

# Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 30, 2012



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church





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.

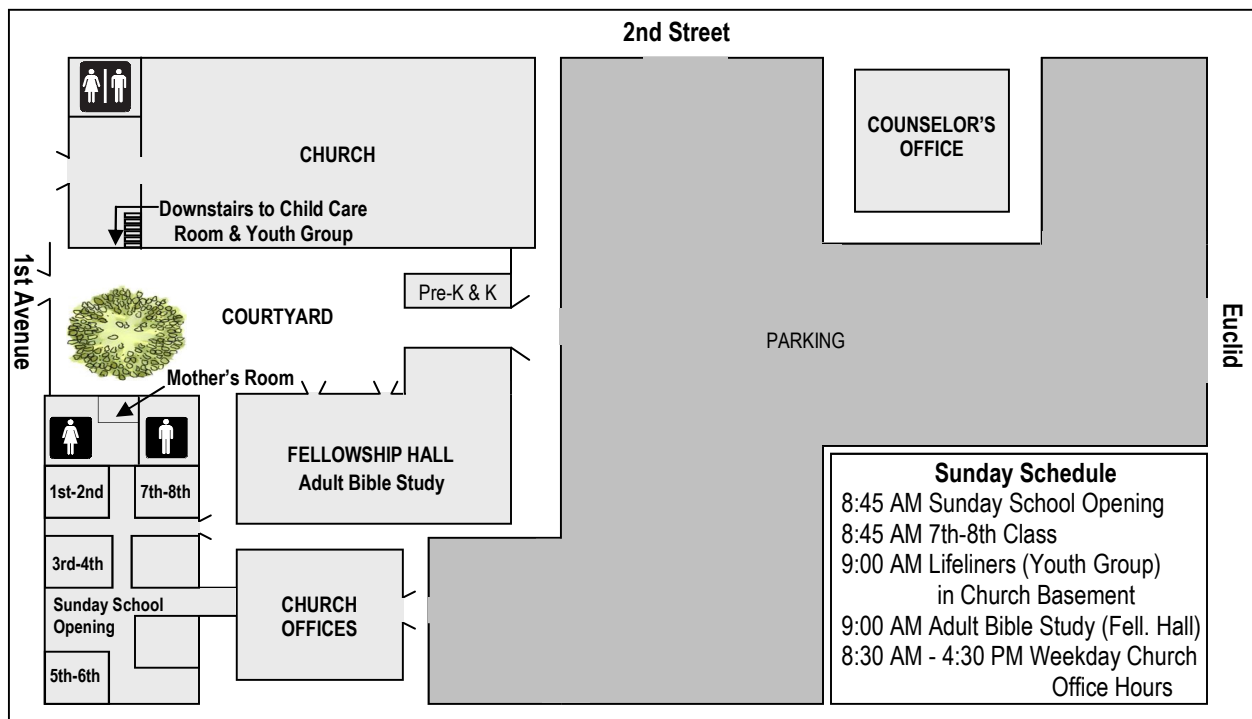
**Hymns** are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

**Large print** worship folders 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 back entryway, sometimes that's all that's needed
- go down the stairs to the left in the front 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 along with CDs of the entire worship service for those who would like to review or take to a friend or family member. You may also find sermons and services in print, audio and video on our website: [www.GraceTucsonWELS.com](http://www.GraceTucsonWELS.com)



# SERVICE OF THE WORD

## Christian Worship

### HYMN

God of Grace and God of Glory  
Christian Worship #523

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—

God of Grace and  
God of Glory  
Arr. by Valerie  
Floeter

10:00—

Morning Has Broken  
Arr. by Martha Mier

*We come before the true God only because of his mercy and not because we deserve to come. We confess our unworthiness and rejoice to hear the assurance of forgiveness.*

*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. Lord God, you call us to work in your kingdom and leave no one standing idle. Help us to order our lives by your wisdom and to serve you in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

