Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost



"Do you bring in a lamp to put it under a bowl or a bed? Instead, don't you put it on its stand?"

Grace Lutheran Church August 18, 2013





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.

We are very pleased that you have joined us for worship today at Grace-University! We pray that this time will be a blessing for you as God comes to you with his Word and promises and as you offer him your thanks and praise.

Worship Notes

The **order of service** we follow is printed out in this worship folder. You'll notice that the service is a dialogue between God and us, his people. The pastor speaks to God along with the congregation and also speaks the Word of God to the people.

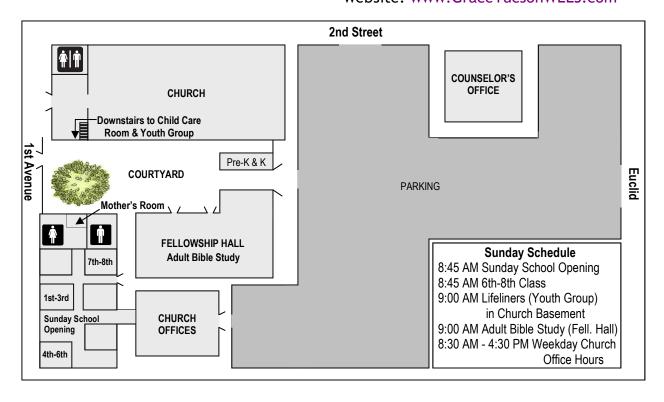
Hymns are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

Large print hymn sheets are available in the entryway. You may also ask an usher or greeter to get one for you.

We believe that many blessings come from having families worship together and we love to have **children in worship!** If you need to calm a restless child, you may:

- stand for a few moments in the entryway, sometimes that's all that's needed
- go down the stairs to the left in the entryway—they will lead down to the Child Care Room where you will still be able to hear the service
- visit the private Mother's Room across the courtyard in the women's restroom—you will be able to hear the service there also

Printed copies of the sermon are available in the entryway. CDs of the entire worship service will be made upon request from the sound technician in the balcony. It only takes a few minutes to copy. You may also find sermons and services in print, audio and video on our website: www.GraceTucsonWELS.com



SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

Christian Worship

PRESERVICE MUSIC:

Christ is the World's Light Arr. by Koiné

WELCOME

HYMN

Lord, Speak to Us that We May Speak
Christian Worship #561

Please stand

Minister: The grace of our Lord (†) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the

fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

- M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.
- C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me a sinner.
- M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

LORD, HAVE MERCY Kyrie

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



Kyrie—We sing our penitential confession to our Triune God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit, asking for his mercy. The name Kyrie is shortened from the Greek Kyrie Eleison, which means "Lord have mercy."

We come before the true God only because of his mercy and not because we deserve to come. We confess our unworthiness and rejoice to hear the assurance of forgiveness.

M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care.



M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.





PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, in giving us dominion over things on earth, you made us fellow workers in your creation. Give us wisdom and reverence to use the resources of nature, so that no one may suffer from our abuse of them, and that generations yet to come may continue to praise you for your bounty; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.



Please be seated

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON Psalm 67 (NIV)

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine upon us, that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations. May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you. May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples justly and guide the nations of the earth. May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you. Then the land will yield its harvest, and God, our God, will bless us. God will bless us, and all the ends of the earth will fear him. The First Lesson is frequently a reading from the Old Testament. It shares a common theme with the Second Lesson (often from one of the epistles) and the Gospel.

SECOND LESSON

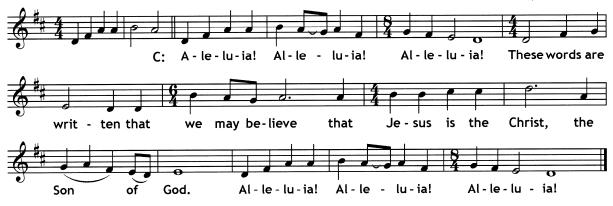
Though I am free and belong to no man, I make myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law.

