

Living in Grace

Celebrating
125 years

1890 – 2015

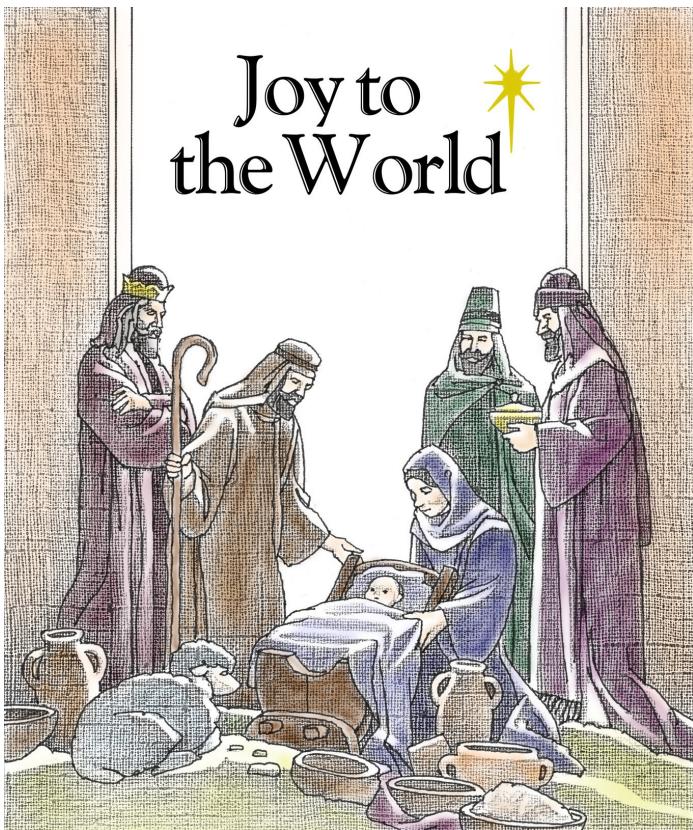


Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

The Grace Greeter

Grace Lutheran Church 2225 Washington Street Lincoln, NE 68502

December 15, 2015



**Joy to
the World**

December 24
*Lessons and Carols
of Christmas*
5:00 PM
*Hearing the story.
Rejoicing in song.*

The Christmass
11:00 PM
*Worship the Lord in the
beauty of holiness.*

December 25
*The Nativity
of our Lord*
10:00 AM



"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"

2 Corinthians 5:17

It's that time of year when we watch the top lists from 2015. Top news stories, top sporting moments, top funniest videos and the list goes on. This the time of year to look back and remember what the year past gave to us.

I remember a moment when I went back to have lunch at a bar near the college where I attended. It was a large facility that included a bar area with pool tables. A restaurant on the other side as well. When I arrived to the destination it was gone. At first I thought I had the wrong street corner. But then reality took over and I realized that my favorite hangout was now an AutoZone store. Indeed the old was gone.

That's a hard lesson to learn. There are some things in life that last forever. Others disappear forever. Sometimes the old has to make way for the new. Our desire to cling to the old makes seeing the new difficult. It takes time before the reality of the new thing that God is doing among us sets in upon us.

Celebrating the New Year helps us remember what God does best. God makes all things new. New life, new beginnings and even new hangouts. So Happy New Year and remember the new is here despite our desire to cling to the old.

Pn. Eric Tesher



From the Church Office

Baptism: Connor Lee Knobbe on November 29. His parents are Matt and Amy Knobbe.

PLEASE CONTACT US! HIPPA laws do not allow the hospital to notify the church if there is a member in the hospital. The patient or a family member must contact the church office so we can schedule a visit while you are in the hospital here in Lincoln or Omaha. During office hours, call 402-474-1505 or email office@egrace.org to let us know. Thank you!

To contact Pastor Eric after office hours, you can call or text him at 308-708-1146 or email pr.eric@egrace.org.

2016 Grace Greeter Schedule— The Greeter is mailed on the 4th Tuesday of the month (January—October) The deadline for the newsletter articles will always be the 20th of the month. The only exceptions will be in November when the deadline will be the 13th with the publication on the 15th and in December the deadline for articles will be the 16th, with publication on the 20th.

The publication schedule is: January 26; February 23; March 22; April 26; May 24; June 28; July 26; August 23; September 27; October 25; November 15; December 20

Please remember to get all 2015 offerings into the US mail, the offering plate or the church office on or before December 31 (the office closes at noon on the 31st). For offerings to be recorded as 2015 contributions, they must be postmarked by 12\31\15. Anything received after this MUST be considered a 2016 contribution.

