

this week at <b>grace</b>	
<b>SUNDAY – August 13</b> 9:00 am <b>9:30 am</b> 10:30 - 11:00 am 11:15 am 11:25 am	Pick-up from Grand Haven <b>SPECIAL TIME: Summer Worship Schedule</b> Intergenerational Story Time – Green Room Worship Summer KOM
<b>MONDAY – August 14</b> 4:30 – 6:00 pm	Prayer Shawl
<b>TUESDAY – August 15</b> 7:00pm	Special date: Trustees Mtg
<b>WEDNESDAY – August 16</b> 7:00 am 9:12 am 6:00 – 8:00 pm 6:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	<b>SPECIAL DATE: *GRACE NOTES DEADLINE*</b> Special date: Men's Breakfast Grace Golf Group @ Maple Brook in Charlotte CVNA Picnic – at Elmhurst School Praise Band Practice Finance Mtg AA @ The Youth Center
<b>THURSDAY – August 17</b>	
<b>FRIDAY – August 18</b> 3:00 pm	*OFFICE CLOSED* Family Camp – Lakeview Campground
<b>SATURDAY – August 19</b> 1:00 pm	*OFFICE CLOSED* ALL CHURCH POTLUCK - Family Camp – Lakeview Campground
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**“Reaching people with the love and teachings of Jesus Christ.”**

### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

The **Prayer Chain** is an important ministry of our church. We lift up and support persons who are experiencing difficult times in life. Prayer can make a difference. If you are interested in receiving prayer notices, please contact Linda Reik / Karolyn Bartell at [Graceumcprayers@gmail.com](mailto:Graceumcprayers@gmail.com).

**INTERGENERATIONAL STORY TIME:** Sundays 10:30-11:00am thru August. Led by Claudia Heineman. Have you heard that it “takes a village to raise a child?” This summer Claudia will offer a brief story time between our two church services. This will be a chance for young and old to learn about God’s love for all of us. If you believe that “it’s never too late to learn,” or that truth can come “out of the mouths of babes,” join us from 10:30-11:00am on Sunday mornings in the Green Room. We will hear how a baby escaped a legal decree and grew up to become the leader of a nation. We hope to find that learning together can be fun for all ages!

### **GRACE FAMILY CAMP**

Family camp is at Lakeview Family Campground from: **Friday, Aug. 18<sup>th</sup>** through **Sunday, Aug. 20<sup>th</sup>**. There will be an ALL CHURCH POTLUCK at the campground on Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm. Mark the date on the calendar and come join us for a day of food, fun and fellowship!

### **BREAK THE CHAIN**

Human trafficking issues in Michigan and around the world will be addressed at the showing of the 75 minute documentary "Break the Chain". A free light meal will be at 6pm and showing at 6:45. Open to all at Wesley Foundation of WMU, 820 Rankin, Kalamazoo. Donations will be accepted. Contact Donna Kleiver at [517-663-4193](tel:517-663-4193) if you are interested in carpooling

### **TEXT YOUR GIFTS**

Grace church now accepts giving by ‘text’. Of course, we still accept good ol’ fashioned cash and checks but if you prefer to text your contribution, you may do so by following these steps:

Send a text to [517-481-4148](tel:517-481-4148). Enter a dollar sign followed by the complete dollar amount, example: \$20.00. Within seconds, you will receive a registration link where you enter your name and debit or credit card information. Once your registration is complete, you will receive a text verification AND a receipt via email. As an added measure of convenience, you can even elect to have future contributions set up to recur automatically. Anyone with questions on this new method of giving can contact Jim Lott or Stephani Davis of the Finance team

### **BAND AGAINST BULLYING**

The Band Against Bullying event is to raise money for music scholarships for victims of bullying. This will help to build confidence and self-esteem for victims. You are all invited to come to the fundraiser event put on by Band Against Bullying on **Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup>**, at 9265 Mulliken Rd., Mulliken, Michigan. The event starts at 5:00pm and may go until 1:00 am. Event includes live music, door prizes, 50/50 raffle, silent auction, etc. Money raised will buy instruments and supplies for school music programs and lessons for children that are victims of bullying.

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**Nursery, Birth to 3 years:** Our nursery is available during both the 9:15 and 11:15 services. It is currently staffed by Miss Elizabeth and our faithful volunteers. Our smallest children take home lessons of God's love too! Little ones will engage in stories, creative time, and free play! Learning Bible stories and simple Christian faith concepts literally becomes child's play!

