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CONFESSING THE FAITH

“So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven. (Matthew 10:32-33)

Last evening Paula and I, with the help of some friends, hosted the annual Fellowship Club Cookout in Parker Hall. The Fellowship Club is the social group of our faithful senior members of Grace. When I first came here they met on the third Tuesday evening of the month and shared a potluck meal and had a structured program and even collected dues that would then be used to support certain concerns throughout the year in their name. As years have passed the meeting time has been changed from evening to noontime. Instead of a potluck someone would bring a dessert and chips to share while everyone brought a sandwich for lunch. We met downstairs in the original building but access became more difficult for some of the members and we started meeting in Parker Hall which is easier for the members to access. The last couple of years various women of Grace (usually members of A.C.T.S.) have prepared a lunch meal to serve this faithful group. Think about how our Family Life Center has been a blessing for us here at Grace the last fourteen plus years. The last several years Paula and I have had a summer evening cookout because it stays light longer in June or July and so driving is still okay. I grill hamburgers with the help of Ken Carle and we picnic inside in the comfort of Parker Hall. We had a great group join us last evening.

When Carolyn Moorman arrived for the event she saw me out grilling hamburgers and let me know that Christmas Eve was exactly six months away. That is an inside joke between the two of us since we served together as organist and pastor. I always

threatened to plan Christmas six months in advance instead of during the busy month of December. It was a threat that I never followed through on and that is why when she has opportunity she reminds me that Christmas Eve is six months away.

That also served to remind me that it was the eve of Carolyn's birthday, as she was born on June 25th. I also like to share that she shares her birthday with an important date in the history of Lutheranism. On June 25th, 1530, the Reformation princes and representatives from the free cities had opportunity to confess their faith before Charles V, emperor of the Holy Roman Empire. This took place in Augsburg, Germany at what was called the Diet of Augsburg, which was a governing assembly of the Imperial states. There at this assembly the Lutherans presented the first confession of faith of the Reformation. This document was written by Philip Melancthon, a contemporary of Martin Luther. He wrote this document in conjunction with Luther's approval and with the aid of Luther's previous writings. So I write this front page about "Confessing The Faith" on the 484th anniversary of The Presentation of the Augsburg Confession, a truly significant document in the history of the Lutheran Church.

We confess our faith with a confession that could be as simple as saying, "Jesus is Lord." At the same time as we gather for worship here at Grace we use what are called ecumenical creeds, the Apostles and Nicene creeds, to confess what we believe about God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. A couple of weeks ago in the Church Year we observed Holy Trinity Sunday. It is our tradition on that Sunday to confess the Athanasian Creed which, in similar but longer fashion, finds us confessing the faith in the Triune God, especially the divinity of Jesus Christ.

Confessing the faith is something that we not only do in word, but also in deed. Our faithfulness in what we do and how we relate to one another shows forth the faith that we confess. It is one thing to say "I believe" and it is yet another thing to show that we believe in how we live out our faith. So I once again return to those in the Fellowship Club to share an example of this faithfulness. On any given Sunday we have a group of faithful members who make their way to church. They may be seen in the front pews where some of them will receive the Sacrament of Holy

Communion because it is no longer easy for them to come to the altar and kneel or even stand to receive Holy Communion. There are others who are still able to come to the altar and even kneel for reception of Christ's body and blood. These faithful members are either in their late eighties or into their nineties. Their attendance acknowledges their faith in the One who said, "So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven." Their presence here Sunday after Sunday is a faithful witness to all of the others in attendance that faith and its exercise is an important part of our witness.

In Psalm 100 we read these words from the psalmist, "For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations." (Psalm 100:5) We need to be constantly reminded that if we are not faithful, the Lord is faithful. He is faithful to all of His promises made to us in Christ Jesus. On the other hand we must acknowledge that we are not always faithful and many times we are totally unfaithful. Our witness, our confessing the faith, acknowledges the work of the Lord in our lives. It serves as a witness to our neighbor even as it is an important example to the following generations, our children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

It was not an easy thing for the early Lutheran confessors of the faith to do, that was to go before Charles V, the emperor of the Holy Roman Empire and present their confession of faith. There were possible consequences for their confessing the faith even as Martin Luther could have potentially been arrested, tried and convicted when he made his famous "Here I Stand" speech before the same emperor at the Diet of Worms in 1521. Yet to do otherwise would be to deny the Lord and what He has done for us before men and to do so would result in Jesus denying us before His Father who is in heaven.

