

Living in Grace

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125 years

1890 – 2015



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

The Grace Greeter

Grace Lutheran Church 2225 Washington Street Lincoln, NE 68502

November 18, 2015

Advent Activities

Advent is the season in which we prepare for Christ's birth. Here at Grace, we have many opportunities for you in which to participate in as we prepare for Jesus' coming. Please post this list on your calendar and plan to attend.

November 29

1st Sunday in Advent: Worship - 9:00 AM

December 2

Advent Vespers - 7:00 PM—in Christ Chapel

December 6

2nd Sunday in Advent: Worship—9:00 AM

December 9

Advent Vespers - 7:00 PM—in Christ Chapel

December 13

3rd Sunday in Advent: Worship—9:00 AM
11th Annual Bells of Grace Christmas Concert -- 7:00 PM

December 16

Advent Vespers - 7:00 PM—in Christ Chapel

December 20

4th Sunday in Advent: Worship—9:00 AM
Sunday School Christmas Program (A Hanging of the Greens Service) -- 10:30 AM

December 23

Advent Vespers - 7:00 PM—in Christ Chapel



This year our Advent Midweek services will focus on the gifts of Advent. Gifts are often reserved for Christmas and so maybe this is why Advent is so often overlooked as a season of the church year. The season of Advent has its own gifts to give to us. So come and enjoy those gifts with others here at Grace.

Week 1: The Gift of Patience

Waiting is hard. We eagerly anticipate the desires of our hearts and want them to come soon. We wait for the first day of school or the first snowfall. We wait to see a loved one or to hear a doctor's news. So likewise, we are reminded to be patient until the coming of the Lord.

Week 2: The Gifts of Speech and Silence

Encountering the angel of the Lord, Zechariah was struck speechless. His imposed silence became a time to reflect on the wonders of God. Like Zechariah, we are called at times to be silent and listen, at other times to shout with joy.

Week 3: The Gift of Hope

Hope is a word on which our future rests. We cannot know what will come, but with faith we place our hope in Christ. Like Zechariah, we hope for the tender mercy of our God, light in the midst of darkness and death, and the knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of our sins.

Week 4: The Gift of Family

The Gospel of Matthew begins with a family tree from Abraham to Jesus. Between the names, we also hear the story of God at work in our world from generation to generation. The Advent and Christmas seasons highlight the significance of family and friends in our lives. We witness Mary and Joseph, Elizabeth and Zechariah, and the shepherds together tending their flocks. As God's children, we become part of the family tree we know as the Church.

P. Eric Tesher

From the Church Office

Ill or Hospitalized: Ted Weigandt, Jon Thorson

Birth: Haidyn Marie Haumont, daughter of Mandy & Robert, born on Nov. 6

Death: Claire Baumann, died on November 5. Her inurnment in the Grace Columbarium will be at a later date.

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.

Offering statements are available to be picked up outside the church office. Offerings through November 8 are included in the statement. 2016 offering envelopes are also available in the Atrium.

The council would like to thank those who agreed to have their names on the ballot for council elections this year. Congratulations to Wendy Apple, Terry Branting, Kevin Gade, Carla Ingersoll, Elizabeth Krueger, Peter Schnake and Anthony Zimmerman who were elected.

Because of Christmas, the deadline for the next Greeter will be December 13. It will be mailed on December 15.

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!

Men's Bible Study that meets Thursday mornings at 6:30 a.m. is now meeting at "Bagels and Joe" located at 4701 Old Cheney Road. All men of the church are welcome.

Bulletins have been shared by: Dave Ripa [Grace Lutheran, Wenatchee, WA]; Phyllis Narveson [Zion Lutheran, Amor, MN]



God's people are called to lives of prayer and thanksgiving. Please join us for worship on Thanksgiving Eve, November 25, at 7 p.m. We will join together as Christ's body to offer our thanks in song and prayer, to hear the Word, and to share in the Meal. Put the holiday into perspective by beginning it at Grace! After the service, Leshar Hall is the place to be for our annual pie social! This event is for us, yes, but also for the People's City Mission. Bring your favorite pie to share ... there will be plenty for us to eat, and also to deliver to the mission.



WOMEN of the ELCA – Join us for Christmas music on December 2 at our Unit Meeting as we sing Christmas Carols and hear the stories behind the music. Bring a friend – encourage everyone to join us. Lunch will be served by Group 2 at noon with devotions by Helen Carnes, the Christmas Carol Program, and the business meeting following. The Christmas Tree in Leshar Lounge and the Prescott Tree in the Atrium will be decorated prior to Lunch, so volunteers are needed to come early to do the decorating. The Prescott Tree will have tags on it indicating the types of food basket items that will be needed there. Group members will be called for reservations – others may call the church office. Join us for a special day.

THRIVENT FINANCIAL members will meet as usual on the first Sunday of the month, December 6th, at 10:30 a.m. in the Staff Conference Room. Come, bring your cup of coffee, and join us. We have some planning to do and there is always something new to learn about. All members are welcome – and others are welcome as well.

If you are 55 years or older, come join us at Yesterday's Youth, Wednesday, December 9th at 11:30. We meet the second Wednesday of each month in Leshar 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. The meal is Pot Luck, so bring a dish to share and your table service. Drinks are furnished. Come enjoy the fellowship. This will be our Christmas program, so come celebrate the birth of our Savior. See you there.

