

Easter Festival Service



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
March 31, 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 this Easter morning at Grace-University! We pray that this time will be a blessing for you as our risen Savior 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

For Our Guests

If you do not have a church home of your own, we would love to have you worship with us on a regular basis. To learn more about Grace, please take a Guest Packet from one of the entryways. We also appreciate receiving your contact information on our Friendship Registers. If you would like a pastor to follow up with you, please mark "Desire a Call" there. Of course, you should feel free to speak to one of the pastors or to any Grace member today or in the future if you have questions.

Our regular Sunday schedule here at Grace-University is:

- 7:45 AM Worship Service
- 8:45 AM Children's Sunday School
- 9:00 AM Teen and Adult Bible Studies
- 10:00 AM Worship Service.

You are also invited to our second site, Grace-Vail. We currently worship in Cottonwood Elementary School at 9950 E. Rees Loop in Rita Ranch. The regular Sunday morning schedule at Grace-Vail is:

- 9:00 AM Children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Study
- 10:00 AM Worship Service.

EASTER FESTIVAL WORSHIP

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain
Christian Worship #142

STAND

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

P: Jesus Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. By raising him to life, he assures you that he has accepted Christ's sacrifice on your behalf. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you conquered death and opened the gate to eternal life. Grant that we who have been raised with him through baptism may walk in newness of life and ever rejoice in the hope of sharing his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be dominion and praise now and forever.



C: A - men.

BE SEATED

PRESERVICE MUSIC:

*Christ the Lord is
Risen Today
Played by the Brass
Ensemble*

*Christ The Lord is
Risen Today and
Thine is the Glory
By Charles Calahan*

*The invocation
reminds us of our
baptisms, through
which God unites us
with Christ's death
and resurrection.
Romans 6:4 says,
"We were therefore
buried with him
through baptism
into death in order
that, just as Christ
was raised from the
dead through the
glory of the Father,
we too may live a
new life."*

This Tanzanian
Easter hymn
reminds us that the
empty tomb is a
message that
transcends all time
and culture.

HYMN

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia Christian Worship Supplement #719



Choir 1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.
Choir 2 For three long days the grave did its worst
Women 3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear.
Men 4 "Go spread the news: he's not in the grave.
All 5 Christ has a - ris - en; he sets us free.



Re - joice and praise him, al - le - lu - ia.
Un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.
You look for Je - sus who is not here.
He has a - ris - en this world to save.
Al - le - lu - ia, to him prais - es be.



For our Re - deem - er burst from the tomb,
He who gives life did death un - der - go.
See for your - selves the tomb is all bare.
Je - sus' re - deem - ing la - bors are done.
Je - sus is liv - ing! Let us all sing;



E - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.
And in its con - quest his might did show.
On - ly the grave cloths are ly - ing there."
E - ven the bat - tle with sin is won."
He reigns tri - um - phant, heav - en - ly King.

Refrain: All



Let us sing praise to him with end - less joy.



Death's fear - ful sting he has come to de - stroy.



Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!



Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

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FIRST LESSON

Exodus 15:1-11

Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the LORD: "I will sing to the LORD, for he is highly exalted. The horse and its rider he has hurled into the sea. The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. He is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him. The LORD is a warrior; the LORD is his name. Pharaoh's chariots and his army he has hurled into the sea. The best of Pharaoh's officers are drowned in the Red Sea. The deep waters have covered them; they sank to the depths like a stone. Your right hand, O LORD, was majestic in power. Your right hand, O LORD, shattered the enemy. In the greatness of your majesty you

threw down those who opposed you. You unleashed your burning anger; it consumed them like stubble. By the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up. The surging waters stood firm like a wall; the deep waters congealed in the heart of the sea. The enemy boasted, 'I will pursue, I will overtake them. I will divide the spoils; I will gorge myself on them. I will draw my sword and my hand will destroy them.' But you blew with your breath, and the sea covered them. They sank like lead in the mighty waters. Who among the gods is like you, O LORD? Who is like you—majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders?"

PSALM OF THE DAY

PSALM 118

The soloist will sing the first half of each verse, the congregation may join in the second half and verse 7.

Refrain (all sing)



Psalm Tone



1. The LORD is my strength / and my song;* he has become my sal- / vation.
2. The LORD's right hand is / lifted high;*
the LORD's right hand has done / mighty things!
3. I will not / die but live,* and will proclaim what the / LORD has done.

Refrain

4. I will give you thanks, for you / answered me;* you have become my sal- / vation.
5. The stone the builders rejected has become the / capstone;*
the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous / in our eyes.
6. This is the day the / LORD has made;* let us rejoice and be / glad in it.
7. 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

Psalms have long been sung in Christian worship services, serving as the earliest hymns for Christians. Psalm 118 is a Messianic Psalm, which speaks of the Savior's suffering, death, and resurrection. The verses sung this morning come from the second half of the Psalm.

