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## **Joplin Tornado Leaves School Classrooms in a Shambles!**

### **How WE CAN Help?** ....by Pastor Ken Gibson

As I mentioned in a recent Grace for Today article, there is an opportunity for us to make a difference in the tornado ravaged area of Joplin MO. As many of us know, school teachers often spend, out of their own pockets, a significant amount of funds in order to create the safe and vibrant learning environment that they desire to have for their students. This usually amounts to around \$1,200.00 or more. Ask any of our teachers here at Grace if this is a true statement and I know they would all say yes.

Well, as we turn to our sisters and brothers in that demolished community, many of the teachers are themselves without homes and are working hard to put their own homes in order. This leaves little time or resources to allow them to have their classrooms available for the school year that will be upon them as summer comes to a close. Thus, we have an opportunity to be with them in some way as they rebuild their community and their lives.

Through a teacher in nearby Butler, MO, my former internship congregation, and members of the ELCA churches in Butler and Nevada MO, we are looking to partner together and assist these teachers in the Joplin elementary school system to facilitate some of these classrooms. The list of items below is what they are suggesting that we might consider to facilitate this process. We will have a special collection area in our narthex over the summer and as we do so let us watch our generosity grow. As summer draws to a close, we will find a way to deliver the items to the area. Between all three churches, we will look to see how many classrooms, and thusly hundreds of children that we might be able to assist.

Keep watching for details in Grace for Today and Day One regarding this effort. As soon as we receive them, we will announce the names of the classrooms and the teachers that we will be serving.

## **Joplin Schools Adopt-A-Classroom Supply List—**

- Learning games, books, manipulatives and other materials that help create an engaging and effective classroom learning environment.
- Seasonal bulletin board decorations
- Posters
- Rugs
- In room libraries
- Small prizes ( i.e. fun erasers for pencils, colorful pencils)
- Puzzles and games
- Cubbies
- Book display stands



We have requested an Elementary School classroom (K-5th grade). Please bring items to the church narthex.



## WORSHIP TODAY

### Sunday, July 3, 2011 Lectionary 14 Proper 9 Third Sunday after Pentecost

#### INTRODUCTION

The mystery of God's ways is sometimes hidden from the wise and intelligent. Jesus associates with the lowly and outcast. Like Paul, we struggle with our own selfish desires and seek God's mercy and forgiveness. We gather to be refreshed by Christ's invitation: "Come to me, all you that are weary." Gathered around word, water, and meal, we find rest for our souls.

#### READINGS

Zechariah 9:9-12  
Psalm 145:8-14  
Romans 7:15-25a  
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

### Sunday, July 10, 2011 Lectionary 15 Proper 10 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

#### INTRODUCTION

God's word is like the rain that waters the earth and brings forth vegetation. It is also like the sower who scatters seed indiscriminately. Our lives are like seeds sown in the earth. Even from what appears to be little, dormant, or dead, God promises a harvest. At the Lord's table we are fed with the bread of life, that we may bear fruit in the world.

#### READINGS

Isaiah 55:10-13  
Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13  
Romans 8:1-11  
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

**PRAYERS**-Please lift up these petitions in your prayers—To become a praying member of the Friends in Prayer, please submit name and e-mail address to [dklabunde@gracewoodstock.org](mailto:dklabunde@gracewoodstock.org).

**World:** Bishop Hanson, Bishop Wollersheim; those serving in military conflicts, Arusha Town Lutheran Parish in Tanzania (our companion parish), Amanda Meyer teaching in Yangon, Myanmar (Burma), PVT Darryl Wolff, serving overseas (son of Debbie & Darryl Wolff), Tyler Stiemke, serving in the Navy on the USS Bush, Bill Nattress on an extended work trip in Saudi Arabia