To All Committee Chairs and Auxiliaries: Please turn in your report for the annual reporting meeting by **January 15**. You can send them via email to office@egrace.org. This is the preferred way of turning in your reports! There is a great deal of work that goes into preparing the Annual Report of the Congregation after your report is turned in, so please get your reports into the office on time! Thanks.

2016 offering envelopes are ready to be picked up! They are located in the atrium.

The deadline for the next Greeter will be January 20th. It will be mailed on Tuesday, January 27.

Bulletins have been shared by: Denny & Charlyne Berens [Washington National Cathedral]; Betty Shaw [Christ Lutheran Church, American Lutheran Church, Lincoln, St. John's Lutheran, Norfolk]



Grace Women of the ELCA put up a tree in the atrium which represents the "Prescott School Tree of Hope". There will be tags on the tree which will have food items listed on the back. The process is simple. You pick your tag or tags off the tree, shop for your items, bring the items to church and put them in the receptacle near the tree. Very simple, very needed and it puts you in the real spirit of Christmas. Please be generous. Thanks in advance! Note: Monetary donations for this project can be given to the church office for the Prescott fund. **Items need to be donated by December 20th.**



**Sunday School Christmas Program
The Hanging of the Greens
December 20th, 10:30 a.m.**

Join our Sunday School students this year for a special Christmas program in which they will present the traditions involved in decorating the church for Christmas, as well as actually doing the decorating before your very eyes. The students and congregation will sing Christmas carols and songs, place greens, change paraments, and decorate the Christmas tree (all members will be invited to help hang Chrismons on the tree). This year the program includes the very special dedication of new Christmas paraments commissioned just for Grace in memory of Aldyth Paschold. These are being handmade in California, and as long as everything stays on schedule, they will be here for our Christmas celebrations. After the program, everyone is invited to Lesher Hall for Christmas cookies and hot chocolate.

If you are looking for the perfect stocking stuffer... don't forget we have the Q125 Christmas ornaments available!

The Worship and Music Committee, in consultation with the Q125 committee, has ordered a small quantity of beautiful, high quality brass plated Christmas ornaments to sell to Grace members and friends. The ornaments come in a gift box with a brief write up of Grace's history on the back -- perfect for gift giving! They are only \$15 each (checks made out to Voices of Grace), and proceeds go to the Voices of Grace fund. They are available from the church office.





Women of the ELCA – The Unit Meeting on January 6th will be a Pot Luck Luncheon at noon. Bring a dish to share and your own table ware. Beverages will be provided. The program will be a DVD on one of the Women of the Bible. Join us – all are welcome! Let's get the New Year off to a good start. The 2016 Winter Retreat Gathering will be held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Grand Island on January 23rd. Reservations are needed by January 15th. Featured will be Motivational Speaker, Vicki Nielsen, classic and Christian singer, and educator with the theme, Beauty to Ashes.

Mark your calendars for the 2016 Spring Gathering scheduled for April 16 at Valley, NE. The theme will be Happy in God's Grace reminding us A friendly smile makes you happy and good news makes you feel strong. CEV Proverbs 15:30.

**Epiphany Service of Holy Communion , January 6,
7:00 p.m. Christ Chapel**



Join your church family for the word and sacrament in a beautiful service full of candlelight and wonderful music!

THRIVENT FINANCIAL members – plan to meet in the Staff Conference Room on Sunday, January 3rd at 10:30 a.m. Bring your cup of coffee and join us – we have some planning to do!

If you are 55 years or older, come join us at Yesterday's Youth, Wednesday, January 13, at 11:30. We meet the second Wednesday of each month in Lesher Hall. From 11:30 to 12:00 we meet for some social time. We eat at 12:00 after which we have devotions and a program. This will be our Soup Luncheon, the soup will be furnished, bring other food to compliment. Bring your own table service and a dish to share. The program will be a DVD on Daniel and the Lion's Den.

Semi Annual Reporting Meeting will be in Lesher Hall on Sunday, January 24 after worship. Two issues will be voted on: 1. By-Laws change: Move the Nursery program from Worship and Music to the Parish Education Committee(Council approved this months ago and believes it fits better with the educational role of the congregation) 2. The Property Committee recommended and the Council approved the sale or gifting of the old bus. (The bus is seldom used and the insurance and maintenance is high. This is property and the congregation must vote on this sale/gifting.)

Join us on Wednesdays for Evening Prayer in Christ Chapel from 7:00 to 7:30. If you missed weekend worship or want to recharge your soul during the week then this worship is for you! See you in worship!

