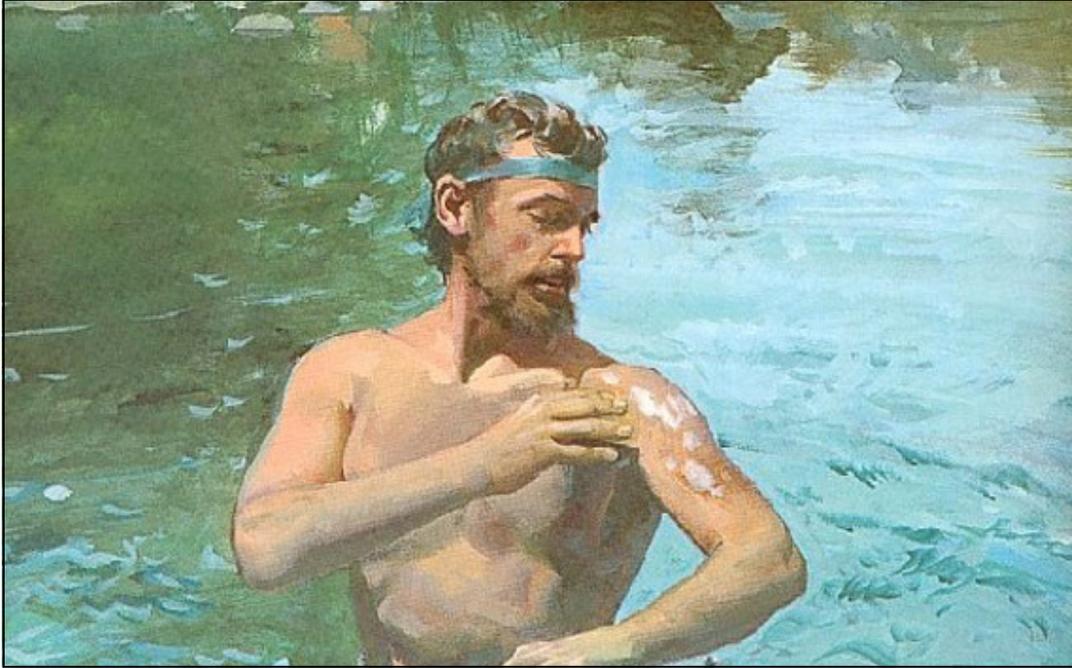


Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany



So Naaman went down and dipped himself in the Jordan seven times, as the man of God had told him, and his flesh was restored and became clean like that of a young boy.

2 Kings 5:14

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
February 12, 2012



DIVINE SERVICE I
Christian Worship Supplement

HANDBELL CHOIR (10:00 AM)

Canon of Grace

WELCOME

HYMN

Father, We Praise You
Christian Worship #581

STAND

MINISTER: In the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

CONGREGATION: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie

Please join in singing the response below following a brief introduction:



C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy



on us. Lord have mer - cy on us. A - men.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Let us pray. Lord God, in mercy receive the prayers of your people. Grant them the wisdom to know the things that please you and the grace and power always to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

BE SEATED

THE WORD

Two Arizona Lutheran Academy students are here for ALA's Taste of Ministry program. Isaac Hayes will be reading the Scripture Lessons in the 7:45 AM service and JD Uhlhorn will be reading the Scripture Lessons in the 10:00 AM service.

FIRST LESSON

Now Naaman was commander of the army of the king of Aram. He was a great man in the sight of his master and highly regarded, because through him the LORD had given victory to Aram. He was a valiant soldier, but he had leprosy. Now bands from Aram had gone out and had taken captive a young girl from Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my master would see the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." Naaman went to his master and told him what the girl from Israel had said. "By all means, go," the king of Aram replied. "I will send a letter to the king of Israel." So Naaman left, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold and ten sets of clothing. The letter that he took to the king of Israel read: "With this letter I am sending my servant Naaman to you so that you may cure him of his leprosy." As soon as the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his robes and said, "Am I God? Can I kill and bring back to life? Why does this fellow send someone to me to be cured of his leprosy? See how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me!" When Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel

2 Kings 5:1-14

had torn his robes, he sent him this message: "Why have you torn your robes? Have the man come to me and he will know that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman went with his horses and chariots and stopped at the door of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to say to him, "Go, wash yourself seven times in the Jordan, and your flesh will be restored and you will be cleansed." But Naaman went away angry and said, "I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, wave his hand over the spot and cure me of my leprosy. Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than any of the waters of Israel? Couldn't I wash in them and be cleansed?" So he turned and went off in a rage. Naaman's servants went to him and said, "My father, if the prophet had told you to do some great thing, would you not have done it? How much more, then, when he tells you, 'Wash and be cleansed'!" So he went down and dipped himself in the Jordan seven times, as the man of God had told him, and his flesh was restored and became clean like that of a young boy.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 32

Refrain

Re - mem - ber your mer - cy, O Lord; re - mem - ber your
mer - cy and love.

