

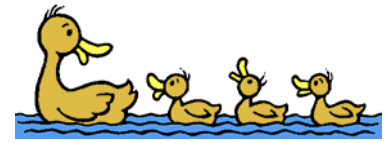


### Sunday Worship Schedule

- 7:30 AM Community Pancake Breakfast
- 8:30 AM Contemporary Worship
- 10:00 AM Traditional Worship

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**Memorial Day**  
Remember Those Who Gave Their Lives  
Monday, May 25th  
Church Office  
CLOSED

## ADULT EDUCATION and SUMMER WORSHIP at GRACE

By Pastor Roger A. Thompson

### SUNDAY MORNING ADULT FORUM CONTINUES!

**ASK SOMEONE TODAY IF HE OR SHE LIKES JESUS,  
AND THE ANSWER IS USUALLY YES. BUT ASK IF  
THAT PERSON LIKES THE CHURCH, AND CHANCES ARE  
YOU WILL GET A FAR LESS FAVORABLE RESPONSE.**

Led by author Dan Kimball, this six-session class will help you explore and respond truthfully, caringly, and engagingly to the most common objections and misunderstandings culture has about the church and Christianity. Through interviews with those who like Jesus but not the church and teaching by Dan Kimball, this video-based curriculum will help address these objections.

The Remaining Sessions include:

- Does the Church Restrict and Oppress Women? April 26
- Is the Church Homophobic? May 3
- Do Christians Arrogantly Think All Other Religions Are Wrong? May 10
- Are Christians Fundamentalists Who Take the Whole Bible Literally? May 17

Meets in the North Room at 9:45am every Sunday with Pastor Thompson, no charge for materials.

### FOUR WEDNESDAYS REMAIN for GLOW!

Featuring the prize-winning PBS Frontline documentary:

**“From Jesus to Christ: The First Christians”**

**As Always, Dinner at 5:30 and Program at 6:30, Dismiss at 7:30**

From Jesus to Christ: The First Christians -- tells the epic story of the rise of Christianity. The four hours explore the life and death of Jesus, and the men and women whose belief, conviction, and martyrdom created the religion we now know as Christianity.

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LIVING GOD'S GRACE AND SHARING THE FAITH

# Grace Vine

**APRIL 29 -- HOUR ONE** examines how Judaism and the Roman empire shaped Jesus' life.

**MAY 6 -- HOUR TWO** explores the period after the crucifixion of Jesus and traces the [beginnings of the Jesus Movement](#), in those early years before it was called Christianity:



Sunday, May 10th

**MAY 13 -- HOUR THREE** follows the story of the first attempts to write the life of Jesus--the Gospels: [The Gospels](#) were products of social and religious reconstruction in the period after the war, ranging from roughly 70 to after 100 C.E. The program looks at how these stories [were passed down](#) before they were written.

**MAY 20 -- HOUR FOUR** chronicles how the Christian movement - as it became separate from Judaism--would face new challenges--both internal and external.

### Looking Ahead to Summer Worship at Grace

As always, summer worship at Grace will be filled with favorite, familiar songs and hymns, and a variety of worship styles and communion settings. Even though worshippers and worship leaders will be coming and going in typical summer fashion, we are confident that the best possible worship experience will be provided throughout the Sundays of summer!



Begins, May 24th

**The 8:30am Contemporary Service in Hope Hall** will continue to feature a mixture of songs that you are likely to hear on current Christian radio, old time Gospel songs and Spirituals, and traditional hymns done in new arrangements, as well as some surprises.

**The 11:00am Traditional Service in the Sanctuary (10:00am beginning May 24!)** will provide an opportunity for us to go exploring in the new ELCA hymnal, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*. If you don't know, there are TEN(!) SETTINGS FOR HOLY COMMUNION in the book. You also may not know that we have already done five or six of them over the past year or so. We have learned three of the new ones, used the ones retained from the Green Book (LBW), and used parts of Setting 9 in the 8:30 service. We are more than half way there!