Living In Grace: 1890-2015 and beyond

As we draw near to the end of our anniversary year, I cannot help but hope we will continue to live out this theme – Living in Grace – as long as our church exists.

I hope that, as a member of this congregation, you feel the life that is Grace and the role that you have in building this faith community. I sense it every time I am at a meeting or service at Grace. The warmth and caring nature of our members reflects the grace we have from on high and this congregational home we live in. Thank you to all who work so hard to make this theme an ongoing reality.

“God’s Work. Our Hands” is another theme we have lived under this year. The ELCA and Nebraska Synod’s efforts to help all its congregations work both individually and collectively to serve our Lord is another manifestation of the way we live in grace. In a world that seems full of chaos, we know that our efforts are not in vain. We know God’s work needs to be done, and we share our hands and handiwork to get it done. Let us reflect with gratitude on the work we have done and ask God’s blessing on the work that we have yet to do.

I want to thank the congregation for electing fine people as members of the Church Council. Four new members – Peter Schnake, Elizabeth Krueger, Kevin Gade and Wendy Apple – join returning members Teddi Reckling, Connie Whyrick, David Ripa, Carla Ingersoll, Barbara Smith, Terry Branting and Dennis Berens. We also are blessed to have Pastor Lesher’s guidance and enthusiasm. We are excited about the new voices, energy and ideas being added to our council team.

Carla Ingersoll will be the Council’s secretary, Terry Branting the vice president, and I will serve as president.

On behalf of the Council, I want to thank all the many volunteers and our dedicated staff here at Grace. You are a blessing to us and to the world.

That council already has a full agenda for this coming year and has scheduled a planning retreat on January 23. We look forward to sharing our preliminary plans at our annual congregational meeting on January 24 after the 9 a.m. service. Committees will report what they accomplished with the congregation’s help in 2015 and begin to talk about their plans for 2016. As a community, we will lay plans to be God’s hands in this place and will enthusiastically go forward to renew our focus on Living in Grace.

As you consider what your own role should be in this coming year, here are a few options to consider:

Join one of our great committees and offer your knowledge and energy through that committee. The committees include Worship and Music, Parish Education, Property, Social Ministry, Stewardship, Finance, Youth, and Memorials. In addition, an ad hoc Media Ministry committee needs people with internet and skills in social media. Send Pastor, pr.eric@egrace.org, Sandi, office@egrace.org , or Dennis (dennis.berens123@gmail.com) a note or email about how you would like to serve.

Bring a family member, a friend or just an acquaintance to one or more of our worship services.

Suggest a ministry need to the Council, Pastor or committee that would help us do God’s work.

Help us better use the new digital technology for mission and ministry.

Identify someone needing the warmth of our Grace community and connect them to us.

Ask questions. Talk to a council member, the staff and each other. We need to know how to serve you and the community at large.

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So what is next?

The exciting work of this congregation and of our Lord just keeps coming:
We must attend to needs of both new and long-time members.
We may be able to play a new role in the Near South Neighborhood.
We have a relationship to build with the students at the Lutheran Center.
We must fully develop the Director of Faith Formation ministry model and find a person to fill this half-time position.
We must let people know that we worship at Grace with outstanding music in a cathedral-style setting.
We need to support our choirs and their members as they serve our Lord and our congregation.
We need to look at our building and envision new ways to use our space.
We need to continue finding ways to show radical hospitality.
Most important, we must continue to love each other as God has loved us.

May your Christmas season be filled with joy as we welcome the Savior into our hearts.

Dennis Berens,
Council President



From Chris, Judi & Conrad Schroeder: Thank you so much for the compassion you showed our family at this difficult time. The phone calls, cards, meals and memorials were such a blessing. The healing process will be long but with God's love and the love from our church family, we will get through it.

From Lori Drake and the Social Ministry Committee: We wish to extend a big "Thank You" to all who donated towards another successful year -2015 Thanksgiving Baskets. Thanks to Sandi Knippelmeyer for everything you did to help behind the scene. We had donations of non-perishable food items, monetary gifts, and time. Special thanks to Lila Faust and Darlene Stutheit for helping with the shopping; to Darlene for getting the donation from Thrivent; Larry Clymer, Kathie Remington, Pat Lickei, Gigi Lange, Roger Potts, and Darlene for packing and delivering the boxes. What a blessing all of you are to Grace!

From Sue and Larry Clymer: We would like to thank our church family at Grace for all the prayers and cards in the loss of Sue's brother Jim. Special thanks to Pastor Eric for visiting us at The Monarch.