*Please be seated*

## THE WORD

*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.*

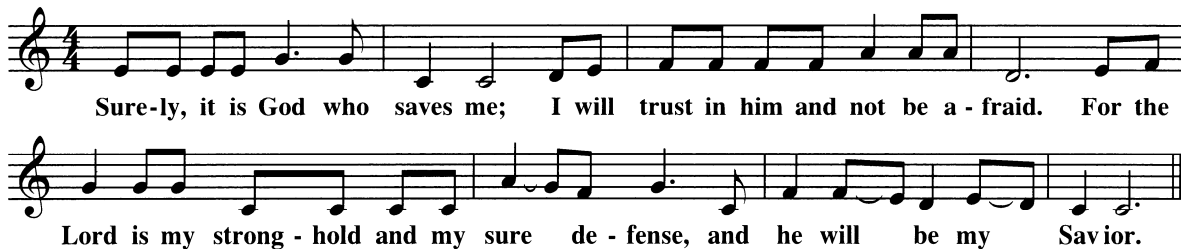
### FIRST LESSON

Miriam and Aaron began to talk against Moses because of his Cushite wife, for he had married a Cushite. “Has the Lord spoken only through Moses?” they asked. “Hasn’t he also spoken through us?” And the Lord heard this. (Now Moses was a very humble man, more humble than anyone else on the face of the earth.) At once the Lord said to Moses, Aaron and Miriam, “Come out to the Tent of Meeting, all three of you.” So the three of them came out. Then the Lord came down in a pillar of cloud; he stood at the entrance to the Tent and summoned Aaron and Miriam. When both of them stepped forward, he said, “Listen to my words: When a prophet of the Lord is among you, I reveal myself to him in visions, I speak to him in dreams. But this is not true of my servant Moses; he is faithful in all my house. With him I speak face to face, clearly and not in riddles; he sees the form of the Lord.

### Numbers 12:1-15

Why then were you not afraid to speak against my servant Moses?” The anger of the Lord burned against them, and he left them. When the cloud lifted from above the Tent, there stood Miriam—leprous, like snow. Aaron turned toward her and saw that she had leprosy; and he said to Moses, “Please, my lord, do not hold against us the sin we have so foolishly committed. Do not let her be like a stillborn infant coming from its mother’s womb with its flesh half eaten away.” So Moses cried out to the Lord, “O God, please heal her!” The Lord replied to Moses, “If her father had spit in her face, would she not have been in disgrace for seven days? Confine her outside the camp for seven days; after that she can be brought back.” So Miriam was confined outside the camp for seven days, and the people did not move on till she was brought back.

*Refrain*



Sure-ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be a - fraid. For the Lord is my strong - hold and my sure de - fense, and he will be my Savior.

*Psalm Tone*



1. In you, O Lord, I have taken / refuge;\* deliver me in your / righteousness.
2. Be my rock of / refuge,\* a strong fortress to / save me.
3. Into your hands I commit my / spirit;\* redeem me, O Lord, the / God of truth.

*Refrain*

4. My times are / in your hands;\* save me in your un- / failing love.
5. How great is your / goodness,\* which you have stored up for those who / fear you.
6. You heard my cry for / mercy\* when I called to / you for help.
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*

**VOICES OF GRACE (10:00 AM)**

**Jesus Messiah**

He became sin, who knew no sin;  
That we might become His righteousness;  
He humbled Himself, and carried the cross,  
Love so amazing, love so amazing.

Jesus Messiah; name above all names;  
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel.  
The Rescue for sinners,  
The Ransom from heaven;  
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all!

His body the bread, His blood the wine;  
Broken and spilled out all for love.  
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn,  
Love so amazing, love so amazing.

Jesus Messiah. . .

All our hope is in You, all our hope is in You;  
All the glory to You, God, the Light of the World!

Jesus Messiah. . .

*Arr. by Michael Lawrence  
Words and Music by Chris Tomlin, Daniel Carson, Ed Cash and Jesse Reeves  
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## SECOND LESSON

James 3:13-18

Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show it by his good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. Such “wisdom” does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, of the devil. For

where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice. But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness.

### VERSE OF THE DAY

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

*Today's Verse of the Day is John 20:31.*

C: Al - 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!

*Please stand*

### GOSPEL

Mark 9:30-37

They left that place and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where they were, because he was teaching his disciples. He said to them, “The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three days he will rise.” But they did not understand what he meant and were afraid to ask him about it. They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the road?”

But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest. Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, “If anyone wants to be first, he must be the very last, and the servant of all.” He took a little child and had him stand among them. Taking him in his arms, he said to them, “Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me.”

*After the Gospel, the congregation sings:*

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

*Please be seated*

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

SERMON

James 3:13-18

Who Is Wise and Understanding Among You?

