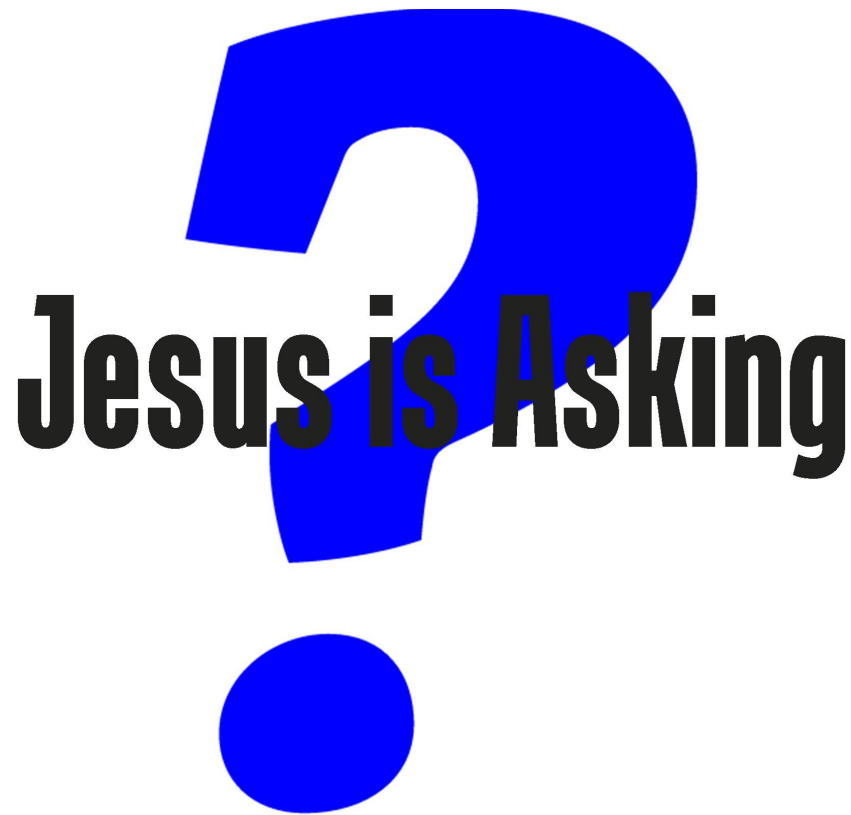


Tenth Sunday after Pentecost



Jesus is Asking

Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?

Grace Lutheran Church
July 28, 2013





Our mission at Grace is to teach the inspired and inerrant Word of God, to proclaim that Jesus Christ is the crucified and risen Savior of the world and to nurture believers for lives of Christian service.

We are very pleased that you have joined us for worship today at Grace-University! We pray that this time will be a blessing for you as God comes to you with his Word and promises and as you offer him your thanks and praise.

Worship Notes

The **order of service** we follow is printed out in this worship folder. You'll notice that the service is a dialogue between God and us, his people. The pastor speaks to God along with the congregation and also speaks the Word of God to the people.

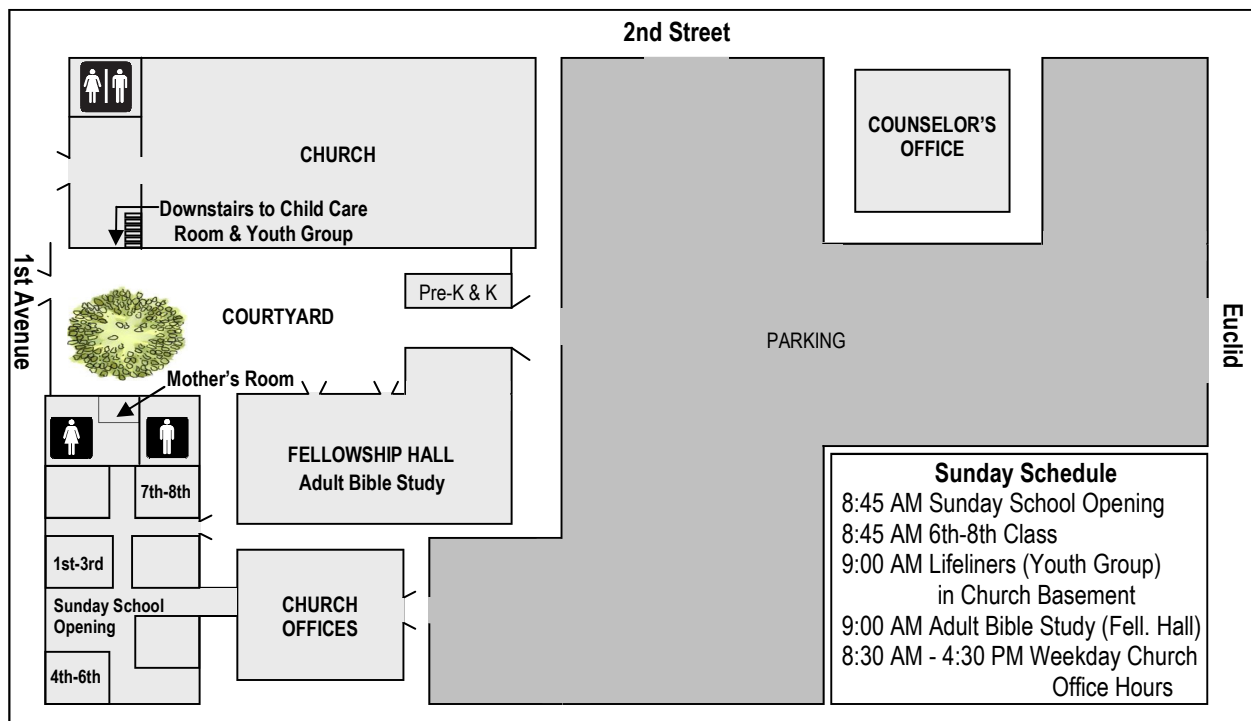
Hymns are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

