

# Grace Lutheran Church

## THE WELCOME PLACE

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### Cathy's Corner

#### "Transitions"

As we enter into June, we experience many transitions. All of our ministries have gone into summer hiatus with the exception of our prayer shawl ministry. And, we have gone to one joint worship service.

Pastor Steve Herzberg of Our Savior Lutheran church in McAllen writes this about "*TRANSITIONS*": "Transition was an important part of the disciples' lives as Jesus had ascended into heaven following his resurrection from the dead. What would happen to the movement? What would happen to all that Jesus had introduced in his short time on earth? The answers would come at Pentecost and the giving of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit would be the power that would carry the movement on and keep the Kingdom in place...Our transition to the summer is also empowered by God's Holy Spirit. The movement goes on and the Kingdom values and ways of living continue."

As I think of the transition of one Worship Leader to another Pastor for Grace, I experience mixed emotions....It has been both a blessing and a learning experience for me while I have been with you here. We will worship together for the last time (in my role as Worship Leader) on June 21<sup>st</sup>. Then you will experience yet another transition when Pastor Ryan Pederson will join you as your pastor on June 28<sup>th</sup>.

And so...the Holy Spirit will continue to carry the movement on here at Grace. May God who is our Father, and Jesus who is our Brother and the Holy Spirit—the Empowering One bless each and every one of you today and always.

Yours in Christ,  
Cathy



### *New Pastor*

The Installation of Ryan Pederson as Pastor of Grace Lutheran Church will be on June 28th at 3:00pm. Pastor Sylvia De La Garza of San Juan will officiate this service. The Ladies of Grace will hold a Welcome To Grace Dinner following the installation. Please come out and welcome Ryan and his wife, Lilia, and enjoy good food and fellowship.



\* Asset Based Planning took place on 4/28/09. Plans for implementation will take place at the June Council Meeting.

\* Leadership Training still in planning stages.

Tabled until June meeting.

- \* Membership transfers approved: Tjepkema, Bingham.
- \* \$172 from Easter Sunrise Breakfast given to Loaves & Fishes.
- \* \$1581 from Lent offerings given to Neighborhood Food Pantry.
- \* Bids for parsonage AC repairs/replacement need to be redone do to time limitations.
- \* Parsonage renovations discussed.

**Mission Statement**

**God's purpose for Grace Lutheran Church is:**

**Welcome to grace,  
Welcome the message.**

**Principle Values:**

**Jesus is Lord**

**Everyone is welcome**

**All serve in different ways**

**Seek and share the message**

**God's love is life changing**



*Ladies of Grace*

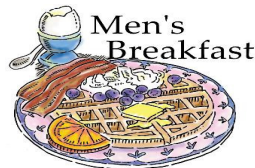
The Ladies of Grace will hold their last meeting for the summer on June 4th at 10:00am in the Parish Hall.

There will be a Pot Luck Salad Lunch following the meeting. The Ladies will hold their Lunch Out on June 11th at 11:30am at the China Star. All ladies of the Church are welcome to attend.



The Church Council will meet on Tuesday, June 9th at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry, will meet on June 25th 9:00am in the Parish Hall.



**Men's Breakfast**

Men's Breakfast will be held on June 10th and June 24th at 8:00am at Tila's

Restaurant in Harlingen. All men of the Church are welcome to attend.

The Worship and Music Committee will meet on Sunday, June 14th following the service. Anyone interested in the Worship and Music, and invited to attend.



**Hooray for Fathers**

A Houston newspaper asked readers to send in thoughts about their fathers. Letters flooded in, and what people wrote about their fathers is most inspiring.

- Dad was always there for me. He sacrificed to make sure that we had what we needed.
- When disappointment came my way, Dad said, "Son, real life ain't about getting what you want but more about doing something with what you get."
- My dad was disabled, but he worked hard to make sure we children had a good education and lived moral lives. He would say, "I want you to succeed more than I did."
- My dad wanted us to be Christians and took us regularly to church.

**What would you write about your father?**

## June Service Schedule

	June 7	June 14	June 21	June 28
<b>Usher</b>	Butch & Skippy Palmer	Butch & Skippy Palmer	Butch & Skippy Palmer	Butch & Skippy Palmer
<b>Liturgical Assistant</b>	Mary Ellen Carlson Elaine Pulver	Mary Ellen Carlson Elaine Pulver	Mary Ellen Carlson Elaine Pulver	Mary Ellen Carlson Elaine Pulver
<b>Lector</b>	Elaine Pulver	Elaine Pulver	Elaine Pulver	Elaine Pulver
<b>Acolyte</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Pam Ramsey	Pam Ramsey	Pam Ramsey	Pam Ramsey



- Carol Heesch 6/7
- LaVaughn Larson 6/10
- Kirsten Walther 6/18
- Danny Villarreal 6/20
- Alice McGee 6/24
- Tricia Walther 6/29



- Jon & Judi Christensen 6/11
- Jim & Judy Werth 6/12
- Wally & Elaine Krueger 6/23



Donations are being accepted for the Neighborhood Pantry. Item needed this month is **Peanut Butter**. Please place your donations in the boxes that are placed in the Narthex



Our prayers go to **Vern Dokken** and his family on the passing of his step-son, **Henry LaPlant**.  
 Our prayers go to the family of **Leon McQueen** on his passing.  
 Our prayers go to **Banner Lindsay** and family on the passing of his wife, **Vi Lindsay**.



**Family Members**

- Reba Gandara**
- Darrell Kennedy**
- Jan Miller**
- Jimmy Faires**
- Emma Dahl**
- Marcy Oppegaard**
- Mindy Staruh**
- David Bledsoe**

**Critical**

- Wilma Lucas**
- Carolyn Linden**
- Vonnie Jones**

**Healing**

- Dick Mars**
- Ruth Pegg**
- Dot Stribling**

**Shut Ins**

- Gwen Pierce**
- Florence Miller**
- Kent Stratford**
- Elsie Gunderson**

**Friends of Congregation**

- Larry Adair**
- Teresa Herrera**
- George Garcia**
- Stephen Schluender**
- John Rosnik**
- Jean Lynch**
- Ray Gonzalez**
- Lester Johnson**
- Nancy Dieringer**
- Kelby Eddleman**
- Melisa Siebert**
- Dr. Warren Lee**
- Carolyn Sauerbrei**
- Ray Gonzalez**
- Matthew Reed**

## June 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 10:00am Ladies of Grace	5	6
7 9:00 Coffee 10:00 Church	8	9 7:00pm Council	10 8:00am Men's Breakfast	11 11:30am Ladies Lunch Out	12	13
14 9:00Coffee 10:00 Church Worship & Music Flag Day	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 9:00 Coffee Hour 10:00 Church Father's Day	22	23	24 8:00am Men's Breakfast	25 9:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry	26	27
28 9:00 Coffee 10:00 Church 3:00pm Installation of Ryan Pederson Welcome Dinner	29	30				