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**T I M E**

*Talents*

**TREASURE**

**COMING AROUND FULL CIRCLE.....  
ON A TRIANGLE.**

Driving home from the March council meeting, I found myself shaking my head saying “What did you just agree to? Did I use my out-loud voice?” The question was in reference to volunteering to write the lead article – without coercion, I might add. I do not consider myself to be creative and I certainly do not believe I am a writer. So, what was I thinking?

I was thinking about the trinity. We have all heard about the Holy Trinity, which has a definite presence within Grace Lutheran Church. However, I was thinking about a different “trinity”, one that still has a significant presence within Grace. This ‘trinity’ is what the members give and receive, to and from Grace. This is our time, talents, and treasures. These are gifts.

During a service in March, the Stewardship committee did a great skit on promoting these gifts. After the end of the service, there was some discussion about who has time? We all have commitments to various organizations, programs, and activities. Quite frankly – who doesn’t? The focus really is about how we prioritize our time and what we feel is important to do with our time. Don’t get me wrong. In the middle of January, when it is -30 and the winds are howling, I would prefer to stay in my warm house than head out to a council meeting! As tempting as this option is, I do go to the meeting and am thankful. Thankful that I am blessed to be working with people who are truly passionate about what happens at Grace. Thankful that everyone brings their talents to the table.

What am I talking about when I say talents? Well, everyone has a talent. You may not consider your skill or ability as a talent but, trust me, it is and you have a talent. I received a letter stating that I was on the May service group. As this would be the first time having served on a service group, I asked “what needed to be done?”. The reply I received spoke to one of my talents – “you can help wash windows”. Yup, definitely something I can do (and with a smile)!! Thanks sis – you are a treasure!! What is important is your talent. Your talent is needed at Grace, be it in a service group, for special functions, as council committee member or a chair, or to participate in the many social programs, the list goes on. Your input, support, and gifts are what contribute to the success of Grace.

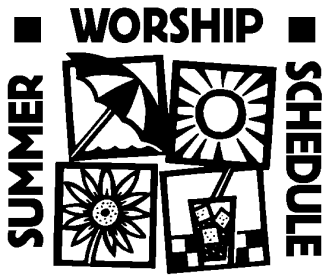
Speaking of treasures, this is the third gift that we can give to Grace. Personally though, when I thought about treasures, my first consideration was to all the treasures I have received since joining Grace. The wonderful people, the feeling of family, the choir, the music, the facilities (and the list goes on). All this found at Grace. Wow! But another thought occurred to me. All these wonderful treasures are only possible because of those who have given. Given their time, talent, and treasures to make all this happen.

Thank you to all that have given. Because of you, Grace is a vibrant, compassionate, caring congregation. I love this about Grace and it was one of the many reasons I joined as a member. Let’s keep Grace vibrant and growing! Please consider giving your time, talents, and treasures.

As it turns out, I did use my out-loud voice when I agreed to write this article. I have come full circle in the triangle of gifts and have given my time, talent, and treasures.

As I prepare to finish this article, I once again find myself being thankful. Thankful that I am capable of giving something back to Grace and it’s congregation.

Sandi Wadsworth  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President



May 19 -  
Thursday 7:30 PM  
Sunday 10 AM.

Sept 4, 2011



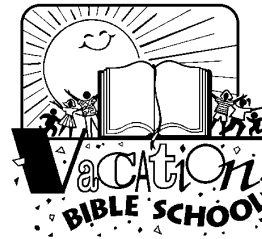
Sunday School is Cool!