1 Corinthians 9:19-22 (NIV)

To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law. To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some.

The Verse of the Day
is a familiar or
significant
Scripture text
framed with
alleluias.

VERSE OF THE DAY



Please stand

The congregation stands out of respect for the words of Christ our King.

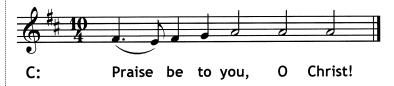
GOSPEL

He said to them, "Do you bring in a lamp to put it under a bowl or a bed? Instead, don't you put it on its stand? For whatever is hidden is meant to be disclosed, and whatever is concealed is meant to be brought out into the open. If anyone has ears to hear, let

Mark 4:21-25 (NIV)

him hear. Consider carefully what you hear," he continued. "With the measure you use, it will be measured to you—and even more. Whoever has will be given more; whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him."

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

O Christians, Haste Christian Worship #570

SERMON

Mark 4:21-25 Let it Shine

Please stand

NICENE CREED

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Nicene Creed was first developed in 325 at the First Council of Nicea. It was written to reaffirm the Biblical teaching of the divinity of Jesus, God's Son. Like the Apostles' and Athanasian Creeds, the Nicene Creed is a confession of what the Bible teaches.

Please 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 row and pass it along. Thank you!

Please stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- M: Eternal God and Father, we give you thanks for the blessings we share as members of your holy Church, for your gracious Word and sacraments, for opportunities to worship and to grow in faith and knowledge, for occasions to serve and be served, for fellowship with believers in our congregation and in our synod.
- C: Help us to rejoice in these blessings, dear Lord, and to use them faithfully.



If you prefer, use your smart phone to give online by scanning this QR code.

OFFERTORY MUSIC: 10:00 AM— Thy Word Michael W. Smith

- M: Jesus Christ, Lord of the Church, you give grace to your people by calling us to be your witnesses in the world. Open our eyes to see the great and noble mission that lies before us. In the hurting eyes of the lonely, in the pained eyes of the sick, and in the searching eyes of the lost, help us to see your face, O Jesus, and to serve others as we would serve you.
- C: Awaken us to the opportunities you give to proclaim your message of love.
- M: Holy Spirit, giver of life, through Word and sacrament bestow on us the wisdom and power we need to witness clearly and to act boldly. Help us to speak the truth in love, to give the reason for the hope we have, and to conduct ourselves with gentleness and respect.
- C: Set our hearts on fire as we work and witness for Christ.
- M: Hear us, Lord, as we pray for a family member, an acquaintance, a neighbor, or a friend who does not believe in you, or whose faith is weak or troubled.

Silent Prayer.

- M: Bless the Church with men and women who are willing to proclaim your Word in places where we cannot go. Keep them and their loved ones in your care, and let nothing hinder their work. By the power of the gospel, restore their spirits each day, so that they do not lose heart as they serve us and others.
- C: Move us to support them with our sincere prayers and generous offerings.

Special prayers of thanksgiving or intercession may be spoken here.

- M: Wherever your Word is proclaimed, O Lord, grant it success. Let your kingdom come to us and others, so that we and many more might join the assembly of saints and angels to sing your praise forever.
- C: Savior of all, hear our prayer and help us in our mission. 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.

7:45 AM — Please continue on page 9 with the Words of Institution.

THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.



Matthew 6 and Luke
11 record how Jesus
taught his disciples
to pray. We use his
example prayer as
part of our public
worship, trusting
that he will hear
and answer our
prayers.

M: Lift up your hearts.



