

Third Sunday after the Epiphany



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
January 25, 2015



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-Tucson! 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.

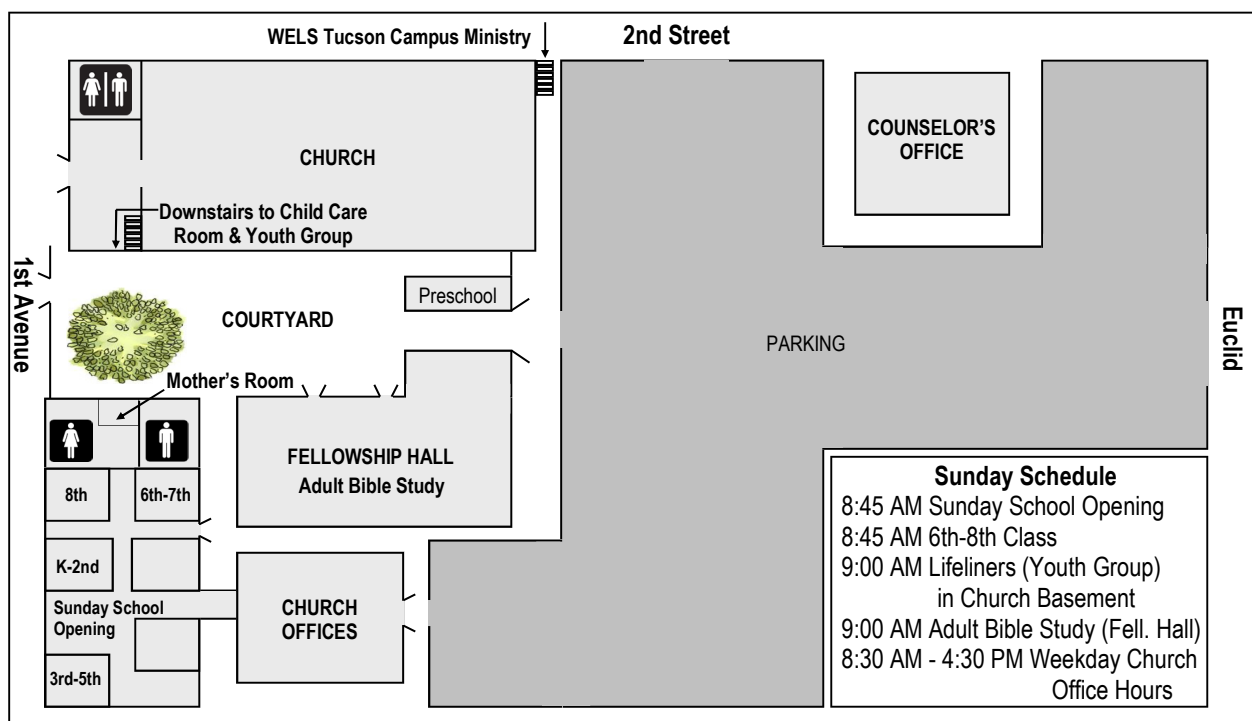
Hymns are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

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.GraceLutheranSAZ.org



DIVINE SERVICE I
Christian Worship Supplement

WELCOME

GRAND PIANO DEDICATION

Minister: Brothers and sisters in Christ, in our service today we seek God's blessing and in thankfulness set apart this grand piano to his glory. God has given us the gift of music, and to him we sound our praise.

PSALM 33:1-5

M: Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous;

C: It is fitting for the upright to praise him.

M: Sing to him a new song;

C: Play skillfully, and shout for joy.

M: For the word of the Lord is right and true;

C: He is faithful in all he does.

M: The Lord loves righteousness and justice;

C: The earth is full of his unfailing love.

PRAYER

M: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you dwell among angels who praise you continually. You open our mouths to sing salvation's new song. Your Spirit is the breath of such music. Alleluia!