Psalm Tone

*

1. Blessed is he whose transgressions are for- / given,*
whose sins are / covered.
2. When I kept silent, your hand was heavy up- / on
me; *
my strength was sapped as in the heat of /
summer.
3. Then I acknowledged my / sin to you,*
and did not cover up my in- / iquity.
4. I said, "I will confess my transgressions / to the
Lord,"*
and you forgave the guilt / of my sin.
5. You are my / hiding place;*
you will protect me from / trouble.
6. Many are the woes of the / wicked,*
but the Lord's unfailing love surrounds those
who / trust in him.
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

Refrain

SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 1:3-7

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. For just as the sufferings of Christ flow over into our lives, so also through Christ our comfort overflows. If we are

distressed, it is for your comfort and salvation; if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which produces in you patient endurance of the same sufferings we suffer. And our hope for you is firm, because we know that just as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our comfort.

VERSE OF THE DAY

John 6:68

M: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



A man with leprosy came to him and begged him on his knees, “If you are willing, you can make me clean.” Filled with compassion, Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. “I am willing,” he said. “Be clean!” Immediately the leprosy left him and he was cured. Jesus sent him away at once with a strong warning: “See that you don’t tell this to anyone. But

go, show yourself to the priest and offer the sacrifices that Moses commanded for your cleansing, as a testimony to them.” Instead he went out and began to talk freely, spreading the news. As a result, Jesus could no longer enter a town openly but stayed outside in lonely places. Yet the people still came to him from everywhere.

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



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.

BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY

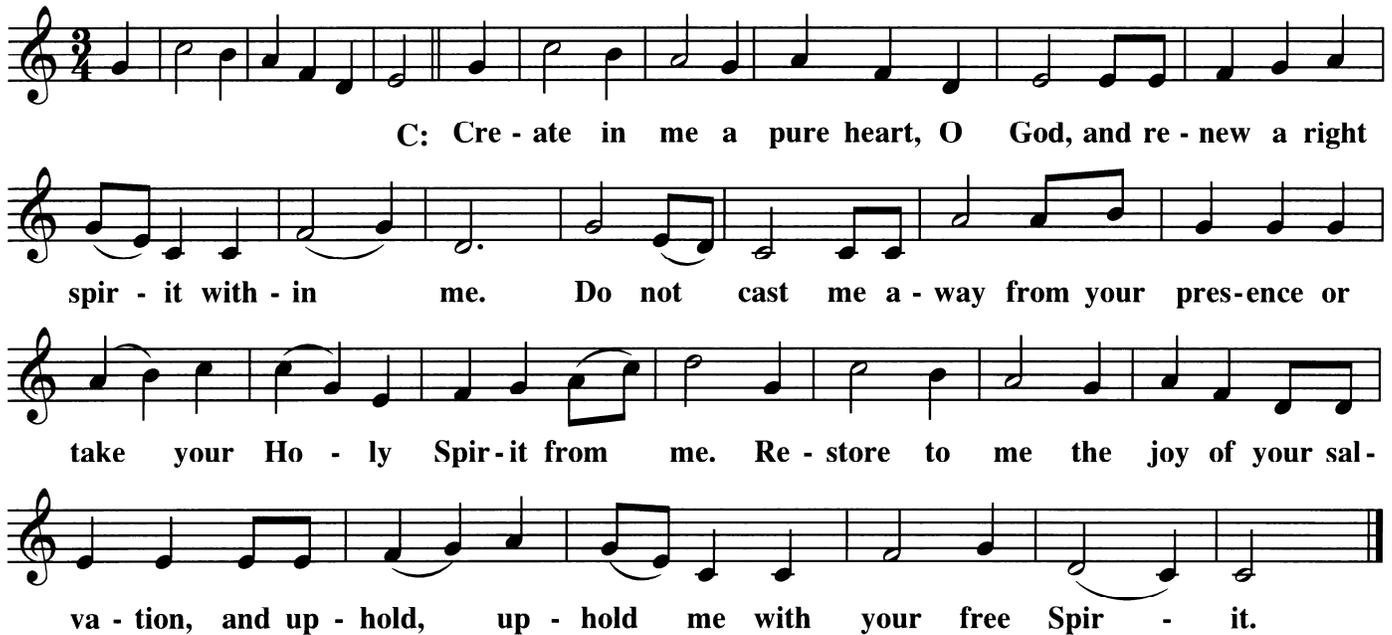
Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old
Christian Worship #520

