

First Sunday after the Epiphany— The Baptism of Our Lord



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
January 12, 2014





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.

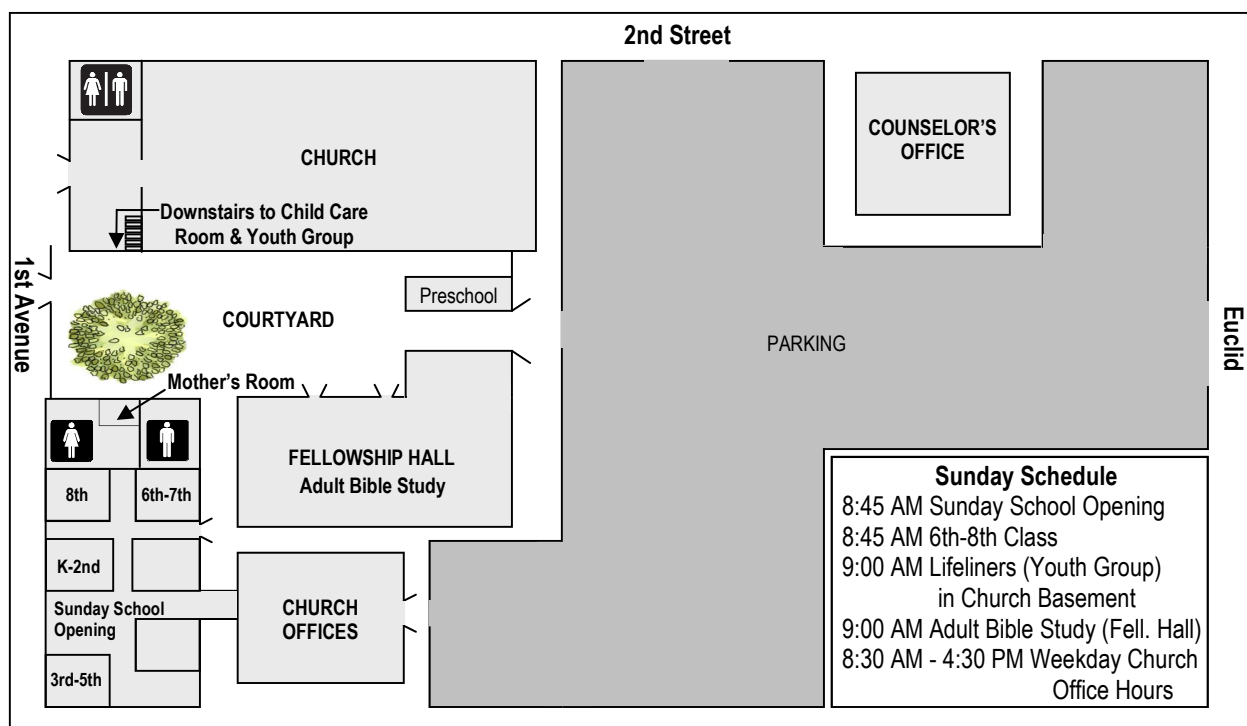
Hymns are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

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



Christian Worship Supplement

HYMN

Baptized into Your Name Most Holy
Christian Worship #294

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.

PRESERVICE MUSIC:

7:45 AM—

Fairest Lord Jesus
Arr. by Victor
Labenske

10:00 AM—

*To Jordan Came the
Christ, Our Lord
By Johann Walter*

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie



*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.”*

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.

GLORY TO GOD

Gloria in Excelsis

(Please join in singing the response below following a brief introduction)

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.