Let me encourage you to remember someone from a previous generation who was an example of confessing the faith for you in what they said and did, your parents, grandparents, Sunday School or Vacation Bible School teacher, aunt, uncle, pastor or next door neighbor. Count that a blessing and commit yourself to being a blessing for the next generation.

Have a Blessed Summer – Pastor Walter

Director of Parish Music

Greetings in the name of our Risen Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ!

This month I'd like to discuss a great hymn from the Praise and Adoration section of the hymnal. It is "Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good" (LSB 819). The text is by Johann Jakob Schütz (1640-1690), a lawyer and hymn writer from Frankfurt am Main. The tune is by Melchior Vulpius (1570-1615), a prolific German Lutheran composer.

Stanza One: *Sing praise to God, the highest good, The author of creation, The God of love who understood Our need for His salvation. With healing balm our souls He fills And every faithless murmur stills: To God all praise and glory!* Indeed it is right that we should sing praise to God. Why? Because of all He has done for us. This hymn gives us many reasons why we should praise God, and in this stanza it is because He created us, knew our great need for salvation, and calms our souls with His forgiveness.

Stanza Two: *What God's almighty power has made, In mercy He is keeping. By morning glow or evening shade His eye is never sleeping. Within the kingdom of His might All things are just and good and right: To God all praise and glory!* God did not simply create the world and then walk away, but He continues to sustain and uphold His creation each day and night. He is no absent Creator.

Stanza Three: *We sought the Lord in our distress; O God, in mercy hear us. Our Savior saw our helplessness And came with peace to cheer us. For this we thank and praise the Lord, Who is by one and all adored: To God all praise and glory!* God saw our need, heard our cry, and sent His Son to Earth to save us by taking our Sin upon Him. Christ loved us to the point of death on the cross of Calvary. His life is now ours. Thanks be to God!

Stanza Four: *He never shall forsake His flock, His chosen generation; He is their refuge and their rock, Their peace and their salvation. As with a mother's tender hand, He leads His own, His chosen band: To God all praise and glory!* In Holy Baptism, we

were made a child of God and given Christ's name to be our own. He will never leave us nor forsake us, and will keep us safe through calm and storm.

Stanza Five: All who confess Christ's holy name, Give God the praise and glory. Let all who know His power proclaim Aloud the wondrous story. Cast every idol from its throne, For God is God, and He alone: To God all praise and glory! The first four stanzas listed all the wondrous things God has done for us, and now how could we not confess Christ's name and share His great deeds with all those around us? Our God is the one true God and He alone is Lord. Thanks be to God for the amazing mercy and love He has shown to His people!

Almighty God, You have called Your Church to witness that in Christ You have reconciled us to Yourself. Grant that by Your Holy Spirit we may proclaim the good news of Your salvation so that all who hear it may receive the gift of salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Peace in Christ,

*Nathan Beethe
Director of Parish Music*

NOON DEVOTIONS WITH PASTOR

Noon Devotions with Pastor is Thursday, July 17th, at 12:00 noon in Parker Hall. (Please note the date change.) Bring a sandwich and join us for Bible study and fellowship. Drinks, chips, and dessert are provided. We eat first and then Pastor Walter shares a devotional Bible study with us. **Bring a friend and join us ...this is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship!!**

THOSE WHO SERVE in JULY

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

8:15 a.m. Worship Services – Lily Woodyard

10:45 a.m. Worship Services – Claire Hammond

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

July 6th – 10:45 Service – No Communion

July 13th – 8:15 Service – To be announced

July 20th – 10:45 Service – To be announced

July 27th – 8:15 Service – To be announced

USHERS' SCHEDULE

8:15 a.m. Worship Services – Dennis Fastenau's team
Tommy Borchert, Sam Cate, Paul Nichols

10:45 a.m. Worship Services – Chris Pils' team
David Faulkner, Cole Hill, Wes Mainard