**Mark your calendars NOW as a reminder of our SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE! On Sunday, May 24, 8:30am Contemporary Service in Hope Hall, NO SUNDAY SCHOOL, and Traditional Service in the Sanctuary at 10:00am.**

See you in Church,

*Boze*



**THANK YOU  
SUNDAY SCHOOL and ADULT GLOW LEADERS AND TEACHERS!**

From the Diaconal Minister's Desk

A BIG Grace thank you goes out to all our Sunday School and GLOW teachers and those who have worked with children, youth, and adults in all the activities we have had during this year. You have nurtured and loved our children and our adults. You have shown them the face of Christ each week and have shared your faith to help them grow in their faith. We appreciate your dedication and willingness to make a difference in the lives of our youth and adults here at Grace.

May God bless you always to be a blessing to others, and especially to our children!



**Sunday School Teachers 2008-2009**

**Pre-School - K** – Linda Schwall, Terri Fry, and Andrea Sigala

**1<sup>st</sup> -3<sup>rd</sup> Grade** – Tracey Kontz and Judy Baker

**4-6<sup>th</sup> Grade** –Kathy Spitler and Phyllis and Rick Schilling

**Confirmation/Junior High** –Dennis Morey and Ray Saunders

**Eighth Grade confirmation/Senior High** –Roger Ark

**Sunday School Secretary** – Deb Schilling

**Music/Opening** – Andrea Sigala

**Adults** – Pastor Roger and Cheryl Thompson

**GLOW Children Activity Leaders and Helpers**

Tracey Kontz, Phyllis Schilling, Ardie Senft, and several parents and youth from time to time

**GLOW Adult Leaders**

Fran Fry, Bev Zannos, Nancy Tickle, Carol Staffieri, Bill Sheehan, David White, Judy Baker, Margie Betz, Deb Schilling, Ray Saunders, Jon Kramer, Pastor Roger and Cheryl Thompson

**Saturday Morning Bible Study**

Gene Bell, Nash Khatler, Bill Sheehan, David White, Ray Saunders

**Women's Bible Equipping**

Bev Zannos and Nancy Tickle

***Ardie***



### ***Calling all Youth***

**Be Sure to Mark your calendars and join us!**

**May 3rd - "Youth Alive" at St Andrew - 4-7 - Food, fun, and a movie - "City of Ember" from 4-7PM**

**May 6th ,13th and 20th - GLOW is 5:30-7:30PM–** Join us for a meal and the video series that is offered for adults and teens—"From Jesus To Christ—The First Christians.

**May 15th - Friday MOVIE NIGHT- 6-9PM** - It is time to celebrate the completion of another year of confirmation with pizza and a movie! All confirmation High school and 6th –8th grade youth, and parents are invited for an evening of food, fellowship, and a and award winning movie- "*The Boy In the Striped Pajamas*".

**May 16th - Practice for ALL youth participating in the Youth Led Worship! 9:15AM - Confirmands, 10:00AM - Everyone else. We will go until about noon.**

**May 17th - Youth Led Worship and Affirmation of Baptism (11AM service only) for: Nicholas Kontz, Seth Morey, Danaë Schilling, Lance Schilling – BOTH CONTEMPORARY AND TRADITIONAL SERVICES WILL BE IN HOPE HALL!**

**May 14th - Thursday–Last Confirmation Class for 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders – 6:30-8:00PM.**

**May 25th - Youth Alive "Swim Party" - Memorial Day from 11AM-3PM at the Morey's - More details to come.**

### ***THIS IS WORTH CLAPPING FOR!!***

Congratulations and blessings to our Sara Schilling who is graduating from Maryvale High School.

Congratulations and blessings to John Estes who is graduating on May 3rd from Regis University in Denver, CO. He will have a degree in International Business and Mathematics with a minor in Spanish and Philosophy. He is getting an award for being the Top Business Administration Graduate. He is working on getting an internship for a year before he goes to law school. He is interested in pursuing a career in International Business Law.

