

THIS WEEK IN PRAYER:

Recovery

- Lola Runyon
- Delores Peters
- Henry Klop
- Matt Marwitz (Brother of Lisa Sypniewski)
- Rick Marwitz (Father of Lisa Sypniewski)
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Cancer

- Carol Janicki
- Elsie Zultner
- Mike Zachary
- Pastor Carl Roemer (Betty Natzke's brother)

THOSE WHO SERVE:

- Organist:** Carolyn Grugel (Sat)
Mary McQuiston (Sun)
- Greeters:** Joan Coughlin (Sat)
Betty Natzke (Sun)
- Ushers:** Gene Corman Dean
Grigutis, Henry
Klopp, Ray & Denise
Machtemes,
- Counters:** Mary McQuiston /
Millie Pieramico
- Altar Guild:** Betty Natzke

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Hours: 9am - Noon
Mon - Fri



Grace Lutheran Church | 8303 Sheffield Avenue
Dyer, Indiana 46311

Income

Average Budget Income need per week \$2188
Budget Income Received 1/28 & 29 \$1315
Attendance 53 Communed 43

Calendar for 2/5 - 2/12/2012

Sunday	9am	Divine Service
	10:30	Bible Study / Sunday School
Monday	5pm	New Testament Catechesis
Tuesday	7pm	Adult Choir
	7:30	St. Paul #2 @ Dyer
Wednesday	9am	Preschool Chapel
	7pm	Lutheran Confessions
Thursday	9am	Preschool Chapel
	6:30	Board of Elders
	7pm	Preschool Board Meeting
Saturday	5pm	Bible Study
	6 pm	Divine Service
Sunday	9am	Divine Service
	10:30	Bible Study / Sunday School

Refreshments furnished by: Joe & Maxine Kolarczyk /
Eileen Jernberg

Birthdays February 5 - 11

Luke Gillespie 2/10

Wedding Anniversaries February 5 - 11

Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Machtemes 2/102

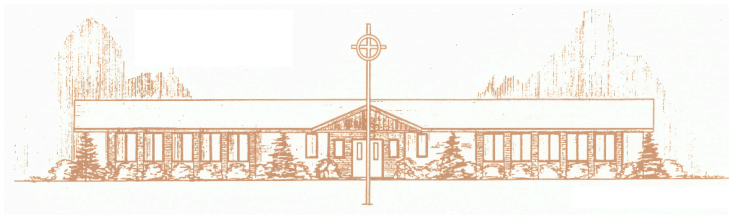
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Grace Alone

The people of Israel contended with the Lord in the wilderness (Ex. 17:1-7). They were dissatisfied with His provision. In the same way, the first laborers in the vineyard complained against the landowner for the wage he provided them (Matt. 20:1-16). They charged him with being unfair, but in reality he was being generous. For the Lord does not wish to deal with us on the basis of what we deserve but on the basis of His abounding grace in Christ. The first—those who rely on their own merits—will be last. “For they were overthrown in the wilderness” (1 Cor. 10:5). But the last, those who rely on Christ, will be first. For Christ is the Rock (1 Cor. 9:24-10:5). He is the One who was struck and from whose side blood and water flowed that we may be cleansed of our sin.



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VISITORS WELCOME: We extend a special welcome on this Our Lord's day to our visitors. Our regular services are Saturday at 6 p.m. and Sunday at 9 a.m. We are pleased to have you with us to receive the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ. A complete service folder is available in large print from the ushers. Please leave the laminated jacket to this bulletin on the table in the narthex, so we can reuse it. Assisted hearing devices are also available. If you desire to follow the readings, we encourage you to mark them in the pew Bible before the service. Prayer guides are available on the table in the narthex.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: Members and guests please remember to sign the attendance sheet found in the folders at the end of the pews. Pastor and the Elders use these records to provide spiritual care for those who have not attended recently.

HOLY COMMUNION: The Lord's Supper is joyfully received here today. At the altar, our Lord Jesus Christ delivers His true body and blood into our mouths. His gift of body and blood, given in, with, and under the bread and wine, forgives our sins, strengthens our faith, binds us to the Lord, and unites us with each other. We ask guests wishing to join our confession and receive this Holy Sacrament to meet with the pastor before communing for the first time. Those coming to the altar for a Baptismal blessing rather than the Lord's Supper are asked to cross their arms over their chest.

ASH WEDNESDAY will soon be here, this year on February 22. In past years the imposition of ashes was offered to those who so desire. The Board of Elders and Pastor have been discussing this practice and want your feedback. Is the imposition of ashes a helpful practice? Why was the practice instituted? What do the ashes mean to us and to others (Jer 6:26; Eze 27:30; Jonah 3:6)? What does Jesus have to say (Mt 6:16-17)? Please contact pastor and/or an elder to provide us your thoughts on the practice.

A SPECIAL REQUEST: Our custodian does a wonderful job, however, there are many times during the week that the fellowship hall is used between cleanings. If you use the fellowship hall, would you please wipe off the tables when you are finished. That way the next time the room is used, the tables won't have to be cleaned first. Thank you on behalf of everyone who uses this room.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS. Ash Wednesday is February 22 this year with services at 2:00 and 7:00 pm. Midweek Lenten services will be offered on Wednesdays at 2pm using the order of Vespers and at 7pm using the Order of Compline. Please join us as we prepare for our Lord's passion, death, and resurrection.

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US for a soup and sandwich lunch on Ash Wednesday, February 22, at noon. This will take place before the 2pm worship service and if time allows, we will have a game session. Make a day of it, come have lunch, play a game, and top off the afternoon by attending worship service.

JOYFUL RESPONSE is a convenient way of making your contributions to the church. *Joyful Response* is a helpful resource that will allow you to contribute your tithe faithfully and regularly and help the church to budget her income effectively. The funds are drawn directly out of your checking account weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly. Prayerfully consider this mostly painless way of contributing your offering to Lord. For those who have enrolled, offering cards are available in the resource bins in the hallway.

HOSPITAL PRIVACY REGULATIONS Pastor would like to remind everyone that hospitals no longer check church affiliation and do not consistently inform churches when one of their members is admitted. The only way to insure that the church is aware of someone hospitalized, in-patient or outpatient, is to contact the church office or Pastor's cell phone directly. Please allow Pastor to bring God's Word to bear upon your time of illness, need, or joy.

A DOOR COLLECTION will be gathered today to cover the cost of additional hymnals that were recently purchased for use in the fellowship hall and other events.

DO YOU HAVE IDEAS AND DREAMS FOR GRACE? A STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING is scheduled for Saturday, February 18, beginning at 9:00 am. All members of Grace are encouraged to attend. Officers and committees are expected. We will review the identified strengths and weaknesses from last year's workshop, revise as needed, and consider strategies to improve in the years to come.

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Divine Service Three

Hymnal p. 184

Propers

Insert

(Tract replaces Alleluia & Verse)

Hymns:

Processional: **545**

Hymn of the Day: **555**

Distribution: **557,630**

Recessional: **553**

Readings:

Exodus 17:1-7

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1 Corinthians 9:24-10:5

p. 957

Matthew 20:1-16

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