Large print hymn sheets are available in the entryway. You may also ask an usher or greeter to get one for you.

We believe that many blessings come from having families worship together and we love to have **children in worship!** If you need to calm a restless child, you may:

- stand for a few moments in the entryway, sometimes that's all that's needed
- go down the stairs to the left in the entryway—they will lead down to the Child Care Room where you will still be able to hear the service
- visit the private Mother's Room across the courtyard in the women's restroom—you will be able to hear the service there also

Printed copies of the sermon are available in the entryway. CDs of the entire worship service will be made upon request from the sound technician in the balcony. It only takes a few minutes to copy. You may also find sermons and services in print, audio and video on our website: www.GraceTucsonWELS.com



SERVICE OF THE WORD

Christian Worship

WELCOME

HYMN

Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs
Christian Worship #227

Please stand

Minister: The grace of our Lord (†) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

OH, TASTE AND SEE



C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.



Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -



ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav - ens. Your faith-ful-ness con -



tin - ues for - ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.



Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

PRESERVICE MUSIC:

7:45 AM—

His Eye is on the Sparrow
Arr. by Victor Labenske

“Let not your heart be troubled,” His tender word I hear, And resting on His goodness, I lose my doubts and fears; Though by the path He leadeth, but one step I may see; His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

10:00 AM—

As the Deer
Arr. by Phillip Keveren

Piano Duet: Beth Kassulke & Teri Guenther

In response to God's mercy and forgiveness, Christians praise God and proclaim his goodness. This song is comprised of two Bible passages: Psalm 34:8 and Psalm 119:89.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray. Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.



C: A - men.

Please be seated

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart, for they will prolong your life many years and bring you prosperity. Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man. Trust in the LORD

Proverbs 3:1-8 (NIV)

with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight. Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and shun evil. This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones.

PSALM OF THE DAY

PSALM 42-43

Refrain



Bless - ed are they who hope, who hope in the Lord.

Psalm Tone



1. As the deer pants for streams of / water,* so my soul pants for / you, O God.
2. My soul thirsts for God, for the / living God.* Where can I go and / meet with God?
3. Why are you downcast, / O my soul?* Why so disturbed with- / in me?
4. Put your / hope in God,* for I will yet praise him, my Savior / and my God.

Refrain

5. Send forth your light and your truth, let them / guide me;* let them bring me to the place / where you dwell.
6. Then will I go to the altar of God, my joy and / my delight.* I will praise you with the harp, O / God, my God.
7. **Glory be to the Father and / to the Son* and to the Holy / Spirit. as it was in the be- / ginning,* is now, and will be forever. / Amen.**

Refrain

The First Lesson is frequently a reading from the Old Testament. It shares a common theme with the Second Lesson (often from one of the epistles) and the Gospel.

