

Third Sunday of Easter May 8, 2011

Life Observance Sunday



*"Speak up for those who cannot
speak for themselves..."*

Proverbs 31:8



*From the fullness of his GRACE we have all received one blessing after another.
John 1:16*

PRESERVICE MUSIC

7:45 AM

O Perfect Love
Music: Joseph Barnby

10:00 AM

Your Little Ones, Dear Lord
Setting by G. Winston Cassler

WELCOME

HYMN

Son of God, Eternal Savior
Christian Worship #492

STAND

INVOCATION

- M:** In the name of the Father,
C: **Who has made us and all people;**
M: And of the Son,
C: **Who lived and died that all people might live;**
M: And of the Holy Spirit,
C: **Who has given us a second birth. Amen.**

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

- M:** Brothers and sisters in Christ, we are not worthy to be in the presence of this holy God. But He has promised that if we confess our sins, He will purify us from all unrighteousness. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him.
- C:** **We confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We confess that so often we think, speak, and behave as if Your abiding presence makes no difference in our lives. Instead of allowing You to be exalted in all things, we seek to exalt ourselves. We fail to trust that You are present and at work in all our circumstances. Do not cast us from Your presence, Lord. Forgive us, and restore to us the joy of Your salvation.**
- M:** Be of good cheer! God holds the cross of His Son before your eyes and assures you that your sins have been paid through His atoning sacrifice. Therefore, as a called servant of the Word, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Having received the forgiveness of sins, we can now enter with joy into the presence of God, and we can be assured of that presence in all the circumstances of our lives. There is nothing to fear!

RESPONSIVE READING—Psalm 27

- M:** The LORD is my light and my salvation—
C: **Whom shall I fear?**
M: The LORD is the stronghold of my life—
C: **Of whom shall I be afraid?**
M: When evil men advance against me to devour my flesh,
C: **When my enemies and my foes attack me, they will stumble and fall.**
M: Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear;
C: **Though war break out against me, even then will I be confident.**
M: One thing I ask of the LORD, this is what I seek:

C: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek Him in His temple.

M: For in the day of trouble He will keep me safe in His dwelling;

C: He will hide me in the shelter of His tabernacle and set me high upon a rock.

M: Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me;

C: At His tabernacle will I sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the LORD.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

BE SEATED

FIRST LESSON

Love for Family

Ruth 1:3-18

Now Elimelech, Naomi's husband, died, and she was left with her two sons. They married Moabite women, one named Orpah and the other Ruth. After they had lived there about ten years, both Mahlon and Kilion also died, and Naomi was left without her two sons and her husband. When she heard in Moab that the LORD had come to the aid of his people by providing food for them, Naomi and her daughters-in-law prepared to return home from there. With her two daughters-in-law she left the place where she had been living and set out on the road that would take them back to the land of Judah. Then Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back, each of you, to your mother's home. May the LORD show kindness to you, as you have shown to your dead and to me. May the LORD grant that each of you will find rest in the home of another husband." Then she kissed them and they wept aloud and said to her, "We will go back with you to your people." But Naomi said, "Return home, my daughters. Why would you come with me? Am I going to have any

more sons, who could become your husbands? Return home, my daughters; I am too old to have another husband. Even if I thought there was still hope for me—even if I had a husband tonight and then gave birth to sons—would you wait until they grew up? Would you remain unmarried for them? No, my daughters. It is more bitter for me than for you, because the LORD's hand has gone out against me!" At this they wept again. Then Orpah kissed her mother-in-law good-bye, but Ruth clung to her. "Look," said Naomi, "your sister-in-law is going back to her people and her gods. Go back with her." But Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the LORD deal with me, be it ever so severely, if anything but death separates you and me." When Naomi realized that Ruth was determined to go with her, she stopped urging her.

SECOND LESSON

Love for Others

Galatians 6:1-10

Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently. But watch yourself, or you also may be tempted. Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. If anyone thinks he is something when he is nothing, he deceives himself. Each one should test his own actions. Then he can take pride in himself, without comparing himself to somebody else, for each one should carry his own load. Anyone who receives instruction in the word must share all

good things with his instructor. Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

HYMN

For Christian Homes O Lord We Pray
Christian Worship #500

STAND

GOSPEL

Love for God

Matthew 22:35-40

One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all

your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

BE SEATED

HYMN

Borning Cry
Let All the People Praise You #34



1. & 7. I was there to hear your born - ing cry; I'll be there when you are
3. When you heard the won - der of the Word, I was there to cheer you
5. In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, Not too old, no long - er



old. I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized, To see your life un -
on; You were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, To whom you now be -
young, I'll be there to guide you through the night, Com - plete what I've be -



fold. 2. I was there when you were but a child, With a
long. 4. If you find some - one to share your time And you
gun. 6. When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in And you



faith to suit you well; In a blaze of light you wan - dered off To
join your hearts as one, I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme From
shut your wea - ry eyes, I'll be there as I have al - ways been With



find where de - mons dwell.
dusk to ris - ing sun.
just one more sur - - - prise.