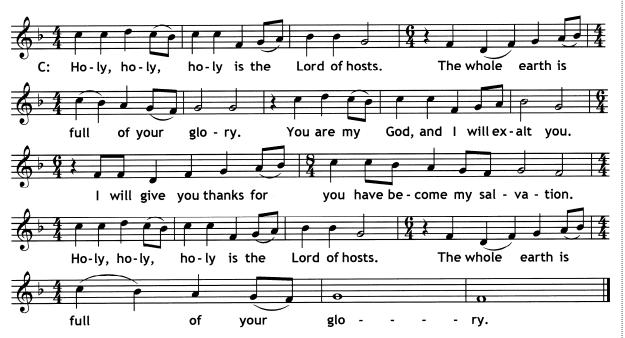
M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY Sanctus



This ancient worship song is based on songs of praise recorded in Isaiah 6 and Psalm 118.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

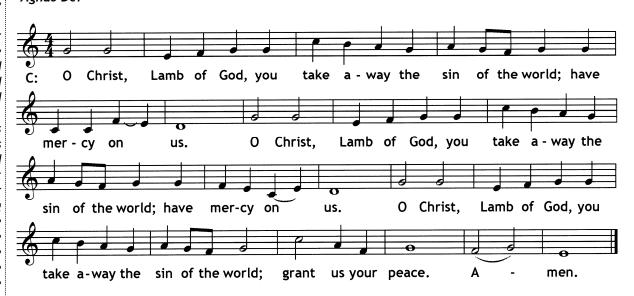
The peace of the Lord be with you always.



We provide glutenfree communion wafers for those with wheat allergy, gluten-sensitivity or celiac disease. These wafers are stored and handled separately to avoid cross-contamination. They are "bread" as Scripture requires and are consecrated along with the rest of the bread. For those requiring gluten-free wafers, please take one from the container on the stand located at the front rail as you approach for communion. Simply hold it so that the pastor can see it at the time of distribution.

Grape juice is available for those who for health or medical reason require it instead of wine. Please speak with a pastor about providing grape juice for you on future Sundays.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD Agnus Dei



Please be seated

DISTRIBUTION

The Bible teaches that the Lord's Supper is a unique communion of Christ and the individual believer as well as a coming together of people who hold to the same beliefs. Because of these Scriptural truths, we practice **Member Communion** at Grace. Those who are confirmed members of Wisconsin Synod congregations (WELS) are invited to receive the Lord's Supper with us.

If you are not a WELS member but have an interest in receiving Holy Communion, please speak with one of our pastors after church today or at another time. We are aware that there are a number of other teachings about Holy Communion, and we want it to be a blessing for you, so we would look forward to sharing with you what God says about this Sacrament.

THANK THE LORD



PRAYER

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BLESSING

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 upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (†) give you peace.



The blessing of Aaron has been spoken over God's people for over 3,500 years. The Lord said, "So I will put my name on [them], and I will bless them."

Please be seated

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE:

CLOSING HYMN

Lord of the Living Harvest Christian Worship #559

Lord Revive Us By Rebecca Kramer

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

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Preacher	Pastor Nathan Kassulke
	Pastor Sam Clemons (10:00 AM)
	Outreach Elder, Jeff Weinstein (10:00 AM)
	Spiritual Needs Elder Eric Hanson (10:00 AM)
Accompanist	Elaine Goldie
Ushers	
Dave Br	eitkreitz, Ed Ethington, Dylan Guenther (10:00 AM)
	Ferdie Kramm, Josiah Weinstein (10:00 AM)
Sound & Recording Tech	Jeremy Snavely (10:00 AM)
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Grace is one congregation at TWO places!

Enjoy worship, Bible study and activities at both **Grace-University and Grace-Vail.**



This Week at Grace • Aug 18-Aug 25

*Unless otherwise noted, calendar events take place at Grace-University. Grace-Vail events are shown in red.

