

Can we dance?

Grace & Lekubu leading together

June 18-July 10, 2013

Grace and Lekubu share in a Mission Festival on June 30!

Congregations in South Africa have an annual “Mission Festival” to which they invite a neighboring parish as well as their entire Parish (*Lekubu Parish is a three point parish with congregations in three villages*). The guest pastor preaches, emphasizing God’s mission, and all bring monetary gifts for the mission of their national church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa (ELCSA). The “Elder groups” and the visiting parish each take turns singing and dancing as they come forward with their offering. Lekubu has invited Grace to be that neighboring parish! Grace’s pastor will preach, and all twenty-two from Grace will bring their own and Grace’s offering.

Will they dance?

Look for the video on the Synod websites (www.ecsw.org & www.gracelutherantomahawk.org)! Yes, the twenty-two from Grace have picked out several songs, and they are planning to come forward singing and dancing!

What are they giving?

The group will give Grace’s offering! Grace contributed to a May Special offering and the Grace Church Council designated 2,200 Rand to be given for the mission of ELCSA (100 Rand/person; 100 SA Rand = \$10 US). In addition, along with support from Calvary, Merrill, the two Councils designated oil candles and candlesticks like the ones on their altars. These were also purchased by Grace and Calvary. Today Grace will sing and dance these candles forward as an offering to God’s glory, to emphasize the mission of the “Light of the World”, and as a visible reminder of this relationship of Lekubu and Grace.

We end with feasting!

This worship will likely be five-hours. We will be hungry and ready as we gather outside after worship for a large meal and fellowship time. But the greatest feast will be communing and receiving God’s Holy Spirit poured out on a church gathered and united in God’s mission.