

# WORDS OF GRACE

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## Belonging...Believing...Behaving

*“Welcome with open arms fellow believers who don’t see things the way you do... Do you have any business crossing people off the guest list or interfering with God’s welcome? If there are corrections to be made or manners to be learned, God can handle that without your help.” Romans 14:1–MSG*

The demonstration of unity in diversity across ethnic, economic, social class, education, race, culture, age, gender, political, theological, and lifestyle differences demonstrated by the Body of Christ is what God uses to reconcile and redeem the world.

Of all the things that we can be and do as a local congregation, nothing is more important, more attracting, more God-pleasing, or more missional than becoming a grace-saturated community, and offering such to our city.

All people long for a safe place to take off their masks and to be fully known at their best and absolute worst, yet still be loved, honored, and enjoyed. Only the Church of Jesus Christ, when it lives in and offers Spirit-saturated, shame-free, grace-filled, transparent community can offer such a place.

However, so long as our relationships are mostly just friendly, and not fully honest and transparent, we will never experience deep transformation. Moreover, we will never foster an environment where

those struggling with sins or woundedness that we find particularly troubling will feel fully welcomed into our community.

The Biblical order of community is this: **Belong è Believe è Behave.** God first accepts us just as we are, then fills us with His Holy Spirit so that we are empowered to believe the truth, and then the truth reshapes our heart and behavior.

In Christ’s agape and grace, we welcome all into our fellowship—no matter how ignorant of or different in Christian belief, or how far from what we consider proper Christian behavior. Grace-based community does not condemn or shame, directly or indirectly, but rather lets the Holy Spirit address any matter the Lord desires to address.

It is through such unconditional belonging that the lost will be won, the wounded healed, the wandering brought home, the weak in faith strengthened, the immature disciplined, and all become filled with God’s Spirit, so that we all continually learn what to believe, and so all become increasingly empowered to behave as becomes an adopted, royal child of God.

What would it look like for us to covenant together to become a shame-free, darkest-sin-and-deepest-struggle-sharing, grace-saturated community?

*Pastor Chris*



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- 1 Sue Lemon
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- 5 Janet Metelak
- 6 Barb Berg
- 7 Suz Birch
- 8 Sharon Baker
- 9 Carolyn Arnold

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Pauline Brimeyer

**Mississippi Valley Regional  
Blood Drive**

Fellowship Center

July 17, 2013

3:00–6:00pm

The time has come once again to serve the people in our community by donating blood at GracePoint through the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center. This gives us another opportunity to fulfill our mission of serving Dubuque.

The process takes about an hour of your time, and you can touch as many as three patients with that single donation. Please prayerfully consider donating blood; your decision is critical to ensuring the availability of blood products in our community. By giving blood on a routine basis and encouraging others to do the same, volunteer blood donors help save lives by providing a critical resource that can come from NO other source! May 22nd is the last date you could have donated in order to be eligible for the July 17th blood drive.

We plan to pamper our heroes who donate blood with root beer floats. In addition, we feel it would be nice to have treats such as cookies and bars. If you are unable to donate blood, please sign up for the food and drink donations on the Blood Donation table in the lobby. Please sign up for a time to donate blood that fits your schedule. There will be a sign-up sheet in the lobby beginning in July. If you have any questions, contact Pam De Meester.

**Thank You**

Thank you to everyone for your cards, thoughts, and prayers at the death of my brother, Jerry Udelhofen. It meant so much.

Jennie Burns

**Thank You**

Thank you all for your generous fellowship treats. Please continue to sign up so the Fellowship Committee can make future plans.

## UGANDAN ORPHANS CHOIR AT GRACEPOINT

Sunday, July 7, 2013, at 7:00pm



The children in the Ugandan Orphans Choir bring a message of hope, sharing their African folklore and the power of God's love through music and dance. They are the fortunate few who have been rescued from poverty and are now a voice for children who are still waiting to be sponsored. Each year, the choir tours around the country and gives people an opportunity to provide children in developing countries with an education and a hope for a future. Please plan to bring one or two dishes to share at the potluck at 5:30, and then enjoy the performance of these beautiful and innocent children.

SEAL TEAM: Pam De Meester, Stephanie Lange

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### SEAL TEAM OPPORTUNITIES

The Missional Outreach Team (MOT) would like to let you know of some of the activities that have been done in the past and the new approach that GracePoint is taking to these kinds of activities. In the past you may remember things like the School Supply Giveaway, Movie Nights, The Old-Fashioned Community Christmas—you get the idea. We've done many things. Under our Seal Team model, we are looking for you, the congregation, to take the initiative to make these events happen. If you have an interest in making one of these events happen, or if you have a new Community Outreach event of some sort, come to us and let us know! If we don't hear from you about any of these opportunities or events, we'll assume that there is no interest and they won't happen. For any questions or information, please get in touch with either Pam De Meester or Ken Godwin, Elders of Missional Outreach.

## FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP NEWS

The Financial Stewardship team welcomes Janet Metelak as the new Administrative Bookkeeper for GracePoint. Janet will be taking over for Judy Adelman, who has done a wonderful job of handling the position for the last few years. Judy will continue as our Administrative Assistant in the office with her usual hours, but will no longer handle the day-to-day processing of our financial records.

Since Janet will be handling the disbursements, bill paying, and monthly reports going forward, it is important that everyone is once again aware of our “best practice” processes that have been in place for some time. The Reimbursement Request form is available in the church office (please use this one as it will always be the most current form) and will need to go through the approval process prior to a check being written. The form indicates the person whose signature is required for the reimbursement, and if a receipt is to be attached.

Please welcome Janet to the position, and assist her in keeping our financial records in good order by using the reimbursement form.

Again, we thank Judy for her service to GracePoint in a dual capacity for the past years, and also thank Janet for her willingness to serve in this capacity.

If you have any questions, you can contact Janet or Mary Burns, Elder to Finance.

## WO on the Go!

GracePoint has a long-standing tradition of a major portion of our budget going to mission, both local and international. Here is another opportunity to support global missionaries in an even more important way – prayer. The mission arm of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC) is called World Outreach, and they have launched an online prayer partnership directly connecting the home congregations with the missionaries and their families in the field. “WO On the Go” is an encrypted online website that the missionaries use to upload current prayer requests. The “pray-ers” receive an e-mail message when new prayer requests are loaded onto the site. They then log into the secure website with a selected login and unique password, and view the requests. You can also leave messages, either public or private, for the mission families to encourage them and acknowledge that you have or will be praying for them and their concerns. It is a very personal way for us to stay connected with the EPC missionaries around the globe.

If you are interested in becoming a member of “WO On the Go,” contact Mary Burns for additional information.

## GLOBAL MISSIONS

### Jeff and Stacey Krohn to Visit GracePoint July 7th

Jeff and Stacey Krohn and family will be with us to worship, preach, and receive the sacrament of communion Sunday July 7<sup>th</sup>. Jeff and Stacey are supported by GracePoint as they labor in Peru. They will be with us in the morning as the first segment of our “international” Sunday. You probably remember that Jeff attended GracePoint as a young child when his mother and father were members. Jeff now serves with SIM (Serving in Mission) as a teacher at SEL, the Seminario Evangelico de Lima. Stacey is also involved in the ministry as the SIM Peru Personnel Coordinator. Two websites to visit are: <http://xanga.com/jeffkrohn> and <http://perukrohns.blogspot.com/> for all things Krohn in Peru.



During worship Jeff will preach and assist in serving communion. There will be a Q/A opportunity immediately following worship. Also, please come to the fellowship time before worship (10AM) when Jeff and his family will be available to meet and greet.

As you can imagine, Jeff and Stacey lead very busy lives in Lima. Besides teaching and developing new curriculum Jeff is spending at least 20 hours/week doing research toward his Ph.D studies (Mormon Hermeneutics), which is scheduled to be completed in May 2016. Four very active kids add into the mix: Jonathon, Brandon, Nathan, and Sophia, who is four years old. Jeff and Stacey also led a marriage retreat in April for pastors and their spouses.

On a stressful note, we may have heard about a robbery of the contents of their car and the lessons learned from this experience.

Please join in welcoming the Krohns on July 7<sup>th</sup>.

For the Global Mission Team,  
Scott Arnold

2013



JULY

2013

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> 6:00p Food Pantry	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>  OFFICE CLOSED	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> NO Chapel Service 10:00a Fellowship Time 10:30a Worship Service 5:30p Potluck 7:00p Ugandan Choir	<b>8</b> 6:00p Food Pantry	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 6:15a Men's Pry Brkfst 7:00p Deacons Meeting	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 11:15a DBQ Rescue Mission Lunch
<b>14</b> NO Chapel Service 10:00a Fellowship Time 10:30a Worship Service 1:30p Bethany Home 6:00p GraceUnderground	<b>15</b>  6:00p Food Pantry	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 6:15a Men's Pry Brkfst Pastor Chris on Study Leave 3:00p Blood Drive 7:00p Elder Ministry Teams	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> 8:30a Chapel Service 10:00a Fellowship Time 10:30a Worship Service 12:15p Middle School Canoeing	<b>22</b> 6:00p Food Pantry	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 6:15a Men's Pry Brkfst 5:00p Golden Oldies 6:30p Session	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 8:30a Chapel Service 10:00a Fellowship Time 10:30a Worship Service 6:00p GraceUnderground	<b>29</b> 6:00p Food Pantry	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 6:15a Men's Pry Brkfst			

Membership to Date	
Active	150
Inactive	9
Perm. Inactive	<u>3</u>
Total	162

## CLERK'S REPORT

Andrew Linden, Student at UDTs, was approved by Session to do a summer SPM starting June 1<sup>st</sup> through August 31, 2013.