Earthly Wisdom		Spiritual Wisdom	
<input type="checkbox"/> Envy	<input type="checkbox"/> Of the Devil	<input type="checkbox"/> Humility	<input type="checkbox"/> Full of mercy
<input type="checkbox"/> Selfish Ambition	<input type="checkbox"/> Disorder	<input type="checkbox"/> Pure	<input type="checkbox"/> Good Fruit
<input type="checkbox"/> Earthly	<input type="checkbox"/> Every Evil Practice	<input type="checkbox"/> Peace-loving	<input type="checkbox"/> Impartial
<input type="checkbox"/> Unspiritual		<input type="checkbox"/> Considerate	<input type="checkbox"/> Sincere
		<input type="checkbox"/> Submissive	

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.*

**OFFERTORY MUSIC:**  
*I Need Thee Every Hour with Abide with Me*  
Arr. by Cindy Berry



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

*Christians stand for congregational prayer showing the freedom of God's children to come boldly into his presence. The Christian theologian Augustine (400 AD) adds, "We pray standing. . . as a sign of the Resurrection."*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- M:** Lord God, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.
- C:** **We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.**
- M:** You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.
- C:** **We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.**
- M:** Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.
- C:** **Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed, and comfort all who are old and infirm.**
- M:** Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocations, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being.
- C:** **Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

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

*Silent prayer.*

- M:** We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord, and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.
- C:** **We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. 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

**Abide, O Dearest Jesus**  
*Christian Worship #333*

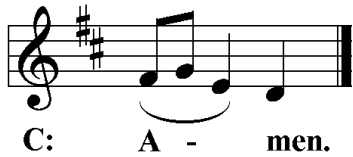
*Please stand*

*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.*



## PRAYER

**M:** O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## BLESSING

**M:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (†) give you peace.



*Please be seated*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CLOSING HYMN

I Pray You, Dear Lord Jesus  
Christian Worship #510

### POSTLUDE:

*Immortal, Invisible,  
God Only Wise with  
Handel's "Water  
Music" (Allegro  
maestoso)  
Arr. by Marilyn  
Ham*

### THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher ..... Pastor Ron Koehler  
Worship Leader ..... Pastor Nathan Kassulke  
Accompanist ..... Stephanie Kania  
Voices of Grace Director ..... Beth Kassulke (10:00 AM)  
Ushers ..... Vic Thornton, Vernon Neal (7:45 AM)  
Jon Dongoske, Ed Ethington, Rick Street (10:00 AM)  
Sound & Recording Tech ..... Jeremy Snavelly (10:00 AM)

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

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



**This Week at Grace • Sept 30-Oct 7**

\*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  
 Lifeliners (High School Group): *Bible Study* ..... 9:00a  
 Adult Bible Studies:  
 • *The Life of Christ: Jesus’ Miracles* (Fellowship Hall) .... 9:00a  
**Grace-Vail Bible Study at Cottonwood Elementary** ..... 9:00a  
**Grace-Vail Sunday School at Cottonwood Elem.** ..... 9:00a  
**Grace-Vail Worship at Cottonwood Elementary** ..... 10:00a  
 Sunday School Teachers’ Meeting ..... 11:15a  
 WELS TCM Bible Study: *Pizza and a Prophet: Joel* ..... 7:00p

**Monday**

**NO** Bible Study at Vail Golf Club .....  
 Marilyn Warskow Memorial Service at Redeemer ..... 11:00a  
 English as a Second Language Classes ..... 6:30p

**Tuesday**

Handbell Practice ..... 5:30p  
 English as a Second Language Classes ..... 6:30p

**Wednesday**

Grace Extension Meeting ..... 9:00a  
 Midweek Bible Study: *Church History* ..... 10:00a  
 Wind Ensemble ..... 5:00p  
 Midweek Bible Study: *Church History* ..... 7:00p  
**NO** Bible Study at the Priggs.....

**Thursday**

Women’s Bible Study: *Genesis* ..... 9:00a  
**NO** Worship Choir .....  
 Boy & Girl Pioneers ..... 6:30p  
 Grow in Grace Class (Conference Room in Office) ..... 7:30p

**Sunday**

Worship Services/Communion ..... 7:45 & 10:00a  
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**Grace-Vail Worship at Cottonwood Elementary** ..... 10:00a  
 Silent Auction at Redeemer ..... 4:30-6:30p  
 WELS TCM Bible Study: *Persecution* ..... 7:00p

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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 Pete & Terry Kosanke for all of God's blessings.

## 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 Ferdie & Diane Kramm and Jon & Sharon Guenther. We hope you'll take advantage of this opportunity to greet your brothers and sisters in Christ.

*Pastor Clemons is preaching at Grace-Vail this morning while Pastor Rieke is on vacation.*

## NEXT SUNDAY

### *Next week's Scripture Lessons for Devotional Reading this Week*

Numbers 11:16, 24-29  
Philippians 1:12-18a  
Mark 9:38-50

### *Sermon Text & Theme*

Philippians 1:12-18a  
*A Joyful Response in Difficult Times*

## Last Week's Fellowship Hour

Last Sunday, we were blessed to celebrate the confirmation of Brandi Halstead, Kenny Wheeler, Hannah Holz and Ronald Tadoum. The fellowship hour after the service was hosted by Linda Morris, Eileen Rayman, Nadine Rentschler and Sandy Weir. Several of these ladies attended the Grow in Grace classes along with our confirmands. We are thankful for the Christian love and friendship which moved these ladies to serve in this way and make the day even more special!