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SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Now, brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same

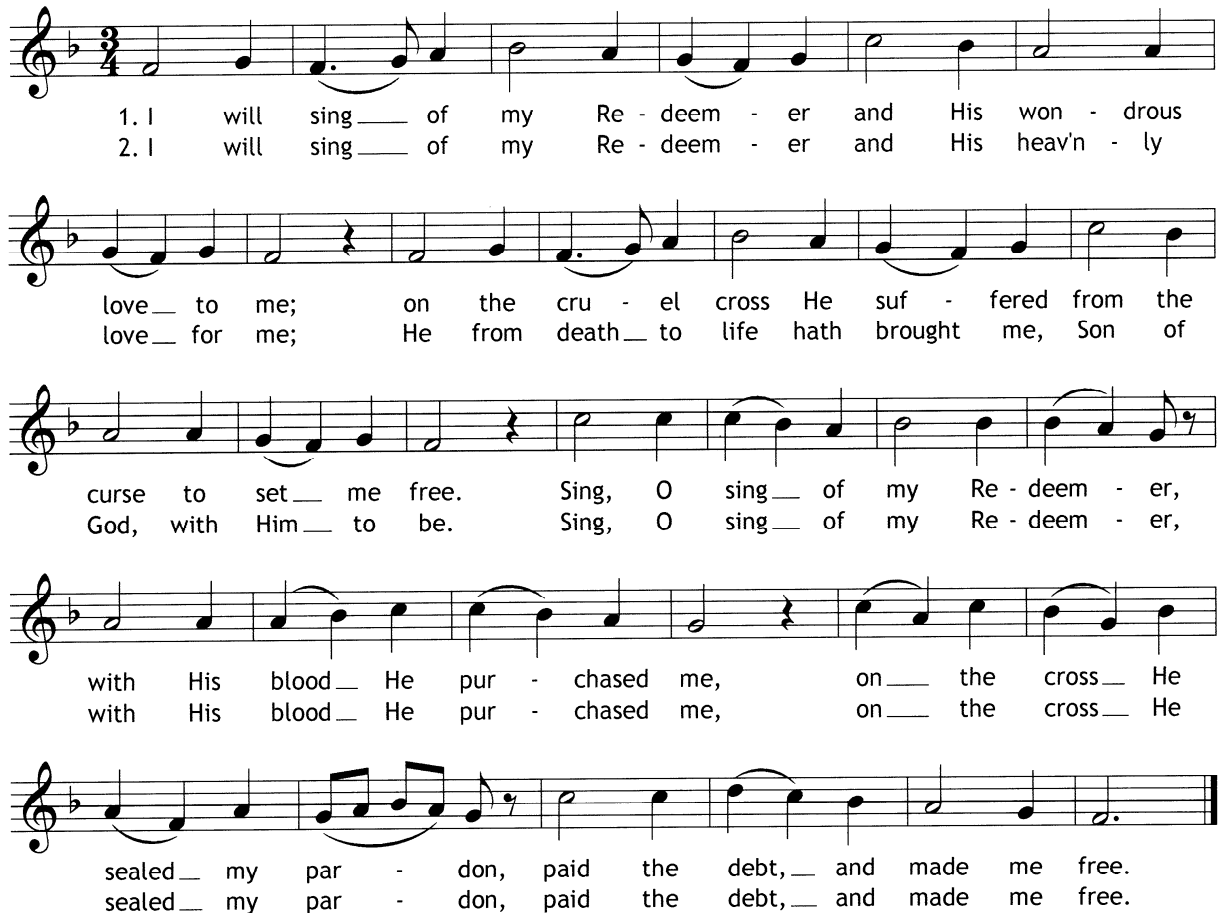
time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born. For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. Whether, then, it was I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.

CHOIR

My Redeemer's Love

*Christ is risen! Celebrate the victory! Christ is risen! And His pow'r has set us free!
Love's redeeming work is done; fought the fight, the battle won!
Christ is risen! Christ is risen! Christ is risen from the dead!*

The congregation may join in singing the following hymn stanzas along with the choir.



1. I will sing ___ of my Re - deem - er and His won - drous
2. I will sing ___ of my Re - deem - er and His heav'n - ly

love ___ to me; on the cru - el cross He suf - fered from the
love ___ for me; He from death ___ to life hath brought me, Son of

curse to set ___ me free. Sing, O sing ___ of my Re - deem - er,
God, with Him ___ to be. Sing, O sing ___ of my Re - deem - er,

with His blood ___ He pur - chased me, on ___ the cross ___ He
with His blood ___ He pur - chased me, on ___ the cross ___ He

sealed ___ my par - don, paid the debt, ___ and made me free.
sealed ___ my par - don, paid the debt, ___ and made me free.

