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Raising a Life-Long Christian

There has been much news lately about the decline of religious faith and church attendance in America. The truly troubling thing is that young people have left the church in droves. Not only have they left the church they have also left the faith.

If it matters to you that your children remain in the faith, believe in Jesus and want to follow the Word of God, then you need to act now. Here are a few steps you can take.

1. Set an example for them. You be a life-long Christian yourself. Make sure you are in a Christ-centered and Bible believing church. Be involved. Strive to live a Christ like life. Also admit to your children that you are not always right and that you need Jesus' forgiveness as much as anyone. Above all do not play the hypocrite.
2. Insist that your children attend church as long as they are living at home. Do not permit them to "opt out." When they do leave home continue to influence them and encourage them in the Christian faith. A young adult still may have the parents as the dominant influencer of their lives.
3. Discipline your children with love. Teach them the difference between right and wrong. Do not spoil them. Remember you are not their buddy but their parent. There cannot be love without respect.
4. Pray for them and with them. Everyday pray for your children and their spiritual, physical and mental

growth. Pray before meals and early on join them in praying before they go to bed.

5. Talk to them openly about God. Have family devotions and answer their questions as best you can.
6. Talk to them about their place in this world. Impress upon them their need to stand out from the crowd and explain that this is what it means to be a Christian. Give them wise advice about money, relationships, work...about life.
7. Be sure to speak well of the church you are attending. Children will listen and be affected if you are constantly complaining and continually negative about this or that in the church. There is no perfect church or pastor. God created the Church and He commands us to gather together to worship and serve Him.



Grandparents, aunts and uncles and other relatives also can play an important role in raising Christian children and young people. They will remember your words and encouragement if you will only speak up in this most important area.

Do you want your children, youth and young adults to believe in Jesus and live for Him? Then please act now! It is much too important to put off.

~ Pastor Rich

Our Grace Family

Meet Nancy Dettmering

Once upon a time, a church Sunday School class discussed Gifts of the Holy Spirit. One member looked a bit sad and exclaimed--“Well, I think God left me out because I don't have a single gift I can use for this church!” The rest of the class gasped and in unison replied: “What do you mean? You, who arranges and chairs all of our church dinners!” While perhaps this gift may not rank up there with others such as evangelism, preaching or teaching, what would we do if we lacked the talent to do the simple things? So it was with this month's member.

Nancy Dettmering, born in Lexington, Kentucky, has been married to Dick for almost 60 years. On top of which, she has cared for daughter, Leigh, her husband Ed, Josh, Jenny (grandchildren,) and son Rick and daughter Alyssa. Very often in their years together, Nancy has worked along side of husband, Dick, and Dick will tell you that Nancy should have majored in shop since she has a natural talent in that area. Her palate selects such goodies as seafood, Italian food, and those wonderful breakfasts at the Colonel's Cafe. When properly fed, Nancy chooses such activities as canning, and crafts (quilling, embroidery) and seems to be recognized as a great garden weeder!



We stop in wonder when learning that she is so grateful just to be alive after having been sidelined in 2004 after a stroke in which it took three days to awaken. How great is our God!! Her most memorable moment took place when she saw “tall, skinny Dick for the first time.” Talk about love at first sight. On the dreamy side, Nancy might hope for enough health so she could visit New Orleans, and the French Quarter. Her best asset is “adjustability,” and though she would not claim it for herself, she is a wonderful service provider and thus, this spiritual gift shines though mightily. And so you see, spiritual gifts come in many different packages. Don't sell yourself short, Nancy....we surely do not!

~ Pat Kopp



February 10, 2016



An Ash Wednesday Prayer

Dear righteous Lord, we enter the holy season of Lent confessing our many sins that separate us from you. We're sincerely sorry for offending you repeatedly through our thoughts, our words and our actions — and often through our inactions, too.

Forgive us, Lord, and show us your tender mercy. Restore and strengthen us to become your faithful and faith-filled servants. During our Lenten journey, remind us to show mercy to other people, just as you've shown mercy to us. In Jesus' name, amen.



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Newest Additions to the Library



Thanks to your support and the support of our 2016 budget, the library continues to grow. The following materials have been added to the collection and will be on display throughout the month.

New Non-Fiction

Making Sense of the Bible: Rediscovering the Power of Scriptures Today by Adam Hamilton (220.6 Ham): The Bible is the world's best-selling, most read book, but also for many, the most confusing books as well. Hamilton presents an honest, comprehensible conversation about the Bible beginning with how and when it was written and who decided what books to include.