Sunday School classes are held each Sunday morning 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. and for ages 3, 4 & 5 from after the 10:36 service children's message to 11:30 a.m. This is the case except for holidays - Thanksgiving, Christmas break, Louis Riel weekend, Spring break and Easter. Check the bulletin, the newsletter calendar or Grace Lutheran website if you are unsure if there is a class. There are classes on May 1, 8 & 15 remaining this year. We will windup this school year with a project! Our mission project will involve all children helping out at home, collecting some money for this and putting it in the box that they made at the Sunday School Easter Riot. This money will go to Cameroon to the "Kids helping Kids" program which is a program of the Manitoba Northwestern Ontario Synod. This program involves sending money to the orphans so they can go to school at a cost of \$65 a child. We hope to be able to send 2 children. That means we need to collect \$130. If we collect this amount of money or more, Pastor Bruce has said he will preach a sermon in a DRESS! Yes, you read it correctly, a DRESS! If we succeed he will do this at the CHURCH PICNOT! Come out and see what happens!



The teachers would like to team teach. Some of this is happening already but more are needed to help with relief for teachers who on

holidays or ill. All our Sunday school teachers are women. Remember boys need to see men as teachers, too. A table will be set up in the Narthex on May 1<sup>st</sup> for you to look at the curriculum and see if teaching Sunday school fits. Please come and check this out.



July 25 to July 28.

Attention all children age 3 and older!  
Friends and family are welcome!!!

The program is called "Under the Baobab tree", which goes well with our mission project in Africa. Look up what a baobab tree is and how it lives! It is quite fascinating.

All children ages 3 and over are welcome to attend and it is FREE! Parents are welcome to stay and have supper at a cost of \$2.50 /meal (\$10/week). Our evenings start at 5:30 with supper and wrap up at 8:00 p.m. We are doing a variety of crafts, games, bible stories and outside time.

Sure hope lots of you will be able to attend!  
Registration forms will be on the table in the narthex.  
Call Karen at 661-2562 if you have any questions



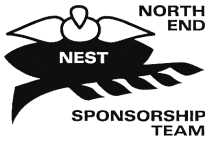
May

**PICNOT!**  
**29th**

This event is being called the CHURCH PICNOT as we are not chancing it this year by booking Bunn's Creek Park and then having to move it to the church because it is wet or raining. We are going to fool Mother Nature and just have it at the church!

Worship at 10 a.m. followed by a pot luck lunch. Coffee, juice, water and "Hot Dogs" will be supplied by Learning Committee.

Please bring a food potluck item to share, as well as utensils, plates and a cup for yourself to use for lunch. We are trying to go "green" as much as possible! There will be games after lunch for all the children.



During the past month two new refugee families sponsored by NEST have arrived safely in Winnipeg. Mary Romo, her son Josimar (20), daughter Jessica (17), and son Anderson (7), are originally from Colombia. They arrived on March 17th and are presently living at Welcome Place. NEST is hoping to find an apartment for them in the East Kildonan area, near Spanish-speaking members of NEST. If anyone knows of an apartment available now or soon, please call Doreen at 334-8819.

Kay Nay Htoo, his wife Shee Say Htoo, their three daughters aged 5, 4, and 2, and one year old son, arrived on April 6th and are presently staying with relatives here. NEST is delighted to have these two new families safely in Winnipeg! We hope that at least one other family will arrive in the next few months.

## NEST POTLUCK DINNER

Kildonan United Church, 187 Kilbride Avenue  
SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2011 at 5:00 pm.

Please see the poster in the narthex for more information. Tickets are \$5.00 for adults and \$2.00 for age 16 and under, plus a dish to share. Tickets are available from Doreen 334-8819, or at the door.

## 25th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Sunday, June 12, 2011 at 2:30 pm

Grace Lutheran Church with a program in the sanctuary and a reception downstairs. Further details will be announced.

Doreen Thorlacius

## VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

The staff sincerely hopes that you enjoyed Volunteer Recognition Sunday. It is truly a joy to find meaning and fun in the work you do, and we wouldn't be here without all of you. We are very blessed to have so many dedicated volunteers, and we like to show our gratitude by feeding you and making you laugh. Thank you for another year! Remember, you are an endangered species - be careful out there!