TODAY

Worship Services/Communion	
Coffee Fellowship following both services	
Children's Sunday School	
Youth Confirmation Class	8:45a
Lifeliners (High School Group): Bible Study	9:00a
Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall):	
• Jeff Weinstein: Synod Convention Presentati	ion9:00a
Grace-Vail: Future Planning Meeting	9:00a
Grace-Vail Sunday School at Cottonwood Ele	em9:00a
Grace-Vail Worship at Cottonwood Elementa	ry10:00a
Memorial Service for Brian Morris	3:00p
Monday	
Bible Study at Vail Golf Club: Book of Acts	9:30a
Tuesday	
Church Council Meeting	6:15p
Wednesday	10.00
Midweek Bible Study: Church History	
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Grow in Grace Bible Study at the Prigge's	/:00p

Thursday

Women's Bible Study: <i>The Narrow Lutheran Middle</i> 9:00a Grow in Grace Class (Office) Non-Members Only6:30p
Grace-Vail Grow in Grace Class at Barb Kiepke's6:30p
Saturday Memorial Service for Channing Sargent 11:30a
Sunday

Worship Services7:45 & 10:00a Coffee Fellowship following both services Children's Sunday School8:45a Youth Confirmation Class8:45a Lifeliners (High School Group): Bible Study......9:00a

Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall):	
Jesus' Last Days	9:00a
Grace-Vail Bible Study Cottonwood Elem: Exodus	9:00a
Grace-Vail Sunday School at Cottonwood Elem	9:00a
Grace-Vail Worship at Cottonwood Elementary	10:00a
WELS TCM Welcome Back Party!	6:00p

Check out the GRACE WEBSITE at www.GraceTucsonWELS.com!

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TODAY

For Our Guests

If you are visiting Grace today, we are happy that you joined us for Worship. Please help yourself to a Guest Packet as you leave this morning. You'll find them in the church entryway.

Holy Communion

There are before-communion and after-communion prayers in our Christian Worship hymnal on p. 11, and a personal preparation guide on p.156 to help prepare you to receive the Lord's Supper. If you are a guest with us today, please see p. 9 in today's worship folder under "Distribution" for information about our practice of Member Communion.

Altar Flowers

The flowers beautifying our worship this morning have been given by Robert Chappell in memory of his father, Charles Chappell.

You Are Invited

You are invited to a coffee fellowship this morning in the courtyard following both services. Fellowship after 10:00 AM worship is hosted by the Tsosie family. We hope you'll take advantage of this opportunity to greet your brothers and sisters in Christ.

NEXT SUNDAY

Next week's Scripture Lessons for Devotional Reading this Week

Deuteronomy 30:15-21 Revelation 12:10-12a John 13:31-38

Sermon Text & Theme

John 13:38
Will You Really Lay Down
Your Life For Me?

Memorial Service TODAY

On Friday, August 9, the Lord took Brian Morris to be with him in heaven. His memorial service will be **TODAY** at 3:00 PM at Grace-University with a light meal to follow.

Memorial Service

Grace member Channing Sargent was called home to heaven Friday, July 19. Channing's memorial service will be held at Grace-University this Saturday, August 24 at 11:30 AM with a light luncheon to follow.

Funeral Home Visitation

The Lord called Karen Fiscel home to heaven on Saturday, August 10. There will be a visitation at Brings Funeral Home (6910 E. Broadway Blvd) from 10:00-11:00 AM on Thursday, August 22. Pastor Clemons will conduct a brief memorial service at 10:30 AM.

Vail Future Planning Meetings

Today at Grace-Vail is the first of two "Future Planning Meetings." This week the discussion concerns worship, Christian education, and outreach. These meetings are intended both to share information and to give members opportunities to get more involved in the work at our Vail location. You are invited to join us next Sunday, August 25 at 9:00 AM to discuss inreach, stewardship, and fellowship. Please contact Pastor Rieke if you have any questions about these meetings. Grace Vail meets at Cottonwood Elementary School, 9950 E Rees Loop. The Grace-Vail worship service follows the planning meeting at 10:00 AM.

WELS Tucson Campus Ministry

College students, the WELS TCM Welcome Back Party is next Sunday, August 25 at 6:00 PM. All college students or anyone of approximately college age is encouraged to attend. Information will be available regarding our semester schedule for Bible studies and activities, as well as food and fun, and an opportunity to sign up for parking permits for the semester. Contact Pastor Kassulke in the office if you have any questions (623-6633).

The TCM semester schedule is available for pick-up at both entrances of church. Find out more about WELS TCM at www.welstcm.com.

