Third Sunday after the Epiphany



The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Luke 4:17 (NIV)

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church January 27, 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.

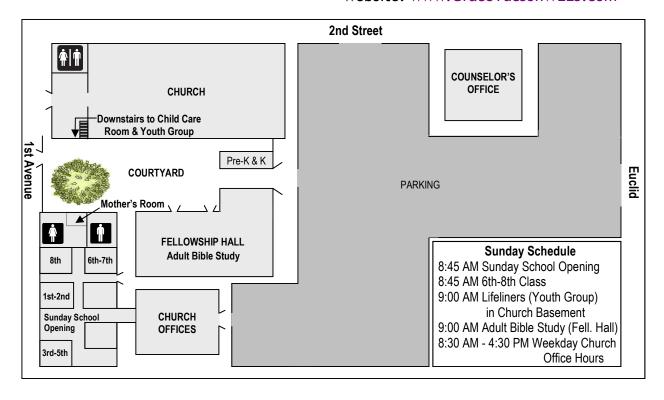
Hymns are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

Large print worship folders 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



DIVINE SERVICE I

Christian Worship Supplement

WELCOME

HYMN

Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs Christian Worship #227

Please stand

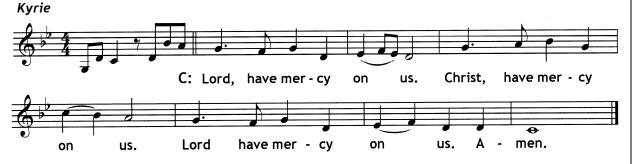
Minister: In the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit. Congregation: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

- M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- 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.

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.

LORD, HAVE MERCY



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."

Kyrie-We sing our

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

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

The text of Gloria in Excelsis (Latin for "Glory in the highest") is an ancient song that echoes the song of the angels in Luke 2:14. It offers praise and thanks to our triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Let us pray.

M: Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit that we, too, may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

All the people assembled as one man in the square before the Water Gate. They told Ezra the scribe to bring out the Book of the Law of Moses, which the LORD had commanded for Israel. So on the first day of the seventh month Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, which was made up of men and women and all who were able to understand. He read it aloud from daybreak till noon as he faced the square before the Water Gate in the presence of the men, women and others who could understand. And all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

Ezra opened the book. All the people could see him because he was standing above them; and as he opened it, the people all stood up. Ezra praised the LORD, the great God; and all the people

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 (NIV)

lifted their hands and responded, "Amen! Amen!" Then they bowed down and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground.

They read from the Book of the Law of God, making it clear and giving the meaning so that the people could understand what was being read. Then Nehemiah the governor, Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who were instructing the people said to them all, "This day is sacred to the LORD your God. Do not mourn or weep." For all the people had been weeping as they listened to the words of the Law. Nehemiah said, "Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is sacred to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

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.

PSALM OF THE DAY PSALM 19

Refrain





- 1. The heavens declare the glo- / ry of God;* the skies proclaim the work / of his hands.
- 2. Their voice goes out into / all the earth,* their words to the ends / of the world.

Refrain

- 3. The law of the Lord is / perfect,* giving joy / to the heart.
- 4. The commands of the Lord are / radiant,* giving light / to the eyes.
- 5. They are more pre- / cious than gold;* they are sweeter than / honey.
- 6. By them is your / servant taught;* in keeping them there is / great reward.

Refrain

- 7. May the words of my mouth and the meditation / of my heart* be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, my Re- / deemer.
- 8. Glory be to the Father and / to the Son* and to the Holy / Spirit. as it was in the be- / ginning,* is now, and will be forever. / Amen.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON

On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said to them. When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. "Sovereign Lord," they said, "you made the heaven and the earth and the sea, and everything in them. You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our father David: 'Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the Lord and against his Anointed One.' Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together

Acts 4:23-31 (NIV)

with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen. Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. Stretch out your hand to heal and perform miraculous signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus." After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

M: Alleluia. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching, preaching, and healing every disease. Alleluia.

Please stand

GOSPEL Luke 4:14-21 (NIV)

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. He taught in their synagogues, and everyone praised him. He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. And he stood up to read. The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written: "The Spirit of the Lord is

on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him, and he began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



APOSTLES' CREED

C: 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.

The Apostles' Creed developed in the Early Christian Church as a personal confession of faith. It is so named because it confesses the faith taught by the Apostles of Jesus.