Cathy Anderson



## SOCIAL MINISTRY

Grace Community Food Bank: We continue to serve 20 families. In my travels, I learned that the Grace Food Bank has one of the lowest no show rates in the city. If you take the opportunity to volunteer at this Food Bank (or Trinity or LUM), you will quickly see that the experience is not just dishing out food. Rather, the volunteers are all "dishing" out love, kindness, nonjudgmental caring and compassion, social connection, and good old fun and laughter. If I were in a tight spot, I would want to come to these locations for food, too.

Trinity Food Pantry: Did you know that Grace provides many of the volunteers that provide this service? I also got the tip that Trinity sees very few no-shows as well, largely due to the fact that they offer a meal when folks pick up their food. Trinity continues their commitment to over 50 families.

Habitat for Humanity: It is that time of year again. Start baking and freezing muffins and cookies for coffee breaks. We will be contacting them to see if we can continue our assistance as we have successfully over the past few years. Will keep you posted.

Lutheran Urban Mission: Social Ministry Committee and the Stewardship Committee have been in discussion about how to strengthen and organize our response to LUM in the future...Like starting May 1. Right now the two committees are discussing some ideas as to the best way of doing this as a partnership. We will keep you posted on what happens with this too.



Don't forget about stamps, clothing for North End Women's Center, household goods for Bridging the Gap, and keep the food coming.

Yours in Christ,  
Deb Kostyk, Chair

For the July/August all articles, events and information should be submitted by **June 15** to Louise Hatch at hatchdl@shaw.ca or into the newsletter mailbox.



newsletter,

submitted



## TOUR DE VILLE

JUNE 3-5, 2011, with the ride day Sat. June 4.

Yes it is coming to that time of the year when we once again gear up (pun intended) to ride in the annual Luther Village bike-a-thon.

You can choose to ride 25, 40, 80 or 100 kms!

-Bring your whole family out to ride with you or to cheer you on!

-Prizes for most money raised!

-Saturday evening is a social celebration evening with Slam Panda, a Winnipeg band (some LV alumni!) out to provide music for listening, dancing...celebrating 25 years of cycling!

This is the 25<sup>th</sup> bike-a-thon and I would like to suggest that those who usually contribute a donation of less than \$25 to this fund raiser consider giving a \$25 donation in recognition of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. (If your usual donation is greater than \$25 please don't cut back)

-Registration forms and pledge sheets for riders are available on the Luther Village web site.

www.luthervillage.ca If you are interested in riding please speak to Pastor Bruce as we will be coordinating times to staff a pledge collection table at the church for several Sundays prior to the ride and we would like to include you.

Help us reach our goal of \$25,000 raised in our 25<sup>th</sup> year!

Pastor Bruce

## KIMBERLY GRACE SENIORS

Bible Study 12:15 PM

Meeting 1:00 PM

\*\*Weekly: Whist/Cards & sewing (unless otherwise specified)

May 4 - meeting

May 11 - 12N Soup & sandwich followed by Bible Study

May 17 - Tuesday – South Beach Casino

May 18 - No Bible Study or meeting

May 25 - Meeting

June 1 - Meeting

June 8 - Meeting/Birthdays

June 15 - Wind-up

Eleanor Krenz



## Part-time Youth Leader

Grace Lutheran Church is looking for a responsible, organized, creative person to work with youth and young adults to promote youth activities and church involvement. This position is quarter time (approx. 10 hrs/wk) and is being offered as a one-year renewable term. If you are a spiritual individual with a love for youth, this is the job for you.

Send resume before May 2<sup>nd</sup> to:

Grace Lutheran Church, 211 Kimberly Ave.

Winnipeg, Manitoba R2K 0X3

Fax: (204) 661-667-2315

Email: glchurch@mymts.net

More information including a detailed job description can be found on our website:

www.gracelutheranwinnipeg.ca, or call the church office at (204)661-2562.