The Emmaus Code: Finding Jesus in the Old Testament by David Limbaugh (221.64 Lim): Limbaugh is an attorney and accomplished author. He takes the men's encounter with the risen Jesus on the road to Emmaus to show how the Old Testament affirms the truth of the New Testament.

Parables: The Mysteries of God's Kingdom Revealed Through the Stories Jesus Told by John MacArthur (226.8 Mac) MacArthur's goal as a well-renowned Bible commentator helps Christians to understand the essential lessons contained in a dozen of Jesus' most famous and influential "short stories".

The Day I Met Jesus: The revealing Diaries of Five Women From the Gospels by Frank Viola and Mary Demuth (226.92) Jesus was good news for women, affirming them and their purpose in the kingdom of God. This title chronicles the lives of five of those women who were touched by encounters with Him. Viola and Demuth tell the stories of the woman caught in adultery, the prostitute, the Samaritan woman, the woman with a 12-year flow of blood, and Mary and Martha, from each woman's unique perspective. The authors blend insights, spiritual depth, and practical applications for those seeking hope, faith and love.

New Fiction

A.D. 33 by Ted Dekker (Fic Dek): Maviah is known as the Queen of Outcasts. When she meets a man named Yeshua, His words give her strength and peace as she gathers a "kingdom" of fellow outcasts. Her growing position threatens the rulers of Rome as they strive to silence her. She must find Yeshua to save her people, only to find that He may be facing death like she is.

Thin Ice by Kelly Irvin (Fic Irv), book 2 in **The Amish of Bee County** series. Leila is waiting on God to reveal His will to her as she must choose between the two men who offer her very different futures. Her heart would choose Jesse, but her faith tells her to choose Will.

Deadlock by DiAnn Mills (Fic Mil): Book 3 of **FBI: Houston** series. Bethany Sanchez is looking forward to her new assignment in the violent crimes division except that her partner, Thatcher Graves, has a reputation for being a maverick and he arrested her brother at one time.

An Amish Year by Beth Wiseman (Fic Wis): A collection of four romances set during a year in the Amish country. Titles include: **Rooted in Love**, **A Love For Irma Rose**, **Patchwork Perfect**, and **When Christmas Comes Again**. Readers are treated to a number of Amish recipes at the end of the book.

Available on DVD

War Room (DVD Fic War) The acclaimed film about the power of prayer is now available for check-out from the library.

Good News: Living With Nothing to Prove, Nothing to Hide, Nothing to Lose by Ken Davis (DVD 248.4 Dav): Although no promises of health, wealth or perfection are promised to believers, Davis gives an honest look at the Christian life—a life of getting all that God has intended for His people.

Ken Davis Unearthed by Ken Davis (DVD 248.4 Dav) Davis looks back on his 40-year career, a career in which God's unmistakable guidance manifested itself along the way. This DVD is a compilation of some his best-known routines from his early student assemblies through his most recent work.

Children's Books

I'd Know You Anywhere, My Love by Nancy Tillman (J Til): Children's imaginations can take them any where, but, no matter where their dreams take them, those who love them will know them and always love them.

You're Here For a Reason by Nancy Tillman (J Til): Every person matters; has a purpose for his/her life. Help little ones understand that God has a purpose for their lives too. Tillman uses colorful illustrations of animals to bring her stories alive and get her message across to her little readers.

~ Mary Schultz

Three Verses on Forgiveness

When our sins make us blush with shame, we may look so much at ourselves that we doubt we can ever be forgiven. These three verses are very helpful for such times.

"Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool." (Isaiah 1:18) This passage may echo details of a reconciliation rite described in Leviticus 14:4ff. The [Concordia Self-Study Bible](#) notes point to Isaiah 1:15 and 21 where the hands of murderers stained red with blood are mentioned. The Hebrew word for "red" used here is related to the Hebrew word for "blood." Although clothing in the Old Testament world was naturally a butternut tan, brightly colored clothing was unusual and special. We know red stains to be difficult to remove, especially from something white. God's forgiveness removes the stain of our sin.

"He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear Him." (Psalms 103:10-13) People in the Old Testament world did not know the earth is a sphere, but were very familiar with "east" and "west" as opposites. We know we can travel north until we pass the North Pole. Then we are suddenly traveling south. That reverses again when we pass the South Pole. But, we can travel east or west forever and we will never be going in the other direction. So far does God remove our sins from us.

I have met people who felt some sin of theirs was too great to be forgiven. Psalm 103 says God does not deal with us as our sins deserve to send punishments upon us, but He removes our sins from us. He is compassionate like a kindly father.