John Cottrell has been removed from the membership rolls as a letter of transfer was sent to Grandview United Methodist Church as of May 22, 2013, per his request.

Jeff Krohn, Missionary with SIM, will be guest preacher at Worship on Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup>. Jeff and his family were former members. The Uganda Orphans Choir will perform on Sunday evening, July 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. The Blood Drive at Grace Point will be Wednesday, July 17<sup>th</sup> from 3:00–6:00pm.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter mission giving was approved by Session at the May 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

### EPC GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Bailey, Ben & Monica – Middle East	\$250.00
Furr, Chris & Kirsten – France	300.00
Hamd, Robert – Lebanon	575.00
Total EPC Quarterly Giving	\$1,125.00

### GENERAL QUARTERLY GIVING

Aisenbrey, Lou & Debbie, - Wycliffe	\$250.00
Busse, Durwood & Barbara – Presbyterian Frontier	250.00
Clarity Clinic – Dubuque	225.00
Dubuque Rescue Mission	225.00
Elangewe, Isaac -- Cameroon	250.00
Grote, Scott & Jessica – MMS Aviation	600.00
Hsu, John & Nellie – E Free Church	200.00
Jews for Jesus – Stan & Holly Meyer	200.00
Krohn, Jeff – SIM	250.00
Leverington, John & Becky – Wycliffe	250.00
Prasad, Philip – Witnessing Ministries of Christ	275.00
Sam & Elizabeth – Frontiers	300.00
Shiloh Christian Children's Ministries	200.00
Siloam Eye Hospital – South Korea	250.00
UD Theological Seminary	100.00
Weber, B. J. – New York Fellowship	250.00
Welde, Matt – US Center for World Missions	275.00
Yeats, Ted & Karey – Navigators	250.00
Total General Quarterly Giving	\$4,600.00

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## GOLDEN OLDIES

Golden Oldies will meet on Wednesday, July 24th, 5:00pm, at the Point Cafe. Sign up in the lobby the Sunday before or call Bob Boelk, 557-9166.

**ALL SENIORS ARE  
WELCOME!**



**Monday  
July 15**

## BIRTHDAYS

1 Gary Duehr  
 1 Lisa Gaylor  
 4 Pam Hillary  
 10 Cary Kress  
 13 Jodi Harry  
 13 Stephanie Lange  
 14 Frank Shepherd  
 15 Robin Wlochall  
 16 John Kress  
 16 Sylvia Trofimchuck  
 17 Alice Miller  
 17 Shirley VanDuser  
 19 Pat Kohler  
 19 Twila Manders  
 27 Vincent Godwin  
 28 Robert Goodman  
 29 Helen Krepfle  
 29 Shirley Merrihew  
 30 Janet Metelak  
 31 Sue Lemon



## ANNIVERSARIES

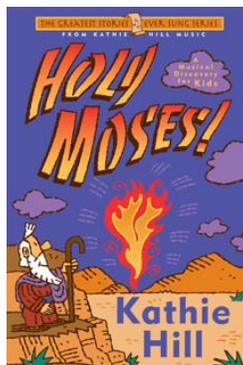
8 Pam & Bob De Meester  
 18 Martha & Dwayne Intveld  
 18 Janet & Robert Metelak  
 21 Suz & Bob Birch  
 21 Judy & Ken Godwin  
 25 Shirley & Richard Merrihew  
 29 Nick & Miriam Lind  
 30 Becky & James Pfeiffer

## Check Out the Library

We receive donations of new and used books and videos all the time. There is always something new in the library. The library is open Sundays from 8:30am–noon. If you have any new books or videos to donate to the library, contact Mable or Bob Boelk, 557-9166.



## HOLY MOSES MUSICAL THEATER CAMP



The SEAL Team wants to thank EVERYONE who touched the lives of these children by participating in the Camp, donating funds and food, and building relationships with these kids that God chose to send to our Camp. Their performance was absolutely fabulous and the music is embedded in their hearts, minds, and souls. We were blessed every day with 40 to 42 of God's children. Eleven of these children do not have any church affiliation. These amazing children were able to put on a musical, with only 6 days of rehearsal, that blessed all who came! The children were also supported with their families attending the performance. Our church and parking lot were FULL! We feel confident these children will always remember GracePoint as a place of safety, fun, food, friends, prayer, and beautiful music!