We praise you for giving us this grand piano, which we dedicate to your glory alone. Sanctify the art which awakens its harmonies in leading us to worship you. Be with your servants who will use this instrument to make music for your people as you prepare us on earth to sing your praises in heaven, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

DEDICATION

M: Brothers and sister in Christ, we have come together for the worship of the almighty God and for the building up of the body of Christ. We dedicate this grand piano, setting it apart for the worship, honor, praise, and glory of God and for the edification of his holy people in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

HYMN

Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes
Christian Worship #12

PRESERVICE MUSIC:

7:45 AM—
*Antiphonal Praise
with We Have Met
to Praise and
Worship*
Arr. by Tom Fetke

10:00 AM—
Faith
Arr. by Jim
Brickman

*Let All Things Now
Living*
Arr. by Cindy Berry

*All Praise to God
Who Reigns Above*
Arr. by Dale A.
Witte

*For more
information on the
piano, please see
the announcement
on page 10.*

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

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.

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.

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.



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.

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

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, though today's Second Lesson is from the book of Acts) and the Gospel.

FIRST LESSON

When the seventh month came and the Israelites had settled in their towns, 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

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

LORD, the great God; and all the people 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."

PSALM OF THE DAY

PSALM 19

Refrain



Psalm Tone



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

Acts 4:23-31 (NIV)

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 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.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Matthew 4:23 cf. NIV

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

WORSHIP CHOIR (10:00 AM)

He Has Anointed Me

*Based on Luke 1:1-4,
4:14-21*

REFRAIN:

*He has anointed me. He has anointed me,
To bring glad tidings and set pris'ners free.
Oh, he, oh, he has anointed me.*

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; glad tidings I bring to the poor,
So that the blind may recover their sight and the lame will leap for joy. REFRAIN*

*Let all the oppressed lift their faces, no longer tremble in fear.
I am sent to announce the Lord's great favor and proclaim an acceptable year!*

REFRAIN

Please stand

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

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:



*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.*

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.

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY


O God from God, O Light from Light
Christian Worship #85

SERMON

Luke 4:14-21
Fulfilled in Your Hearing

Please stand

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



C: Cre - ate in me a pure heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Do not cast me a - way from your pres - ence or
take your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal -
va - tion, and up - hold, up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

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—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.



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

OFFERTORY MUSIC:

7:45 AM—
Hail, O Source of Every Blessing
Arr. by Valerie Floeter

10:00 AM—
Speak, O Lord
Arr. by Mary McDonald

- 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.**

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.

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

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun
Christian Worship #84

Please stand

- 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

Hail to the Lord's Anointed
Christian Worship #93

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher Pastor Nathan Kassulke
 Worship Leader Pastor Sam Clemons (10:00 AM)
 Accompanists Stephanie Kania (7:45 AM)
 Kathy Parra, Elaine Goldie, Teri Guenther (10:00 AM)
 Tina Christianson, Melissa Newbrey (10:00 AM)
 Worship Choir Director Teri Guenther (10:00 AM)
 Ushers Vic Thornton (7:45 AM)
 Mark Christianson, Jonathan Ganster, Dylan Guenther (10:00 AM)
 Danny Koehler, Dustin Pauley, Rick Street (10:00 AM)
 Sound & Recording Tech Jeff Weinstein (10:00 AM)

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—
How Great Is Our God with Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
 Arr. by Carol Tornquist

10:00 AM—
Pachelbel's Canon in D, for one piano, four hands
 Arr. by Weekley and Arganbright

Grand Piano

The grand piano we are dedicating today was made by Young Chang, a reputable Korean manufacturer, in 1997. It is a parlor grand, measuring 5 feet 9 inches in length with a black satin finish. It features a solid spruce sounding board and has a high level of quality and durability. The size, depth of tone, and clear timbre of this instrument are very fitting for our sanctuary. Grace purchased the used piano from Hachenberg & Sons Pianos, a family-owned business here in Tucson. The company was very helpful in lending their expertise to our buying process, and they have tuned and reconditioned the piano. The congregation thanks those who donated generously towards the purchase of this piano.

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Call Meeting Today

The next Call Meeting is this afternoon at 2:00 PM at Grace-Sahuarita (17675 S. La Canada Drive Sahuarita, Arizona 85629). We will be extending a Divine Call for a Pastor to serve at Grace-Sahuarita. All members are welcome to join us for this meeting and to offer appropriate input to the voters.