CANTORS' SCHEDULE

8:15 a.m. Worship Services – Joel Junkans

10:45 a.m. Worship Services – Ron Krueger

GREETERS' SCHEDULE

8:15 a.m. Worship Services – Ed and Susan Mahnken

10:45 a.m. Worship – Kurt, Rose and Evelyn Shrader

ALTAR GUILD SCHEDULE

8:15 a.m. Services – Pat Funk

10:45 a.m. Services – Lou Alice May

Wednesday Mid-Week Services – Suzanne Raddle & Wilma Richter

*If you are unable to serve please ask someone to fill in for you
and then call the church office.*

Note from Kevin and Allie Ray

June 4, 2014

Dear Brothers and Sisters at Grace,

It was so great to be with our Grace family last week. We really enjoyed seeing so many of you! Thank you for your continued support! It has been a great blessing to us, and we thank you for the gift of your Christian love expressed through your monetary gifts and prayers. I wanted to tell you all a little bit about where we are going this next year (though some of you already have a pretty good idea, especially Pastor Jilg), since we are going on vicarage soon, and to tell you about this last quarter.

For vicarage we will be going to St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Concordia, Missouri. Perhaps some of you have been there or know someone who has on account of the boarding school. It is a pretty little town in western Missouri with about 2,500 people in it. The church is also quite large, with well over 1,000 baptized members and around 900 in weekly attendance. Along with this, I will be serving at Faith Lutheran in the neighboring town of Knob Noster, which is twenty miles away from Concordia. There I will also be preaching, leading worship, and serving in a number of ways. Knob Noster is a smaller church, so I will get the experience of both a very large church and a smaller church. We will be living on a farm (which will be great for the girls!) in a farmhouse that a member has offered the church to use for the vicarage program. Overall, it promises to be a great experience, and we are extremely excited by the many opportunities the Lord will give us there.

This quarter has been a busy one, and a good one for our family. We had our third daughter on April 11, Scarlett Josephine Ray. She was healthy and quite large (9 lbs, 3 oz.). She is starting to smile a little bit, and seems to have been able to hold her head up from the womb. Tallulah is also growing quite rapidly. She is really starting to talk quite a bit, and much to our delight, says "dank doo" (thank you) quite frequently. Monica is coming close to age three, and as such, is looking less and less like a toddler, and more like a little kid by the second. She can sing her ABC's, knows a good number of shapes (including trapezoids thanks to *Team Umi Zoomi*), and is generally a smart little cutie. Allie and I are very proud of them. Allie is enjoying staying home with the girls.

The classwork this quarter was pretty busy. I took five classes: Western Monasticism (a course to help us better understand the place of monasticism in medieval Europe), Pastor as Counselor, Systematics III (which includes the doctrine of the Holy Spirit, sanctification, and the Means of Grace), Theological German (which I passed, whew!), and World Religions (Buddhism, Daoism, etc.). It was a good quarter, and as usual, I learned a lot.

Well, that about sums it up for now. Thanks so much for your help through prayer and monetary support! Richest blessings and we look forward to seeing you all again soon!

Yours in Christ,

Kevin, Allie, Monica, Tallulah, and Scarlett Ray

STEWARDSHIP BUDGET RE-CAP

2014 budget totals \$531,856

which is an average weekly

General Fund contribution requirement of \$10,228

Budget needs through week 25	\$255,700
Actual expenses through week 25	\$251,551
Contributions to General Fund from all sources	\$241,246*
Average weekly contribution through week 25	\$9,650

In summary, General Fund giving for the year is \$10,305 less than actual expenses. By comparison, this time last year giving was \$5681 less than expenses.

Non-budget giving to designated funds through week 25	\$25,527
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*These contributions include a monthly payment from ECDC to help offset expenses. They also include some memorials and honorariums which are not designated to specific funds.

STEWARDSHIP NEWS

July, 2014

Each July we celebrate the freedom that we enjoy as Americans. For example, we enjoy the freedom of religion. That is a great blessing but, unfortunately, many people live as though freedom of religion means “freedom from religion.” We know better. Freedom is not so much **“from”** as it is **“for.”** And freedom is a gift that comes at a great cost. We do well to remember as Americans that our freedom was gained originally and is still being defended by those who have put their lives on the line so that we might remain free.

