

GRACE EPISCOPAL  
CHURCH

735 W NEPESSING

WORSHIP SERVICES

SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

WEDNESDAYS—

12:15pm Holy Eucharist w/Rev. Sue

Followed by Bible Study &  
Brown Bag Lunch

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Tuesday & Thursday- 9:00a-1:00p

Friday—Closed

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# GRACEFUL TIDINGS

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## Reflections from Rev. Sue

Dear Grace Community,

Now that September is behind us and October is in our midst we are aware of Fall's presence and all that goes with it. The school year and programs that go from Fall to Spring are back in session. But there are ministries that go year 'round that continue.

Let us take some time to stop and notice the two most visible outreach ministries in the community: the Thrift Shop and Food for Families. Both of these ministries have had some significant changes in the last couple of months. As you read about in an earlier edition of *Graceful Tidings*, Judy Downey stepped down as coordinator and Darlene West stepped in. We are grateful to both for their time and commitment to serving others through this ministry to our community.

What you may not know is that Dutch and Janie Klotzner have stepped down from leading and coordinating Food for Families. Lauraine Ferris has stepped in as leader and coordinator with LaVern Warner leading the afternoon portion of the day.

Janie and Dutch began at

Food for Families five years ago and worked in the kitchen preparing food and doing whatever was needed. Then three years ago they stepped in to lead and coordinate the entire program. Utilizing their experience, skill and discipline gained in the Navy to guide them, they created a system of organization that has worked effectively. They planned menus, purchased food at the various food banks, received food donations from area businesses and individuals, coordinated the morning and afternoon volunteers, and represented well God and Grace Church in the community.

Thank you Dutch and Janie for your faithful years of service to God through Food for Families. Your commitment to those in our community who are hungry and your dedication to this important ministry are evident and for all your care and passion, we are grateful.

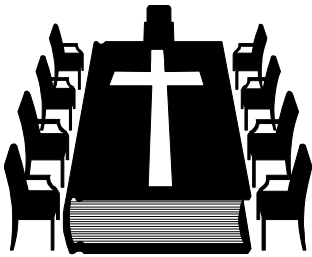
An exciting opportunity that the vestry has approved to support and house is a Venture Group, a program through Boy Scouts of America. Steve Bagadinski is coordinating this effort. He is very energized about bringing this important opportunity to the teens (both boys and girls) in our area the

chance to grow as leaders. Through work projects in which they plan, prepare, implement and evaluate, the teenagers will learn and experience all aspects of leadership which will assist them in becoming active adults who make a difference in the world.

Let us use the examples of these leaders in our midst, who follow their passion for serving God, to encourage us to do the same. If you are noticing a tug on your heart as you read about these ministries, I encourage you to consider joining up with those who are serving. Maybe you have a friend who would join you in serving or preparing food at Food for Families or volunteering at the Thrift Shop or beginning a new ministry for which you are passionate. The possibilities in God are endless!

In Christ's love,

Rev. Sue



## Vestry Highlights August 10

**Present:** Nancy Wells, Richard West, Clyde Pearsall, Lauraine Ferris, Doris Stevenson, Harold Schneider, and Rev. Sue Rich      **Guests:** Lori Schmidt, Vicki McIntyre & Steve Bagadinski

Opening prayer was led by Richard West and meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Additions to Agenda:** Vicki McIntyre presented that as Representative to Convocation there are grant opportunities available – request that Vestry have a grant committee look into writing grant proposal for Parish painting and new carpet. Rev. Sue will inform the committee of process and oversee if it is better to apply at Diocese or Convocation for grant. Vicki indicated that there are building dollars available to use as matching funds. Vicki and Sandy A. were thanked for representing Grace at Convocation. Steve Bagadinski presented a new program for Boy Scouts of America – Venturing- co-ed program for 14-21 year olds – looking for a Charter site which provides a place to meet – the program is based on interests – shared variety of options that this group could do and ways to work with Grace in community service projects, etc. Motion made to support Grace to become a Venturing Charter with Steve Bagadinski, as a member of Grace Church to be the Charter Organization Representative, supported. Voted on, *passed*.