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*Christ is risen! Celebrate the victory! Christ is risen! And His pow'r has set us free!
Christ is risen! Christ is risen from the dead!*

STAND

GOSPEL

Luke 24:1-12

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 'The Son of Man must be

delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.'" Then they remembered his words. When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

BE SEATED

HYMN

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today
Christian Worship #157

SERMON

1 Corinthians 15:1-11
This is What We Preach: Christ Crucified and Raised to Life

STAND

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.

Hymn 157 is a translation of a 14th Century Latin hymn that expresses the joy and praises of believers. Each line ends with "Alleluia," which comes from the Hebrew words for "Praise the Lord." The same phrase has also come into English as "Hallelujah."

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.

BE SEATED



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

OFFERTORY

MUSIC:

All Hail the Risen King!

By Derek K. Hakes

Played by the Handbell Choir

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!

STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR EASTER

P: O Lord God, our strength, our song, and our salvation, you fulfilled your promises by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, from the dead.

C: **Thanks be to God! You give us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

P: In your compassion you sent Christ, the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life to rescue the lost.

C: **Drive out all doubt and gloom that we may delight in your glorious triumph.**

P: Lift our eyes heavenward to see him who lives to make intercession for the saints, and grant us confidence in the greatness of his power. Keep before us the vision of your redeemed people standing before your throne and singing the song of victory:

C: **Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive wisdom and power and honor and glory and praise.**

P: Make us instruments of your peace as we bring the good news of hope and new life to those around us. Guide us in the use of all that you have entrusted to us: our time, our talents, and our treasures.

C: **Risen Lord, live in us that we may live for you.**

P: Merciful Lord Jesus, grant healing to the sick, and strengthen the faith of the suffering and the dying. Assure them of your abiding presence, and comfort them with the hope of eternal life.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

P: Gracious Father, you have restored to us the joy of your salvation. With happy hearts, we come before you and say:

C: **Alleluia! Thanks be to God! 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.

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.

BE SEATED

HYMN

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today
Christian Worship #149

STAND

CLOSING PRAYER

P: Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

BENEDICTION

P: 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.

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." Numbers 6:27



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

BE SEATED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN

I Know that My Redeemer Lives
Christian Worship #152, st. 1-4, 7,8

POSTLUDE:

*To God All Glory
Given
By Rachel Sawyer*

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Preacher	Pastor Nathan Kassulke
Worship Leader	Pastor Ron Koehler
Accompanist.....	Teri Guenther
Trumpets	Pastor Nathan Kassulke, Tyler Koehler, Carl Buchholz
Timpani	Danny Koehler
Trombone.....	John Rayman
Baritone.....	Eileen Rayman
French Horn.....	Cora Kosanke
Brass Ensemble Director	Missy Wiechmann
Worship Choir Director.....	Teri Guenther
Handbell Choir Director.....	Beth Kassulke
Ushers	Dave Breitzkreitz, Ed Ethington, Dylan Guenther, Ferdie Kramm, Tyler Koehler, Josiah Weinstein

Altar Flowers

The flowers beautifying our worship this morning have been given by Audrey Street in memory of Richard Street.

Easter Lilies

The lilies beautifying our worship space have been given by the individuals below:

Dorothy Lietha—In thanks for her family and friends.
Audrey Street—In thanks to God for all of her blessings and in memory of Richard Street.
Trucynda Hawkins—In loving memory of Bruce and in thanks to God for all the blessings given to her.
Nani Witter—In loving memory and thanks to God for her husband, John, and son, Joel.
Sally Littau—In thanks to God for her Christian parents.
A.J. Richter & Liz Gray—In memory of their parents.
Bob & Nadine Rentschler—In loving memory of their parents.
Brian & Linda Morris—In loving memory of their parents.
Ruth Hoefer—In loving memory of Roland, Bill, and Troy Hoefer.
Robert Nessinger—In memory of Linda, his beloved wife.
Greg & Karen Grorud—In memory of Karen's parents, August & Dorothy Lehet and Greg's parents,
Al & Joan Grorud.
Dorothy Kaiser—In memory of Jerry Wachsmann and her parents, Fred and Margaret Bonn.
Sean & Mary Brearcliffe



For those of you who purchased lilies, please remember to take them home after the 10:00 AM service today. Thank you!

Leadership Conference

On Saturday, May 4, Grace will be hosting a simulcast of Wisconsin Lutheran College's "LEADLIVE" Leadership Conference. Topics presented will include "Developing Leaders," "Creating Mission Mindedness," and "Getting Things Done." Learn more at www.wlc.edu/leadership. Because of the time difference, the Conference will run 6:30 AM until 1:30 PM Tucson time. Current, future, and potential church leaders, both men and women, are invited to attend. Please watch for more details!