It is a disgrace to enjoy our freedom without being thankful for the sacrifice that has made our freedom a reality. This is true

not only of our freedom as Americans, but also of our freedom as Christians. We know that Jesus Christ shed His lifeblood as the sacrifice for our sins so that through faith in Him we have the forgiveness of sins which leads to real life and salvation. Our freedom from sin, death and everlasting condemnation is a gift—pure and simple. We could not earn it even if we had a thousand lifetimes to work for it. Only Jesus Christ, the sinless Son of God, could earn that freedom. And, thank God that His love for us was so great that He was willing to suffer all, even death, so that we might live in freedom, peace and hope.

Unfortunately, some Christians seem to live as if the freedom that Christ won for us is a ***“freedom from”*** rather than a ***“freedom for.”*** St. Paul spoke so eloquently against this false notion when he penned these words in Galatians 5:13-14: ***You, my brothers were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love. The entire law is summed up in a single command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.”***

The truth is that we have been freed from the desire to use all of life, including our gifts of time, talent and treasure, in a purely selfish way. As Christian stewards we recognize that God is the Owner of all things and we are managers. Good managers use that which belongs to the Owner according to His purposes. A Lutheran leader of the past century said it well: ***“Christian stewardship is everything I do after I say I believe.”***

May God help us, His freed people, to use all of life and life’s resources for His purposes. This is our proper response to the extravagant love and amazing grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. To do any less is to deny who and Whose we are!

Joel Junkans
Director
Board of Stewardship

GRACE FAMILY NEWS AND NOTES

HOLY BAPTISM...

Luther Thomas Sutterfield, son of Jason and Courtney Sutterfield, was received into God's Kingdom of Grace through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, June 1st. His sponsors are Tiffany Warriner and Roy Andrews. Luther is the brother of Aidan and Stella Sutterfield and the grandson of Jon and Sandy Lindemann.

CONGRATULATIONS...

CONGRATULATIONS to Travis and Heather Starr on the birth of their son Jackson Lyle Austin Starr who was born on June 7th. Jackson has a 'big sister' Madison. Congratulations and God's blessings to the Starr family.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mike Morrison for being selected Girls Track Outstanding Coach of the Year. Mike is a coach at Pulaski Robinson.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY...

Our Christian Sympathy to the family of Rosemary Sorsby who died on June 16th in hospice care. Rosemary is the mother of Riley Middaugh. Please remember Riley and Randy and their family in your prayers.

Our Christian Sympathy to the family of Thomas Holter who died on June 17th following a motorcycle accident. Thomas is the great-nephew of Marietta Gutierrez. Please keep the Holter family in your prayers.

Our Christian Sympathy to the family of Dr. Richard (Dick) Myers who died recently in Pennsylvania. Dick is the uncle of Dawn Cline. Please remember Dawn and her family in your prayers.

Our Christian Sympathy to the family of Tommie Wiggins who died recently in Lake Jackson, Texas. Tommie is the nephew of Warren Rivers. Please remember Warren and Judy and their family in your prayers.

FELLOWSHIP CLUB

Parker Hall

Fellowship Club will meet on Tuesday, **July 22nd**, at 12:00 noon in Parker Hall. (Please note the date change.) Our ACTS friends will serve another delicious meal. Mark your calendar and plan to come and have a great time of fun and fellowship.

SIT AND SEW

Sit and Sew will meet on **Tuesday, July 8th**, at 12:00 noon. Bring your project and join them in the downstairs classroom in the church. For details call Carole Nichols or Sammye Sue Harrill.

BOARD OF EVANGELISM

Outreach Ministries

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES (DCFS)

Grace continues to support the foster care program in the East Office of DCFS. Some of the items they need for the children coming into their office include:

Diaper all sizes

Wipes

Box of Kleenex

Snacks: pop tarts, cracker, cookies, juice

Microwavable: ravioli, spaghetti macaroni

If you can help provide any of these items, please bring them to the church and place them in the box for DCFS which is in the church breezeway.

For more information, contact Pat Funk or any of the Board of Evangelism members.

Vacation Bible School Thank you!!



Through the dedication of our volunteers and congregation, Vacation Bible School was a success again this year! Thank you for all your prayers and support. It was an amazing week as our children heard the Good News of Jesus' love and forgiveness. Thank you to Catherine Manchester, Gina Junkans and Diane Roberts for using their God-given talents as directors of our Vacation Bible School and thank you to all who gave of their time and resources to make our VBS a success!!