Motion made to accept August 10<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes as presented. Voted on, *passed*.

**Old Business:** The Celebrating God's Ministries at Grace on October 9<sup>th</sup> will be put in bulletin and newsletter to encourage the congregation to attend – instead of the forum format – pot luck will follow. Vestry members will share the experience process for the next three Sundays. The Food for Families leadership has changed; Lauraine Ferris & LaVern Warner will now oversee the program. Appreciation to Dutch and Janie Klotzner for their dedicated time, resources and skills will be acknowledged. Two freezers will be shut off to help with energy reduction.

**New Business:** Rev. Sue shared information on clergy compensation in the Diocese and we are okay. Lori indicated that the red door appears to have been redone – the painter had made contact during the summer and was going to do it when completed job across street – looks better now, will see if cold weather makes any difference. Nancy asked if the anchors were secure for the banners to be hung – before cold winter weather comes, Dick will make sure they are ready so sign doesn't fall. Statue update – Rev. Sue posted on Facebook page – has been in contact with police – looking for information on value to offer reward. Lori has contacted the insurance company to see if covered, will be in touch with them. Commitment Sunday will be held on October 30<sup>th</sup>. Nancy read a letter from ECW stating that funds from the Palace Poker fundraising will be set aside in a designated account for Grace to use for special needs – repairs etc. Blessing of the Animals will be held on September 25<sup>th</sup> – flyers will be prepared to distribute to local vets/groomer offices. Lori will send an email chain so as many members as possible will be informed – vestry members are encouraged to use the phone tree contact if don't see someone in church.

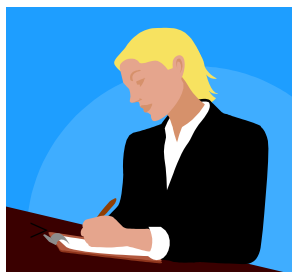
**Finance Report:** Lori presented August financial reports. No transfers needed this month and the bills are paid. Motion to approve finance reports as presented, support. Voted on, *passed*.

**Priest's Comments:** Rev. Sue shared some dates of events that she will be attending. She is posting her schedule – trying things out – visiting the Food for Families program to develop some relationships. Meeting with staff to work on job descriptions. Taking 10/16 as her 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday vacation.

Closing prayer was led by Doris Stevenson - meeting adjourned 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Lori Schmidt*

Lori Schmidt, Administrative Assistant



# SENIOR WARDEN Report

Fall is here! Guess what comes next? Enjoy the nice weather while we can!

September 25th was the Blessing of the Animals. What a nice thing to see, many of God's creatures here together at Grace.

Sunday, October 9th we will be "Celebrating God's Ministries at Grace", with our guest The Rev. Tracie Loffhagen and potluck after the service. In the past weeks we have been asked "Did you see God today"? This will give us all a time to reflect on our own experiences.

When the Bishop was here last Spring, the Vestry talked to him about Grants that were available to make our presence in the community known and more attractive to bring new people into our Grace Church family. At that time we asked for people interested in helping us write the grant request. Dave Webster, Della Hammond, Tracey House & Jennie Spencer offered their help and we will soon be submitting the request to help us replace the carpeting and paint the inside of the church.