**Woodstock:** Pastor Ken Gibson and his family; Grace Staff; Grace Council

**Health Concerns:** Shirley Busse, Deanna Bohn, Steve Clark (son of Edna Clark), Frank Davis (friend of Rick & Billie Cornell), Leona DeVogelaere, Roberta Deitchler (mother of Katie Arana), Betty Fischer (mother of Connie Fischer), Jean Fleck (mother of Bill & Martha Fleck), Matt Gerloff (grandson of Bob Gerloff), Lauren Gibson (daughter of Pastor Ken and Jodi Gibson), Mary Guyett (sister of Doris Sunday), Ruth Haby (sister of Cindy DeBerg), Darrin Hansing (nephew of Ken & Tammy Hansing), Frank Holy, Patrice Hoover, Shirley Hubert (niece of Marge Birk), Theopolis Hutchens, Dwight Jensen, Merry Miller (friend of Ruth Iwanicki), Kathy Nordin, Gloria Ogle, Rev. Roger Olson (father of Terese Paulson), Richard Petersen, Ann Phillips (sister-in-law of Cindy Meyer), Hazel Powell, Shawn Rank (son of Bert & Carol Rank), Wayne Reckamp (husband of Monica Reckamp and co-worker Nora Combs), Russ Reed, Kyle Renner (grandson of Ken and Gladys Renner), Jeff Roberts, Floyd Rosenquist (father of Sue Beckman), Stanley Russell (father of Sheri Conover), Gladys Smart (mother of Deborrah Evanoff), Margaret Stawicki (mother of Nan Goerlitz), Peter Stumpf (friend of the Cornells), Tim Slevin (brother of Elizabeth Karagianis), Alan Swanson (friend of Joe Evanoff), Carol Thompson (daughter of Marge Dierksen), Josh Tillman, Eileen White, Lois Wiecek

**Joy:** Baptisms of Charlotte Anne McMahon Thomas, Kelsey Aleda Marvin, Eleanor Takeko Ribbe and Tyler Reed Corso; Marriage of Michael Hoyt & Mary Cross

If you wish to add a prayer request for this newsletter, please call the church office at 815-338-0554. Your prayer concern will run for one week and may be renewed. Submissions to the *Friends in Prayer* e-mail and phone teams may also be submitted by telephone to the church office or by e-mail to [Gracewoodstock.org](mailto:Gracewoodstock.org). Due to confidentiality laws, hospitals no longer notify churches or pastors when a member is hospitalized. If you or a member of your family have a medical procedure planned or is admitted to the hospital, please call the church office at 815-338-0554.

**Grace Scholarship Funds— Deadline Approaching**—Scholarships are available through the Endowment Committee for Grace members attending a Lutheran institution of higher education and/or pursuing a full-time Christian vocation. See the Grace website for an application form. Applications are due in the church office by **July 1st**.

**2011 Nomination Forms**—Nomination forms for positions on the Church Council, Endowment Committee, Nominating Committee, Preschool Committee & the Synod Assembly, are due in the church office by **July 5th**. Nomination forms can be found at the Information Center.



**Grace Softball League—**

Our next game day is Sunday **July 10**. We will be playing at Zion Lutheran Church in Marengo. Game time is 5 p.m. Come out and play on the team or cheer us on from the sidelines! Hope to see you there!!

**Woodstock Diaper Bank**—Applications will be accepted on **July 12**, 10-12 am, for delivery in August. All who ask will receive. NOTE: elderly in need of diapers should apply as well. The Vine Ministry Center is located at 1132 North Madison St., Woodstock, 815-338-3380.

**Craft Workshops for Mistletoe Magic**—The MMagic leadership team invites all who are interested in working on Craft projects, including general crafts and scrapbooking items for our annual Craft Fair which benefits three local charities in our community. Come for the fellowship and join us in creating beautiful items for our sale. All supplies are furnished with projects we've chosen. You supply two willing hands, a smile and a willingness to have a good time. We have a list of ideas to make throughout the year, but are open to any suggestions you might have to share. All sessions are held in Grace Center. Dates are: **July 11th** from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., **July 19th** from 1 p.m.-5 p.m. and 7 p.m.-9 p.m. Contact Cathy Meyer, Mistletoe Magic Chairperson, at 815-338-0512, [tcmeier2@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tcmeier2@sbcglobal.net), or Eileen White.



**Summer = Concert Time**—This summer is bringing many Christian music acts to our area. Mark Schultz will be at Petersen Park, McHenry at 7 p.m. on **July 16**. Bryan Sirchio will be at Faith Lutheran Church in Walworth, WI at 6:30 p.m. on **July 25th**. See additional information on these and more concerts on the youth bulletin board in the narthex.