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| Anita Allaben | Traci Johnson-Pontiff | Mike Morrison |
| Ame Andrews | Christina Junkans | Robert Nichols |
| Ethan Andrews | Emily Junkans | Carole Nichols |
| Mason Andrews | Gina Junkans | Zoe Paladino |
| Roy Andrews | Joel Junkans | Betty Pils |
| Crissy Beethe | John Ketcher | Chris Pils |
| Nathan Beethe | Janet Killough | Angie Proud |
| Bette Bogart | Ron Krueger | Shirley Rieve |
| Dawn Cline | Suzanne Lambert | Judy Rivers |
| Debbie Craig | Gervais LeBlanc | Alex Roberts |
| Stephanie Dunn | Sharon LeBlanc | Dave Roberts |
| Brittany Farris | Abby Litwa | Diane Roberts |
| Andrea Faulkner | Katie Litwa | Bev Sanders |
| Lauren Faulkner | Stephana Loyd | Rich Sanders |
| Pat Funk | Anna Kate Manchester | Carter Stein |
| Kaye Gilbert | Catherine Manchester | Emily Stein |
| Megan Gipson | Jack Manchester | Mary Kathryn Stein |
| Natasha Graf | Scott Manchester | Angie Stephens |
| Kaylee Hammond | Riley Middaugh | Jason Sutterfield |
| Sarah Johnson | Colleen Moorman | Pastor Walter |

Andrew Warren
Matthew Warren

Sheila Wilimzig
Kim Woodyard

Lily Woodyard

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE
Volunteers Needed to Serve

COFFEE HOST SIGN UP - Please take a minute and sign up for the Sunday on which you wish to serve. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board by the Parlor.

The schedule for **July, 2014** is:

July 6th _____

July 13th _____

July 20th _____

July 27th _____

The schedule for **August, 2014** is:

August 3rd _____

August 10th _____

August 17th _____

August 24th _____

August 31st _____

Thanks!! We appreciate your help!

LUTHERAN CAMP ON PETIT JEAN



EPIC!

Exploring Purpose in Creation

2014 Summer Camp schedule and registration forms are available at church on the table by the ramp door, in the church office or call the camp at 501-727-5656.



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND GOD'S BLESSINGS to Grace Family Members in the month of July:

- 3 - Jack Funk, Ryan Giese
- 4 - Robert Richter
- 5 - Jim Robinson
- 7 - Monta Krasts, Anna Kate Manchester, Jack Manchester,
Monica Ray
- 9 - Kristin St. Clair
- 10 - David Holzhauser, Jon Lindemann, Jennifer Wunderlich
- 12 - Linda Bradshaw, Jan Grant, Sandy Lindemann,
Stella Grace Sutterfield
- 14 - Charlotte Johnson, Pearl Spotts
- 15 - John Ralston
- 16 - Lucia Jones
- 17 - Crissy Beethe, Emily Beethe, Sarah Johnson, Shirley Rieve
- 18 - Nancy Wade
- 19 - Jim Marvin, Charlie Buchanan
- 20 - Kara Mainard, Stephanie Renard
- 22 - Tim Loyd, Betty Schonert, Ann Stoker
- 25 - Caleb Stein, Paula Walter
- 26 - Hannah McIntyre
- 27 - Evelyn Chotkowski, Alisa Coffey, Jennifer Hammond,
Tim Sweeney
- 28 - Amanda Ferstl
- 29 - Ben Bischof, Jim Keppel, Ronald Krueger
- 31 - Susie Barlow, Dorris Deislinger

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to these couples in July:

- 3 - Charlotte and Stacy Johnson
- 8 - Lisa and Steve Gertsch
- 15 - Amanda and J. T. Ferstl
- 22 - Jennifer and Michael Morrison
- 24 - Mary Kathryn and Charles Stein
- 31 - Donna and Robert Middaugh

We apologize if we have missed your birthday or anniversary; please let us know in the church office so we can update our records. Thank you!!

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES AT GRACE

Our nursery, downstairs in the church, is also available to take care of the infants and toddlers during Sunday School/Bible Class time.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS - Pastor Walter's Bible Class meets each Sunday at 9:45 a.m. in Parker Hall. Pastor Walter is leading a study of the book of Hebrews.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES for children ages 3 through 6th grade are held in the lower level of the Family Life Center. Parents are invited to join us for the opening service at 9:45 each Sunday. Contact Colleen Moorman or Nathan Beethe. LCEF K.I.D.S. Saving Stamps are available from Ame Andrews during Sunday School opening time.