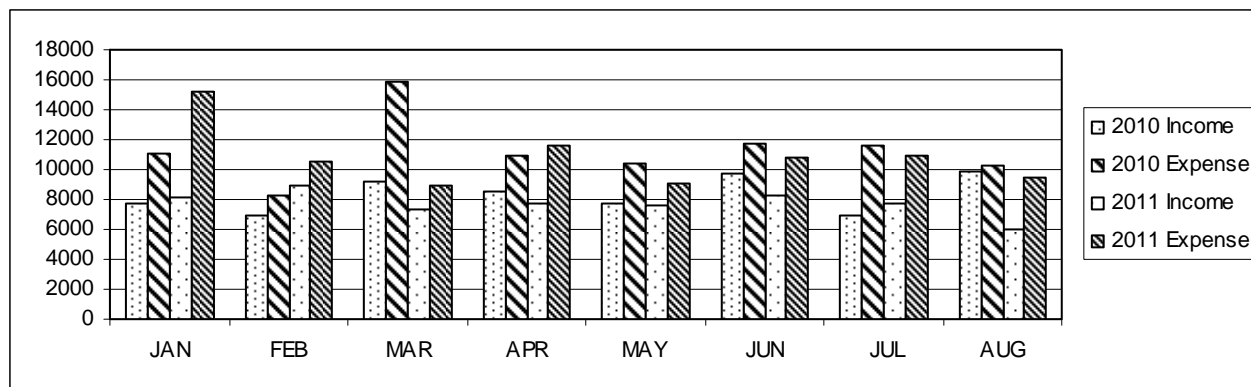
November is soon approaching along with the annual Bazaar. Whether you sign up to work or just plan to come for lunch and partake of all the great handmade items available, it will be a day of fun and fellowship. And don't forget the Raffle!

*Nancy Wells, Senior Warden*



## AUGUST FINANCIALS

Pledge offerings:	\$ 3,973.00	
Transferred from LCBT to cover deficit:	\$	(\$26,000 ~ YTD)
Total month revenue:	\$ 6,568.75	
Total month expenses:	\$ 9,487.74	
Income-Expense:		(\$ 2,918.99)
Total assets:	<b>\$ 122,316.15</b>	



## Food for Families Report—

We want to thank Janie and Dutch for their years of hard work in making the Food for Families program so successful. After a year of training under their expert guidance LaVern and Lauraine have taken over the program. Since there are already great morning and afternoon crews in place the transition has been smooth.

This month we have served fried chicken, turkey noodle casserole, pork ribs, and hot dogs for a total of 280 meals.

We have been getting good produce at the market at Trinity Methodist and hear that by mid-October a local food bank is to open at Court and Elm Streets where donated items will be available all year round.

Thank you to all who make the Food for Families team work so successfully.

*Lauraine Ferris and LaVern Warner*

Plan to attend this parish gathering for the future of Grace!

## “Celebrating God’s Ministries at Grace” on October 9<sup>th</sup> following the service.

In lieu of the quarterly forum we will have a guest speaker. The Rev. Tracie Loffhagen, from All Saints Episcopal Church in Marysville will join us. This will be a chance to experience the power of God’s transformational ministries to touch and shape lives at Grace. We will be reflecting on how our sharing of time, talent and treasure shape our budget for 2012. The Vestry has been sharing their experiences with this process the past few weeks at Sunday service—so please plan to attend this gathering to share in fellowship and relationships with God. We will be having a potluck immediately following the service, so please bring a dish to pass and your table service. Commitment Sunday will be held on October 30th.

