

Our Purpose

The purpose of this organization, under the authority of Christ, is to fulfill His command to make disciples of men, women, and children within the church, the community, the country, and the continents.

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, it shall seek to bring glory to God the Father, as we obey Christ in the areas of prayer, study of God's inerrant Word, sharing the gospel, encouragement and fellowship among believers, and worship.

Our Vision

We will become a caring fellowship committed to corporately and personally introducing others to Jesus Christ and helping one another to grow in a relationship with Him.

Elders

Lead Pastor	Dr. John E. Grams	533-4704
Associate Pastor	Andrew Langseth	533-4704
Elder	Lincoln Harker	533-4541
Elder	Roy Gisler	533-7724
Elder	Steve Jobs	533-8759
Elder	Nathan Svoboda	533-8092

Deacons

Christian Education		
Ministries	Rena Grams	271-3045
Missions	James Fryer	533-7808
Outreach	Gary Kadansky	533-6290
Properties	Paul Raygor	533-6658
Worship	Pastor Langseth	533-4704
Treasurer	Kevin Gisler	533-6573
Financial Sec.	Gary Hoover	378-4541

Coordinators

Nursery	Claire Langseth	763-458-7550
Prayer Chain	Jackie Sahl	533-6107
Sunday School Secy	Tricia Lanzel	536-2816

Office Hours

Pastor Grams' study hours are each morning, Wed. afternoons, and Thurs. afternoons from 3-5 p.m. He is available for calls and appointments during the other hours. He is not in on FRIDAYS.

Pastor Langseth is not in the office on FRIDAYS.

Leisha is in Tues. AM, Wed. PM, and Friday AM.

GRACE EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

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 Web site: www.grace-free.org

"To Know Christ and to Make Him Known"

Sunday School at 9 a.m. Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.
 Dr. John E. Grams, Lead Pastor Andrew Langseth, Pastor of Youth /Worship
 Email: john@grace-free.org Email: andrew@grace-free.org

62nd Annual Day of Prayer

Matthew 12:21 "In His name the nations will put their hope."

The upcoming 62nd annual National Day of Prayer, May 2, 2013, will have profound significance for our country. We have an unprecedented opportunity to see the Lord's healing and renewing power made manifest as we call on citizens to humbly come before His throne. To echo the words of Mary Washington, mother of our nation's first president, we believe it is time to "Remember that God is our only sure trust."

The theme for 2013 is **Pray for America**, emphasizing the need for individuals, corporately and individually, to place their faith in the unfailing character of their Creator, who is sovereign over all governments, authorities, and men.

"Father, we come to You to pray for our nation, the United States of America. How You have blessed us through the years, Lord! We rightly sing, "America, America, God shed His grace on thee." Yet we see trouble in our culture today. We see the breakdown of the family, crippling addictions, and random acts of horrific violence.

Lord, we need Your help in America. In recent days, we have done our best to remove Your Word and Your counsel from our courtrooms, classrooms and culture. It seems, as President Lincoln once said, that we have "forgotten God." But Lord, You have not forgotten us! You can bless and help and revive our country again.

Scripture tells us that "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people" (Proverbs 14:34). Lord, in Your mercy, we ask that You would exalt our country again. We have had a number of great awakenings in America. We have experienced times of refreshing, and revivals that changed not only the spiritual but also the moral landscape. As the psalmist said, "Will You not revive us again, so that Your people may rejoice in You?" (Psalm 85:6)

That is our prayer for America today, Lord. Send a mighty spiritual awakening that will turn the hearts of men and women, boys and girls back to you. You have told us if we will humble ourselves and pray, and seek Your face and turn from our wicked ways, that You will forgive our sins and heal our land. (2 Chronicles 7:14)

Forgive us today, Lord, and heal this troubled land that we love so much.

We ask all of this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen."

(Prayer of this year's Honorary Chairman, Pastor Greg Laurie)

www.NationalDayofPrayer.org

See the weekly calendar on the next page for the National Day of Prayer Schedule of Events.



Graduation Open Houses

If you would like to publicize a graduation open house, please get your information to Leisha in the office.

THIS WEEK

Tuesday -

Staff meeting	9A
Ladies' Precept study	3P
State Farm in Room J	5-9P
AA in Overflow Room	6:30P
Worship Commission	7P
Ladies' CCC at Youdas'	7-8:30P
Men's Volleyball	8-10P

Wednesday -

Ladies' Prayer Time	8A
Ladies' Bible study	9A
Jr. High Youth	3:30P

Awana Awards Night	6:30P
Sr. High Youth	7P

Thursday—DAY OF PRAYER

NO Men's Bible study	7:30A
Prayer at City Hall	7:30A
Student-led prayer	7:30A
Prayer at St. Bernards'	Noon
Ladies' Bible study	12:30P
Prayer Walk	7P
Property Commission	7P

Believer's Baptism is planned May 5 during the Sunday morning worship service. If you would like to be baptized, see Pastor Langseth or Pastor Grams.

