

# GRACELINES

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## *Music Notes*

Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son, Glory be to God the Spirit:  
 Great Jehovah, Three in One! Glory, glory While eternal ages run!

With the celebration of Pentecost on May 31, we have completed the festival half of the church year and now enter into the "ordinary" half. Except for Reformation (October 31 but observed on October 25 this year), All Saints Day (November 1), and Thanksgiving Eve (November 25), we will not be in festival mode until we start Advent (November 29). That's a long stretch of Sundays!

The purpose of this long stretch is that we have time to focus on growing in our faith relationship with Jesus and in living out our faith in our daily lives. The liturgical color is green – the color of growth. Another way to look at it is this: now that we have celebrated all the special events that God has done, we can reflect on the great "so, now what?" questions that follow. God did all this for us, now what difference does that make to us? We plan to spend the next few months exploring that question.

Of course, in a very short time we will be sending off Pastor Riggert to a new part of God's kingdom. We have been blessed to have his faithful feeding of our faith for these last eight and a half years. Now God has called him to serve in another place. While we are saddened to see him leave, we rejoice that God allowed us to be blessed through Pastor Riggert's faithful service and we look forward in confidence that God will continue to take care of us and provide us with all that we need – including the feeding of our souls with God's Word and sacraments. Please come join us on Sunday, June 14 following the late service as we thank and praise God for His blessings, and ask God to bless Pastor Riggert in his new part of the kingdom.

The hymn referred to above is one of our favorite hymns for Holy Trinity (which we will observe on June 7). Note that it says that glory belongs to God through all eternity. We sing of God's glory. We praise Him for His glory. We are thrilled to be a part of His creation, acknowledging His gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation, and singing His praises for all eternity.

So, please join with your fellow believers – the body of Christ at Grace – regularly so that we can receive God's gifts (forgiveness, eternal life, and strengthening of faith come quickly to mind but are by no means exhaustive) and, together, declare God's praises!

If you'd like to serve God through music, I have plenty of openings during the summer months, give me a call at the church office or drop me an email and we'll get things worked out. Praise the Lord!

Serving with you in God's Kingdom,  
 Larry Wooster

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### New Member Sunday

We will receive new members into our church family on Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, in the 8:00 a.m. service. A small reception will be held at the beginning of the Bible Class hour in Parish Hall. Join us as we celebrate the Spirit's work among us.

### Voter's Meeting

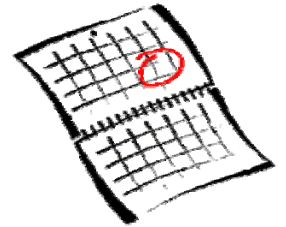
Please look for further information in the coming weeks in the Sunday bulletin and website [www.gracelancaster.org](http://www.gracelancaster.org) as to the date and time of the next voter's meeting. This will be a very important meeting to attend.

On Tuesday, May 27<sup>th</sup> President Stoterau was here to explain the call process and with that we are beginning process.

If you are not a voting member in our congregation and would like to vote on the next Pastor it is very important that you attend the next voter's meeting so you can be approved as a voting member. If you have any questions you may contact Teri Morgan in the church office or any of our Board of Directors for any questions you may have.

### Save the date

**Save the Date Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>** after the 11:00 a.m. (late) service as we have a special dinner and program planned for Pastor Riggert and Sherri as they prepare to leave for Epiphany Lutheran in Kenmore, WA. If you would like to be a part of this program please contact Dr. Wooster or Teri in the church office.



#### Offering

Ending Sunday 4/26	8,255
Ending Sunday 5/3	11,556
Ending Sunday 5/10	8,374
Ending Sunday 5/17	8,518

#### Building Fund (BTBC)

<b>Ending Sunday 4/26</b>	<b>295</b>
<b>Ending Sunday 5/3</b>	<b>3,010</b>
<b>Ending Sunday 5/10</b>	<b>240</b>
<b>Ending Sunday 5/17</b>	<b>250</b>

**Total as of 4/19 791,631**

#### Attendance

Saturday 4/25	41
Sunday 4/26	202
Saturday 5/2	27
Sunday 5/3	167
Saturday 5/9	22
Sunday 5/10	263
Saturday 5/16	36
Sunday 5/17	187

#### Sat/Sun Average Attendance-April

2008	281
2009	343

## School News

These last days of May are full of year-end events. This week we have the congregational meeting with President Stoterau, the 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade musical, a Kindergarten Open House for prospective new families and the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade banquet. Next week (the first week in June) finds us with graduation nights on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Friday, June 5 will be a celebration of awards, closing chapel, promotion to a new grade and rejoicing at the completion of another outstanding school year.

Recently the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade class, under the direction of Ms. Van Duzer, led us through a very meaningful chapel. The students wanted us to know a few things before they left the school. There were some cute rules such as remembering to have enough water for Mr. Burk's P.E. classes, be sure to bring lots of chocolate to Mrs. Wooster, watch out for holes on the field and remember who is boss around here (at which point I "lost" my boss hat). Then they told us the real things they wanted us to know: Jesus is our friend, Jesus died for us and a few more things. One point really stuck with me, "No one said it would be easy to be a Christian, but it's worth it." What came to my mind was to thank parents for teaching their children about Jesus, to thank our teachers for presenting and reinforcing our walk with Jesus and to thank the congregation for the support we receive to truly be a mission of Grace Lutheran Church.

We complete the school year on June 5. This year the school and grounds will be quiet all summer. We have found that there are not enough students who need summer child care to justify being open. Both Ms. Van Duzer and Ms. Linda (Gater) will conduct some weekly programs involving science, math, reading and crafts. The "camps" will be only a couple of hours each day and definitely be for students who have a high interest in certain subjects.