	<b>The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b>  October 2 <b>HOLY EUCHARIST</b>	<b>The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost</b>  October 9 <b>HOLY EUCHARIST</b>	<b>The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b>  October 16 <b>HOLY EUCHARIST</b>	<b>The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b>  October 23 <b>MORNING PRAYER</b>	<b>The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost</b>  October 30 <b>HOLY EUCHARIST</b>
Clergy Serving	The Rev. Nancy Steele	The Rev. Sue Rich	The Rev. Ann Norton	The Rev. Nancy Steele	The Rev. Sue Rich
Altar Guild	Sandy Chapman & Jean Coon				
Altar Flowers	Lorraine Kelch	Abi Warner	Craig & Sandy Arnold	Bill & Lori Schmidt	<b>NEEDED</b>
Sanctuary Candle	Charlie Coutcher	Dick & Darlene West	Vicki McIntyre	Twila Mercer	<b>NEEDED</b>
Vestry Lockup	Harold Schneider				
<b>9:00 SERVICE</b>					
Ushers/Greeters	Dick & Darlene West				
LEM	Kerry Spencer	Judy Downey	Nancy Wells	Nancy Wells	Jennie Spencer
Lector 1*	Jennie Spencer	Bob Thomas	Craig Arnold	Mary Kay Mason	Barb Scharping
Lector 2**	Judy Downey	Jean Coon	Sandy Arnold	Dave Webster	Kerry Spencer
Acolytes	Jennie Spencer	Devin House	Josh Spencer	Nick Bagadinski	Josh Spencer
	Jessica Snipes	Hayden House		Steve Bagadinski	
				Jennie Spencer	
Hospitality Hosts	Jim & Bernita Hawes	<b>Parish Potluck</b>	Steve & Maria Bagadinski	<b>NEEDED</b>	Clyde & Nancy Pearsall

**OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 8 Doris Stevenson
- Sandra Harris
- 9 Rev. Sue Rich
- 28 Lauraine Ferris
- 29 Devin House
- 30 Joan Schwartz

**OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES**

Let the office know if you have an anniversary this month!

**TRANSFERS IN**

**FUNERAL/MEMORIAL**

**BAPTISMS/CONFIRMATION**

**WEDDINGS**



## ECW (Episcopal Church Women) News...

Greetings from the ECW,

September's meeting was very informative and productive.

The final figures on the Poker Palace netted a profit of \$6372.70 for the two sessions worked. And the final figures on the Egg Roll was a net profit of \$6106.24. After much discussion it was decided that the profit from the Poker Palace would be held by the ECW for Capital Expenses which might become needed by the church and deemed necessary by the Vestry. A letter to that effect has been sent to the Vestry.

Plans are underway for our Fall Bazaar, November 5th. We are in need of crafters. Please let the ECW know if you have a craft for sale. We will be having a Bake Sale as well as our traditional Cookie Walk and Soup and Chicken Salad Croissant Luncheon. **We will need lots of help.** Sign-up sheets will be in the parish hall for: **Soups** (25 servings each)---We usually have a selection of 4, **helpers** for set up and take down, **Sellers** for the cookie walk, craft tables, **Serving** and **Kitchen help**. As usual, all help will be greatly appreciated.

Della Hammond has raffle tickets for door prizes now or you can get them from Lori in the office. Luncheon tickets will be on sale soon for \$6.00.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Barb Sharping our fearless Queen. Get better soon Barb!

*Nancy Pearsall, ECW Vice President*



### SAVE THE DATE...

Saturday, November 5, 2011

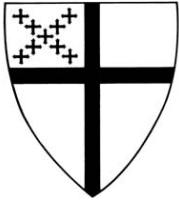
9 am - 2 pm

Luncheon served 11:00-1:30

Crafts, cookie walk, white elephant sale, door prizes.

Mark your calendar to bake cookies and pies for the luncheon. Sign up sheets are in the parish hall—something for everyone!

Raffle tickets are available ~ see Della or Lori  
has some in the office.



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Lauraine Ferris	Clerk of the Vestry		810-664-1063	Parish Life/Altar
Clyde Pearsall	Vestry Member		810-653-8006	Formation/Education
Harold Schneider	Vestry Member		810-664-1398	Administration
Doris Stevenson	Vestry Member		248-909-0121	Marketing/Advertising
David Coon		Treasurer	810-797-4712	
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Nick Ward	Organist		Rev. Ann Norton	St. John the Baptist
Lori Schmidt	Administrative Assistant		Rev. Sarah Parks	Otter Lake
Kathy Levitt	Custodian		Rev. Nancy Steele	St. John's, Dryden
Vicki McIntyre	Bookkeeper			