The congregation stands out of respect for the

words of Christ our

Savior.

Please be seated

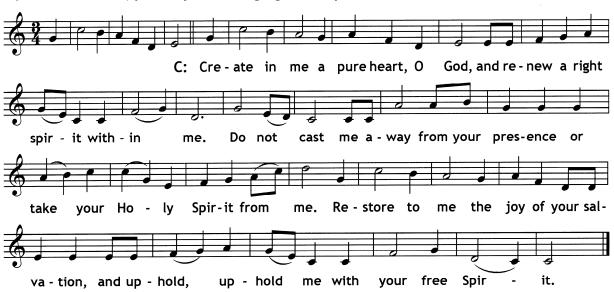
SERMON

Luke 4:14-21

Anointed to Proclaim Freedom and to Release the Oppressed

Please stand

After the sermon, please join in singing the response below:



Please be seated



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

OFFERTORY MUSIC: 10:00 AM— Thy Strong Word Arr. by Valerie Floeter

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: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary's son, in the fullness of time you came into our world to save us from sin and death.
- C: You ushered in the day of grace so long foretold.

- **M:** Beloved Son of the Father, revered by the Magi, baptized by John, you came preaching and teaching, healing and comforting, forgiving and encouraging.
- C: You brought the light of life to those walking in darkness, and the joy of salvation to those doomed to death.
- M: Prince of Peace, shine like a beacon for us and the people of our world. Let the good news of your salvation be heard in the remotest corners of the earth. Open our own lips to speak your name to those around us who still live without faith or hope.
- C: Arouse us and our missionaries to flood the world with the light of your gospel.
- M: Lord of the Church, let your peace rule our hearts that we may use our gifts to serve you and each other in willing gratitude and joy. Watch over our loved ones near and far, that they may remember your love and rejoice in your salvation. Strengthen the faith of the sick and the disheartened. Give hope to those in despair and comfort those who mourn.
- C: Be gracious to all and lead us to reflect your love in everything we say and do.

Special prayers of thanksgiving or intercession may be spoken here.

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

Silent prayer.

- **M:** Finally, bring us and all your believers to the heavenly home where we will stand in the full light of your glory and with all your saints and angels sing the everlasting song of triumph.
- 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.

Please be seated

HYMN

Hail to the Lord's Anointed Christian Worship #93 Christians stand for congregational prayer showing the freedom of God's children to come boldly into his presence. The Christian theologian Augustine (400 AD) adds, "We pray standing...as a sign of the Resurrection."

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: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your Holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: Amen.
- M: 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.

Please be seated

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Christian Worship #340

POSTLUDE (10:00 AM) Allegro
By S. Drummond Wolff

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

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Preacher	Pastor Sam Clemons
Worship Leader	Nathan Kassulke (10:00 AM)
Accompanist	Stephanie Kania (7:45 AM)
	Tina Christianson (10:00 AM)
Offertory Music	Sarah Oberhofer (10:00 AM)
Sound & Recording Tech	Jeremy Snavely (10:00 AM)



Grace is one congregation at TWO places!

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



This Week at Grace • Jan 27-Feb 3

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

TODAY

Worship Services7:45 & 10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following both services
Children's Sunday School8:45a
Youth Confirmation Class8:45a
Lifeliners (High School Group): Bible Study9:00a
Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall):
• As We Forgive Those Who Sin Against Us9:00a
Grace-Vail Bible Study at Cottonwood Elementary 9:00a
Grace-Vail Sunday School at Cottonwood Elem9:00a
Grace-Vail Worship at Cottonwood Elementary 10:00a
Grace-Vail Neighborhood Survey1:00-3:00p
WELS Tucson Campus Ministry Bible Study7:00p
Monday
Bible Study at Vail Golf Club9:30a
English as a Second Language Classes6:30p
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Tuesday
Handbell Practice5:30p
English as a Second Language Classes6:30p

Wednesday

Midweek Bible Study: Church History Midweek Bible Study: Church History	
Thursday Women's Bible Study: <i>Philippians</i> Worship Choir	
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WELS TCM Super Bowl Party!4:00p

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

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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.



During this time of year, the sun shines through the stained glass windows and directs its light on the church pews. Feel free to move during the service if the sun is bothering you. For more information about what the symbols and pictures in the windows represent, please take a pamphlet from the main entryway.

Ordering Altar Flowers

If you would like to help beautify the Sunday worship services by signing up to order flowers, the flower binder is in the front entryway under the glass sign board. Information about ordering is located on the front cover.