**Meals on Wheels**—We are in need of a person to help deliver meals on Wednesdays. It is a commitment every 5 weeks for about 1—1-1/2 hours from 10:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. These deliveries mean so much to those who can't manage a meal by themselves. If you have this time to give, please help. Contact Jeannine May at 815-943-4849 for more info.



**Grace Prayer Squares**—Announcing a new ministry at Grace- Grace Prayer Squares- a joint effort between the Knitters and the Spirituality Committee and inspired by a sister ELCA congregation in Minnesota. Most everyone is familiar with prayer shawls, shawls created by prayerful, loving hands given to people in need of God's comfort. Prayer squares are similar in their intent to be a source of strength and comfort, a reminder of God's abiding, loving presence. They are about 4 1/2 inches square with a cross and beads on one side. Pastor Ken has already begun giving these out on his hospital visits, and we are working toward making enough for our home communion ministers to give to our shut-ins. The next big goal is to have enough to distribute at the next healing service.

If you are interested in helping to make these, (they can also be crocheted), contact Judy Reilly at [jreilly038@gmail.com](mailto:jreilly038@gmail.com) or 815 353-4638. The directions are very easy, and yarn is available.



## Ministry Needs— Worship & Music Ministries Wish List:

As you are able, your aid in providing for these “beyond-the-budget” items will enhance the experience of those who worship at Grace.

Grand Piano (rehearsal room instrument needs replacing)

### Traditional Worship & Adult Choir Ministry

Replacement Choir Robes  
Replacement Acolyte and Deacon Robes  
Quality Music Folders  
Bass hand bells and stands

### General Singing Choirs Ministry

Rehearsal Room Chairs offering singer support

### Children’s Choirs Ministry

Orff Instruments  
Hand Chimes

### Contemporary Worship Music Ministry

Aids to improve audio balance/quality:  
Replace current unreliable boxy floor monitors (speakers) with in-ear/intercom monitors to aid singers/players/projectionists/leaders but not detract from congregation’s audio experience.  
Floor speakers for string rhythm instruments  
Proper microphone for piano pick-up  
Electronic full size quality keyboard/synthesizer  
Computer generated music stands eliminating the need for printed sheet music  
Vocal Technique Audio/Visual mini-courses for singers

### Special Music Offerings

Cantata Presentations: Choral and Instrumental Music and hired instrumentalists

Please contact Ron Fredriksen for more details about the ministries’ needs.

Thank you for helping in the supply of these items. Their availability will mutually enhance our music ministry and our worship together.

The Worship & Music Committee  
Sue Olson, Chair

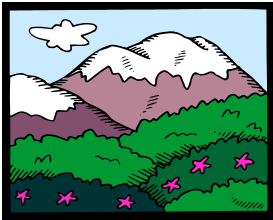


**Adult Coach Bus Trip**—Sat., **September 24** from 9:00am - 6:00pm. We're off to the Fireside Dinner Theatre in Ft Atkinson, WI, for a three course dinner and to see the musical Seven Brides for Seven Brothers. You'll laugh & cheer at this time honored tale of seven boisterous unruly mountain men who go to hilarious lengths to find and marry women of their dreams. Our dinner includes: Wedding Soup, Short-Ribs of Beef braised in Red Wine, Chicken Breast breaded and sautéed, topped with leeks and Jarisberg Swiss Cheese, Baked Yukon Gold Potatoes, Sugar Snap Peas, and Spaghetti Squash with Plum Tomato Concasse. Our dessert is Upside Down Apple Pie in a Walnut Crust with Cinnamon Ice Cream. Cost: \$80 Please sign up in the Activity Binder and pay by **Aug. 20**.

## Evangelism Committee

### Neighborhood Canvassing—

SAVE THE DATE—**Sat. Aug. 20**, we will be walking Woodstock neighborhoods hanging Grace Lutheran Church information bags on doorknobs. We need many walkers, and this is a great family activity. We also need people to fill the sanctuary with prayers during our walk. We begin at 9:00 a.m., and usually finish in just a couple of hours. Watch the Activity Board for sign-up sheets and more information to come.



**Sky Ranch Here We Come!** - On the morning of July 22 our Sky Ranch Campers will be heading to Colorado for a week of Summer Bible Camp in the middle of the Rocky Mountain National Forest. We are very excited and we are so thankful for all those who have worked so hard to make this trip possible. We want to offer folks a way to stay in touch with us while we are on the trip.