Trumpet: Pastor
Nathan Kassulke

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God,
 heav-en-ly King, al - might - y God_ and_ Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we
 give you_ thanks we praise you for_ your_ glo-ry! Glo-ry to God in the
 high - est and peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord Je-sus
 Christ, on-ly Son_ of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the
 sin of the world;_ have mer-cy on us. You are_ seat - ed at the
 right hand of_ the_ Father; re - ceive our prayer, re - ceive_ our
 prayer. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. For
 you a-lone are the Ho - ly_ One, you a - lone_ are the Lord,
 you a-lone are the Most_ High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir-it in the
 glo - ry of God_ the_ Fa-ther. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Let us pray. Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Keep us who are baptized into Christ faithful in our calling as your children and make us heirs with him of everlasting life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

THE WORD

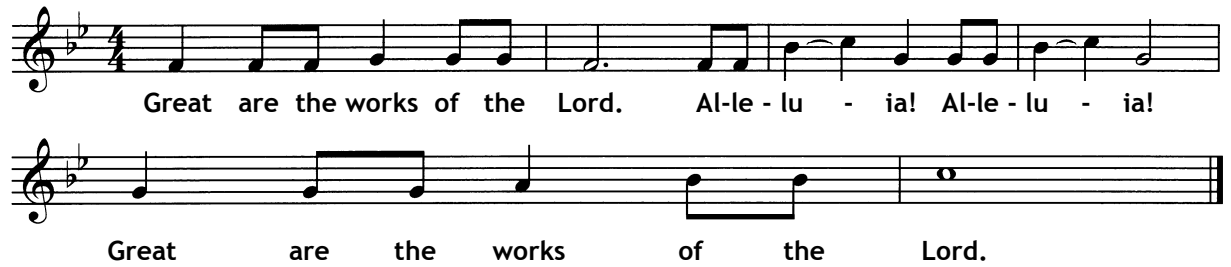
FIRST LESSON

“Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him and he will bring justice to the nations. He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets. A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out. In faithfulness he will bring forth justice; he will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on earth. In his law the islands will put their hope.” This is what God the LORD says—he who

Isaiah 42:1-7 (NIV)

created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and all that comes out of it, who gives breath to its people, and life to those who walk on it: “I, the LORD, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.”

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.

Refrain*Psalm Tone*

1. My heart is stirred by a / noble theme* as I recite my verses / for the King.
2. You are the most excel- / lent of men,*
and your lips have been anoint- / ed with grace.
3. Gird your sword upon your side, O / Mighty One;*
clothe yourself with splendor and / majesty.
4. In your majesty ride forth vic- / toriously;*
let your right hand display / awesome deeds.

Refrain

5. Your throne, O God, will last for ever and / ever;*
a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your / kingdom.”
6. You love righteousness and hate / wickedness;*
therefore God has anointed you with the / oil of joy.
7. I will perpetuate your memory through all gener- / ations;*
therefore the nations will praise you for ever and / ever.
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

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SECOND LESSON**Acts 10:34-38 (NIV)**

Then Peter began to speak: “I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism but accepts men from every nation who fear him and do what is right. You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, telling the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. You

know what has happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached—how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.”

VERSE OF THE DAY**Mark 1:11b**

M: Alleluia. You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased. Alleluia.

Please stand

GOSPEL

Matthew 3:13-17 (NIV)

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



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

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. But John tried to deter him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” Jesus replied, “Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness.” Then John consented. As soon as Jesus was

baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”

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.