JUNIOR YOUTH class meets at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday in their classroom downstairs in the church. During the summer David Witte will lead the class each Sunday morning.

SENIOR YOUTH class meets each Sunday at 9:45 a.m. in their classroom downstairs in the church. Dave Roberts leads the class each Sunday morning.

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY group is taking a break for the summer. Watch the bulletin and newsletter for the fall schedule. Contact Vicar David Witte at drwitte@gmail.com if you have questions.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY class meets each Wednesday morning at 6:30 a.m. at St. Vincent Hospital in the 4th floor conference room (off the main elevator). Pastor Walter leads this Bible Study. All men of Grace are encouraged to attend.

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS meets each Tuesday morning at 9:30 a.m. in the downstairs classroom in the church. They are now doing a women's small-group Bible study "*The God of All Comfort*" by Donna Pyle. Contact Joan Ann Olsen for more information.



ECDC News & Notes

I can't believe it's almost July – this summer is really flying by! Must be all the fun we are having. Throughout the week we are playing and learning all sorts of things; and we're finding lots of opportunities to do some type of water activity helping us stay cool. And, of course the ice cream truck continues to round out each week!

July finds us learning about our Country, places around the world, vacations, and camping. And it wouldn't be July without our annual cook-out – hot dogs and s'mores on the barbee – always a hit with the kids and the staff!

During Jesus time we will be learning about the life of God's servant Moses, the Ten Commandments, and some of the journeys found in the Bible – you know traveling through the desert, ten lepers on the road, Jonah going to Nineveh in a round about way, wise men following a star, Mary and Joseph going to Bethlehem, Jesus riding into Jerusalem, our journey to heaven– you get the idea!

Please allow me just a little reminiscing – July 1st eighteen years ago God led me back to Grace Lutheran with a ministry in mind. And, what a blessing it has been to be a part of such an active, vibrant, supportive congregation, and child-care program. ECDC has grown and thrived because of YOU. We have ministered to more than one thousand children and their families, and staff! Our God is an Awesome God! The children and staff of ECDC are most blessed and fortunate to be associated with such a supportive and proactive congregation! Each of you is truly and integral part of this weekday ministry!

Now looking to the future – I hope everyone in our congregation is taking time to become familiar with our Grace Lutheran “campus growth plan” – not if but when it becomes a reality what a benefit to the congregation and the community as we continue to be a vital part of sharing the Gospel in Little Rock! What a blessed challenge!

See ya again next month, until then—
God's continued blessings to each of you —

Colleen

2014
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
"Gangway to Galilee"
Amazing Grace Adventures





Painless Ways to Support Little Rock Lutheran Education!



Many of you already take advantage of company programs that provide financial incentives for Grace Lutheran ECDC and Christ Lutheran School that don't cost you any extra money — for that we all say THANK YOU! These programs are really an untapped resource that benefits Lutheran education in Little Rock by providing funds for all type of budget needs! And all the programs are very user-friendly and simple — some only require scissors!

Following are programs used by one or more of our Lutheran schools — please consider this painless way to support Lutheran Education in L.R.!

KROGER PLUS CARDS Grace ECDC

The Board of Christian Education encourages you to enroll your Kroger Plus card at www.krogercommunityrewards.com today. Once you choose Grace's ECDC program (code 80368), a portion of your eligible purchases at Kroger goes directly to the ECDC. Holiday shopping is around the corner so please support our ECDC. Every dollar you spend benefits this amazing program here at Grace. For questions or help with your enrollment, please contact Catherine Manchester (821-4140) or Colleen Moorman (663-0755). Thank you!

General Mills “Box Tops for Education” used by Christ Lutheran School Campbell's Labels used by ECDC & Christ Lutheran School

Here's how these work:

- Remove “box top for education” labels from General Mills containers (ie Cheerios, Betty Crocker), and/or ENTIRE LABEL WITH UPC CODE from Campbell's products (ie soup, juices).
- collection boxes may be found on the bookcase next to the breezeway or the entry area of ECDC.
- “Box Tops for Education” provide monetary support for the CLS Band, “Campbell's Labels” are turned into credit toward purchasing supplies and equipment for both ECDC and Christ Lutheran School.