that task even as He hung on that cursed tree and said, "It is finished!" Let this be our meditation as we move further into the Seasons of Epiphany and Lent. Let this be our constant meditation, one that always returns our thoughts to the foot of the Cross!

We as a family continue to do well. Vicarage has been busy, but exciting for us all. Jennifer has yet to find a job as a nurse (RN) down here as even the medical field has been rocked by the recession. However, Jennifer and Julia continue to do well. Julia is just over 9 months old now and is able to crawl, stand herself up, and walk as long as she has something to steady her. She is very close to being able to walk, and everyone at church says that will be when the fun *really* begins. We did have a little scare before Christmas though. Julia had a small ridge line running from between her eyes to the soft spot on her head. This could have been nothing or a fairly major skull structure problem so we took her to the pediatrician. Unfortunately the pediatrician was unable to rule out this condition, so she referred us to a pediatric neurosurgeon. This of course caused Jennifer and I some anxiety (to say the least), but just a couple of days before Christmas, we saw the surgeon and received the best Christmas present we've ever gotten before! Julia is fine, and her raised ridge line on her skull should go away on its own, but if not, they can do a minor surgery to correct it later on. Thanks be to God, this was a great Christmas! Thanks for your prayers!

Jennifer and I cannot say enough thanks for everything that Grace has done for us! We received Grace's financial assistance for the 2011-2012 academic year just before Christmas. And without being sensational, this support from Grace was sorely needed, and helped to get us through a difficult situation. God certainly works in mysterious ways, and we know that He will take care of our needs, and so I'm sure the Lord was working through Grace to make our continued education possible! For that we are very thankful! Have a blessed Epiphany, Lent, and Easter Seasons!

εν Χριστῷ (In Christ),

Justin Pahl
Vicar, Eternal Shepherd Lutheran Church

February 2012 Schedule of Servers

February 5, 2012		February 12, 2012		February 19, 2012		February 26, 2012	
Deacon		Deacon		Deacon		Deacon	
Pete Burke Barbara Pohlig		Pete Burke Barbara Pohlig		Pete Burke Barbara Pohlig		Pete Burke Barbara Pohlig	
Assisting Minister		Assisting Minister		Assisting Minister		Assisting Minister	
Joy Phillips	0815	Pete Adler	0815	Jake Jacobs	0815	Greg Hite	0815
Greg Gross	1045	Dick Reese	1045	Kevin Buchter	1045	Don Smith	1045
Toller		Toller		Toller		Toller	
Lisa Nowland	0815	Abigail Phillips	0815	Joy Phillips	0815	JoyLynn Volkman	0815
Reese Manning	1045	Sandra Marr	1045	Marge McCallister	1045	Kelsey Dowling	1045
Server		Server		Server		Server	
John Philipkosky	0815	Bob Merrill	1045	Jeanett Gattis	0815	Jennifer Wayne	1045
Cantor		Cantor		Cantor		Cantor	
Tom Lucas	1045	Russ Zimmerman		Pastor Finck	1045	Don Smith	1045
Acolyte/Crucifer		Acolyte/Crucifer		Acolyte/Crucifer		Acolyte/Crucifer	
Delaney Thornton	0815	Lindsay Nowland	0815	Destiny Volkman	0815	JoyLynn Volkman	0815
Zach Thornton		Josh Nowland		Macauley Thornton		Theresa Volkman	
Heath Gross	1045	Colin Neal	1045	Kelsey Dowling	1045	Rachel Wilson	1045
Hannah Gross		Barrett Fleming		Gabrielle Fleming		Laikin Severson	
Lectors		Lectors		Lectors		Lectors	
Sue Gamber	0815	Ruth Bowling	0815	Chris Gattis	0815	Jake Jacobs	0815
Janet Arnold		Christina Dhir		Jeanett Gattis		Jill Laprad	
Kevin Buchter	1045	Lisa Neal	1045	Dick Reese	1045	Maggie Smith	1045
Peggy Gordon		Stephen Neal		Marti Dorn		Don Smith	
Ushers		Ushers		Ushers		Ushers	
Ruth Bowling	0815	Robin Nasi	0815	Fred Townsend	0815	Jake Jacobs	0815
Peggy Gordon		Russ Zimmerman		Ed Ward		Debbie Jacobs	
Peter Schoultis		Joe Manna		Pete Burke		Thom Hagen	
Russ Zimmerman		Larry Grimes		Dave Long		Bill King	
Forest Sloan	1045	Bob Phelps	1045	Helen Bellflower	1045	John Petik	1045
Jennifer Wayne		Conny Erbes		Robert Beck		Carl Deffner	
Kevin Buchter		Rick Baker		Scott Osmundson		Stephen Neal	
Sarah Buchter		Barry Richards		Ron Mabry		Corey Neal	
Nursery		Nursery		Nursery		Nursery	
Lisa Scott	0815	Kelly Heidorn	0815	Susan Nicol	0815	Kelly Heidorn	0815
Kathleen Wilson	1045	Kelly Heidorn	1045	Cris Fischer	1045	Kelly Heidorn	1045
Hosts		Hosts		Hosts		Hosts	
Joe and Diane Manna	0815	Ed & Nancy Wanzong and Bonnie Finck	0815	Chuck and Paula Barnes and Janet Arnold	0815	Christina Dhir and Bill and Evelyn Collie	0815
Bob and Jean Dunn	1045	Maggie Smith and Louise Dunton	1045	Jack and Terry Eng	1045	Connie and Ann Erbes	1045
Counters		Counters		Counters		Counters	
Millye Wooldridge Fred Weber		Sandra Marr Lisa Scott		Stacey Wright John Philipkosky		Felia Ayala Forest Sloan	

FEBRUARY 2012

(as of 20 January 2012)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 10:00a Bible Class 11:00a Happy Clappers	2 10:00a Tai Chi 11:30a-3:00p Bridge Club 6:00p Joyful Noise 7:00p Adult Choir 7:00p Confirmation	3 7:00a Men's Breakfast Bible Class	4
5 8:15a Worship * 09:30a HSYG / "Souper" Bowl 10:45a Worship	6 6:30-8:30p Tai Chi (FH)	7 11:30a Bridge Club 7:00p Deacon Meeting	8 10:00a Bible Class 11:00a Happy Clappers	9 9:30a Circuit 10:00a Tai Chi 11:30a-3:00p Bridge Club 6:00p Joyful Noise 7:00p Adult Choir 7:00p Confirmation	10	11
12 8:15a Worship 9:30a MSYG 10:45a Worship + 12:30p 1 st Communion Instruction	13 6:30-8:30p Tai Chi (FH)	14 11:30a Bridge Club 7:00p Church Council	15 10:00a Bible Class 11:00a Happy Clappers	16 10:00a Tai Chi 11:30a-3:00p Bridge Club 6:00p Joyful Noise 7:00p Adult Choir 7:00p Confirmation	27 7:00a Men's Breakfast Bible Class	18
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* : Communion First Service + : Communion Second Service						

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 Phone: 748-6058
 Pastor: Rev. Richard Finck
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 Secretary: Mette Shultz
 Music Ministry: Sue Gamber
 Youth Ministry: Lisa Neal
 Worship: Sunday 8:15am and 10:45am
 5th Sunday: One worship at 10AM
 Followed by a potluck
 Sunday School (all ages) 9:30am

The Grace Vine articles are due to the editor NO LATER than the 20th of each month. Articles written in text, MSWord, or MSPublisher can be emailed to glcoffice@verizon.net. Hard copy should be given to the church secretary by the Sunday before the 20th.

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