There will be lunch provided between 12:30-1:30 PM prior to the meeting in the Grace-Sahuarita Fellowship Room. All are welcome.



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

**Enjoy worship, Bible study and activities
at Grace locations in
Benson, Sahuarita, Tucson and Vail.**

This Week at Grace • Jan 25-Feb 1

TUCSON

Today

Worship Services 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):
• *Pastor Clemons: The Apocrypha* 9:00a
Lifeline Chupala Lunch at Grace-Tucson 11:00a
Call Meeting at Grace-Sahuarita 2:00p
Tucson Campus Ministry: *Why Worship?* 7:00p

Monday

Handbell Practice 4:30p
English a Second Language Classes Begin 6:30p

Tuesday

English as a Second Language Classes 6:30p

Wednesday

Midweek Bible Study: *Church History* 10:00a
Midweek Bible Study: *Church History* 6:30p

Thursday

Women's Bible Study: *Leviticus* 9:00a
Worship Choir Practice 6:30a

Friday

Precious Lambs 9:30-11:30a

Sunday

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Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall):
• *The Life of Christ: Jesus' Last Days* 9:00a
Tucson Campus Ministry: *Super Bowl Party* 4:00p

SAHUARITA

Today

Worship, Fellowship and Bible Study 9:45a
Call Meeting at Grace-Sahuarita 2:00p

Wednesday

Bible Study: *You Are A Holy Priesthood* 10:00a

Sunday

Worship Service/Coffee Fellowship 9:45a

VAIL

Today

Bible Study: *Book of Numbers* 9:00a
Children's Sunday School 9:00a
Worship Service/Coffee Fellowship 10:00a
Call Meeting at Grace-Sahuarita 2:00p

Monday

Bible Study at Rancho del Lago Golf Club 9:00a

Wednesday

Bible Study at the Prigge's: *What Child is This?* 6:30p

Sunday

Bible Study: *God's Family* 9:00a
Children's Sunday School 9:00a
Worship with Steven Bautista/Coffee Fellowship . 10:00a

BENSON

Today

Worship Service 7:30a
Call Meeting at Grace-Sahuarita 2:00p

Sunday

Worship Service with Steven Bautista 7:30a

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Welcome Grace Guests!

If you are a guest at Grace today, we are very happy to have you worship with us! If you would like more information about Grace or have questions about becoming a member of our congregation, please visit the Welcome Table in the courtyard. If this is your first time at Grace, please stop there to pick up a gift just for being our guest this morning.

New Members

This morning during the 9:45 AM worship service at Grace-Sahuarita, we welcome Wally & Sally Habel and Tim & Diana Holmes as new members of Grace and ask God's blessings upon them!

Chupala Lunch!

Grace's high school youth group, the Lifeliners, invite you to join them following the 10:00 worship service today for their annual Chupala Lunch. Chupala is a delicious chicken and bean dish with southwestern spices that is served with tortillas or corn chips and toppings (lettuce, tomatoes, olives, cheese, etc.). The lunch after church is a great time to enjoy some fellowship.

The Chupala Lunch is also one of the ways that the Lifeliners raise funds for their activities. Donations are appreciated (checks may be made out to Grace), but you are welcome even if you are unable to contribute.

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

Luke 4:20-32
The Disturbing Message

Benson Chili Cook-Off

This Saturday, January 31 at 12:00 PM, Grace-Benson will be holding a Chili Cook-Off and Potluck. All of the Grace family is invited to come and join in for some food and fellowship. If



you are planning on attending, consider cooking up your favorite chili recipe, or bring a side dish or dessert. For more information or questions, feel free to contact Sue Ann Arnold at (520) 221-3209. Grace-Benson is located at 451 W. Duane St, Benson, AZ.

2014 Offering Statements Available

Those who use the offering envelopes or *Simply Giving* 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.

Redeemer Countdown to Kindergarten

Redeemer Lutheran School in Marana (8845 North Silverbell Rd) is hosting an informational "Countdown to Kindergarten" event for families that may be interested in enrolling their students in Kindergarten. This event is held at Redeemer tomorrow, January 26, beginning with a pizza dinner at 5:30 PM. The preschool and Kindergarten students will perform at 6:00 PM followed by activities for the kids, while parents get valuable information on Kindergarten, curriculum, tuition, tax credits and registration. We encourage any interested families to attend. **Please call 572-8136 to RSVP.**

Redeemer Lutheran School is operated by our sister church. 8 members of Grace are attending in grades K – 8. Grace currently offers a \$1000 per year scholarship to our active members attending Redeemer.

