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 Jobes	533-8759
Elder	Paul Raygor	533-6658
Deacons		
Christian Education	Scott Campbell	421-5126
Ministries	-	
Missions	James Fryer	533-7808
Outreach	Gary Kadansky	533-6290
Properties	Ken Smidt	378-5371
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		

Office Hours

Staff meetings are Tuesday mornings 9-10 (no phone calls please)

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.

GRACE EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

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"To Know Christ and to Make Him Known"

Sunday School at 9 a.m.

Dr. John E. Grams, Senior Pastor
Email: John@grace-free.org

Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.

Andrew Langseth, Pastor of Worship & Youth
Email: Andrew@grace-free.org

Grace Gazette

September 2012



Fall Kickoff September 9!

- Worship Services: 9AM and 11AM
- Sunday school for all ages resumes @ 10AM
- BRICK Students/Parents meeting @10AM (15 min) If you have students in the 7th grade—this meeting is for you.

Fall Adult Sunday School—CATALYST!

Pastor Grams begins a ten-part sermon series this week. Join one of the discussion groups on "Catalyst: Insights From the Life of the Apostle Paul on Becoming God's Catalyst."

Topics:

Sincerely Wrong
 Mission

Revelation
 Staying on Target

3. Transformation 8. Tough Decisions

4. Friend 9. Leadership

5. Preparation (adversity-tests) 10. Finish Well

The term "catalyst" has its origins in the scientific community. A catalyst is typically understood as being something that brings about change, usually profound, through a chemical reaction. Our prayer for this series is for catalytic change via the Word of God by the Spirit of God for the glory of God. Perhaps, we too might become catalysts.

NOTE: An introduction to the series: Catalyst can be found under "media" on the church website (www.grace-free.org). Throughout the series, each week's message will also be added to that page.

Registration for Sunday School - all ages

<u>Parents</u> please register your children for Sunday school. If you have any questions, see Scott Campbell at the Information Center.

AWANA!

As the new year starts we are getting our materials and workers ready. If you have a heart for children and are available to help Wednesdays between 6 and 8 p.m. contact Bret Adler at either 202-4500 or email him bretmadler@gmail.com

- **Pre-register** online to www.grace-free.org.
- All-volunteer meeting THIS WEEK—Wed., Sept 5, 6:30P

Women's Fall Bible Studies

Please stop by the Information Center to sign up for this fall's studies.

- <u>Tuesdays</u>, 3-4:30 p.m. 12-week study starting September 11— Precept Bible study "Exodus—Let My People Go" Sign up no later than September 2 so we can order books. Contact Ellen (507-202-4991 or ellenmvoigt@gmail.com)
- Wednesdays 9-11 a.m. Beginning September 12 an 8-week study facilitated by Marcia Veldhuis entitled: The Victorian Woman? The Liberated Woman? The Godly Woman! Join us for this character study of various women of the Bible. Childcare is available for a small fee. Contact: Jackie Sahl (696-0813).
- Wednesday nights, 6:30-8 p.m., starting Sept. 12. 10-week DVD study using the book "Crazy Love" by Francis Chan. Group will be co-led by Renae Grams and Jackie Sahl. Childcare available for a small fee.
- Thursdays, 12:30-2:30 p.m. starting September 13. Join us for a 7-week study by Kelly Minter. Nehemiah: a heart that can break. Nehemiah's heart was so broken for those in need that he left the comfort of the Persian palace to help them. This study challenges women to let God break their hearts for a hurting, lost world and move them in compassion to lead people to Jesus. As part of the Living Room Series, Nehemiah Bible study provides authentic Bible teaching, recipes, and a relational approach. Contact: Susan Gisler (533-6573).

Moms in Step

Stop by to sign up for this fall's session. Moms of kids through high school age meet for fellowship, exercise & Bible study. Nursery is available with sign-up.

Men's Fall Bible Studies

- Join us on <u>Wednesday nights</u> from 6:30-8 beginning September 12 for an 8-part series "Family Man" by Kenny Luck. More than ever, families are desperate for spiritual leadership. And that starts with the man husband and father. This is a DVD-driven, practical, results-oriented, discussion-based format. Each participant will receive a book (\$9) that follows the DVD and provides an outline for further study on the topic. Topics include: connecting with our kids, resolving conflicts, leading in the home and loving your wife.
- Thursdays, 7:30a.m. starting September 13. Men in the Bible: The Good, the Bad, the Ugly and Down-right Disgusting. We'll take a look at just a few of the over 3000 men in the Bible. Check out the list at the Info Center Led by Pastor Grams.

September—Happy Birthday ...