**Grace is one congregation
at TWO places!**

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



This Week at Grace • Mar 31-Apr 7

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

TODAY EASTER

Sunrise Service (in the Courtyard)	7:00a
Easter Breakfast (in the Fellowship Hall)	8:00a
Grace-Vail Easter Breakfast at Cottonwood Elem.	9:00a
Easter Concert (in the Church)	9:00a
Festival Worship (in the Church)	10:00a
Grace-Vail Outdoor Festival Worship	10:00a

**There is NO Adult Bible Class, Sunday School, or TCM
Bible study on Easter Sunday.**

Monday

NO Bible Study at Vail Golf Club	
English as a Second Language Classes	6:30p

Tuesday

NO Handbell Practice	
English as a Second Language Classes	6:30p

Wednesday

NO Midweek Bible Studies	
Grace Extension Group Meeting	9:00a
Michigan Lutheran Seminary Concert at Grace	7:00p

Thursday

NO Women's Bible Study	
NO Worship Choir	
Boy & Girl Pioneers	6:30p

Friday

Boy Pioneer District Campout (Fri-Sun)	
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Saturday

Grace-Vail Canvassing at Rancho del Lago	9:30a-12:00p
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Sunday

Worship Services/Communion	7:45 & 10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following both services	
Children's Sunday School	8:45a
Youth Confirmation Class	8:45a
Lifeliners (High School Group): Bible Study	9:00a
Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall):	
• The Life of Christ: Jesus' Miracles	9:00a
Grace-Vail Bible Study Cottonwood Elementary	9:00a
Grace-Vail Sunday School at Cottonwood Elem.	9:00a
Grace-Vail Worship at Cottonwood Elementary	10:00a
WELS Tucson Campus Ministry Bible Study	7:00p

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

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NEXT SUNDAY

Next week's Scripture Lessons for Devotional Reading this Week

Genesis 15:1-6
2 Peter 1:16-21
John 20:19-31

Sermon Text & Theme

2 Peter 1:16-21
Witness the Majesty of Christ

MLS Choir Concert—April 3

The Michigan Lutheran Seminary Choir will present a concert at Grace-University on Wednesday, April 3 at 7:00 PM. All are invited to this evening concert. MLS is one of two prep schools operated by our Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. The goal of these prep schools is to encourage and to equip WELS members to continue their studies at Martin Luther College in preparation for becoming pastors, teachers, or staff ministers in our WELS congregations and schools.



Wiffle Ball Tournament & Chili Cook-Off

On Sunday, April 14 at 1:00 PM, Grace-Vail will be hosting a wiffle ball tournament and chili cook-off. There will be a choice of Scrip gift cards for prizes in both the chili and cornbread cook-off. Please arrive by 1:00 PM if you'd like to play in the wiffle ball game so teams can be divided up. If you'd like to enter a chili or cornbread dish please call Boz Lomasney at 440-251-4704. Hope to see you there!

Pioneer Meeting this Thursday

The Pioneers have their monthly meeting this Thursday, April 4 at 6:30 PM. The Boy Pioneers are attending and hosting the District Campout this weekend, April 5-7.

Apache Clothing Drive Ending

Please help bring the Apache Clothing Drive to its end for now with its fourth delivery on April 18, sponsored by the Christian Fellowship Group. Donations of clothing and Scrip gift cards will be received until that date. Please talk to Russ & Sandy Weir (795-0062), Bill & Dorothy Rauh (296-8840) and Cinda Drescher or Geri DeRosa (615-6059) for arranging a drop-off at church—preferably on a Sunday morning. Scrip is also welcomed. Thanks so much!

Join the Christian Fellowship Group on Saturday, April 20 at noon in the Fellowship Hall for an informational meeting/potluck and hear more about our new service project in support of *New Beginnings*, a home for mothers run by Christian Life Resources.

English as a Second Language Childcare Volunteers Needed

The ESL program staff is looking for one more childcare volunteer on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:30 PM. Please call Betty Hauser (795-3311) or the Church Office (623-6633) if you're interested. Classes will run until May 14.

LWMS Grand Canyon East Circuit Spring Rally—April 13!

The Lutheran Women's Missionary Society Spring Rally will be Saturday, April 13 at Redeemer Lutheran Church (8845 N Silverbell Rd). There will be presentations by Multi-Language Publications and Mission to the Children. Election of new officers will also take place. Coffee and registration begins at 8:00 AM and goes till 8:45 AM.

Registration forms are available in the Grace-University Fellowship Hall and on the welcome table at Grace-Vail. You may also access the forms online at www.grandcanyonlwms.org. The deadline to register and to give Mission Money is next Sunday, April 7. More details about this rally can be found on the flyer in the Grace-University courtyard display case.