Prospective families have called, stopped by and checked us out on the website. It is interesting to hear often that parents are coming to learn more because other parents have told them about us. If you know anyone who is looking for a great Christian school, please tell them about us.

Serving the Master Teacher,  
Wanda Vandrey, Principal



**Congratulations! To All Our Graduates!** We rejoice with all youth, young adults, adults who achieved special educational degrees and promotions. Congratulations on your accomplishments and God's blessings on all of your future endeavors!! Here are a few names of those that have graduated or will be graduating.

### College Graduates

Meghann Franer- Concordia University, Irvine CA  
Rachel Rottman- Concordia University, Austin TX  
Sarah May Tyndall- Mary Baldwin College, Stanton VA

### High School Graduates

Kalen Kleinberg- She plans to attend Arizona State in the fall.  
Adam Sundberg- He will be attending UC Santa Barbara in September  
Travis Shain  
Marcela Nicol  
Kyle Bligh  
Matthew James  
Stephen King  
Jamie Loomis  
Lucas Wittig  
Bradley Bechtold

### Other Schools

Jennifer Dizon- She graduated from Sasson Academy

## Vacation Bible School Volunteers NEEDED!!!

We need volunteers for the following areas:

- Group Leaders (7)
- Group Guides (7)
- Craft Leader – Filled!!!
- Music Leader (1)
- Music Helpers (1) **1 Filled!!!**
- Bible Story Leader (1)
- Bible Story Helpers (2)
- Bible Application Leader (1)
- Bible Application Helpers (2)
- Snack Leader (1)
- Snack Helpers (2)
- Opening/Closing Leader (1)
- Opening/Closing Helpers (2)
- Decorations Leader (1)
- Decorations Helpers (2)
- Advertising Leader (1)
- Advertising Helper (1)



## News from the DCE

During the last two weeks of April, I experienced something I thought I never wanted to do again – I was a student again! While in class, I heard a phrase that I'd like to share with you. Think Globally and Act Locally. As a student in a mission focused master's program, this phrase really hit me. We are to Think Globally and Act Locally.

For too long, I think we have considered missionaries as people who leave the country to share with others and teach others about their Christian Faith in Jesus Christ. Why do we have to leave the country? Can't we share our faith in Jesus with others – HERE!?!? The phrase Think Globally and Act Locally would suggest that we can. As Christians, we are ALL missionaries! We don't have to leave the country. Maybe the only thing we have to do is Leave Our Homes! 1John 3:23 says, "And this is His commandment, that we believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as He has command [and shown] us."

To be a missionary, there is only one requirement: "to believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ" and the follow-up is loving those around us: family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, classmates or anyone you see breathing in your line-of-sight. Not everyone can leave the country to serve "globally," however, I think everyone can serve "locally" by thinking globally [thinking beyond oneself].

I think for too long, we have "thought locally and acted locally" forgetting that there are actually people in The World, who do NOT know anything about Jesus, the Christian tradition and haven't see Christians live lives that actually reflect the faith they proclaim. Sounds harsh – I know. However, know that you as a Christian have been given the rank, title and authority of God's Ambassador. You don't have to leave the country to love others. You don't have to go to school in order to have permission to love others. You've already been given permission, in Baptism, in Faith – making you God's Chosen People to tell others that they, TOO are CHOSEN!

It is my prayer that each of us sees each day how we (individually and members of Grace) can be used to love and serve others.

Your brother in Christ, Service and Mission,  
*Jim Roberts*



## SURPRISE DAD ..... at work!

Dads work so hard to provide for their families' needs. Here's a fun way to show your appreciation to your dad this Father's Day.\*

### What you need:

- Paper and envelope (any color)
- Markers and crayons
- Stickers
- Pencil
- Stamp
- Your dad's work address

### What you do:

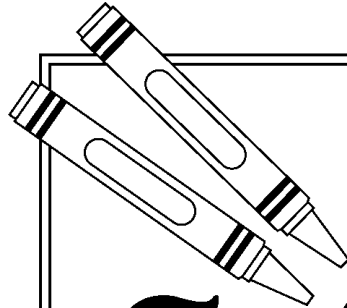
1. Decorate the paper with drawings, stickers, etc.
2. Write a message to your dad, letting him know how thankful you are for his love and hard work.
3. With an adult's help, write your dad's name and work address on the outside of the envelope and your return address in the top-left corner.
4. Place a stamp in the top-right corner and then mail your special gift.

### Other ideas:

- Pack a lunch to eat with dad at or near his workplace.
- Send your letter in a box and include some homemade cookies.
- Pack your dad a special lunch. Place self-stick notes with messages of appreciation on various food items.
- Write appreciation messages on self-stick notes and, with your mom's help, place them all over the inside of your dad's car.



\*All these ideas will work also for Mom on Mother's Day or her birthday.



# Just for **KIDS**

## Fathers of faith

Fathers do amazing things for their families, but the greatest gift our dads can share with us is their faith in God.

**Complete this puzzle to read Isaiah's advice to fathers.**

**Directions:** Working left to right, first write down all the 1's in the word blanks. Continue with the 2's and finally the 3's.

<b>1</b> The	<b>2</b> as	<b>3</b> tell	<b>1</b> living
<b>2</b> I	<b>3</b> their	<b>1</b> the	<b>2</b> am
<b>3</b> children	<b>1</b> living	<b>2</b> doing	<b>3</b> about
<b>1</b> they	<b>2</b> today	<b>3</b> your	<b>1</b> praise
<b>2</b> fathers	<b>3</b> faithfulness	<b>1</b> you	

“ \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_ — \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_ ,  
 \_\_\_\_\_ ; \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ .” Isaiah 38:19, NIV

Answer: “The living, the living, the living — they praise you, as I am doing today; fathers tell their children about your faithfulness.” Isaiah 38:19, NIV





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