**Intergenerational Story Time:** Sundays 10:30-11:00am June 18-Aug (ex. July 30<sup>th</sup>). Led by Claudia Heineman

**ENERGIZE! Youth Ministry Program** (for students 4<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>): Contact Jamie Young for activities and information. Contact: [jamiyoung1028@yahoo.com](mailto:jamiyoung1028@yahoo.com)

### **Men's Breakfast**

Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month. Location changes. Please reach out to Jayson Young if you have any questions – [jaysonyoung415@gmail.com](mailto:jaysonyoung415@gmail.com)

**Kids on the Move – JR. & Kids on the Move:** Our Summer unit, “The Life of Jesus”, is well under way! During the month of August, we will be diving in to learning about what it means to be a **Disciple of Jesus**. *The following is a schedule of service projects that will be taking place each Sunday in August during the children's time in KOM on Sunday morning:*

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 13<sup>TH</sup>:** AUGUST GIVING TREE - Students are invited to contribute to the backpack and school supplies giving tree. Suggested donation items: pencils, crayons, spiral notebooks, folders, lined paper, classroom supplies, teacher supplies (dry erase markers, erasers, etc.)

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 20<sup>TH</sup>:** WRITING LETTERS TO SHUT-INS – During class time, the children will be invited to make cards and write letters to members of Grace Church who are homebound and unable to be in regular fellowship with our congregation.

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 27<sup>TH</sup>:** SEPTEMBER GIVING TREE – Students are invited to contribute both non-perishable food items and personal needs items for South Lansing Ministries. Personal needs items may be things like: soap, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc.

We hope that you will reference this list each week and that these service projects will give your family the opportunity to collect items together for donation and talk about what it means to Reach people with the love and teachings of Jesus Christ. We are excited to serve together! We begin together in the 11:15 service. At 11:25, children aged 4 years - 6th grade will be dismissed to the “Blue Room”. Class ends at 12:15.

## **MISSIONS**

**GIVING TREE NEWS** – A HUGE shout out to all of those who contributed back to school clothing. We will be donating 724 items to Judson Clothing Closet for school aged children in the Lansing area. You all are awesome to open your hearts and wallets so these children will have nice clothing for school. You truly are following in Jesus' footsteps!

**AUGUST GIVING TREE** – School Supplies and Backpacks for the Boy's and Girl's Club. *All donations need to be at the church no later than Sunday, August, 21<sup>st</sup>.*

**AUGUST NOISY CAN** – Will go towards backpacks, school supplies for Lansing Boys & Girls Club and la Nueva Ministry in Grand Rapids, as well as school clothing for Judson Clothing Bank in Lansing. Help children get a good start to the school year! Thank you.

### **SLM NEWS**

South Lansing Ministries (SLM) has the opportunity to earn \$1,000 every time we collect \$150,000 in receipts from shopping at **ValuLand**! If you shop there, please save your receipts and drop them in the bucket we have provided that is located Fellowship Hall. There is a ValuLand right next door in Colonial Village Shopping center and one on West Saginaw. **We have collected almost \$10,000 in receipts from ValuLand, keep up the donations! THANK YOU!**

**Attention Gardeners!** SLM will take any overflow from your garden or produce that you can't use! We'll even come pick it if you want! Let me know, 882-0661. Thanks Vicki.

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Judson Clothing Closet**

Volunteers needed to help families pick out clothing at Judson Children's Clothing Bank on Sept. 9 or 16 from 9 AM-2:30 PM. Bring your sack lunch. If you can help, please contact Mona Morgan at [mmorgan1226@yahoo.com](mailto:mmorgan1226@yahoo.com). Thank you

### **HAND ACROSS LANSING**

Grace UMC is organizing the packing of 600 sack lunches, for the homeless and refugee populations, at The Hands Across Lansing Event on Oct. 7 in conjunction with the District Conference. We need lots of volunteers to help with this. We will be collecting 4# containers of peanut butter, 32 oz containers of jelly, 2-5 # bags of baby carrots and other items. We will also be putting together a few hygiene kits for the City Rescue Mission. Please see signup sheets for Specifics. Items need to be in church by Oct. 1. Collection of these items and donations towards purchasing them will make up this September's Gving Tree and Noisy Can Collections.