**Prayers and blessings to our four Confirmands** who will affirm their baptism on May 17th – Nicholas Kontz, Seth Morey, Danaë Schilling, and Lance Schilling

### ***COMING SOON WATCH FOR DATES!***

**VBS – Crocodile Dock** needs all our youth as crew leaders and station helpers – PLEASE sign-up if your schedule allows you to participate. June 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>h</sup> – 5:30PM-8:10PM

***See you in Church***

**DON'T MISS THE YOUTH LED WORSHIP!**

**TIME: May 17th at both the 8:30AM and 11:00AM**

**WHERE: Both worship services will be in HOPE HALL**

**Affirmation of Baptism for our 8th grade confirmands will be at the 11:00AM**

The youth will take charge .They have planned the whole worship and each one of youth will be contributing in different ways to the worship making this a memorable experience for ALL! Please come and support our youth as they lead us in worship and share their faith!



Emergency Phone Numbers

When in Sorrow .....	Call John 14
When men fail you.....	Call Psalm 27
If you want to be fruitful.....	Call John 15
When you sinned.....	Call Psalm 51
When you worry .....	Call Matthew 6:19-34
When you are in danger .....	Call Psalm 91
When God seems far away .....	Call Psalm 139
When you faith needs stirring.....	Call Hebrews 11
When you are lonely and fearful.....	Call Psalm 23
When you grow bitter and critical .....	Call 1 Corinthians 13
For Paul's secret to happiness.....	Call Colossians 3:12-17
For understanding of Christianity.....	Call 2 Corinthians 5:15-19
When you feel down or out.....	Call Romans 8:31
When you want peace .....	Call Matthew 11:25-30
When the world seem bigger that God .....	Call Psalm 90
When you want Christian assurance .....	Call Romans 8:1-30
When you leave home for labor and travel.....	Call Psalm 121
When your prayers grow narrow or selfish.....	Call Psalm 67
For great invention/opportunity .....	Call Isaiah 55
When you want courage for a task.....	Call Joshua 1
For how to get along with fellow men.....	Call Romans 12
When you think of investment and returns.....	Call Mark 10
If you are depressed .....	Call Psalm 27
If your pocketbook is empty .....	Call Psalm 37
If you are losing confidence in people.....	Call 1 Corinthians 13
If people seem unkind.....	Call John 15
If discouraged about your work.....	Call Psalm 126
If you find the world growing small and yourself great .....	Call Psalm 19

Alternate Numbers

For dealing with fear.....	Call Psalm 34:17
For security .....	Call Psalm 121:3
For assurance .....	Call Mark 8:35
For reassurance .....	Call Psalm 145:18

Emergency numbers may be dialed direct. No operator assistance is necessary. All lines to Heaven are open 24 hours a day. Feed your faith and doubt will starve itself!

**WILBUR'S APRIL "DOUBLE PLAY" WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!**



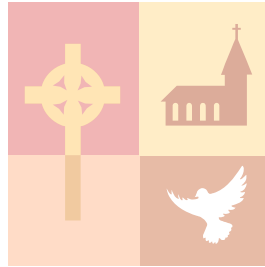
The people of Grace came through in a BIG way for our April Wilbur fundraiser, "Double Play For Grace". Wilbur funds in April were for our own Grace Lutheran, with matching funds, up to \$1020, from Thrivent. The contributions to Wilbur as of April 19th were over 1500. Adding the \$1020 from Thrivent, so far we raised over \$2520 for Grace. These "Double Play Funds" will be used to support our on-going programs at Grace Lutheran.

**Wilbur says, "Thank you all very much for your generous contributions."**



**Biblical Equipping**  
Class meeting  
Thursday, May 28th  
9:30AM—North Room  
**COME AND JOIN US**  
for Fellowship  
and Learning-  
Contact Nancy Tickle

## Affirmation of Baptism



Please join the celebration when Nicholas Kontz, Seth Morey, Danaë Schilling, and Lance Schilling are confirmed at Grace on May 17<sup>th</sup>, at the 11:00AM. Nick, Seth, Danaë , and Lance have completed the confirmation program here at Grace Lutheran that includes two years of class studies and a year with their mentors, Ken Ehlen, Roger Ark, Fran Fry, and Adam Wohlbrandt. Please take the time to pray for these young men and young woman as they celebrate this milestone of faith. When you see them, tell them how proud you are of their accomplishments. This is a huge milestone in the faith journey of these youth. This is their opportunity to affirm with a resounding “YES”, before the community of faith, the promises that were made on their behalf when they were baptized as infants.