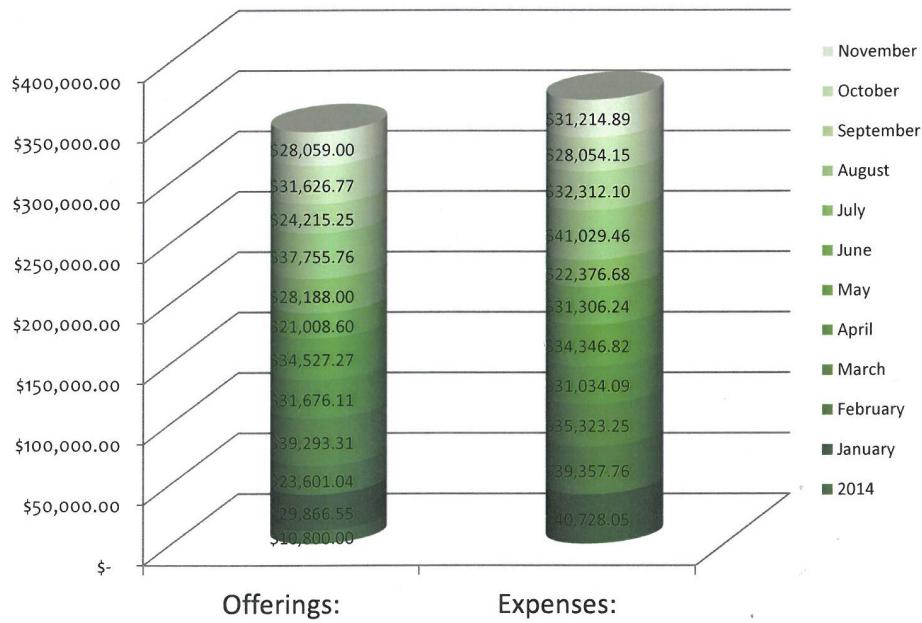
Dear members of Grace,

As the year comes to a close, we find ourselves in a familiar position where we have some good financial news - all of our bills are paid - and some bad financial news - our expenses have outpaced our offerings for the year.

The past 4-5 years have been similar, and in each of those years we've miraculously been able to close the gap in December and restore our cash reserves so they're available for the next calendar year. Our challenge is outlined in the illustration below.



2015 YTD Financials			
	Offerings:	Expenses:	Net
Received in 2014 for 2015	\$ 10,800.00		\$10,800.00
January	\$ 29,866.55	\$ 40,728.05	(\$10,861.50)
February	\$ 23,601.04	\$ 39,357.76	(\$15,756.72)
March	\$ 39,293.31	\$ 35,323.25	\$3,970.06
April	\$ 31,676.11	\$ 31,034.09	\$642.02
May	\$ 34,527.27	\$ 34,346.82	\$180.45
June	\$ 21,008.60	\$ 31,306.24	(\$10,297.64)
July	\$ 28,188.00	\$ 22,376.68	\$5,811.32
August	\$ 37,755.76	\$ 41,029.46	(\$3,273.70)
September	\$ 24,215.25	\$ 32,312.10	(\$8,096.85)
October	\$ 31,626.77	\$ 28,054.15	\$3,572.62
November	\$ 28,059.00	\$ 31,214.89	(\$3,155.89)
December			\$0.00
Totals	\$340,617.66	\$367,083.49	(\$26,465.83)



Let's meet the challenge again this year. Thank you and feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Jim Krueger, Treasurer
 Jkrueg@msn.com



SOUP KITCHEN

During the month of November there were two times that members and friends of Grace served at The Gathering Place. Most of the cost of those meals was subsidized by a grant from Thrivent Financial. On the 16th, Regina and Steve Paschold coordinated the effort to serve 89 portions when the menu included lasagna, tossed lettuce salad, bread, and bananas, as well as cakes and brownies baked by Regina, Ginny Potts, Joy Kokes and Dennis Madison. Besides the individuals previously mentioned, Roger Potts and Pastor Eric and Julene Lesher helped to serve and to clean up afterward.

On November 30, Boy Scouts and leaders from 7Troop 30 assisted as 130 portions were distributed. The menu included macaroni and cheese with ham bits prepared by Regina and Steve Paschold, along with tossed lettuce salad, bread, corn, and bananas. Dessert treats, including cookies and brownies, were donated by the Scouts. Helping to serve and to clean up were Steve, Regina, Carla Ingersoll, Garrett and Mark Michaud, Collin and Nita Sipple, Anthony Delaney, Pete Crawford, Alex Collins, Parker Cline, Jacob Gleason and Clark Haubrich. Special thanks go to Marilyn Holmquist and Lois Schuerman for recent financial gifts to support this important ministry.