SERMON

“Things My Mother Taught Me” Proverbs 31:8-9

“Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute.
Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy.”

STAND

APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

BE SEATED

OFFERING *Members of Grace respond to their Savior’s love with offerings that are given joyfully, generously, regularly, and in a way that is proportionate to how the Lord has blessed them. Their cheerful gifts support the mission and ministry of our congregation. If you are a guest today, please know that we do not expect you to contribute to our congregation’s work. However, if you would like to give an offering to the Lord in response to his love to you, we are happy to receive it and put it to work in God’s kingdom.*

Please fill out the Friendship Register located in the red folder at the end of the pew and pass along. Thank You!

OFFERTORY MUSIC

7:45 AM

We Give Thee But Thine Own

Music: Mason & Webb’s Cantica Laudis, 1850

10:00 AM

Children of the Heavenly Father

By Leopold F. Schneider, Jr.

STAND

MOTHER’S DAY PRAYER

M: Most Gracious Heavenly Father,

We thank You for our mothers to whom you have entrusted the care of every precious human life from its very beginning in the womb.

You have given to women the capacity of participating with you in the creation of new life. Grant that every woman may come to understand the full meaning of that blessing, and give her a rich measure of selfless love for every child she may be privileged to bear and for all your children.

Watch over every mother who is with child, strengthen her faith in your fatherly care and love for her and for her unborn baby. Give her courage in times of fear or pain, understanding in times of uncertainty and doubt, and hope in times of trouble. Grant her joy in the birth of her child.

To mothers you have given the great privilege and responsibility of being a child's first teacher and spiritual guide. Grant that all mothers may worthily foster the faith of their children. Help mothers to grow daily in knowledge and understanding of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and grant them the wisdom to impart this knowledge faithfully to their children, and to all who depend upon them.

Assist all "spiritual mothers," those who, though they may have no children of their own, nevertheless selflessly care for the children of others -- of every age and stage in life. Grant that they may know the joy of fulfilling this motherly calling of women, whether in teaching, nursing, religious life, or in other work which recognizes and fosters the true dignity of every human being.

We beseech you to send your Holy Spirit, the Comforter, to all mothers who sorrow for children that have died, are ill or estranged from their families, or who are in trouble or danger of any kind. Help grieving mothers to rely on your tender mercy and fatherly love for all your children.

We ask your blessing on all those to whom you have entrusted motherhood. May your Holy Spirit constantly inspire and strengthen them. May all mothers receive your blessings abundantly in this earthly life, and may they look forward to eternal joy in your presence in the life to come.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: We ask this through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING (7:45 AM)

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

C: Amen.

BE SEATED

VOCAL ENSEMBLE (10:00 AM)

Go, My Children, with My Blessing
Christian Worship #332

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN

Oh, Blest the House, Whate'er Befall
Christian Worship #506

POSTLUDE

7:45 AM

Blest Be the Tie that Binds
Christian Worship #494

10:00 AM

Awake, My Heart, with Gladness
By John Eggert

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Worship Leader Pastor Sam Clemons
Preacher Pastor Robert Fleischmann
Accompanist Gloria Gerds & Amanda Schulz (7:45 AM)
Teri Guenther (10:00 AM)
Vocal Trio Dylan Guenther, Teri Guenther, Diane Kramm (10:00 AM)
Harmonica Dylan Guenther (10:00 AM)
Ushers Vic Thornton, Vernon Neal (7:45 AM)
Jon Dongoske, Joe Dyjak, Nathanael Dyjak, Rick Street (10:00 AM)
Sound & Recording Tech Jeff Weinstein

In Need of Tin Cans & Tennis Balls for Vacation Bible School!