## GLOW IN MAY!



**There are only three times for you to attend GLOW in May  
May 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 20<sup>th</sup>**

**There is something for the whole family at this midweek fellowship and meal!  
There is still time to enjoy a Glow Evening**

GLOW meets at 5:20PM for dinner followed by a special video series for teens and adults held in the sanctuary at 6:30PM. Children’s fifth grade and younger will have special activities in the North Room of Hope Hall.

**AFTER MAY 20<sup>TH</sup> THERE WILL BE NO GLOW UNTIL SEPTEMBER**

# Mother's Day

## Join us for a luncheon on May 10<sup>th</sup> in Hope Hall

The men and youth of Grace will be hosting a Mother's Day luncheon. All men, women and children are invited to attend this momentous occasion and enjoy some good "home cooking". Any man, youth or child who is interested in helping out with this event, please contact Ardie at 258-3787 or email - ardie.senft@graceinthecity.com. We have immediate opening for cooks, servers and cleaning-up specialists.

### MENU

- Roast Beef
- Buttered Potatoes
- Green Beans
- Tossed Salad
- Rolls and Butter
- Dessert and Beverage



Tickets will be \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children 10 and under **SIGN-UP** on Sunday if you haven't already!

### GRACE CINEMA CLUB

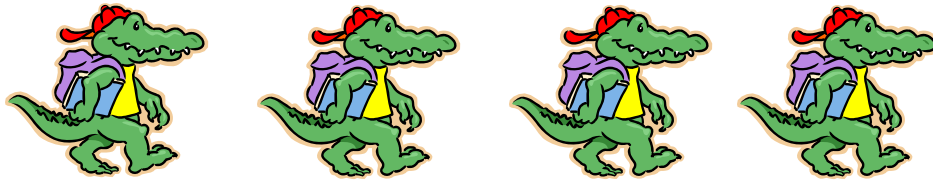
The May cinema club with pool party will be at the home of Rick & Phyllis Schilling

*(Contact Phyllis Schilling for further details on time and date)*



### WELCA DATES TO NOTE

- MAY 14 WELCA LUNCH—12:00PM  
Location—TBA
- MAY 21 Bible Study Circle 9:30 AM  
In NORTH ROOM
- MAY 28 Biblical Equipping Class 9:30 AM  
In NORTH ROOM
- SEPT. 3 WELCA General Mtg 9:30 AM  
In NORTH ROOM
- OCT. 16-18 Grand Canyon Synod Convention  
Laughlin, Nevada



**Join Us For a Visit To the "Crocodile Dock"!  
Another Vacation Bible Adventure is coming to Grace Lutheran  
Child Friendly Meal Served Every Evening at 5:15 6:00PM**

So pull out your "bayou clothing" and get ready for another GREAT Vacation Bible School Adventure at Grace. Mark your calendars and plan on joining us on *June 15-19<sup>th</sup>, 2009 from 6-8:10PM* as we have an unforgettable visit to the "Crocodile Dock" where "fearless kids share God's light" . There will be Bible learning, singing, super crafts, delicious Bayou treats, and fearless games. And of course we can't forget to mention that your favorite from years past, Chadder Chipmunk, will also have a GREAT adventure in the Bayou!

We need young adventurers, crew leaders, station leaders, and of course lots of station workers. Watch for more information next month, but in the mean time why not mark your calendar with big letters *CROCODILE DOCK VBS - June 15-19<sup>th</sup>*. Registration begins in June!

**Join us in for our CROCODILE DOCK VBS ADVENTURE!!**

**LEADERS AND GUIDES NEEDED!**

**Apply today - GREAT BENEFITS**

Would you like to be a volunteer leader or guide and help out with this EXCITING "Crocodile Dock" Adventure? If you have the following qualifications you will be a successful Adventure Leader or Crew chief!