SERMON

2 Kings 5:1-14
God Reveals His Glory Through Our Problems

STAND

After the sermon, please join in singing the response below following a brief introduction:



C: Cre - ate in me a pure heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Do not cast me a - way from your pres - ence or
take your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal -
va - tion, and up - hold, up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

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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 pew and pass it along. Thank You!

OFFERTORY MUSIC

7:45 AM

Be Still, My Soul
Arr. by Lloyd Larson

10:00 AM

Speak O Lord
By Keith Getty & Steve Townend
Sung by Teri Guenther, Beth Kassulke, Kathy Parra

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH — EPIPHANY

M: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary's son, in the fullness of time you came into our world to save us from sin and death:

C: **You ushered in the day of grace so long foretold.**

M: Beloved Son of the Father, revered by the Magi, baptized by John, you came preaching and teaching, healing and comforting, forgiving and encouraging:

C: **You brought the light of life to those walking in darkness, and the joy of salvation to those doomed to death.**

M: Prince of Peace, shine like a beacon for us and the people of our world. Let the good news of your salvation be heard in the remotest corners of the earth. Open our own lips to speak your name to those around us who still live without faith or hope:

C: **Arouse us and our missionaries to flood the world with the light of your gospel.**

M: Lord of the Church, let your peace rule our hearts that we may use our gifts to serve you and each other in willing gratitude and joy. Watch over our loved ones near and far, that they may remember your love and rejoice in your salvation. Strengthen the faith of the sick and the disheartened. Give hope to those in despair and comfort those who mourn.

C: **Be gracious to all and lead us to reflect your love in everything we say and do.**

Special prayers of thanksgiving or intercession may be spoken here.

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

Silent prayer.

M: Finally, bring us and all your believers to the heavenly home where we will stand in the full light of your glory and with all your saints and angels sing the everlasting song of triumph.

C: **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.**

BE SEATED

HYMN

Oh, for a Faith that Will Not Shrink
Christian Worship #405

STAND

M: Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (†) give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

BE SEATED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN

Precious Lord, Take My Hand
Christian Worship #451

POSTLUDE

7:45 AM

On Eagles' Wings
Christian Worship #440

10:00 AM

Grace Greater Than Our Sin / Amazing Grace
Setting by Ruth Elaine Schram

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP THIS MORNING

Preacher	Pastor Ron Koehler
Worship Leader	Pastor Nathan Kassulke (10:00 AM)
Scripture Readings	JD Uhlhorn & Isaac Hayes
Accompanists	Kathy Parra (7:45 AM) Teri Guenther (10:00 AM)
Handbell Choir Director	Beth Kassulke (10:00 AM)
Sound & Recording Tech	Jeremy Snavely (10:00 AM)

Taste of Ministry

Arizona Lutheran Academy students JD Uhlhorn (senior) and Isaac Hayes (junior) are spending the weekend with your pastors as part of ALA's "Taste of Ministry" program. This allows young men considering the pastoral ministry to spend time with a pastor (in our case, *pastors*) to get an idea of what a pastor does and what his life is like. It is a privilege for your pastors to be asked to serve in this way. We are happy to have these young men serve in worship this morning.

Financial Seminar and Lunch

On Sunday, March 4, representatives from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will be hosting a financial seminar and lunch at the Marriott Hotel just a block from Grace-University. It will begin at 11:45 AM. The theme is *Scarcity to Security to Generosity*. Along with lunch, there will be a brief presentation to all attendees, then we will be split into three groups: age 25-45—*More Than Money Matters*, 46-59—*Your Retirement Income*, 60 plus—*My Legacy Matters*. Those sessions are planned to be 45 minutes long.