*Grace Lutheran Church
wishes everyone
a Blessed Christmas
and a Happy New Year!*



December 24 – 5:00 PM	
Assisting Minister	Dean Dumler
Lectors	Beth Kimmerling Dumler, Chloe Fitzgibbon, Kaitlyn Dumler, Jeanne Weisbrook, Pr Lesher, Peter Schnake
Communion Assistants	Beth Kimmerling Dumler, Tina Loseke, Joyce Krueger, Peter Schnake
Altar Guild	Doug & Sarah Krueger
Communion Bread	Pat Lickei
Acolytes	Kaitlyn Dumler, Chloe Fitzgibbon, Kaiden Noecker, Luke Filbert, Cameron Krueger
December 24 – 11:00 PM	
Assisting Minister	Jacob Krueger
Lector	Lisa Holmstrom
Communion Assistants	Kendra Rathjen, Raymond Guern
Altar Guild	Neil Larson, Robert Stimbert
Communion Bread	Dave Ripa
Acolytes	Noah, Jason & Raymond Guern
December 25 – 10:00 AM	
Assisting Minister	Roger Potts
Lector	Sophie Schott
Communion Assistants	Ginny Potts, Ken Johnson
Altar Guild	Ginny Potts
Communion Bread	Barb Smith
Acolyte	Jacob Schott



Poinsettias

This shrub, native to Mexico, is at the heart of legend about a poor girl who wanted to bring Baby Jesus a gift one Christmas Eve. As she walked to church, she gathered a bouquet of weeds — which Jesus miraculously transformed into lovely red flowers. Thus the poinsettia (named for Joel Poinsett, the U.S. ambassador to Mexico who first brought the plant to America) is known in Mexico as la flor de la Nochebuena (flower of the Holy Night). The poinsettia is also an ideal Christmas symbol because its leaves turn red when deprived of sunlight and its flowers (the red inner buds) bloom in December.



January 3, 2016	
Assisting Minister	Doug Allen
Lector	Steve Paschold
Communion Assistants	Steve Paschold, Dave Ripa, Brady Gravin, Jeannette Allen
Altar Guild	Mark & Karen Billings
Communion Bread	Bev Madison
Greeters	Steve & Teddi Reckling, Jeannette Allen
Acolyte	Cameron Krueger
January 10	
Assisting Minister	Dean Dumler
Lector	Beth Kimmerling Dumler
Communion Assistants	Dave Ripa, Connie Whyrick, Jan Branting, Kathie Remington
Altar Guild	Lori Drake, Carla Ingersoll
Communion Bread	Sharon Gottsche
Greeters	Roger & Ginny Potts, Phil Sorensen & Donna Hansen
Acolytes	Kyle Givens, Luke Filbert, Elizabeth Garza, Jacob & Sophie Schott
January 17	
Assisting Minister	Roger Potts
Lector	Cindy Eberspacher
Communion Assistants	Dave Ripa, Cindy Eberspacher, Ginny Potts, Tina Loseke
Altar Guild	Doug & Sarah Krueger
Communion Bread	Wendy Apple
Greeters	John & Joyce Lunde, Betsy Johnson
Acolyte	Chloe Fitzgibbon
January 24	
Assisting Minister	Charlyne Berens
Lector	Denny Berens
Communion Assistants	Connie Whyrick, Denny Berens, Lois Schuerman, Janet Jodais
Altar Guild	Ginny Potts
Communion Bread	Pat Lickei
Greeters	Janice Walker, Kathleen Miller, Charlene Johnson
Acolyte	Kaitlyn Dumler
January 31	
Assisting Minister	Curt Mann
Lector	Karen Billings
Communion Assistants	Karen & Mark Billings, Carol Olson, Neil Larson
Communion Bread	Dave Ripa
Greeters	
Acolyte	Elizabeth Garza

Grace Lutheran Church
November Council Meeting
Tuesday, November 10, 2015

Present: Pastor Eric Lesher, Steve Rosno, Denny Berens, Terry Branting, Connie Whyrick, Carla Ingersoll, Doug Allen, Teddi Reckling, Jeanne Weisbrook
Absent: Dave Ripa (Excused), Barb Smith

President Steve Rosno called the Council meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Roll call taken

Pastor Eric provided devotions and the opening prayer

Denny B. moved the October Council meeting minutes be approved as corrected. Seconded by Connie W.
Motion carried.