- ◆ *Love the Lord and love children*
- ◆ *Enjoy being with children and helping them to learn about Jesus*
- ◆ *Accept children where they are and encourage them to use their abilities*
- ◆ *Enjoy a little creative chaos!*

If you wish to apply for a volunteer position please call Ardie at Grace - 258-3787 or fill out the bulletin insert on Sunday Mornings during May and put it in the offering plate.

Training meetings are scheduled on May 31<sup>st</sup> at 11:30PM and June 6th from 9:30AM-12PM. Both meetings are in in Hope Hall .

Decorating Hall June 13th and 14th  
(contact- Phyllis Schilling - 602-918-2600)

**Join Us For a GREAT experience!**

## *Art for Health*

Please join us on Friday, May 1, 2009, for the Annual Fundraiser for the Breaking the Cycle (BTC) Clients. The Art Exhibition and Sale will be from 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM in Hope Hall. BTC is one of the ASU Nurse Managed Health Centers and is housed on the Grace Lutheran Church campus. Thrivent for Lutherans is a proud participant by providing matching Community Funding of \$1 for every \$3 raised for the BTC from the annual art Sale.

The Art for Health event provides financial support for ASU's Nurse Managed Health Centers, builds and sustains partnership between the Herberger Institute of Design & the Arts and the ASU College of Nursing & Healthcare Innovation and serves to increase the university's involvement in the community at large. The BTC Clinic, in partnership with Grace Lutheran Church in Phoenix, provides free or low cost family planning services and related health care to 1,600 individuals annually and serves as a clinical educational site for undergraduate nursing and graduate nurse practitioner students. The BTC nurses often volunteer with Grace for the Sunday Pancake Breakfast. This annual juried exhibition serves not only to showcase the students of the Herberger Institute of Design and the Arts and artists from the community but provides an opportunity for students to engage in community service prior to graduation. This event is held in conjunction with "First Fridays" art walks in Phoenix. 10% of the money raised from the Art sales will go to Grace Lutheran Church.



**Youth Led  
Worship  
Service**

**Sunday, May 17th  
Both Services**

The  
**Church  
Office**



**Will Be  
Closed:**

**Monday, May 25th**

## **E-Script Funds Are Coming In!**

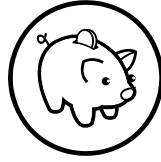
*Have You Taken Advantage Of This Great Way To Turn Your Safeway Purchases  
Into a Donation To GRACE OUTREACH*

**WHY NOT MAKE IT A POINT TO SIGN –UP  
AND HELP SUPPORT GRACE OUTREACH!**

Grace Lutheran has an e-script number to use when you shop at Safeway, Payless Shoes, Chevron and many more of your favorite stores and restaurants. Over 40 of our members are already signed up and by giving Grace's e-script number, which is 9602016 Grace, we have receive a check every month that is 2% (more at some stores) of the total purchases from the stores and restaurants you have visited! What could be easier?

Please consider taking advantage of this easy way of turning your shopping sprees into a way of supporting our outreach ministry right here at Grace. What could be EASIER! It almost sounds too good to believe.

This will be a GREAT way to help out Wilbur our "Mission Minded Pig" keep the Grace Room well supplied with hygiene items! During this time of "belt tightening" we can still supply funds for our outreach projects just when we shop regularly at Safeway and other stores participating stores.



## In May Will You Help WILBUR Respond To His Friend Eileen!

Dear Wilbur,

It is hard to believe the time is here for another trip to Vietnam. We will be leaving on June 2-17. This year's team will include three University Professors from ASU who will be doing hands on in labor and delivery and teaching at the College of Nursing in Vietnam. There will also be a University Professor from University of Texas teaching at the hospitals and bringing four of her students that will assist with our bible studies. Your many prayers for our team leader after the death of her daughter from sudden cardiac arrest, and her cardiac crisis have helped to heal her both physically and mentally. She and her husband are still determined to make this trip. As for myself I will be doing CPR education, physicals (195 last year) and having lots of fun with the kids at the orphanage.