Available at the church office, or soon online, is the Sky Ranch Trip Itinerary and daily scripture guide. At the start of each day we will be reading scripture associated with what we are doing on that day. We invite members to read and pray with us. In so doing, you will be sharing with us in a very significant way and we so invite you to do so. These readings will match in some way where we are at and what we will be doing, see if you can figure it out and share the fun with us. We, the confirmation youth, will be making journal entries each day and we invite those who wish to do so to write a few things down as well, maybe we can compare notes when we come home.

We realize that we are the first group from Grace to attend Sky Ranch and we do feel very special, but also, it is what we hope others in future confirmation classes will be able to experience while being a part of our confirmation program at Grace. Again, please accept our sincere thanks for all the support you have shown us in getting us ready for this experience.

We are excited! The Sky Ranch Campers!

**Outdoor Worship Help Needed**—We are still looking for people to help set-up and take-down equipment for the 10:00 a.m. outdoor worship services. These services take place the second Sunday of each month. Please consider helping with this popular worship opportunity and contact Sue Olsen if you can lend a hand.

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**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE** —All *Grace for Today* articles for the July 13th issue should be sent to Lynn Nattress at [lnattress@gracewoodstock.org](mailto:lnattress@gracewoodstock.org) or to the church office by noon on July 7th.

Here is your link to the Weekend Worship Participants:

Schedule:<http://www.gracewoodstock.org/WeeklyNews/Monthly%20Worship%20Participants.pdf>

## THE WEEKS AHEAD AT GRACE

### Sunday, July 3

8:30 AM Traditional Worship  
10:00 AM Contemporary Worship

### Monday, July 4

Independence Day—Church Office Closed  
12:30 PM Grace Circle

### Tuesday, July 5

9:00 AM Sewing Circle  
6:30 PM Evangelism Committee

### Wednesday, July 6

10:30 AM Staff Meeting

### Thursday, July 7

7:00 PM Worship & Music Committee

### Friday, July 8

10:30 AM Adoration

### Saturday, July 9

9:00 AM Band  
5:00 PM Worship  
6:00 PM Fair Trade

### Sunday, July 10

8:30 AM Traditional Worship  
9:30 AM Fair Trade  
10:00 AM Contemporary Worship

### Monday, July 11

9:00 AM Vacation Bible School  
6:30 PM Boy Scout Troop 153  
7:00 PM Property & Grounds Comm.

### Tuesday, July 12

9:00 AM Vacation Bible School  
7:00 PM Nominating Committee Mtg.  
7:15 PM Stewardship Committee

### Wednesday, July 13

9:00 AM Vacation Bible School

### Thursday, July 14

9:00 AM Vacation Bible School

### Friday, July 15

9:00 AM Vacation Bible School  
11:15 AM Adoration

### Saturday, July 16

9:00 AM Band  
10:30 AM Lord's Prayer Study Group  
5:00 PM Worship

### Sunday, July 17

8:30 AM Traditional Worship  
10:00 AM Contemporary Worship

### Monday, July 18

6:30 PM Boy Scout Troop 153

### Tuesday, July 19

9:00 AM Sewing Circle  
1:00 PM MMagic Crafts & Scrapbook  
6:30 PM Troop 153 Committee Mtg.  
7:00 PM MMagic Crafts & Scrapbook

### Wednesday, July 20

9:30 AM Staff Meeting

### Thursday, July 21

5:00 PM Prorok/Frisbie Rehearsal  
5:45 PM Adult Education Comm.  
7:00 PM Council

### Friday, July 22

Sky Ranch Confirmation Camp

4:00 PM Prorok/Frisbie Wedding

### Saturday, July 23

Sky Ranch Confirmation Camp

9:00 AM Band  
5:00 PM Worship

### Sunday, July 24

Sky Ranch Confirmation Camp  
8:30 AM Traditional Worship  
10:00 AM Contemporary Worship  
12:00 PM Baby Shower

### Monday, July 25

Sky Ranch Confirmation Camp  
9:00 AM MMagic Workshop  
6:30 PM Boy Scout Troop 153  
7:00 PM MMagic Workshop

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