Correspondence:

Steve shared correspondence from The Heartland Home Schoolers Board

Staff Reports:

Senior Pastor: Written report

Director of Music: Written report

Financial Secretary's Report: Written report

Treasurer's Report: Written report

Denny B. made a motion to accept and file for audit all staff reports. Seconded by Teddi R. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Parish Education: Written report

Evangelism: Written report

Property: Written report

Social Ministry: Written report

Stewardship: Written report

Pastor Eric made a motion that we approach the Grace Foundation at the January meeting about a planned giving event. Seconded by Denny B. Motion carried.

Finance: Written report

Electronic Giving discussed. Pastor Eric moved that he will work with Sandi to get cards available for the congregation in the pews to give electronically or a card they can put in the offering plate to "show" they gave. Seconded by Connie W. Motion carried.

There will be some research on a "noisy" plate for the children's offering.

Youth: No report

Memorials: No report

Worship and Music: Written report

Media Committee: Written report

Connie W. made a motion to receive and place on file all committee reports. Seconded by Teddi R. Motion carried.

Old Business:

By-Law Changes: Standing Committee will be formed to help on wording for the movement of the Nursery to under the Parish Education and the addition of the Media Ad Hoc Committee.

Council Retreat: Written report. Topics for discussion: Radical hospitality; Honest conversation; Open learning; Compassionate service; Genuine humility; Divine anticipation; Inspiring worship.

Phase II of Organ Repair: Denny B. moved that Sarah contact Bedient Pipe Organ for final contract for Phase II, as we have funding available, and have it reviewed by the Property Committee at their next monthly meeting. Seconded by Connie W. Motion carried.

Director of Faith Formation:

Written proposal of qualifications and duties was presented for Council's review. Denny B. moved we accept the qualification for Faith Formation position as presented. Seconded by Teddi R. Motion carried. After Congregation approval of the budget to authorize this position, we need to proceed.

Kenetic Easement Proposal:

No response from them. It was suggested that if we get this money, it be put under facility management fund.

New Business:

Resignation of Lynn Chamberlin: Terry B. moved we accept Lynn's resignation from the Council and her committee. Seconded by Denny B. Motion carried.

Election of Officers and Committee Assignments: Tabled until December meeting. Pastor Eric moved we set December 6, 2015 as the date the newly elected and current Council members will be installed at the 9:00 service. Seconded by Connie W. Motion carried.

Columbarium Fund: Terry B. moved the cash and investments (\$16,216.77) be transferred to the Financial Secretary to go into the facility improvement fund; A Columbarium coordinator will be established. Seconded by Denny B. Motion carried. Denny B. moved we appoint Dean Dumler as Columbarium coordinator. Seconded by Terry B. Motion carried.

Resignation of Steve Rosno: Denny B. reluctantly moved we accept Steve's resignation. Seconded by Doug A. Motion carried.

There being no more business to bring before the Church Council, meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. by saying the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jeanne Weisbrook, Council Secretary



Barn King of the Jews

Matthew 2:1-2 says that after Jesus was born, wise men came to Jerusalem and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews?”

Complete the puzzle to discover what they found in Bethlehem.