Availability is limited and you are asked to register through Thrivent. Representatives will be here at Grace next Sunday to register you. You may also call Irene Madrid, Thrivent's Office Professional, at 520-529-1589 to RSVP. This is a free service provided to you by Grace and Thrivent and there will be NO selling of products. This is designed solely to help you manage your finances and exercise good management of the gifts God has given you.



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To Aid You in Worship...

- LARGE PRINT BULLETINS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX. ASK A GREETER OR USHER FOR A COPY.
- *For those with young children:* A private Mother's Room is located across the courtyard in the Ladies' Restroom. Parents of young children may also use the Child Care Room in the basement at any time to quiet and care for them (the service can be heard in both locations).
- Sermon copies & service CDs are available in the narthex.

Welcome to Grace!

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.

Altar flowers have been given by Rick & Kristi Schmidt to the glory of God and in thankfulness for his endearing love and faithfulness.

Read Ahead for Next Sunday:

2 Kings 2:1-12a
2 Corinthians 4:3-6
Mark 9:2-9

Next Sun. Sermon Text & Theme:

Mark 9:2-9
Eyewitnesses to Glory

You Are Invited

You are invited to a coffee fellowship following 10:00 AM worship today hosted by the Grace Lutheran Pioneers. Please join us in the courtyard.

Divine Call Received

Dear members of Grace,

I have received a divine call from Immanuel Lutheran Church in North Richland Hills, TX (a suburb of Ft. Worth), to serve as their pastor. I will be deliberating whether to accept this call or to continue in my current call at Grace. This decision will be based on where I believe I can best use the talents God has given me in service to his kingdom. I invite you to share with me any questions and comments you may have, and I ask you to keep me and my family, as well as Grace and Immanuel, in your prayers.

In the name of Jesus, the Lord of the Church, Pastor Kassulke

Pastor Kassulke will speak about his call and the calling process during Bible Class this morning.

Pioneer/Sunbeam Bake Sale TODAY!

The Grace Lutheran Pioneers will have bake sale items available for a donation TODAY after both services. Proceeds will be used in support of Partners in Apache Land, their current mission project. If you would like to contribute to this mission project, the Pioneers will be making a final collection right before Easter (if you have a mission box from the Pioneers, please turn it in by the week before Easter).

Called Home to Heaven

Bruce Hawkins was called to his heavenly home last Monday, February 6. His memorial service was held at Grace this past Friday, February 10.

State of Grace Presentation

The 2011 Annual Report will be available for pick-up at both church exits and in the Fellowship Hall next Sunday. During the Bible class hour that day Pastor Koehler will highlight portions of the report and field comments and questions.

This Week's Schedule (2/12/12 - 2/19/12)

Today

- Worship Services 7:45 & 10:00a
- Pioneer Bake Sale Following Both Services**
- Children's Sunday School..... 8:45a
- Youth Confirmation Class 8:45a
- Adult Bible Classes:
 - *The Divine Call* (F. Hall) 9:00a
 - *Grow in Grace Class* (Conference Room in Office) 9:00a
- Grace-Vail Service at Cottonwood Elementary** 9:00a
- Lifeliners (High School Group): *Bible Study*..... 9:00a
- Coffee Fellowship following 10 AM Worship
- Sunday School Teachers' Meeting**..... 11:15a
- WELS Tucson Campus Ministry Bible Study..... 7:00p

Monday

- Bible Study at Vail Golf Club: *Book of Acts*.....9:30a
- English as a Second Language Classes 6:30p
- Bible Study at the Rieke's: *Book of Acts* 7:00p

Tuesday

- Handbells Practice in the Church Basement 5:30p
- English as a Second Language Classes 6:30p

Wednesday

- Midweek Bible Class: *Church History* 10:00a
- Midweek Bible Class: *Church History* 7:00p
- Bible Study at the Prigge's: *Prepared to Answer* 7:00p

Thursday

- Women's Bible Class: *Prayer* 9:00a
- Wind Ensemble 5:30p
- Worship Choir 6:30p
- Men's Fellowship 7:30p

Saturday

- Pioneer Activities 10:00p
- Women of Grace Valentine's Tea** 11:30p

Sunday

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Support Our Military With Valentine Love

Women of Grace will be sending Valentine cards to military members with connections to Grace and four care packages to those who are deployed. Share the joy by adding your own card to the mailing and donating items for the care packages. Cards with your personal messages will be sent to: Richelle (Breitkreitz) Kiessling, Zachary Kiessling, Matt Goldie, Nicole Peterson, David Dyjak, Kevin Bonavita, Wade Rasmussen, and Joel Kassulke. Please put their names on the envelopes.