Your gracious gifts last year were able to bring school supplies, fun games/stickers and puppets and lots of Joy and smiles to four orphanages and one pediatric rehabilitation center where the children have cerebral palsy. Our medical/dental facilities that we set up at three of the orphanages provided care for 354 children, 38 elders, hill tribe visitors, and many care givers. We are hoping to set up something similar one at the handicapped orphanage that we visited for the first time last year. At present we pay for a Christian doctor and dentist to go weekly to visit and care for the children and elders. We also pay for milk for the babies and elders.

Last year I assisted in baptizing an eight month little girl named Anna. It truly was the high light of my trip . Our team will be visiting her and her family again to bring the word of the lord and remind them how much they are loved.

I hope you can help me again this year with supplies for the orphanage. Although I am no longer with Breaking the Cycle, my love still remains with Grace. Thank you so much for all you do for me and my mission trip to Vietnam.

Sincerely,  
Eileen Doench

Dear Grace friends,

**This year Eileen has requested both hand puppets and the sticker sheets of different scenes that we purchase from Oriental Trading Company. Please place NOISY AND QUIET offerings in my open mouth ASAP so Ardie can make one large order to give to Eileen before she leaves.**

**Thanks!**

**Your Mission Minded PIG,  
Wilbur**

**Thanks for Reaching Out To Help Those Doing Mission Around The World!**



May Birthdays

WEEKLY CALENDAR

May Dates to Note

5th Tyler Redman  
 15th Diane Ericson  
 20th Siri Lichte  
 21st Adam Wohlbrandt  
 22nd Trish Traaen  
 30th Cynthia Hermann



SUNDAY  
 7:30AM Pancake Bkfst  
 8:30AM Contemporary  
 Worship  
 10:00AM Trad. Worship  
 MONDAY  
 9:00AM Grace Room  
 TUESDAY  
 7:00PM Band Rehearsal  
 WEDNESDAY  
 5:30PM G.L.O.W.  
 THURSDAY  
 6:30PM Choir Practice  
 6:30PM Confirmation Class  
 SATURDAY  
 8:00AM Bible Study Group

Friday May 1  
 5:30PM Art for Health Event  
 Sunday, May 3  
 4:00PM Grace Youth Alive-@ St Andrew's  
 Sunday, May 10 HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!  
 Mother's Day Luncheon 12:30PM  
 Monday, May 12  
 6:45PM Grace Ministry Night  
 Thursday, May 14  
 9:30AM WELCA LUNCH  
 Friday, May 15  
 6:00PM Youth Movie Night  
 Sunday, May 17  
 Youth Led Worship/Both Services /  
 Affirmation of Baptism at 11:00AM  
 End -of -year Sunday School Event  
 Thursday, May 21  
 9:30AM WELCA Bible Study Circle  
 Sunday , May 24th  
 11:30AM—Teacher Appreciation Luncheon  
 Monday, May 25th  
 MEMORIAL DAY OFFICE CLOSED  
 May 25—Youth Swim Party @ the  
 Morey's. 11AM-3PM  
 Thursday, May 28  
 9:30AM Biblical Equipping Class

Other Special Dates

- Christian Family Week, May 4-10
- National Day of Prayer, May 7
- Mother's Day, May 10
- Armed Forces Day, May 16
- Victoria Day (Canada), May 18
- Ascension of the Lord, May 21
- Memorial Day, May 25
- Pentecost, May 31

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Milestones Along Life's Way

*Congratulations, blessings, and prayers:*

- ❖ Congratulations to our graduating High School and college graduates –Sara Schilling ( Maryvale H.S.) and John Estes (Regis University, Denver, CO ). Our prayers surround both of you and may God bless and guide enter into new paths along your life journey!
- ❖ Congratulations to our four youth who will be confirmed on May 17<sup>th</sup> and will also be heading off to high school in September – Nicholas Kontz, Seth Morey, Danaë Schilling, Lance Schilling. Prayers surround you as you face these new steps in both your faith journey and your life journey.

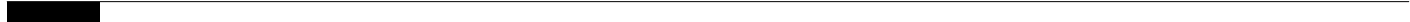


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