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

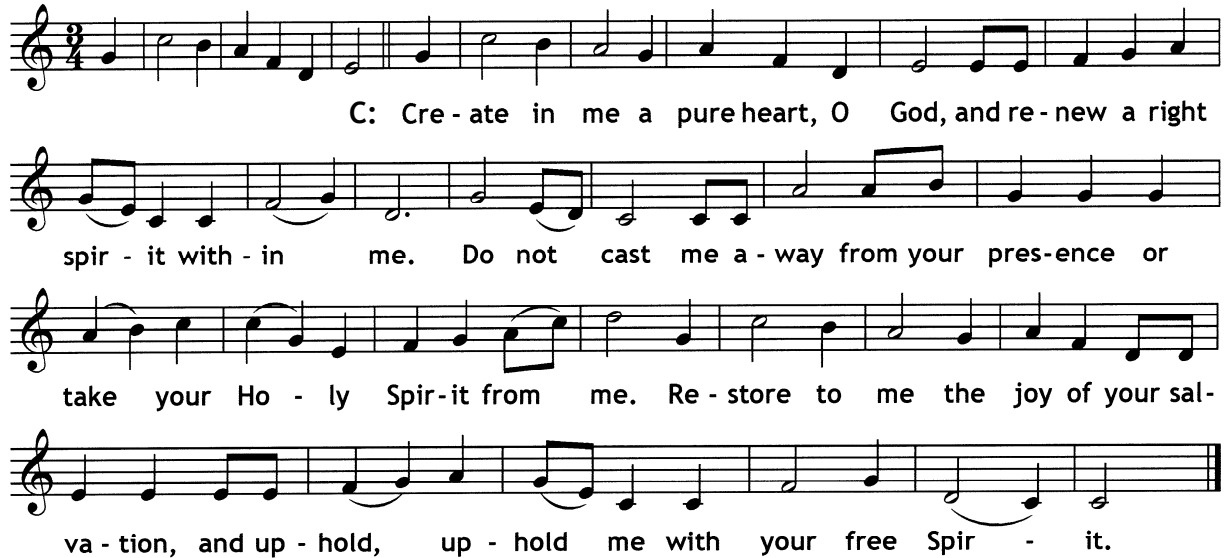
To Jordan's River Came Our Lord
Christian Worship #89

SERMON

Matthew 3:13-17 To Fulfill All Righteousness

Please stand

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



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your smart phone to
give online by
scanning this
QR code.*

Please be seated

OFFERTORY MUSIC:

7:45 AM—

*Jesus, Once With
Sinners Numbered
CWS #710*

Words to Hymn 710:

*Jesus, once with
sinners numbered
Had no blemish
of his own;
In the waters
of the Jordan
His true worth and
work were shown:
Heaven opened
and the Spirit
There descended
like a dove,
As the Father's
voice resounded,
"Hear my Son,
the One I love."*

10:00 AM—

*Morning Star
By James P. Harding
Clarinet: Beth
Kassulke*

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—EPIPHANY

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.

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.

Please be seated

HYMN

Salvation unto Us Has Come
Christian Worship #390

Please stand

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

POSTLUDE:

7:45 AM—

*Brightest and Best
CW #92*

10:00 AM—

*Rise, Shine, You
People!
By Dale Wood*

*Divine Service I:
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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

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise
Christian Worship #82

2013 Offering Statements Available

Those who use the offering envelopes for their giving 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.

Thank You

The Ron Salgado family sends heartfelt thanks to you for your prayers, cards, calls and loving Christian support during Ron's recent surgery and ongoing recovery.

WOG Kaffeeklatsch

This Saturday, January 18 at 9:00 AM, the Women of Grace will have a *Kaffeeklatsch* (Webster: informal gathering for coffee and conversation) to work out details for the February WOG tea and other business. Coffee and breakfast food will be provided.

Precious Lambs Playgroup

Children (ages birth to age 5) are invited to come play along with their parent or caregiver this **Tuesday, January 14** from **9:30-11:30AM**. We will meet at the Wiechmann's house (2361 W Ternero Pl, 85741) for this informal play date. You do not need to RSVP and can come for any or all of the time. Precious Lambs will meet on most Tuesday mornings for play dates. If you have any questions, please contact Missy Wiechmann (403-1177) or Beth Kassulke (293-2935). (Precious Lambs will meet on January 21 at the Tucson Mall play area, 4500 N Oracle Rd, 85705.)