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 Gisela Kittel and Bud & Donna Brown. We hope you'll take advantage of this opportunity to greet your brothers and sisters in Christ.

Alter Prep Team and Usher Meetings Today!

There will be meetings for the Alter Prep Team and Ushers following the 10:00 AM service this morning. The new Spiritual Needs Elder, Eric Hanson, is looking forward to a short meeting with each group. The new head usher for the 10:00 AM services, Jake Kassulke, would also like the opportunity to meet with all ushers and those who may be interested in serving in this area. This short meeting will be held in the church. Eric and Jake look forward to seeing many of you there.

WELS Tucson Campus Ministry Activities

College students and others of approximately college age are invited to join WELS TCM for their upcoming activities. Tonight at 7:00 PM is our first Bible Study of the semester, a study of the book of Revelation. Whether you have studied the Bible your entire life or have only begun, we would love to have you join us.

Next Sunday, February 3 will be our Super Bowl Party. We'll have food and watch the game (and the commercials) together. This is a great opportunity to enjoy some socializing with fellow Christians and fellow students. The party starts at 4:00 PM.

NEXT SUNDAY

Next week's Scripture Lessons for Devotional Reading this Week

> 1 Kings 17:7-16 Romans 10:18-11:6 Luke 4:20-32

Sermon Text & Theme

1 Kings 17:7-16
First Listen to the Lord

2012 Offering Statements Available

Those who use the weekly envelopes or Simply Giving for their offerings to the Lord will find a year-end offering statement envelope with their name on it on the table in the courtyard. Please pick yours up today. We would ask that you not pick up anyone's envelope but your own. We hope you'll appreciate the opportunity to check for any recording errors we may have made and perhaps use it to review your gifts of love to your Savior. This statement may be useful if you choose to itemize tax deductions. Offerings to Grace are charitable donations.

Countdown to Kindergarten

Countdown to Kindergarten along with a **Sneak Peek at 1st Grade** will be held at Redeemer Lutheran School (8845 N. Silverbell Rd) tomorrow, January 28 beginning with a pizza dinner at 5:30 PM. Our preschool and Kindergarten students will perform at 6:00 PM followed by activities for the kids while parents get valuable information on Kindergarten, 1st grade, our curriculum, tuition assistance, tax credits and registration. Please call 572-8136 to RSVP.

ALA Boys Basketball & Senior Night

There are no ALA boys basketball games in Tucson this year. But this Tuesday, January 29 (at ALA) you can watch James Pauley (Freshman team), Josiah Weinstein (JV team) & Tyler Koehler (Varsity team) all play on the same night. Games are at 4:00, 5:30 & 7:00.

Friday, Feb 1 is Senior Night at ALA for Tyler Koehler and Ariana Weinstein (Cheer). Come cheer on our Grace members at our high school. ALA is located at 6036 S. 27th Avenue in Phoenix. Need more information? Call Jeff Weinstein at 909-7649.

Women of Grace Valentine Tea—February 16

The Women of Grace will hold their annual Valentine Tea Saturday, February 16 at 11:30 AM in the Grace-University Fellowship Hall. Our guest speaker is Marilyn Miller, Deaconess, from Abiding Word, Houston, TX. The title of her presentation is "Self-Esteem" vs. Christ-Esteem." There is a sign-up sheet available in the Fellowship Hall if you are able to host a table or bring sandwiches, desserts or your own teapot.



Marilyn Miller

Please RSVP by February 11 to Dianne Kramm (440-8564) or the Church Office (623-6633) if you plan to attend. This invitation has been sent to the other WELS churches in Tucson. It should be a wonderful presentation so please invite your girl friends. Questions? Contact Diane Kramm (440-8564) or Sue Sargent (647-3049).

Tuition Tax Credit Donations

As you prepare your 2012 tax return in the coming months, don't forget about the Arizona Tuition Tax Credit. State law allows you to make a donation in support of Lutheran education and to claim the same amount as a credit on your state tax return. Basically, this means that you get to decide how money that would otherwise be paid in taxes gets used. A donation made before April 15 and before you file your taxes may be claimed on the 2012 return, so you can also determine your tax liability before making a donation. Donations are made through a Student Tuition Organization (STO) such as the HELP Scholarship Foundation (www.helpscholarships.org). You may even recommend your donation for a specific student. Donations are eligible for the tax credit up to \$503 for a single person or \$1006 for a married couple in 2012. You can make a donation online or pick up one of the donation forms located at both entrances of church.