"If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:8-9) These verses are now very familiar to us because they are part of the confession and forgiveness portion of the liturgy in our most recent hymnal. Forgiveness is not limited by the size of the sin committed, but is prefaced only by turning away from that sin and confessing it and all other sins, even those we do not know and cannot list.

When you feel you cannot be forgiven, read and think about these verses. Let the Holy Spirit do His work in convincing your doubting heart.

~ Rev. Phil Bohlken

HealthLine is a 30-minute Medical Education television show hosted by Grace's very own Sheila Wittke.

NEW AIR TIME: Tuesday Afternoon at 3:00 p.m. (January through June 2016)

STATIONS:

CTV COMCAST Cable Channel 12 (Knoxville)
CTV CHARTER 193 + WOW Channel 6 (Farragut)
AT&T U-Verse Channel 99

FEBRUARY 2016 SCHEDULE OF TOPICS AND GUESTS

- 02 - Carotid Artery Disease and Strokes - Dr. Deanna Nelson
- 09 - Peripheral Arterial Disease of the Legs - Dr. Deanna Nelson
- 16 - Denervation of Renal Artery to Lower Blood Pressure - Dr. Joshua Todd
- 23 - Plantar Fasciitis of the Foot - Dr. Christine Seaworth



9th Annual Chocolate Frolic

***Saturday, February 6
6:00 p.m.***



LADIES!

The 9th annual Chocolate Frolic will be held Saturday, February 6th at Grace Lutheran Church in Knoxville. It begins at 6 pm in the Family Life Center. You won't be disappointed in the chocolate goodies and the door prizes are shaping up to be better than ever!

This event is open to the ladies of the community. Tickets are \$10 each and include door prize entries. Tickets can be purchased at the door. We'd appreciate it if you pre-register by responding to the email address below, especially if you will be attending with a group. We'll reserve you a table!

This year's proceeds will again benefit Mentors 4 Youth, a ministry of Grace Lutheran that aids young adults as they age out of the foster care system and transition to college and work life. Our speaker this year will be a member of the program.

So grab some girlfriends, brave the weather and indulge your sweet tooth! You can reserve table by emailing [choco-](#)

Parade of Tables is Coming



***Saturday, March 5
11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.***

The Parade of Tables is a luncheon for women where each hostess decorates her table according to a theme. Tickets are sold to fill each table and proceeds go to a charity. This continues to be a fun and successful event at Grace.

The theme for the decorations for this year's Parade of Tables is Era or Day in History. (For example: the Roaring 20's, the 50's or 70's, 3000BC and the building of the pyramids, 1492 Discover of America, 1776 Independence, etc.)

If you are interested in hosting a table or buying tickets to attend, please sign up on the bulletin board down the hallway from the coffee area to the right of the mailboxes. Guidelines for hosting a table and information on the charity can also be found on the bulletin board.

Tickets will also be sold on Sunday mornings closer to the event.

Save These Dates on Your 2016 Calendar



2016 Sports Camp

June 12-16, 2016

Grace Lutheran Church

2016 Summer Camp

July 23-29, 2016

John Knox Center



“Early Bird” Special for July 23-29 Summer Camp

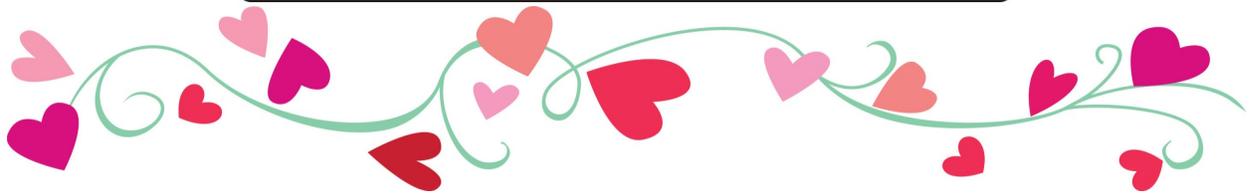
Take advantage of our “Early Bird” special on registration for the July 23-29 Summer Camp at Kingston’s John Knox Center. From now until Sunday, March 6, registration will be \$325.00. We will take registration for that price from now through March 6 in person beginning at 1:00 p.m. Beginning March 7, the price will become \$375.00. Children will have daily Bible study, games, crafts, swimming, and music, as well as other adventures!

If you have any questions, contact Frieda Guthrie or Pastor Mark Bushuiakovish by calling the church office.



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(John 3:16, NKJV)



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Wednesday Worship: 6:30 p.m. (Blended)
Sunday School & Bible Classes @ 9:30 a.m./11:00 a.m.

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