## CANADIAN LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

### A change in the "Global Hunger and Development Fund" as administered by the ELCIC.

Previously the global hunger and development funds were collected by ELCIC and a portion of 10% or less was used to do hunger and development education and the remaining 90% was sent to Canadian Lutheran World Relief which is the organization that we use to do development and relief work throughout the world. As well CLWR does education and advocacy work so ELCIC has collapsed the "Global Hunger and Development Fund" and now all monies are directed to CLWR. What does this mean for us? Simply put, we will direct all development and relief monies to CLWR. To keep things tidy for record keeping it would help if everyone, when making donations to development or relief, would direct it as such on your envelope by **marking it "CLWR"** and refrain from marking your envelope with "Global Hunger and Development Appeal." As well when we reorder our envelopes for the pew racks we will make the appropriate changes.

## DINNER AND STUDY Jan/Feb 2011

In January and February about 50 people gathered in our church basement for a gourmet supper and an evening of study and fellowship!! Our lasagne was superb, the soups divine and the tacos oh so spicy and delicious!

Dennis Teetaert led a class about various practices and beliefs in the Lutheran Church. These were presented in the videos, some of which were certainly new to me and to others. This provided opportunity for good discussion and sharing of ideas, thoughts and feelings. Elaine G. would give us Bruce's take on many of the issues and topics and that was enlightening and informative. The study helped us explore our own faith journeys as well as those who were in the group. We (the Learning Committee) were only partly successful in our goals in regards to "Clearing our Vision". We were able to help people clarify the position of the Lutheran church on many issues and practices (especially those who came from other Christian churches). We were not as successful in involving the youth of the church. Contact was made with some youth and young adults, but only one became involved in the study. (Dennis Teetaert)

Each week about 12 to 15 people (some from grade 7, 8, and 9 confirmation) gathered to watch scenes from current movies and discuss what kinds of human characteristics we saw operating and how we saw God in the midst of this. There were a wide variety of ages in the class and as the weeks progressed and different methods of discussion were used it was life giving for me to see the wide eyed wonder on the faces of the participants, in particular our youth when they discovered a thought or idea about God. Some of the reoccurring comments made by the participants are as follows; "Now I look at movies differently," "have you ever thought about using (name of movie) because I saw (theological point)," "when I saw the class outline and saw (name of movie), I thought what on earth are you going to do with (name of movie), and then there was so much I had never thought about." This is what this style of study is all about - Theologizing Movies. The participants were watching movies and I (Pastor Bruce) was watching them and we all saw the face of God. (Pastor Bruce)

Intern Pastor Laura led a class called: Rooted in God: Prayer as Soil for the Christian Life and here is what she had to say about it: Each week we gathered in the Sanctuary to share about the challenges of maintaining our prayer lives and to learn some different methods of entering into prayer and conversation with God. One highlight was a workshop on walking the Labyrinth led by retired Anglican priest Barbara Barnett. We had over 20 people join in this workshop and participate in the meditative labyrinth walk set up in the fireside room.

Bob Matthes also led a class.

In September the Learning Committee will begin a book club called **Books and Tea**.



This will involve reading a book at home, meeting with a group and discussing the book. We hope to meet once a month.

The first book the group will read is called "3 Cups of Tea". This story is written by Greg Mortenson, son of Lutheran missionaries, who has done remarkable work starting schools in Afghanistan. This book is required reading for all officers before leaving on military assignment to Afghanistan. A sign up for the club will be on the narthex table. There is no cost for the book as we borrow them from the Winnipeg Public Library.

Everyone is welcome!  
Karen Colquhoun

### Gr. 7, 8 & 9 Mission component

opportunities are :

May 1 -participate in the church service at the Urban, then serve lunch to all who come. Meet at the Urban at 1:00 p.m., in the basement of St Matthews Anglican Church at St. Matthews and Maryland. Parents are encouraged to attend.

May 25 -plans are to clean up yards of some of our congregational members. More info to follow. Please call Karen at 661-2562 about this.

The confirmation schedule for the school year 2011/2012 will be coming out in July.

Watch for it in your mailbox!  
Karen Colquhoun



## DINNER THEATRE REPORT



It's hard to believe but our production of "Fall from Grace" is over. Our hundreds of hours of writing, planning and practising are finished for this year. Members of the cast and their families were asked to evaluate this year's production. A few of the comments are highlighted.