Vacation Bible School is in need of 30 tin cans and 30 tennis balls for one of the craft projects during VBS week. The tin cans must be 8-12 ounces, cleaned, and without labels or lids. The tennis balls can be new or used, doesn't matter what shape they are in, as long as they were not dog toys! You may drop them off in the church office or give them to Sandy Weir (795-0062) or Nadine Rentschler (299-3974). **The deadline for donating is May 29.**

Financial Peace University Starting Soon

For practical advice and training in money management, check out Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University. This Bible-based course offers much encouragement to Christians striving to practice good stewardship of their finances. Grace will again be hosting the 13-week video-based course beginning Monday, May 23 at 6:30 PM. You may attend the first lesson for free to check it out. To attend the rest of the classes, a lifetime FPU membership is \$100. Pastor Nathan Kassulke is facilitating this class. You may register online (information is on the Grace website at www.GraceTucsonWELS.com/FPU) or by calling the church office. Childcare is provided on request.

Work Day

Grace will be having another Work Day this Saturday, May 14 starting at 7:00 AM. Work will continue on the awning and rain gutters in the courtyard. Questions? Call Dave Breitkreitz at 298-9758.



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To Aid You in Worship...

- LARGE PRINT BULLETINS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX. ASK A GREETER OR USHER FOR A COPY.
- *For those with young children:* A private Mother's Room is located across the courtyard in the Ladies' Restroom. Parents of young children may also use the Child Care Room in the basement at any time to quiet and care for them (the service can be heard in both locations).
- Sermon copies & service CDs are available in the narthex.

Welcome to Grace!

Our mission at Grace is to teach the inspired and inerrant Word of God, to proclaim that Jesus Christ is the crucified and risen Savior of the world and to nurture believers for lives of Christian service.

Altar flowers have been given by Robert Chappell in memory of his mother, Bernice Chappell.

Thank You

A special thank you to our guest preacher, Pastor Robert Fleischmann, for sharing God's message with us today.

Read Ahead for Next Sunday:

1 Samuel 17:34-37
Hebrews 13:20, 21
John 10:1-10

Next Sun. Sermon Text & Theme:

John 10:1-10
Sheep of the Good Shepherd

You Are Invited

You are invited to a coffee fellowship following 10:00 AM worship today hosted by the Millers and Guenthers. Please join us in the courtyard.

Pastor Appreciation Sunday, May 22!

Sunday, May 22 is Pastor Appreciation Sunday here at Grace. Plan to join us as we thank God for the service of Pastor Koehler, Pastor Kassulke, and Pastor Clemons with a special brunch after the 10:00 AM worship service that day.

The special menu will consist of "breakfast in a pan" (bread/eggs/cheese sausage or ham, baked French toast, or Quiche) with a cup of fruit. Danish and bagels will be provided for those who cannot eat the pan breakfasts. There will also be coffee, orange juice, and milk available. There are sign-up sheets in the Fellowship Hall on the bulletin board if you'd like to bring food, help serve the meal, or clean up. Those who sign up for the pan breakfast are asked to bring them already baked in a 9 x 13 dish to be kept warm in the ovens.

Guest Speaker Today!

Pastor Robert Fleischmann, the National Director of Christian Life Resources, is our guest preacher today. He will also be our presenter during the Bible Study time from 9:00-9:45 AM in the Fellowship Hall where he will review the differences between Christian and World approaches to life issues and look at foundational principles in making decisions.

Christian Fellowship Group

Please join your Christian friends for a fellowship meal at Cody's Beef 'N Beans (2708 E. Ft. Lowell Rd) Saturday, May 21 at noon. There will be a discussion about next year's meetings, so bring any ideas you may have. Hope to see you there! *The Christian Fellowship Group provides people 55 and older with an opportunity to enjoy the company of others on a very informal basis.*

Don't forget to stop by the Scrip table in the courtyard!

Today **LIFE OBSERVANCE SUNDAY**

- Worship Services7:45 & 10:00a
- Children's Sunday School8:45a
- Youth Confirmation Class8:45a
- Adult Bible Class:
 - *Pastor Fleischmann: "Basic Life Principles"*9:00a
- Lifeliners (High School Group): *Bible Study*9:00a
- Coffee Fellowship Following 10 AM Worship
- WELS Tucson Campus Ministry: *Finals Cookout!* 6:00p

Monday

- English as a Second Language Classes.....6:30p

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- Worship Choir5:30p
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Wednesday

- Midweek Bible Class: *Church History*10:00a
- Midweek Bible Class: *Church History*6:45p

Thursday

- Women's Bible Class9:00a

Saturday

- Work Day at Grace**..... 7:00a

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- Financial Peace University Free Preview**..... 11:15a

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Graduation Open House

The congregation is invited to an Open House hosted by the Lipkes on Saturday, May 28, from 1:00-6:00 PM to celebrate Travis Lipke's high school graduation. Address: 7531 N. Rasmussen Ave, Phone: 742-0211.