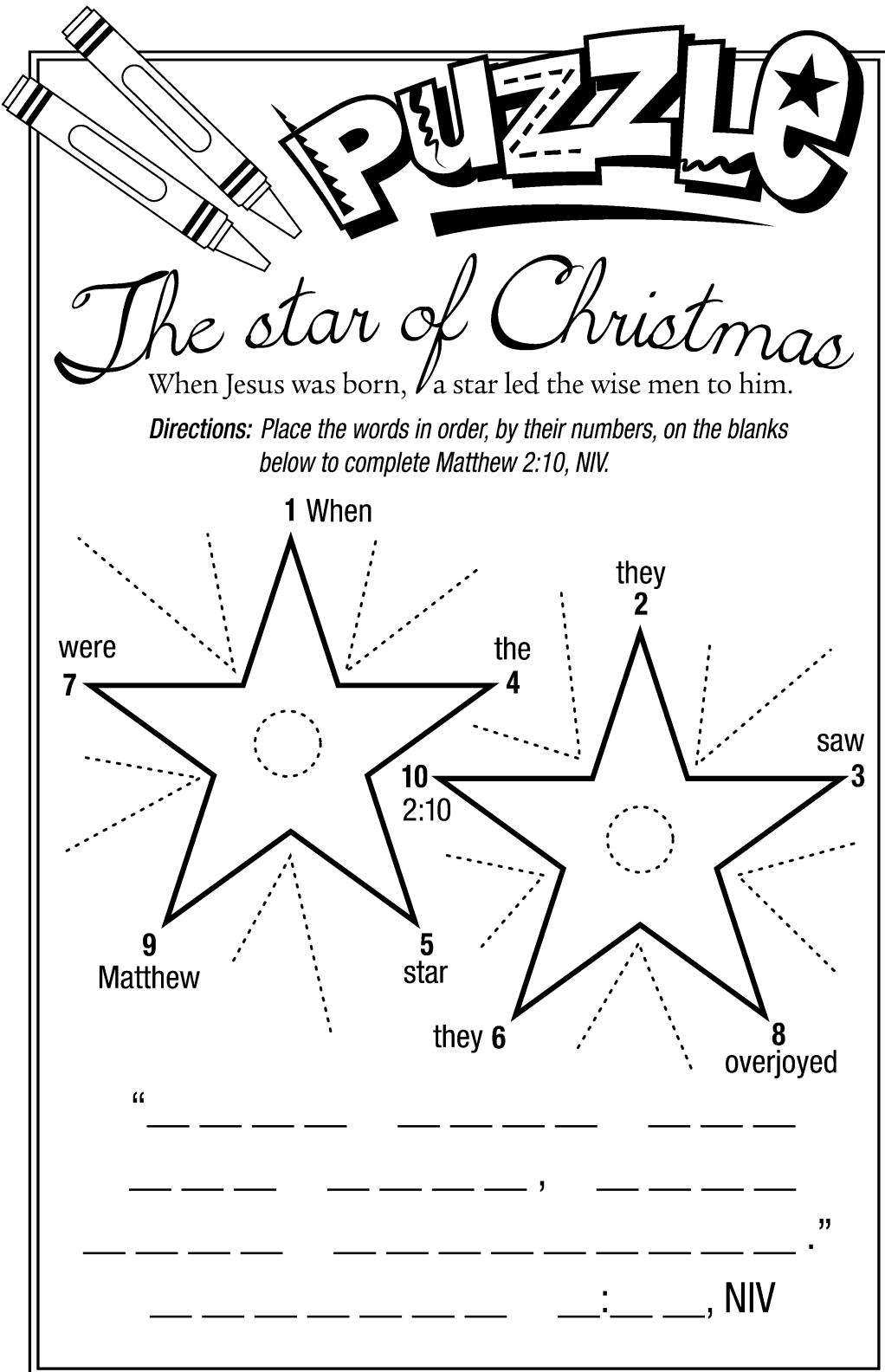
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Answer: "When they saw the star, they were overjoyed." Matthew 2:10, NIV

Where Does Mission Share Go?

In the ELCA and the Nebraska Synod, we like to say that we are the church together. And part of being the church together is sharing our resources to support the ministries that no one congregation could do by itself.

Your Mission Share offerings to the Nebraska Synod support a variety of ways in which we are called into ministry ... together.



54% of all mission share funding is passed along to our partners at ELCA Churchwide. Our support of ELCA Churchwide provides the foundation needed for a number of vital ministries here and around the world. As the church together, we are engaged in efforts to eradicate malaria, combat poverty and hunger, assist people in times of disaster, stand in accompaniment with global mission partners, and start new worship communities.



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17.5% of all mission share offerings are passed along directly to affiliated serving arms and organizations. As the church together, through mission share, we are providing direct financial support to Oaks Indian Center, Midland University, Lutheran Family Services, Wartburg Seminary, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, Nebraska Lutheran Campus Ministry, and Nebraska Lutheran Outdoor Ministry.



23% of all mission share offerings are used to support congregations with calling, pastors and conflict resolution, provide leadership development opportunities and faith formation programming, and support ministries in the community that are multiculturally and socioeconomically diverse.



5.5% Only five and a half cents of every dollar contributed to mission share is used for administrative expense and direct overhead costs in the Nebraska Synod. That is tremendous stewardship of the resources with which God has blessed us to carry out the mission to which we have been called. As the church together, your willingness to pool resources makes it possible to do God's Work with Our Hands.



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

10
Mandi & Robert Haumont



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1
Wayne Remington
Dave Stokke

2
Bev Madison
Dave Ripa

3
Grant Jensen

4
Charlyne Berens
Herb Linville

6
Mandi Haumont

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Dean Dumler
Nancy Melichar
Nancy Schilke

8	Rod Basler William Roberts	25 Drew Ostermeyer Kyle Thorson
10	Gene Garza	28 Adam Fitzgibbon
11	Jeff Rosno	29 Deloras Ferguson Chad Hohenstein
14	Jessi Anderson Ruth Meyer	30 Nancy Andersen Michelle Etmund Blake Rathjen
15	Estelle Riemann Elysabeth Wells	31 Logan Linville
16	Luke Filbert	
17	William Anderson	
18	Judy Holtgrewe Carolyn Ossian	
19	Troy Guern Michelle Jensen Louise Tollefson	
20	Rhonda Ihrie	
22	Bill Hokanson Yvonne Nielsen Eliza Williams	
24	Abbie Andersen Steve Paschold	



Friday, January 1

Office closed

Saturday, January 2

5:30 pm Worship

Sunday, January 3

9:00 am Worship *

10:30 am Fellowship, Thrivent mtg., Sunday School, Choir

10:40 am ASF

Monday, January 4

9:00 am WELCA exec. Brd. Mtg.