Guest Musician at Grace-Benson and Grace-Vail

WELS singer Stephen Bautista will be the guest musician at Grace-Benson (7:30 AM) and Grace-Vail (10:00 AM) next Sunday, February 1. Join us to hear some of his original Christian songs in our regular worship services that Sunday.

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



Baby Shower

You are invited to a baby shower for Molly Street on Sunday, February 8 at 2:00 PM in the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall, hosted by Donna Malchow, Audrey Nessinger and Dorothy Rauh. The Streets are not registered, but if you'd like to give a gift, the couple encourages the use of Scrip gift cards.



Women of Grace Valentine Tea—February 14

The Women of Grace will hold their annual Valentine Tea Saturday, February 14 at 11:30 AM in the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall. There is a sign-up sheet available in the Fellowship Hall and at all the Grace locations if you are able to host a table or bring sandwiches, desserts or your own teapot.

Please RSVP by February 9 to Diane Kramm (440-8564), Joyce Long (405-5133) 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 lot of fun so please invite your girl friends. Questions? Contact Diane Kramm (440-8564) or Joyce Long (405-5133).

Show Your Love By Sharing Your Clothing!

Grace has an on-going clothing drive for our Apache brothers and sisters in northern Arizona.

What kind of clothing can I donate? GOOD – as in "I'd wear that!"

CLEAN – as in "wash it first!"

CLOTHING – as in "all of the above, for all ages!"

Contact Russ and Sandy Weir at 795-0062 if you'd like to donate, or bring to the church office.

"Be devoted to one another in brotherly love..." (Romans 12:10).

Thank You

John and Marsha Hoffman would like to thank you for your prayers on behalf of Marsha during her recent surgery.

Prayer Chain

If you would like to make a prayer request for yourself or someone you know, you may contact Geri DeRosa (615-6059) or Cora in the church office (623-6633). You may join the prayer chain and participate in prayers for others by contacting Geri DeRosa by phone or email gider@aol.com.

Thrivent Choice Dollars

2014 Choice Dollars expire on March 31, 2015. Don't miss this opportunity to recommend where some of Thrivent Financial's charitable outreach funds are distributed. Grace is eligible to receive those dollars. If you are a Thrivent member you can direct your Choice Dollars by going to Thrivent.com or calling a Customer Care Professional at 800-THRIVENT (800-847-4836) and when prompted, say, "Thrivent Choice."

Tuition Tax Credit

Even in the New Year, it is not too late to make a donation to the HELP Scholarship Foundation which may also be claimed as a tax credit on your 2014 Arizona State Tax Return. In fact, up until April 15, you may make a donation and credit it to your 2014 tax year. Tuition Tax Credits can reduce (dollar-for-dollar) the amount that you owe in state income taxes up to \$2106 for a married couple (filing jointly) or \$1053 for an individual. These credits are also limited by your total tax liability. Visit www.helpscholarships.org for more information or to make a donation. Flyers with donation brochures are also available at any of Grace's locations. If you have any questions about the Tuition Tax Credit program, please speak to Stephanie Weinstein (520-909-8022) or one of the pastors.

For the 2015 tax year, donation limits increase to \$2134 per married couple and \$1067 for individuals.

Grace currently has 8 students enrolled at Redeemer Lutheran School (Colby Heinz, Samuel and Naomi Kassulke, Tristan and AJ McDunn, Emma and Jacob Miller, and Colton Watson) and 5 students at Arizona Lutheran Academy (Elizabeth Colton, Daniel Koehler, Dustin and James Pauley, and Josiah Weinstein). We are very thankful that through the tuition tax credits, Sam and Naomi Kassulke and Danny Koehler's tuition costs have been covered for the current school year. Your help in this way is extremely valuable to families, and you are even allowed to recommend a specific student to receive the benefits of your donation.



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