



# Graceway Fellowship

Graceway Weekly - An electronic newsletter for members and friends of  
Graceway Fellowship, Green Bay, Wisconsin

## **THIS SUNDAY AT GRACEWAY**

We remain in Exodus this Sunday morning for the message *God's Call: Purpose and Mission*. (Exodus 3:1-22) Sunday evening, Nathan Jeske, one of our deacons, will be leading the service.

Graceway Kids continue with letters written by Peter as they turn to II Peter to hear him warn his readers about false teachers.

## **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

We've got good news that Sue Jepson is out of the hospital, but she will not be able to lead the anticipated Women's Bible Study. The study of Philemon has been indefinitely postponed. Please keep Sue in prayer while she recovering and for Don as he provides home care while battling a cold.

## **SCHULZE FAMILY WEEKEND**

You'll noticed plenty of activity around the Schulze household this weekend. Family is arriving and excitement is building as they prepare to celebrate the wedding of Rebekah to Brandon Lealiou this Saturday. Please remember to lift up in prayer the young couple and Pastor Rick and Julie as they give away their only daughter.

## **SPRING IS HERE**

Well, at least for this weekend. : ) Help Graceway get ready for spring by investing a morning into performing some spring cleaning chores at the church. Save Saturday, May 14, to join others in small tasks and re-organizing some of the items stored at the church. Watch for a sign-up sheet on the information table.

## **GOING AND GROWING**

### Church Planters:

**Tom & Fran Mackay - Cornerstone Christian Fellowship,  
Marinette, WI**

Moises & Elena Rodriguez - Misión Bautista Hispana, St. Cloud,  
MN

Trey & Lea Ann Turner - Church at Wazeecha, Wisconsin  
Rapids, WI

### Church Planting Catalyst:

**Dennis & Marcia Hansen - Bay Lakes Association, Wisconsin**

### Potential location for a new church start:

**Wausau, WI**

## **SUMMER CAMP**

It's not too early to begin making plans to send your children or grandchildren to the BLBA Summer Camp. Complete registration packets are available on the information table. This year's camp runs from June 26-July 1. There is a discount for registering before May 16. Included in the packet is a form to apply for a scholarship to help cover some of the costs of attending camp for kids and youth from Graceway. If you don't get your questions answered in the information packet, contact Pastor Mike or Pastor Rick.

## **YOUR MISSIONARIES**

EILEEN SWARR,\* a Christian worker in East Asia, was on a 12-hour train ride when she struck up a conversation with the woman seated next to her. The woman wanted to practice English and Eileen was happy to talk with her. When they saw a rainbow through the window, Eileen asked the woman if she knew the history of the rainbow. Eileen shared the story of Noah and God's promise. The woman had never even heard of the Bible, and Eileen was relieved to find that the woman lived close to her so they could remain friends. Southern Baptists join Eileen's work through their gifts through the Cooperative Program.

GARY and SHIRLEY BEARCE have served as associational missionaries for the Hatcher Pass Baptist Association in Alaska since 2006, after serving 17 years in Indiana. The association serves Wasilla and Palmer, but it covers an area larger than California. Shirley serves as the ministries assistant, and Gary works to catalyze the planting of new churches. Planting churches, building relationships and

strengthening churches to reach a state that is more than 90 percent unchurched are the primary focuses. Through your prayers and giving through the Cooperative Program, more planters and partners are discovered and developed to effect change in Alaska. Pray for co-laborers who will start new work or join existing work to strengthen evangelism and discipleship.

### **VBS NEEDS**

Last Sunday members of Graceway Fellowship joined with members of other churches in the Bay Lakes Association for training on this year's VBS topic, *Submerged*. We were introduced to the main theme, music, videos, crafts and decoration ideas.

You can help make the Graceway VBS more successful by saving and donating some items (cleaned and empty)

- Cold cereal boxes
- Yogurt cups
- 2-liter Soda bottles
- Rectangular margarine containers
- Paper towel, toilet paper and wrapping paper tubes

### **HYPOCRITICAL HYMN SINGING**

We sing "Sweet Hour of Prayer" and are content with 5-10 minutes a day.

We sing "Onward Christian Soldiers" and wait to be drafted into his service.

We sing "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" and don't use the one we have.

We sing "There Shall Be Showers of Blessings" but do not come when it rains.

We sing "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" and let the least little offense sever it.

We sing "Serve the Lord With Gladness" and gripe about all we have to do.

We sing "I Love to Tell the Story" and never mention it at all.

We sing "We're Marching to Zion" but fail to march to worship or Sunday School.

We sing "Cast Thy Burden On the Lord" and worry ourselves into a nervous breakdown.

We sing "The Whole World for Jesus" and never invite our next door neighbor.

We sing "Day of Rest and Gladness" and wear ourselves out traveling, cutting grass, or playing golf on Sunday.  
We sing "Throw Out the Lifeline" and content ourselves with throwing out a fishing line.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

SATURDAY – Rebekah Schulz-Brandon Lealiou Wedding  
April 12 – Women's Bible Study Begins, 9:30AM  
May 8 – Mother's Day  
May 14 – Graceway Spring Cleaning, 9AM  
May 18 – Graceway Business Meeting, 6:30PM  
May 30 – Memorial Day  
June 14-15 – SBC Annual Meeting, St. Louis  
June 19 – Father's Day  
June 26-July 1 – BLBA Youth and Children's Camp  
July 11-15 – VBS *Submerged*  
August 7-12 – BLBA Builders Project, Layton Avenue Baptist,  
Milwaukee  
August 20-26 – Hands of Hope, Racine

*Things could be worse ... Martha Stewart could be your mother-in-law.*

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