Women of Grace Night Out!

Mark your calendar for the **Women of Grace Night Out** at 6:00 PM on Monday, May 23. This year's event will be at **Mimi's Cafe** at 4420 North Oracle Road, near the Tucson Mall. Their food is great and we will have a private room! RSVP by May 22 to Debbie Koehler 293-5617 or Teri Guenther 235-1177. If you plan to attend, there is Scrip available for the restaurant. Be sure to join us for an evening of Christian friendship. You don't want to miss this enjoyable event!

Vacation Bible School

Blast off with us on an exciting journey into space and into God's Word! Along the way, we'll learn a bit about the universe God created and about God himself. Each day devotions, songs, and crafts reinforce the lessons. So, gather up your children, nieces, nephews and friends in the neighborhood and bring them to Grace for galactic fun! VBS is June 6-10, 9:00-11:30 AM. More information and registration forms are available online (www.GraceTucsonWELS.com) or in the Grace Fellowship Hall.

If you would like to volunteer to assist with VBS, please speak to our coordinator, Cindy Breitreitz (298-9758) or to Pastor Kassulke. Donations for Vacation Bible School are also appreciated.

Church Picnic

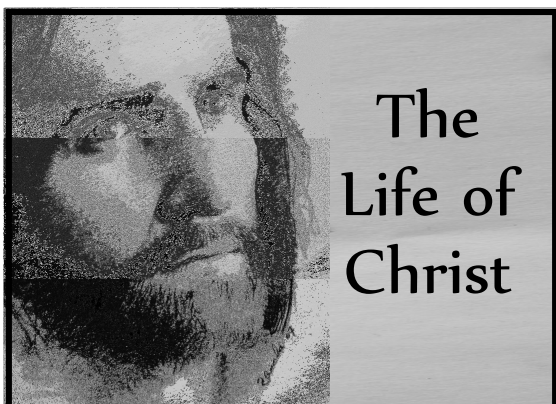
Please plan to join us on Sunday, June 12 after the 10:00 AM worship service for our annual Church Picnic. The June 12 worship service will also serve as our VBS closing service. Members of Grace are asked to bring a side dish and a dessert to share along with our grilled hot dogs and hamburgers. Volunteer help is also needed. Please speak to Eric Hanson (269-7602) if you have any questions or suggestions.

100th Anniversary Cookbooks Available

Celebrate our 100th anniversary with a new Grace cookbook! Cookbooks will be available in the courtyard after the 7:45 AM and 10:00 AM services today. Suggested donation for the books is \$10.

Interested in travelling to Greece and Rome?

Please speak to one of the pastors if you have an interest in travelling in the Footsteps of the Apostle Paul with them next May-June.



The Life of Christ

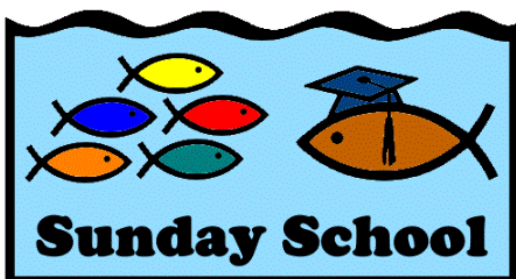
Over 100 adults are regularly attending our Sunday Bible study on *The Life of Christ*. We're making room for you too. You are invited to join Pastor Koehler on Sundays between the services from 9:00-9:45 AM in the Fellowship Hall. We're really just getting started on this study, so please jump in!

If Bible Study is new for you, don't worry. You won't be asked to read or answer any questions unless you volunteer.

High School students join for Bible Study on Sundays from 9:00-9:45 AM also. They meet in the church basement and are led by Jake Kassulke. They study topics relevant to their lives and also plan service projects and fun events. Guests and friends are absolutely welcome!