1—Gretchen Kurth 17—Jody Fryer 17—Chloe Kidd 1—Liza Neseth 3—Jesse Cummins 17—Isaac Kidd 4—Laura Wiles 20—Rachel Goette 5—Austin Krenke 20—Silas Jobes 6—Shane Curtis 21—Peggy Merry 22—Pat Heppner 6—Doris Jensen 22—Amy Luhmann 7—Dante Deppa 9—Shad Curtis 27—Andrew Goette 9—Shawn Curtis 27—Miles Hoover 9—Gunnar Faupel 27—Bonnie Johnson 28—Lincoln Dube 9—Colton Parker 10—Courtney Anderson 28—Sydney Gehrking 12—Abbie Langseth 28—Carole Roberts 13—Ridley Mullenbach 29—Betty Peterson 29—Joyce Jorde 13—Kris Saterdalen



14—Stacy Platz

15—Tricia Lanzel

Anniversaries

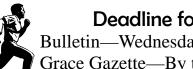
12—Aaron & Heather Saterdalen 13—Johannes & Marcia Veldhuis

18-Mike & Gretchen Kurth

23—Jeremy & Michelle Krause

29 - Gregg & Ranee Rasmussen





Deadline for Bulletin/Gazette

Bulletin—Wednesday afternoon of each week Grace Gazette—By the 25th of each month

September Schedules

Nursery

Sept. 2 ~ Claire Langseth, Kristin Osborne

9:00 Service 11:00 Service

Sept. 9	Nathan & Amy Svoboda	Lisa Hoover, Katie Scruggs, Claire Langseth, Betty Peterson, Sophie Scruggs		
Sept. 16	Brad & Rachael Reeser	kie Sahl, Jessalyn Jobes, Dawn Clark, Jody Fryer, lia Fryer		
Sept. 23	Mike & Beth Hettich	Kris Saterdalen, Hannah Blomquist, John Lanzel, Tricia Lanzel, Julie Lanzel, Tessa Lanzel		
Sept. 30	Nick & Korrie Johnson			

Ushers

Sept. 2 ~ Russ Hayes, Joe Lucas

9:00 Service

11:00 Service

Sept. 9	Ken Smidt, Bret Adler	Dean Hiscocks, Ron Peterson	
Sept. 16	Tery Sahl, Russ Kidd	Jim Youdas, Phil Orte	
Sept. 23	Jesse Cummins, Mitch Bunne	Mitch Bunne, Larry Smith	
Sept. 30	Ken Mann, Bill Koski	Tim Voigt, Ron Peterson	

Greeters

Sept. 2 ~ Fred & Carol Roberts

9:00 Service

11:00 Service

Sept. 9	Nancy Weiss	Steve & Laura Jobes
Sept. 16		Bob & Diana Royston
Sept. 23		Greg & Janelle Eaton
Sept. 30		Randy & Vicki Renken

Custodial

Gym/Kitchen - Mann Men's / Women's Bathrooms (by WC)—Jorde Nursery & Nursery Bathroom— Lucas **Grace Fest!** This Saturday, Sept. 8, Noon to 5 p.m. Help celebrate the Kick-Off of fall ministry and invite friends to get a closer look at Grace. FREE event—rain or shine! Indoors if weather is bad. A few highlights: inflatables, music, yard games, FREE food—burgers/dogs (12-3P ONLY), cotton candy, popcorn and information on fall ministries. Come when you can for an afternoon of fun!

Women of Grace is inviting every woman who attends Grace to become part of a service group. There are 4 groups willing to be called to serve for special events. It would be a small, but worthwhile, commitment and a great opportunity to meet ladies who love to serve others! Contact Connie Hayes, 533-6526, or email connierhayes@gmail.com

Sound booth technicians needed—we are looking for folks to share their talent in the area of video taping, lighting or projection. We'll provide training. Contact Ken Mann (533-8600), Gary Kadansky (533-6290) or Eric Saterdalen (533-9405).

New babies! Congratulations!

- Congratulations **Jonathan & Courtney Mohler** on the birth of Colton Jonathan on July 26. Colton was 8.2 lb! Congrats to siblings Bryce & Levi too!
- Jon & Kim Severson are the proud new parents of Beckett Daniel born July 31 at 2:14 a.m. He weighed 5 lb 5 oz and was 19.5 inches.
- Nashia Johnson (and grandparents Gary & Liza Neseth) welcomed Elliot Dean Johnson on Wednesday, August 29, at 6:57 a.m. Elliot was 9 lb, 3 oz, 21.25 inches long.

New Life Family Services **Annual Banquet & Silent Auction** Thursday, Oct. 4 at International Event Center. Register at nlfs.org to reserve your seat. If you would like to donate an item for the auction, please contact Janelle at 282-3377. Items must be donated no later than Sept. 28.

Student Ministries

- Thanks to all who hosted our summer Sunday Night Tour.
- SNACKS As we begin a new year, we are looking for help in feeding the crew! Please stop by the information center and sign up to bring youth group snacks on Wednesdays.
- Our fall kick off begins September 12
- "See You at the Pole" Event September 26. All youth meet at the HS flag pole at 7:15 a.m., for student-led prayer for your teachers, fellow students, etc., for the year ahead.
- SYATP Rally—meet at church 6:15 p.m. to travel together to Rochester - return to church by 9 p.m.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 3 LABOR D	3 LABOR Day	4 SCHOOL STARTS 9A Staff mtg	5	6	7	8 Noon-5P Gracefest
			6P Student Min. team meet- ing 6:30P AWANA Worker huddle	7P Property Comm.	7P Smidt group	Awana BT in Roch.
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