SEAL Team: Pam De Meester, Stephanie Lange, Mary Burns

# Summer Summer Summer!

**GraceUnderground Drop In/Summer Music Academy.** Sunday nights will regularly be a 6–8pm drop in time, with a short Bible study right at 6:00. From 6:30 on, students can get music lessons in lead vocals, backup vocals, praise and worship keyboards, and bass and electric guitar. Hopefully by the end of the summer, building on experience that is already there, we can assemble a team for Sunday worship.

Canoeing and fishing are listed in the dates below.

July 7 — GraceUnderground Drop In/Summer Music Academy

July 11–14 — LIFEST

July 21— Middle School Canoeing–Meet at Mines of Spain, Catfish Creek launch at 12:15pm

July 28 — GraceUnderground Drop In/Summer Music Academy

August 4 — GraceUnderground Drop In/Summer Music Academy

August 11 — GraceUnderground Drop In/Summer Music Academy

August 18 — RIVER NIGHT!

August 25 — Fall program starts.

## Holy Moses Musical



## Middle School & High School Youth

6:00–6:30pm  
Bible Study

6:30–8:00pm  
Drop In Summer Music Academy



**PRAYER CHAIN**

To start a prayer, call Pat Kohler  
or Lois Trausch-Wolfe.

**Daytime Prayer Chain**

Pat Kohler  
583-8978

Gerry Vandenberg  
583-5338

Ramona Hennings  
583-8739

Wilma Sanders  
582-7346

Mable Boelk  
557-9166

Sue Lemon  
583-4454

Lois Trausch-Wolfe  
583-0534

**(Lois starts the evening  
chain.)**

**Evening Prayer Chain**

Sharon Baker  
588-2115

Glenda Temple  
582-0464

Pam Hillary  
556-5846

Karen Storlie  
556-7548

Kim or Jerry Bell  
582-4956

**SERVANTS OF THE LORD**

July

**Worship Venue 10:30am****Communion Preparers** (July 7) Barb Berg, Sharon Baker**Communion Servers** (July 7) Don & Wilma Sanders  
Ben & Glenda Temple

Ushers

Greeters

**June 7** George & Brenda Schwarzmann Verna Davis, Barb Berg**June 14** George & Brenda Schwarzmann Verna Davis, Juanita Cottrell**June 21** Doug Mulder, Mike Vandenberg Mary & Tony Trenkamp**June 28** Doug Mulder, Mike Vandenberg Mary & Tony Trenkamp

Please find your own subs. Substitute ushers are Mike or Ralph Vandenberg. Substitute greeters are Pat Kohler, Dixie Shaffer, or Barb Berg.

*(Continued from page 7.)***Other Special Giving**

The Guest House at St. John's Lutheran Church	300.00
Transportation of "Tylenol" to South Sudan	350.00
<b>Total Other Special Giving</b>	<b>650.00</b>

<b>TOTAL MISSION GIVING FOR 2<sup>ND</sup> QUARTER</b>	<b>\$6,375.00</b>
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**Bookkeeper's Report**

General Fund Beginning Balance, May 1, 2013	\$12,874.89
Total General Fund Receipt	<u>20,046.10</u>
<b>Subtotal Beginning Balance &amp; Receipts</b>	<b>\$32,920.99</b>

General Fund Disbursements	\$20,202.77
Allocations & Transfer	<u>1,558.34</u>
<b>Subtotal Disbursements, Allocations &amp; Transfers</b>	<b>\$21,761.11</b>

General Fund Ending Balance May 31, 2013	\$11,159.88
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**SERVING AT DUBUQUE RESCUE MISSION**

Some of you have been surprised to find the kitchen manned when going to serve the Rescue Mission meal. Barb investigated and found that in the process of staff changes, the calendar had not been properly updated. This has been corrected. We are now clearly down for the 2nd Saturday of the month for the rest of the year. Please sign up in the lobby. Your hour and a half serving time is guaranteed (no other kitchen work is required). Barb Berg

# THANK YOU

Each year several dedicated volunteers spend many hours in prayer and preparation to bring you and your family the excellent equipping opportunities we offer here at GracePoint.

They serve all ages, from the littlest tots to our more seasoned saints. They serve upstairs and downstairs, in the morning and in the evening, on Sunday and mid-week. And they serve at home, putting in hours of study as they prepare. Without them, we could not equip you.

Please take a moment to thank the Lord for providing GracePoint with such excellent teachers and thank them for serving you.

Scott Arnold  
Andy Bauman  
Paul Both  
J'Neane Briden  
Pauline Brimeyer  
Alan Crandall  
Bob Demeester  
Chris & Kelly English  
Judy Godwin  
Frank & Gaye Grote  
Pam Hillary  
Mary Hirschey  
Paul Jensen  
Paulette Kress  
Stephanie Lange  
Steve & Sue Lemon  
Nick & Miriam Lind  
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