Baby Dedication on Mother's Day

We are planning a baby dedication service during the 2nd worship service on Sunday, May 12. If you are interested in dedicating your child, contact Pastor Grams at 533-4704 by next Sunday. Thank you. Or register online on the website www.grace-free.org under the resources tab.

Youth Hosts for SNT—sign up to host the Summer Youth "Sunday Night Tour" group. Starting June 9 and running through July, youth group meets on Sundays 6:30-8:30ish in homes instead of at church. Sign up at the Info Center - thanks! See Pastor Andrew for questions.

THANKS!

- ♦ **A BIG Thank-you** to all the women who donated for the Care Center Birthday Party. A special thanks to Hope and Jackie for helping serve. I'm sure that it was a blessing to the residents. You are appreciated. Betty Peterson

Women's Study —Hebrews Summer Session on Tuesdays

(June 4-August 20) You have 2 options: the normal Precept Upon Precept workbook or a NEW In and Out format - This is a streamlined approach to Precept Upon Precept material, but requires fewer hours of study time. Sign up now as **books will be ordered by May 19**. Contact Ellen Voigt (202-4991).

May—Happy Birthday . . .



2—Jack Owen	20—Randy Merry
3—Logan Adler	21—Esther Fischer
3—Alex Campbell	21—Kennedy Parker
3—Joe Lucas	21—Mason Russell
4—Quinn Krause	21—Joseph Wannarka
4—Byron Papenfus	22—Evan Golley
5—Kellie Koball	22 - Reagan Mittelstadt
6—Seth Golley	23—Travis DeKok
7—Al Foster	24—Bill Koski
8—Daniel Deppa	24—Bob Royston
8—Zachery Deppa	26—Angela McClellan
8—Tim Voigt	26—Julie Reiland
9—Kim Alwin	27—Olivia Bunne
9—Katie Bunne	27—George Plank
10—Scott Campbell	28—Carol Youdas
10—Gail Smidt	29—Wyatt Bernard
11—Evan Osborne	29—Ryan Clark
14 - Will Giest	31—Ken Faupel
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Serving in May

	May 5	May 12	May 19	May 26
Nursery	Jody Fryer, Ellie Fryer, Lydia Fryer Mike & Beth Hettich, Chloe Kidd	Dawn Clark, Jessalyn Jobes, Rachel Blomquist John & Tricia Lanzel, Julia & Tessa Lanzel	Claire Langseth, Grace Myhre, Hope Deetz Jesse & Ronnie Cummins	Stacy Dube, Lisa Hoover, Emily Scruggs Daynee Orte, Anya & Maria Raygor
KidZone				
Greeters	Jim & Jody Fryer Fred & Carole Roberts	Russ & Becky Kidd Steve & Laura Jobes	Jim & Carol Youdas Dale & Sharon Greene	Nancy Weiss Randy & Peggy Merry
Ushers	Terry Sahl Randy Merry Nathan Svoboda Ron Peterson	Tim Voigt Jesse Cummins Phil Orte Mitch Bunne	Russ Kidd Dean Hiscocks Joe Lucas Russ Kidd	Trevor Wiles Ken Mann Larry Smith Nathan Svoboda
Custodial for the month	Kitchen—Hayes Nursery—S. Jobes Bathrooms by Worship Center—Fryer			

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Summer Camp News!

- ◆ **Summer Camp Scholarships** are available toward any Grace Church approved camps. See display for eligible camps and application forms. **NOTE:** If anyone in the church would like to donate funds specifically to help youth go to camps, please designate your tax-deductible gift “Camp Scholarship fund.”
- ◆ **Ironwood Springs Christian Ranch**— Check out all the information on summer camp opportunities, Turkey Hunt for Disabled Hunters, Memorial Day Weekend events, Operation Welcome Home, Miracles Happen Festival in July, and others by going to www.ironwoodsprings.com. There are new camp opportunities for all ages.
- ◆ **Camp Victory** open house May 5, 1-4 p.m. Inflatables, wagon rides, tours, ropes course & refreshments. The camp registrar will be there to answer your questions about the camps available.

Mark your calendars...

Take Me Out to the Ballgame! EFCA Night with the Twins! Friday, July 19. The North Central District EFCA congregations are invited to join Elim Care for a night with the Twins. Minnesota v. Cleveland. More information to follow.

AWANA AWARDS NIGHT May 1st!! Come celebrate with the clubbers, parents and volunteers. Ceremony begins at 6:30 p.m. in the Worship Center. Clubbers are to arrive at 6:15 p.m.

Prayer Corner

Grace Families to pray for this week:

**Marlene Durscher
Greg & Janelle Eaton
Ken & Donna Faupel**

Missions Focus: France

Jonah and Amy Haddad family

Biblical Stewardship

Giving of our time, treasure, and talents!

April 21 Attendance
Sunday School ~ 110 Worship Services ~125, 117
April 14 Figures
Weekly Budget \$8,414
Rec'd 8,027
Year-to-date Budget..... \$126, 210
Rec'd 118,465

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