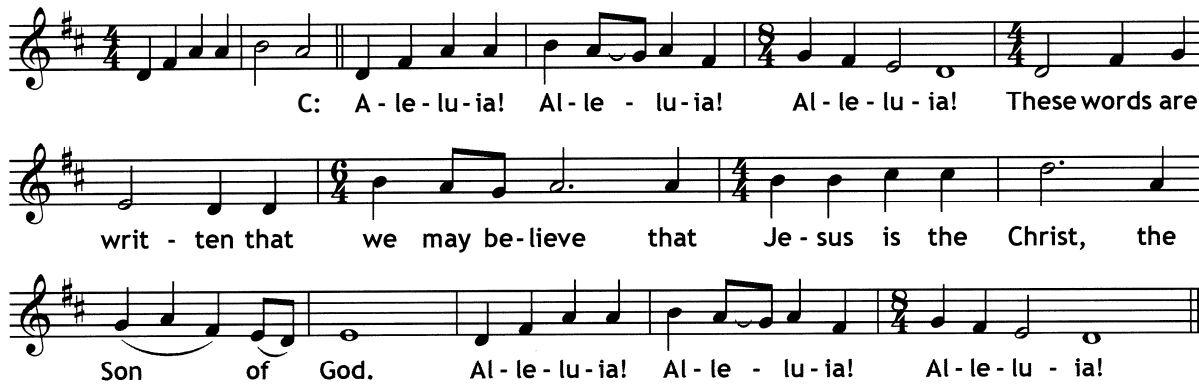
SECOND LESSON

Philippians 4:4-7 (NIV)

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition,

with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

VERSE OF THE DAY



C: A - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! These words are
writ - ten that we may be - lieve that Je - sus is the Christ, the
Son of God. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The Verse of the Day is a familiar or significant Scripture text framed with alleluias.

Please stand

GOSPEL

Matthew 6:25-34 (NIV)

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life? And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was

dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.”

The congregation stands out of respect for the words of Christ our King.

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



C: Praise — be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

What a Friend We Have in Jesus
Christian Worship #411

SERMON

Matthew 6:25-34
No Worries

Please stand

APOSTLES' CREED

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Please be seated

OFFERING

Members of Grace respond to their Savior's love with offerings that are given joyfully, generously, regularly, and in a way that is proportionate to how the Lord has blessed them. Their cheerful gifts support the mission and ministry of our congregation. If you are a guest today, please know that we do not expect you to contribute to our congregation's work. However, if you would like to give an offering to the Lord in response to his love to you, we are happy to receive it and put it to work in God's kingdom.

Please fill out the Friendship Register located in the red folder at the end of the row and pass it along. Thank You!

Please stand

The Apostles' Creed developed in the Early Christian Church as a personal confession of faith. It is so named because it confesses the faith taught by the Apostles of Jesus.



If you prefer, use your smart phone to give online by scanning this QR code.

7:45 AM-
Be Still My Soul
Arr. by Lloyd Larson

10:00 AM-
Be Still My Soul /
What a Friend We
Have in Jesus
Arr. by Nicol Sponberg

Soloist: Teri Guenther

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Heavenly Father, when you open your hand, you satisfy the desires of every living thing. May your name be praised and your grace glorified. Today we remember with joy the gifts you provide for us. Again and again you pour on us all that we need for daily living: health, strength, companionship, and all our material blessings. We thank you especially for the incomparable spiritual blessings you have given us through your Son. It is true that every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights.

Yet we are greedy and ungrateful. We complain and worry. Forgive us for these and all our sins in the name of Jesus. Prevent our many blessings from becoming Satan's trap to ensnare us. Keep our minds on things above, not on earthly things.

Pour out your Spirit on us. Bless us all with a faith that seeks first your kingdom and your righteousness. Assure us that you will supply all our other needs as well. Make us bold to give as generously as you have given to us.

Be with your people wherever they might be. Protect those who are traveling. Cheer the hearts of the lonely, comfort those who sorrow, and look with compassion on the poor and needy.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Fill us today and every day with a humble and grateful faith that sincerely prays, "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever." Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated

HYMN

Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing
Christian Worship #443

Please stand

Matthew 6 and Luke 11 record how Jesus taught his disciples to pray. We use his example prayer as part of our public worship, trusting that he will hear and answer our prayers.



**Grace is one congregation
at TWO places!**

**Enjoy worship, Bible study
and activities at both
Grace-University and Grace-Vail.**



This Week at Grace • July 28-Aug 4

*Unless otherwise noted, calendar events take place at Grace-University. Grace-Vail events are shown in red.