A new feature this year is the Plus Donation. After donating the maximum amount allowed under the original tax credit program (see first paragraph), you are now able to donate another \$1,000 (for married couples filing jointly; \$500 for single taxpayers) for the 2012 tax year and receive a credit on your state income taxes, provided you have that amount or greater in state liability. There are certain criteria that students must meet in order to receive Plus scholarships. Several of our Grace students may qualify. If you have questions, please contact the church office or call the H.E.L.P. Scholarship Foundation at 623-694-3487.

Guest Musician at Grace-Vail

WELS singer Stephen Bautista will be the guest musician at Grace-Vail on Sunday, February 17 at the 10:00 AM worship service. Join us to hear some of his original Christian songs in our regular worship service that Sunday.



For more information about Stephen and his music, please visit his website, www.stephenbautistamusic.com.



Lent Services and Suppers

Our 2013 Lenten Series will be *Names of Wondrous Love*. Jesus, Immanuel, the Truth, King, Christ Crucified, the Way, the Lamb, the Alpha and the Omega, the Light—all names we use for the one Savior-God. During this Lenten season, we will reflect on each of these names and why we use them. Follow along with Jesus from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday and see how each of these names tells us of God's plan for our salvation.

Wednesday services will be held at Grace-University starting February 13 at 10:00 AM and at 7:00 PM with a meal served at 6:00 PM. These Lenten services are opportunities for us all to join for worship and contemplate the love of Jesus our Savior, who lived and died to bring us salvation.

We need volunteers to host the meals Feb 13, Feb 20, Feb 27, March 6, March 13 and March 20 (individuals, families, groups, or any combination). There are information sheets in the Fellowship Hall at Grace-University and on the worship table at Grace-Vail which explain how to host one of these meals. Please sign up or call the church office (623-6633) if you would like to serve in this way.

Apache Clothing Drive

Early April—sometime after Easter and when the snow has melted—is the next planned delivery for our Apache Christian friends at East Fork and Canyon Day, members of the White Mountain Apache Tribe. Pastor David Parsons shepherds these two congregations plus an elementary school of about 75 children.

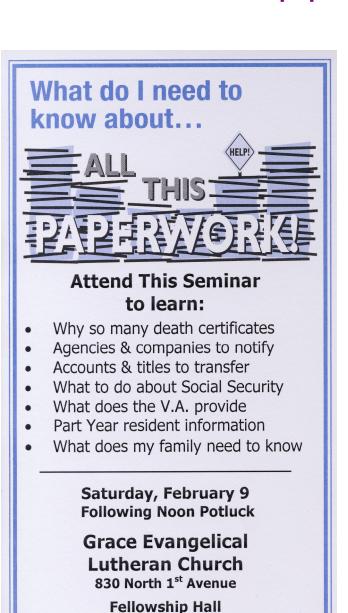
Here is another opportunity to share our concern for them with our clothing donations and Scrip cards for Bashas, Safeway and Walmart. We've packed 18 boxes so far and are aiming for 70+ for this delivery. Please keep your donations coming—especially children's clothing. Any questions? Contact Russ & Sandy Weir (795-0062), Eric & Erika Hanson (269-7602), or Bill & Dorothy Rauh (296-8840). Once again, thanks!

—Russ Weir, Christian Fellowship President

Come and Join Worship Choir!

It's not too late to join Worship Choir. Practice is this Thursday, January 31 at 6:30 PM in the Grace-University basement. We will reflect on the birth of our Savior, and through Lent, follow Him on His path to Calvary until we celebrate His resurrection on Easter day—all in music and song! All those confirmation age and up are welcome to join!

Christian Fellowship Special Presentation—February 9



Sponsored by:

Conducted by:

Margi Rhodes

professional prearrangement counselor

We are hosting this presentation and discussion for our members and friends.

Please mark your calendar for a noontime potluck and special presentation Saturday, February 9 in the Grace-University Fellowship Hall. Margie & Dan Rhodes will be here from Bring Funeral Home to talk about "All That Necessary Paperwork." This subject will help create an awareness for making informed decisions concerning what needs to be done soon after a funeral. This topic is relevant for young and old, so all are welcome! The Christian Fellowship Group provides people 55 and better with an opportunity to enjoy the company of others on a very informal basis.