Worship Choir!

Have you ever thought about the church choir and who sings in it? Or who SHOULD sing in it? You may have asked yourself, could I do it? Do I have to read music? Do I have to sing alone? Do I have to have past experience singing with a group? Well, yes, no, only if you want, and no. The bible says, "Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!" (Psalm 105:2). It's that simple! C'mon, give it a try! You might like it!

Maybe these guidelines to singing in a church choir might help:

- Everyone should sing the same piece.
- Take your time turning pages.
- Do not worry if you do not have perfect pitch you may find singing less stressful without it!
- The right note at the wrong time is the wrong note.
- The wrong note at the right time is still a wrong note.
- A wrong note sung timidly is still a wrong note.
- A wrong note sung with authority is an interpretation.
- A true interpretation is realized when not one note of the original remains.
- If you happen to sing a wrong note, give a nasty look to one of your neighbors.
- If everyone gets lost except you, follow those who get lost.
- If you are completely lost, stop everyone and start an argument about repeat marks.
- If a passage is difficult, slow it down. If it is easy, speed it up. Everything will work itself out in the end.
- Markings for slurs, dynamics, ornaments and breathing should be ignored. They are only there to embellish the score.
- When everyone else has finished singing, you should not sing any notes you may still have left.

The first practice is Thursday September 12 at 6:30 PM. Come join us! If you have any questions or would like more information contact Teri Guenther at 520-235-1177 or Teriguen@msn.com.

Scholarship Available

Grace offers a scholarship to our active member families to have their children attend Redeemer Lutheran School (K-8) here in Tucson and Arizona Lutheran Academy, our area Lutheran High School in Phoenix. For the 2013-2014 school year, the amount of the scholarship is \$1000. Parents interested in sending their children to these schools are invited to speak to Pastor Kassulke for more information and to apply for this scholarship.

These scholarships for attending Lutheran schools are supported by our Christian Education Fund. If you would like to make a special gift in support of Lutheran Education, please note on your offering envelope the amount designated to "Christian Education Fund." Speak to any of the pastors if you have questions.



The Change for Life program is here!

Our congregation is participating in the Change for Life program to support the ministry of New Beginnings – A Home for Mothers. Since 1993, New Beginnings has provided a place

for a single mother and her child to live, learn to care for her child, and, most importantly, learn about God and the salvation He provides in Jesus.

Look for the Change for Life display on

September 15 in the Grace-University courtyard.

Pick up your baby bottle or coin box and fill it with the change you accumulate on a daily basis. On <u>October 27</u> return the filled box or bottle to church where the money will be collected and sent to support *New Beginnings*. Your donation will make a big difference in the lives of moms and children at *New Beginnings*!



that you are supporting:

www.HomeforMothers.com



ESL Teacher Needed!

English as a Second Language classes will begin their 14th year on September 16. They are in need of one new teacher to teach Level 1 on Tuesdays and someone to help with childcare on Mondays. Many of the students come directly from school or work. For more information, please call Betty Hauser at 795-3311.

Grace Photo Directory

Do you ever see people at church and wonder what their names are? Have you ever heard announcement regarding member and wished you could put a face with a name? Are you a new member and wish you had something to help you put names with faces? Help is on the way! We are producing a new pictorial directory this fall here at Grace! There is no cost to our church, and each participating family will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and directory and have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits to share with family & friends. Watch for more details in the coming weeks.

Supplies Needed for Mission to the Children

Mission to the Children is in need of school supplies for the families we serve in Sonora. Supplies have been very costly this year, but we understand some sales are coming up by the end of the month. If you would be in a position to purchase any of these on sale (notebooks, crayons, pencils, markers, erasers, folders, rulers, glue, scissors, etc) we would be most grateful. Please bring them to the church office and we will arrange to pick them up. If you put your name and address on them, you will receive a letter from the mission so you may claim your donation as a tax deduction. Any questions, call Mary Ann Rosas at 591-0799. Thank you so much!

—Ruth Schaller, President, Mission to the Children