- TODAY**
 Worship Services 7:45 & 10:00a
 Coffee Fellowship following both services
 Children’s Sunday School 8:45a
 Youth Confirmation Class 8:45a
 Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall):
 • *The Life of Christ: The Lord’s Prayer* 9:00a
 Grace-Vail Bible Study Cottonwood Elem: *Exodus* 9:00a
 Grace-Vail Sunday School at Cottonwood Elem. 9:00a
 Grace-Vail Worship at Cottonwood Elementary 10:00a
- Monday**
 Bible Study at Vail Golf Club: *Book of Acts* 9:30a
 WELS Synod Convention (July 29-Aug 1): Jeff Weinstein,
 delegate
- Wednesday**
 Midweek Bible Study: *Church History* 10:00a
 Midweek Bible Study: *Church History* 7:00p
- Wednesday (continued)**
 Grow in Grace Bible Study at the Prigge's 7:00p
- Thursday**
 Women’s Bible Study: *The Narrow Lutheran Middle* 9:00a
 Grow in Grace Class (Office) Non-Members Only 6:30p
 Grace-Vail Grow in Grace Class at Barb Kiepkke’s 6:30p
- Sunday**
 Worship Services/Communion 7:45 & 10:00a
 Coffee Fellowship following both services
 Children’s Sunday School 8:45a
 Youth Confirmation Class 8:45a
 Lifeliners (High School Group): *Bible Study* 9:00a
 Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall):
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For Our Guests

If you are visiting Grace today, we are happy that you joined us for Worship. Please help yourself to a Guest Packet as you leave this morning. You'll find them in the church entryway.

Altar Flowers

The flowers beautifying our worship this morning have been given by Sean & Mary Brearcliffe in celebration of the 16th birthday of their son, William, and the 16th year of his baptism.

You Are Invited

You are invited to a coffee fellowship this morning in the courtyard following both services. Fellowship after 10:00 AM worship is hosted by Eric & Erika Hanson. We hope you'll take advantage of this opportunity to greet your brothers and sisters in Christ.

No Lifeliner Bible Study Today

Members of the Lifeliners, our high school youth group, have been participating in a "Mission Trip" to Grace-Vail this weekend. They distributed flyers and hosted a free community carwash. They stayed in members' homes on the east side and are attending worship and Bible Study at Grace-Vail this morning. Because of this activity, there is no regularly scheduled Lifeliner Bible Study this morning. All high school students are invited to attend next week as the Lifeliners resume their current Bible Study, "Do I Have to Make a Choice?" The Lifeliner Bible Study meets at 9:00 AM in the Church Basement here at Grace-University.

NEXT SUNDAY

Next week's Scripture Lessons for Devotional Reading this Week

Psalm 34:1-6
Romans 8:28-39
Matthew 8:23-27

Sermon Text & Theme

Matthew 8:23-27
No Fear

Summer Worship Series

Our summer worship series is "Jesus is Asking." We are looking at questions Jesus asked others and considering our response to the Savior. The 12-week series will be followed at both Grace-University and Grace-Vail. The same text will be used at both sites each week but the sermons will be slightly different because different pastors will be preaching! You may read or listen to both on the Grace website throughout the summer.



Christian Fellowship Group: *Diabetes Presentation*

Do you or a friend or family member have diabetes? Do you think you have it but haven't been diagnosed? Whatever your situation, you'll learn all about it from our amazing guest speaker, Dr. Maris Posadas on Saturday, August 10 at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Dr. Maris is an endocrinologist and will explain what diabetes is and will focus on pre-diabetes and Type 2/Type 1 diabetes. Dr. Maris really knows her stuff and explains this disease in a way that is easy to understand. So don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity to educate yourself. Please bring a healthy snack and arrive by 10:00! *The Christian Fellowship Group provides people 55 and better with an opportunity to enjoy the company of others on a very informal basis. They are hosting this special event and all ages are welcome to attend!*

Memorial Service

Grace member Channing Sargent was called home to heaven Friday, July 19. Channing's memorial service will be held at Grace-University Saturday, August 24 at 11:30 AM with a light luncheon to follow.

Watch the WELS Synod Convention Online

The WELS Synod Convention is July 29 through August 1 at Martin Luther College in New Ulm, Minnesota. The Synod Convention is held every two years to make important decisions regarding the work of the synod as a whole. A representative selection of pastors, teachers, and lay delegates (who represent their congregation) serve as voting delegates to the convention. This year, Jeff Weinstein, our Elder of Outreach, is a voting delegate. You can watch the convention online at <http://www.livestream.com/welslive> beginning at 4:00 PM (Arizona time) on Monday, July 29. Some of the decisions to be made include passing a Spending Plan for the next two years and selecting a Bible translation for use in synod publications. In addition to the business conducted at the convention, viewers and delegates will worship together and hear an essay entitled "In Christ Alone: the Foundation and Focus of Our Mission and Ministry."

The Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) is Grace's national church body. The churches that comprise the WELS agree on the teachings of the Bible and work together to train pastors and teachers, to send out missionaries in foreign fields and within the United States, and to publish doctrinally sound resources.

Vail Future Planning Sundays

We're nearly a year and a half past our Grace-Vail launch in April 2012. Two upcoming Sunday meetings are available for members to learn more about the ongoing ministry at Grace-Vail, to offer suggestions, and to find out ways that you might serve. These planning meetings are scheduled for Sundays, August 18 and August 25, during the regular Bible Study hour, which begins at 9:00 AM. All are welcome to attend and to stick around for the Grace-Vail worship service that follows at 10:00 AM. Grace-Vail meets at Cottonwood Elementary School, 9950 E. Rees Loop.

Redeemer Lutheran School Opening Service

Our WELS elementary school here in Tucson, Redeemer Lutheran, will have its Opening Worship Service for the 2013-2014 school year on Monday, August 12. This is also the first day of school. The Opening Service starts at 8:40 AM, and all are welcome to attend. This is a great opportunity to offer support and encouragement to our brothers and sisters in Christ and together to ask the Lord to bless the ministry of Redeemer Lutheran School.

Another opportunity to serve at Redeemer Lutheran School is coming up on Saturday, August 3. From 8:00 AM until noon will be a school clean-up work day. Work will be done both inside and outside. Volunteers are welcome to bring gloves, rakes, and brooms for working outside. Cleaning supplies for inside will be provided.

ALA Opening Service

Arizona Lutheran Academy is our WELS high school in the Phoenix area. Four Grace members are attending ALA for the upcoming school year. The school year will begin with an opening service on Monday, August 12, at 9:00 AM. Visitors are welcome to attend. The theme for the new school year is "Joy in the Journey" and is based on Philippians 1:3-6.

New Cards in the Fellowship Hall

There are new cards available for purchase on the south wall of the Fellowship Hall. Feel free to stop by and check them out! If you have any questions please contact Lisa Lenius at 308-4266.

Scholarship Available

Grace offers a scholarship to our active member families to have their children attend Redeemer Lutheran School (K-8) here in Tucson and Arizona Lutheran Academy, our area Lutheran High School in Phoenix. For the 2013-2014 school year, the amount of the scholarship is \$1000. Parents interested in sending their children to these schools are invited to speak to Pastor Kassulke for more information and to apply for this scholarship.

These scholarships for attending Lutheran schools are supported by our Christian Education Fund. If you would like to make a special gift in support of Lutheran Education, please note on your offering envelope the amount designated to "Christian Education Fund." Speak to any of the pastors if you have questions.

Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving this Summer

Just as you rely on receiving income on a regular basis, our congregation relies on your regular offerings. We appreciate our members' efforts to make consistent donations throughout the year – especially during the summer travel periods. To assist you, Grace Lutheran Church wants to remind you that we offer electronic giving as a way to keep up on your intended offerings.

Please visit www.gracetucsonwels.com at any time and click on the "Online Giving" button to set up an automatic offering plan, change your offering plan, make a one-time offering or view your online offering history. You can also access the online giving page by using your smart phone to scan the image you see to the right. If you prefer, you may also enroll in online giving by completing an authorization form available in the church entryway, office and fellowship hall.



Grace Photo Directory

Do you ever see people at church and wonder what their names are? Have you ever heard an announcement regarding a member and wished you could put a face with a name? Are you a new member and wish you had something to help you put names with faces? Help is on the way! We are producing a new pictorial directory this fall here at Grace! There is no cost to our church, and each participating family will receive a **complimentary 8x10 portrait and directory** and have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits to share with family & friends. Watch for more details in the coming weeks.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to help make our new directory a success! Marsha Hoffman is coordinating volunteers for our new directory. If you are interested in helping during our photography sign-ups, telephoning our members, or serving as a host or hostess during the photography sessions, contact Marsha at 591-7516, email her at marshalh49@gmail.com or call the church office (623-6633).

Women's Sweet Retreat!

Mark your calendar for the **Women of Grace Sweet Retreat** on Saturday, August 17 in the early afternoon (an exact time will be available soon). This event will be at **Something Sweet** located at 5319 E. Speedway Blvd. *Something Sweet* has a huge menu of desserts as well as salads, sandwiches and soups. They also have low-carb and gluten-free desserts available. Please RSVP by August 12 to Diane Kramm at 440-8564 or email her at pkdramm@earthlink.net if you plan to attend. You don't want to miss this enjoyable event and guests are welcome!