Elin Czayka who played our Judge Judy said: "I know dinner theatre is a huge time commitment. It is hard to fit around my busy schedule but I think it is worth it. I like the way that dinner theatre members become like a family. I also enjoy the practises. Sometimes a couple weeks before dinner theatre I wonder why I signed up for this amount of work. But then the week of the play I remember how much I enjoy performing. I will miss dinner theatre practises and will be sad in the upcoming weeks. I look forward to next year! Also I don't know what I am going to do with all this extra free time..."

Pastor Bruce who played himself thought that dinner theatre was awesome! His other comments included: "it created a positive atmosphere", "people are still talking about it", "it served the original goal of bringing people into the church in a non threatening way", "cast was from 8 to 70 yrs", "food was great", "member involvement was great -kitchen-sound-lights-actors-directors-I could go on and on but you get the point".

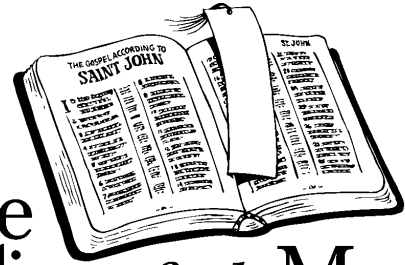
James & Dawn-Lynne Bedford whose three daughters were actresses commented that they will be "back to work more nights in the kitchen next year". Next to seeing the girls perform, that was the most fun.

593 persons attended!! A profit of \$7000 was realized with proceeds divided as follows : \$1300 to the youth, \$2200 to the fundraising line of the budget and \$3500 to the audio visual fund of our church.

It has been said that it is hard to get young people involved in church activities! Not a problem here! Our cast this year was 30% more than last year with 21 of the 30 actors being under the age of 25!

Plans are underway for next year's production. Keep your eyes and ears open!

Karen Colquhoun



## Bible Readings *for the Month*

### Easter 2 **May 1, 2011**

Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Psalm 16  
1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

### Easter 3 **May 8, 2011**

Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19  
1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35

### Easter 4 **May 15, 2011**

Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23  
1 Peter 2:19-25 John 10:1-10

### Easter 5 **Thurs May 19 & Sun May 22, 2011**

Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16  
1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14

### Easter 6 **Thurs May 26 & Sun May 29, 2011**

Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20  
1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21

### Easter 7 **Thurs Jun 2 & Sun Jun 5, 2011**

Acts 1:6-14, Psalm 68:1-10,32-35  
1 Peter 4:12-14;5:6-11; John 17:1-11

### Pentecost **Thurs Jun 9 & Sun Jun 12, 2011**

Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34,35b  
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13; John 20:19-23

### Trinity **Thurs Jun 16 & Sun Jun 19, 2011**

Genesis 1:1-2:4a; Psalm 8  
Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20

### Pentecost 2 **Thurs Jun 23 & Jun 26, 2011**

Jeremiah 28:5-9; Psalm 89:1-4,15-18  
Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42

### Pentecost 3 **Thurs June 30 & Sun July 3, 2011**

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49,58-67; Psalm 45  
Romans 7:15-25a; Matt 10:40-42



## A LETTER TO THE CHURCH FROM NATIONAL CHURCH COUNCIL

We have received a letter from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada's National Church Council. In an effort to be transparent I have taken excerpts from the letter and included them here. As well it is good to keep in mind that these things will be discussed, amended and voted on at the National church convention this summer. A pdf version of the letter is available at <http://www.elcic.ca/Documents/NCCLettertotheChurch-April32011.pdf> As well the letter is posted on our church bulletin board and on our web page. The letter shares with us some decisions around two matters:

**I The Structural Renewal Task Force: Report** The report proposes that the ELCIC be re-organized into three synods, that existing conferences be reconfigured into "areas" (groupings of congregations) supported by leadership teams, that conventions of the National Church and synods be held triennially and that National Conventions be smaller in size.