Care packages and Valentine cards will go to Grace member Kathryn Bonavita; Rusty King, husband of member Beverly Wagner-King; Corey Scholle, husband of Lauren (Grorud) and son-in-law of Greg and Karen Grorud; and Jared Kassulke, brother of Pastor Kassulke. All are serving in Afghanistan where it is currently winter.

Suggested items for the care packages: Baby wipes, lip balm with SPF, hand lotion, body wash, hot chocolate mix, soup mix, paperback books, magazines, crossword puzzles, word search books, dried fruit, sealed snacks, chewing gum, sunflower seeds, hand/foot warmers, candy, jelly beans. *Check out web sites for more suggestions. Simply Google "military care packages."*

Place your cards and care package items in the red decorated box in the courtyard on Sundays (through February 19) and in the Fellowship Hall during the week.

Women of Grace Valentine's Tea

The Women of Grace invite all ladies of the congregation to join them this Saturday, February 18 at 11:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall for the annual Valentine's Tea. Debbie and Erich Dyjak will give a presentation about spreading the gospel during their mission trip to Thailand. **There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall if you are able to make sandwiches, a dessert, or decorate/host one of the tables. Please RSVP to 623-6633 if you plan on attending.** Have questions? Contact Sue Sargent at 647-3049 or Lois Thornton at 323-8772. Hope to see you there!

Grace-Vail Bible Studies

We invite you to join us for a journey through the book of Acts found in the New Testament. This book recounts the history of the early Christian Church. It shows how the Holy Spirit worked through the challenges that the early Christians faced to spread his gospel message. Many of these challenges are similar to the ones we face today. The Bible Study continues tomorrow, February 13, and is offered at two times:

- 9:30AM at Del Lago Golf Club 14155 East Vía Rancho Del Lago – Vail
- 7:00PM at Pastor Rieke's house 10596 E Pleasant Pasture Dr – Tucson

Lenten Services and Suppers

Our Lenten theme this year is "See His Cross!" We will celebrate Midweek Lenten Services beginning on February 22 and ending on March 28. We will have a morning Lenten service at 10:00 AM and an evening service at 7:00 PM. You are also invited to join us for supper at 6:00 PM before the evening service. We do need volunteers to host the meals (individuals, families, groups, or any combination). Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall if you'd like to help in this way! There is also an additional sheet with more information about hosting a meal. Available dates: Feb 22, Feb 29, Mar 7, Mar 21, and Mar 28.

Sunday Morning Worship CDs

Audio CDs of today's 10:00 AM worship service are available for pick-up in the main entryway of church under the glass bulletin board. Printed sermon copies are available there as well. You can also visit our Grace website at www.GraceTucsonWELS.com. On the website, you can watch service videos and follow along with the service folder, hear audio sermons, read or print sermons, work through some online Bible studies, and find current schedules and information. Some website items are only available to Grace members through your personal login, so be sure to sign up if you have not done so already.

Men's Fellowship This Week

Men's Fellowship will meet for an informal gathering this Thursday at 7:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. All men of the congregation are invited to join us, to get to know each other better, and to support and encourage one another. We meet on the second and fourth Thursday of each month for Bible study as well.

LWMS Summer Convention

It's not too early to think about the annual Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS) convention, which will be held this summer in Winston-Salem, NC, the fourth weekend in June. Information is on the website (www.lwms.org) and you can save \$20 if you register by April 2. Talk to Dorothy Rauh if you have any questions (296-8840).

Tuition Tax Credit Donations

As you prepare your 2011 tax return in the coming months, don't forget about the Arizona Tuition Tax Credit. State law allows you to make a donation in support of Lutheran education and to claim the same amount as a credit on your state tax return. Basically, this means that you get to decide how money that would otherwise be paid in taxes gets used. A donation made before April 15 and before you file your taxes may be claimed on the 2011 return, so you can also determine your tax liability before making a donation. Donations are made through a Student Tuition Organization (STO) such as the HELP Scholarship Foundation (www.helpscholarships.org). You may even recommend your donation for a specific student. Donations are eligible for the tax credit up to \$500 for a single person or \$1000 for a married couple in 2011, with a slight increase to \$503 and \$1006 in 2012. Please contact the church office if you have questions.