**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 12-Jan 19

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

TODAY

Worship Services.....7:45 & 10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following both services.....
Children's Sunday School.....8:45a
Lifeliners (High School Group): *Bible Study*.....9:00a
Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall):
• *Jesus' Last Days*.....9:00a
• *Grow in Grace Class* (Office) Non-Members Only9:00a
Grace-Vail Bible Study Cottonwood Elementary9:00a
Grace-Vail Sunday School at Cottonwood Elem.9:00a
Grace-Vail Worship at Cottonwood Elementary 10:00a
NO WELS TCM.....

Monday

Bible Study at Vail Golf Club.....9:00a
English as a Second Language Classes 6:30p

Tuesday

Precious Lambs at the Wiechmann's.....9:30a-11:30a
Saguaro Circuit Meeting at Redeemer..... 1:00p
WELS TCM Semester Kick-Off Party!..... 6:00p
NO Handbell Practice.....
English as a Second Language Classes 6:30p

Wednesday

Midweek Bible Study: *Church History* 10:00a
Midweek Bible Study: *Church History*7:00p
Bible Study at the Priggies.....7:00p

Thursday

Women's Bible Study: *The Narrow Lutheran Middle* 9:00a
Worship Choir.....6:30p

Saturday

WOG Kaffeeklatsch 9:00a
Grace-Vail Canvassing at Rancho Del Lago.....9:30-11:30a

Sunday

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Grace-Vail Worship at Cottonwood Elementary 10:00a
Church Council Training.....1:00-5:00p
NO WELS TCM

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THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher	Pastor Nathan Kassulke
Worship Leader	Pastor Sam Clemons (10:00 AM)
Accompanists	Kathy Parra (7:45 AM), Teri Guenther (10:00 AM)
Ushers	Vic Thornton, Vernon Neal (7:45 AM) Mark Christianson, Jon Dongoske, Danny Koehler (10:00 AM) Taylor Parra, Dustin Pauley, Rick Street (10:00 AM)
Sound & Recording Tech	Jeff Weinstein (10:00 AM)

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.

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 Bob & Nadine Rentschler and Sandy Weir. We hope you'll take advantage of this opportunity to greet your brothers and sisters in Christ.

Altar Flowers

The flowers beautifying our worship this morning have been given by Ron & Norma Stevens in memory of their fathers, Gilbert Huber and George Stevens, Jr.

WELS Kingdom Workers Spiritual Renewal Event

Saturday, January 25, the WELS Kingdom Workers will have their annual Spiritual Renewal Event at Redeemer Lutheran Church (8845 N Silverbell Rd, 85743) from 8:50 AM to 3:30 PM. The theme is "Reaching Out with the Gospel." The presenters for the day are Pastor Mark Jeske from Time of Grace TV Ministry and our own Pastor Colin Rieke. Registration begins at 7:45 AM. Registrations forms are in the Grace-University Fellowship Hall and on the welcome table at Grace-Vail. We hope you can make it!

Mission Festival Sunday—January 26

Join us at Grace-University for Mission Festival on Sunday, January 26. Our guest preacher will be Pastor Dan Koelpin. Pastor Koelpin recently retired as Administrator for our WELS World Missions. In the Bible study hour he will share with us information about WELS World Missions. After the 10:00 Worship Service, the Lifeliners (our high school youth group) will host their annual Chupala Lunch. Donations to the Lifeliners for the lunch are appreciated.

Pastor Koelpin will also be preaching for a Mission Festival service at Grace-Vail on Sunday, February 2.

TnT with Pastor Rieke

Beginning January 28, Pastor Rieke will be going out on **Tuesday and Thursday** evenings (6:00-7:30pm) to visit people who have expressed some interest in Grace-Vail. Pastor wants you to join him! This will be a smaller group than our canvassing blitzes (with one, maybe two pairs). This follow up is the next step after canvassing. This is a great way to be one-on-one with Pastor Rieke on the front lines of ministry. If you are interested, or just want more information, please contact Pastor Rieke at 343-9881 or send him an email (revcmr@gracetucsonwels.com).



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