**II Human Sexuality Task Force: Social Statement.** (This section contains three motions) 1. Motion on the Unity of the Church. "An affirmation Concerning the Unity of the Church - we affirm that the church ought not be divided because of disagreement over moral issues, no matter how distressing such disagreement might be."

2. Motion on Presiding at or Blessing Marriages. "that rostered ministers may, according to the dictates of their consciences as informed by the Gospel, the Scriptures, the Ecumenical Creeds and the Confessions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, preside at or bless legal marriages according to the laws of the province within which they serve. All rostered ministers in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada are encouraged to exercise due diligence in preparing couples for marriage. All rostered ministers serving congregations are encouraged at all times to conduct their ministry in consultation with the lay leaders in the congregation and with sensitivity to the culture within which the congregation serves.

3. Motions on Standards for Ordination and Consecration. "It is the policy of the Evangelical Church in Canada that sexual orientation is not in itself a factor which disqualifies a candidate for rostered ministry or a rostered minister seeking a call."

**A Call To Prayer** "National Church Council is keenly aware that our commitment to a common faithful journey may sometimes challenge us or lead us into places of unease or hurt or pain. At the same time, we seek, as best we are able, to maintain the unity of the Spirit and to support one another on the journey." These items will be discussed and voted on at the National Church Convention this July. If you have any thoughts or concerns please speak to one of our delegates, who are: Dennis Teetaert, Luke Filipowicz and Ernest Bergbusch (alternate). As well Pastor Bruce's door is open for questions, concerns and conversation.

Submitted by Pastor Bruce



Brett Adam / Allen / Bauer / Candi Bezte / Edna Boehler / Sharon Bretecher / Guy Brisson / Rolly Burnet / Eleanor Conn / Ed Deibert / Mary Deibert / Millie Deibert / Eric Derby / Oscar Domke / Lori Ebbeling-Treon / Barbara Feakes / Reinhard Fershau / Helen Flatt / Elsie Frank / Margaret Franz / Dane Goodall-George / Theresa Gutwein / Stephanie Hawkins / Martha Heckert / Kay Hendricks / Chantal Jenin / Tom Kaplik / Kay Kelln / Daniella Kendel / Dale Kergen / Frank Koesters / Louise Kohlmeier / Bernie Lemanski / Ruby Lotz / Stephanie Mack (nee Hudon) / Rose Manning / Sidney Matthes / Mervin Mauthe / Brad McDougall / Don McKenzie / Sarah Megyeri / Terry Miller / Peter Neufeld / Conrad Plemel / Mary Rach / Diana Rodger / Ann Rueb / Garry Russell / Joan Schleining / Joy Schmidt / Jim Schultz / Linda Selch / Herta Shuparsky / Carol Smith / Sue Sobczak / Norma Sol / Elsie Steiner / Louise Steinke / Herta Tibelius / Ryan Veldkamp / Brian Waisanen / Erika Werbowesky / Bob Wilson / Edna Yaegar / Laurie Zubert

## CONFIRMATION EVALUATION RESULTS

At council executives request Karen Colquhoun was asked to do a survey to evaluate our current confirmation program. A survey was developed, the target group was identified, and with council executives review and approval it was distributed to 60 families and youth.

We received 29 responses and what follows is a one page summary of recurring themes from the eight page tabulation. Learning Committee, staff involved with the confirmation program and council will take these findings and evaluations under advisement as we make plans for the future years.

When all the results are combined from all respondents for the sixteen specific areas we see that there is a high degree of satisfaction.

89 % Felt the program met the goals and needs of confirmation.

7% Felt there was too much required of either the child or the parent.

4% Felt there was not enough required of either the child or the parent.

In terms of whether the lessons were age appropriate.

94% Felt the sessions were age appropriate.

6% Felt a particular session was not age appropriate.