7:00 pm Scouts. Property Cmte. Mtg.

Tuesday, January 5

9:30 am Al-Anon

6:00 pm Scouts

7:00 pm Committee Mtgs.

8:00 pm AA Mtg.

Wednesday, January 6

12:00 pm WELCA lunch & meeting

6:30 pm In Stitches

7:00 pm Epiphany Worship Service

7:00 pm Comm. Mental Health Mtg.

Thursday, January 7

6:30 am Men's Bible Study

9:00 am Quilting, Lincoln Literacy classes

7:00 pm N. A. Mtg., BB

Friday, January 8

5:00 pm Suzuki music lessons

Saturday, January 9

1:00 pm Chapel reserved

1:00 pm Lounge reserved

5:30 pm Worship

Sunday, January 10

9:00 am Worship *

10:30 am Fellowship, Thrivent mtg., Sunday School, Choir

10:40 am ASF

3:00 pm Chapel reserved

Monday, January 11

1:00 pm WELCA #2 Mtg.

7:00 pm Scouts

Tuesday, January 12

9:30 am Al-Anon

6:00 pm Scouts

7:00 pm Council Meeting, W.R.T. Mtg.,

7:00 pm WELCA #6 Mtg.

8:00 pm AA Meeting

Wednesday, January 13

12:00 pm Yesterday's Youth

6:30 In Stitches

7:00 pm Evening Prayer

7:00 pm Comm. Mental Health Mtg.

7:30 pm Confirmation

Thursday, January 14

6:30 am Men's Bible Study

9:00 am Quilting, Lincoln Literacy classes

12:00 pm Lounge reserved

7:00 pm N. A. Mtg, B.B.

Friday, January 15

5:45 pm Lesher Hall reserved

Saturday, January 16

5:30 pm Worship

Sunday, January 17

9:00 am Worship *

10:30 am Fellowship, Sunday School, Adult Choir

10:40 am A.S.F.— Lounge

11:30 am Grace Notes bell choir

Monday, January 18

11:00 am Lounge reserved

5:00 pm Gathering Place

7:00 pm Scouts

Tuesday, January 19

9:30 am Al-Anon

6:00 pm Scouts

8:00 pm AA Meeting

Friday, January 22

5:00 pm Lesher Hall reserved

Saturday, January 19

8:00 am Council Planning Retreat

9:00 am Pinewood Derby

5:30 pm Worship

Sunday, January 24

9:00 am Worship *

10:30 am Semi-Annual meeting

Monday, January 25

7:00 pm Scouts

Tuesday, January 26

9:30 am Al-Anon

8:00 pm AA Meeting

Wednesday, January 27

6:15 pm Children's Choir

6:30 pm In Stitches

7:00 pm Evening Prayer

7:00 pm Comm. Mental Health Mtg.

7:30 pm Confirmation

Thursday, January 28

6:30 am Men's Bible Study

9:00 am Quilting, Lincoln Literacy classes

12:00 pm Lounge reserved

7:00 pm Bell Choir, N. A. Mtg, B.B.

Saturday, January 30

5:30 pm Worship

Sunday, January 31

9:00 am Worship *

10:30 am Fellowship, Sunday School,

Choir

10:40 am A.S.F.

11:30 am Grace notes bell choir

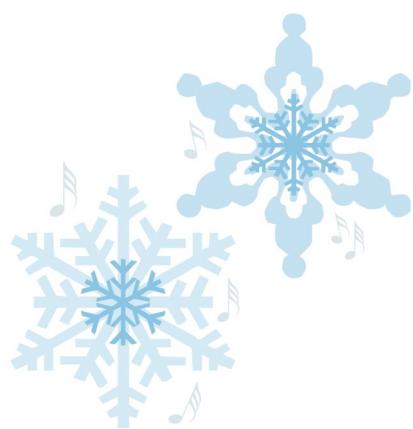
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Thursday, January 21

6:30 am Men's Bible Study

9:00 am Quilting, Lincoln Literacy

7:00 pm Bells, N. A. Mtg, B.B.





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