LIFELINERS

High School Youth Group

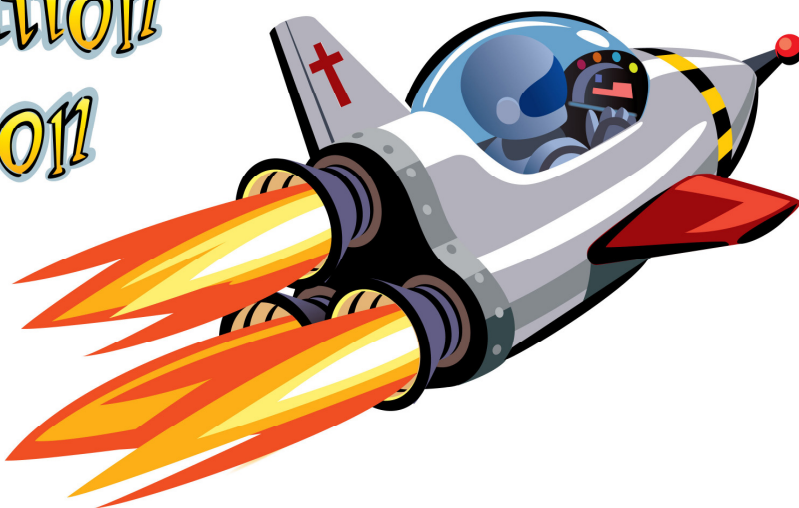


Grace has excellent Sunday School teachers and a safe environment for children Pre-K through 6th grade. They meet in the Education Building to the South of the Courtyard on Sunday mornings from 8:45-9:45 AM. Devotion, singing, and Bible lessons geared for each grade level are provided each week. Every child ought to have this blessing!

Over 160 adults, teens, and children regularly participate in Bible Study on Sunday Mornings. Maybe you and your kids should give this a try too!

Blast Off on a Vacation Bible School Adventure!

Space Station Salvation



June 6-10 • 9 AM - 11:30 AM • Age 3 - Grade 8
Visit www.GraceTucsonWELS.com for more information.

Friends & Family Sunday is Coming!

Sunday, June 12, in addition to being the closing service for Vacation Bible School, will be our first Friends & Family Sunday. This is a great opportunity for you to invite an unchurched friend or family member—it is the Festival of Pentecost, the VBS children will sing in the 10 AM service, and the Church Picnic will be held right after the late service. Start thinking now about whom you will invite. We would love to get to know them. Perhaps Grace is the church they've been looking for!

Thank You

Thank you to Pastor and Mary Clemons, who opened their home, and to others who helped serve the St. Marcus children who were on their *Discover America* trip this past week. Your donations of time, money, and use of our church were very much appreciated and helpful. It is a blessing when God's people have the opportunity to "practice hospitality" as God encourages us in Romans 12:13.

Redeemer Graduation

Three boys from Grace comprise this year's 8th grade class at Redeemer Lutheran School. Danny Koehler, Christian Watson, and Josiah Weinstein will graduate in a service at Redeemer on Thursday, May 26 at 7:00 PM. Pastor Koehler will be preaching and you are invited to attend.

Vail Mission

We have been informed that Grace is one of four new missions approved and receiving funding for 2011-2012. We thank the Lord of the Church for his blessing and for our partnership in the WELS. NEXT STEPS: 1) May 19th Seminary Call Day (8 AM Tucson time)—pastor assigned to serve Grace-Vail; 2) May 31-June 1 meetings with Pastor Peter Kruschel, our WELS Mission Counselor; 3) Installation of our new pastor. Please pray for the Lord's blessing as we continue to prepare for ministry in Vail.

Our Outreach Elder, Jeff Weinstein, and Pastor Koehler will be travelling to Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon, WI to attend the Call Day Service on May 19. They may also be able to attend the end of the year Seminary Concert that evening and Graduation the next morning. They intend to meet with the new pastor while there and provide him with information about Grace-Vail.

Call Day at Grace

Join us at 8:00 AM on Thursday, May 19, to watch the live video streaming of the Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Call Day Service. We'll meet in the Fellowship Hall. Be among the first to hear when we learn who is assigned to be our new pastor for our Grace-Vail outreach project! If you can't join us at church, you can still watch the service at www.WELS.net/streams.

WELS Tucson Campus Ministry Cookout

WELS TCM is holding its final event of the school year this Sunday, May 8, at 6:00 PM. College students and anyone of approximately college age are invited to join us for our "Finals Stress Relief Cookout." We'll have plenty of food and some outdoor games. **High school seniors: please join us as our special guests for this event!**

ALA Day at the D'Backs Game

The Arizona Lutheran Academy's A Cappella choir is singing the National Anthem at the Diamondback game Sunday, June 5. \$10 tickets for the game are available from ALA. For more information see the flyer posted in the courtyard display case.