As is the case with the previous sections observation, there is a high degree of satisfaction with the age appropriateness of various components. The two areas with the highest scores registering that a component was not age appropriate were communion and acolyte training (12 %), and Worship component (12%). It is noteworthy that in regard to the communion /acolyte training it was the acolyting piece that was questioned most about being age appropriate.

It is also of note to look at the seven most repeated comments given throughout the evaluation and in response to the questions of two things you like, two things you do not like, and any other comments.

31% Felt the program was too long

5% suggested that the students be confirmed in grade 8.

19% Pleased with the program - "keep up the good work."

14% Wanted more mission components - "loved the mission component."

13% Liked the diversity and the flexibility of the program - "It's okay to miss a year and catch up next yr."

7% Liked the positive welcoming attitudes of the instructors and class cohesiveness. "my kids have friends here."

7% Would like more memorizing, assignments, take home assignments, and a clearer outline of the curriculum used - "Where do the materials and resources come from?"

7% Noted the lack of confirmation student participation, attendance and parental involvement on the part of some families and the question was raised- "If youth or their parents don't complete some of the program why do we still confirm them?"

In conclusion the results of this evaluation can be summed up in a comment from one of our youth who was recently confirmed, "Overall the confirmation program was very good and helped me grow in faith." My thoughts are that we have a good, solid, theologically sound program. Is our program perfect? No! But then again there is no perfect confirmation program. As well we need to remember that in confirmation what we are trying to do is to share and model the faith. At this point we would do well to remember Luther's explanation to the third article of the creed.

Summary respectfully submitted by Pastor Bruce

Thanks to Karen for drafting and administering the survey, and tabulating the responses.



## Cantors and

### other musicians:

The summer cantor schedule and the summer music schedule are now posted in the Narthex. Please don't forget to sign up!

## SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICES

For your calendar, so you're sure not to miss them

**Celebration of Music** service, 10:36, May 15 - with soloists and small groups. This service is sure to lift a joyful noise to the Lord!

## Have you Remembered The Church in Your Will?

A few years ago I looked back over the years that I have served at Grace and calculated that if each member who died during my tenure left the church \$5,000 we would have over a million dollars. Of course this is a few years later and the number would be even greater than a million dollars today. Now I realize that some are not in a position to remember the church with a gift of that size but some are in a position to remember the church with even larger gifts. It is mind boggling to think of what we as a congregation could do with a million dollars "If I had a million dollars." In regard to your will as well as being a legal document, it is a testament to your values and priorities. A bequest affirms your lifelong support of the important work carried out by your church. It is easy, affordable, and tax deductible. Of course there are many other ways we can contribute to the financial support of our church at the time of our passing. To explore these I would suggest that you talk to a financial planner.

Pastor Bruce



### 60th Anniversary service,

Sunday, Oct. 16 10:36 AM

60 years together is surely something to give thanks for.

There are still copies of our **60th Anniversary Cookbook** available for purchase. See the table in the narthex.

## INTERNSHIP PLACEMENT

We have received word from the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Saskatoon that we will be receiving an intern for the next school year. Her name is Zsofi Balogh and like our current intern Laura, Zsofi's home congregation is Christ Lutheran in Regina. Laura will be with us until mid August 2011 and Zsofi will come at that time and be with us for a year. Zsofi will be our fifth intern in a row and when Grace first decided to enter this program of hosting interns we decided to do it for 3 - 5 yrs. At year 3 things were progressing well so council decided to go for the 5 yr plan. At some point prior to budgeting and making application for interns (Dec 2011) we will need to evaluate how things are working with an eye to Grace's organizational structure for ministry.

### UPDATE ON AMBER KENDEL

Amber Kendel, a member of Grace who is attending seminary will be doing her internship year this coming school year. She is being placed at Prince of Peace Lutheran church in Dublin, Ohio (a suburb of Columbus).

Amber writes "The church is huge - 1800 members, 3 Sunday services, and tons of programming. They have 3 full time pastors already, plus they have hosted an intern for the last 4 yrs. It's a pretty busy place, and I am very excited about the possibilities for learning there!"