## Called Home to Heaven

Marilyn Warskow was called to her heavenly home on Monday, September 17. Pastor Koehler and Pastor Hallemeier will conduct the memorial service at Redeemer Lutheran Church (8845 N. Silverbell Rd) tomorrow, October 1 at 11:00 AM with a light meal to follow.

## No Vail Bible Studies this Week

There will be no Monday morning Acts Bible Class or Wednesday evening Hebrews Bible Class this week as Pastor Rieke is still on vacation.

## Grace Polo Shirts

We are excited to announce that polo shirts with the Grace logo will be offered for sale at both Grace-University and Grace-Vail. Youth, Ladies, and Men sizes will be available in two styles and five colors (white, light blue, royal blue, royal purple, and lime green). Sample shirts of each style and all colors will be at both sites to help you make your selection. Prices: Poly/Cotton - Youth \$14.50, Ladies & Men \$17.00; Polyester Cool/Wicking polo \$24.00. (Prices are slightly higher for XX and larger sizes.) Orders will be taken Sundays, 9/30, 10/7 and 10/14. Payment should be made when shirts are ordered. Shirts will be available for pick up Sunday, 11/4.

We especially hope that all of the people who volunteer to work at the Vail Country Fair on Saturday, 11/10, will be able to wear the new polo shirt during our outreach to the Vail community. If you have questions see Diane Kramm.

## Friends & Family Sunday

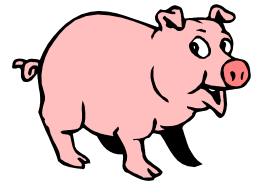
Celebrate Friends and Family Sunday at Grace-University and Grace-Vail on October 14 by inviting an unchurched neighbor, friend, relative or acquaintance to join you for worship!

## Christian Fellowship Group

How exciting! Here's a chance for "mature" Grace members (and guests) to interact with some of our younger members. October 13 at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall, the Christian Fellowship Group will host the Sunbeams and Girl Pioneers for snacks and games! The girls will bring the games and members are asked to bring snacks. *The Christian Fellowship Group provides people 55 and older with an opportunity to enjoy the company of others on a very informal basis.*

## Spanferkelfest (Pig Roast and Talent Show)

Our 9<sup>th</sup> annual Spanferkelfest will be held on Friday, October 12 beginning at 5:30 PM in the Courtyard at Grace-University. This is an annual outreach event to which we hope you will invite your UNCHURCHED friends, neighbors and family members. The purpose is to introduce to Grace and its members people who have no church home. For that reason, please DO NOT invite friends from other churches as we do for some of our other events. We want to spend the time getting to know people who do not know Jesus and may consider Grace their church one day.



YOU CAN HELP by volunteering to help Set Up, Serve or Clean Up. Please call the church office (623-6633) to let us know how you'll help or jot your name on the signup sheets in the Fellowship Hall. All Grace members are asked to bring a side dish and dessert to share.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PERFORM for the Talent Show, please check out the information and application sheets which are available in the Fellowship Hall or on the Grace website ([www.gracetucsonwels.com](http://www.gracetucsonwels.com))—just sign in as a member to access these documents. **The deadline to sign up is TODAY!**

## Grace Pastors Serving in New Ways

Pastor Kassulke has been appointed by our AZ-CA District President to serve as the Circuit Pastor for our Saguaro Circuit (Tucson, Marana and Vail congregations). The circuit pastor serves as the "pastors' pastor" and he assists the District President in matters of doctrine and practice in the area. In addition, he conducts regular meetings of the pastors in the circuit for the purpose of study, business and fellowship.

Pastor Koehler stepped down from the position of Circuit Pastor because he was asked to begin serving on the AZ-CA District Mission Board (DMB). The DMB works with and encourages our district's mission congregations and their pastors. They also work to find new areas for our mission work to expand. The DMB is made up of laymen and pastors from our district, who each have pastors and mission congregations for whom they serve as "shepherds." Pastor Koehler will be joining Grace member Jesse Huggins who has been serving on the DMB for the last 12 years.

## Financial Peace University

Pastor Rieke will be facilitating a Financial Peace University class beginning on October 11. This is the first class we are conducting in the newly revised 9-week format. The class will be held on Thursday evenings beginning at 7:00 PM at Cottonwood Elementary School in room 409. The cost of a membership is \$95 per family. If you have purchased a membership before, there is no additional cost, though there is an option to upgrade to new materials if you would like. If you have any questions please call Pastor Rieke at 343-9881.