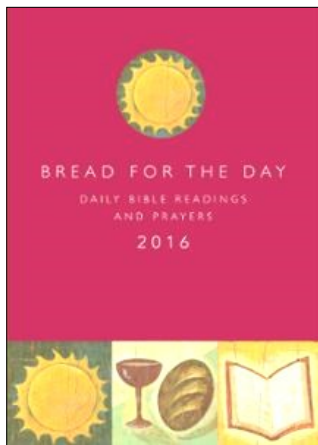


Online Bible Study: Participants can sign up for the online study using the link, found under the connect tab on the church website (www.egrace.org). The study is conducted in a chat room and will be updated as the group completes each section. We are currently exploring the theme "Unity in a Divided World." Contact Pr.Eric (pr.eric@egrace.org) with questions.



The Social Ministry Committee will be having our annual food drive for the Thanksgiving baskets we assemble. Items to donate: canned vegetables, boxes of jello, boxes of stuffing mixes, cans of pumpkin filling, canned cranberries – jellied or whole, cans of condensed milk, boxes of instant potatoes, envelopes/jars of gravy, cans of fruit, canned yams, marshmallows, angel food cake mixes, and cash donations to purchase the perishable items. There will be containers available in the atrium to collect your donations. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to pack the boxes and/or deliver them, please send an

email to: ldrake2@unl.edu or phone/text Lori at 402-310-8386 (leave a voice message if I'm unable to answer). -Social Ministry Committee; Lori Drake, Larry Clymer, Sue Clymer, Steve Paschold, Pat Lickei, and Barbara Smith



Group purchase for Devotional Resource!

Bread for the Day is a daily-use devotional resource filled with rich treasures: A brief scripture reading (NRSV texts) for each day following the daily lectionary developed by the Consultation on Common Texts and presented in [Evangelical Lutheran Worship](#)

- The devotions begin January 1, 2016
- A prayer and hymn for each day
- Brief yet helpful introductions to the seasons
- Table graces/meal prayers for the holidays and seasons
- Household blessings for special times throughout the year (for example: Blessing for the New Year, Blessing of the Home at Epiphany, Prayer for Placing Palms in the Home, Blessing of the Easter Meal, Blessings for Mother's and Father's Day, Remembering Those Who Have Died, Lighting the Advent Wreath, Blessing of the Christmas Tree)
- Monthly pages for recording prayer requests
- Notes on festivals and commemorations
- Simplified forms for morning and evening prayer
- Waking prayers and bedtime prayers, including prayers with children

If 10 or more people order the books, the cost will be \$7.50 each. Otherwise, they are \$9.00 each. **Please sign up on the sheet outside the office door (or email the office) by December 9, so we can have them ordered and shipped before the new year begins!**

On November 23rd, Colt Ballou will conduct Bach's cantata 140, *Wachet Auf, ruft uns die Stimme*, at St. Mark's on the Campus Episcopal Church as part of their Bach's Lunch series. This cantata is based on Jesus' parable of the Ten Virgins and uses the hymn tune we now sing as "Sleepers ake". The performance begins at 11:35 and is free to the public.



In the next couple of weeks the Grace Women of the ELCA will put up a tree in the atrium which will represent the "Prescott School Tree of Hope". Since the Prescott School families receive Thanksgiving baskets, but not Christmas baskets and because they are not in need of mittens and scarves right now (which is what we generally request from Grace members) we are asking for non perishable food items instead. 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.



Advent Vespers
December 2, 9, 16, 23
7 p.m.

Advent is traditionally a time of deepened devotion and worship. To that end, we again will offer Advent Vespers service each Wednesday night in December, leading up to Christmas Eve. These short candlelit services in Christ Chapel are an oasis of peace and calm in this busy season. We hear the scriptures, sing Advent hymns and Mary's Song, the Magnificat, sit in silence and prayer. Pr. Eric will be preaching on "The Gifts of Advent" (see his pastor's column in this newsletter for more on that). Please join us for these services and make them a part of your December traditions!

Bells of Christmas
11th Annual Holiday Concert
December 13th, 7 p.m



Please join the Bells of Grace and their musical friends for a wonderful concert of Christmas music arranged for handbells. This year, our assistant organist, Colt Ballou, will conduct a major choral work as part of the concert. Gerald Finzi's *Et in terra pax* for choir and organ will fulfill part of Colt's degree requirements. The bells will play both sacred and secular Christmas favorites. In addition, the Grace Foundation Brass, the Grace Notes Bell choir, and other yet-to-be-announced guests will appear. It is rumored that a famous snowman and reindeer will even appear on the program. A free-will offering will be taken to benefit the music ministry at Grace.



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 Leshner Hall for Christmas cookies and hot chocolate.

On November 1, we welcomed new members! They were: Pastor Eric, Julene, Steven & Joshua Leshner; Amber Collins, David & Kathren Miller, Sawyer Jager and Felicia Keiser. Welcome to Grace!



Amber and Steven



Pastor Eric and Julene



David and Kathren



Sawyer and Felicia

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.



*We Sing Our Faith
here, there, then, now*

Lincoln Lutheran Choir

Brett Epperson
Artistic Director & Conductor

David Schack
Organist

Sunday, November 15, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.

St. John Lutheran Church
633 Willow Avenue • Council Bluffs, IA

Sunday, November 22, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.

Grace Lutheran Church
2225 Washington Street • Lincoln, NE

A free-will offering will be taken.



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We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who called, sent cards and inquired about Frank when he was hospitalized and since his transition to the assisted living facility at High Plains. It has meant so much to us. A big thank you to Pastor Eric for his visits and calls and the WELCA Quilter's Guild who made the quilted lap cover for him. It truly brightened his room and will be used a lot with winter coming on. It means so much to belong to such a caring church family.

His address at High Plains is: 5601 South 84th St. Lincoln, NE 68516

God's blessings,
Lorraine, Lisa and Ken Holmstrom

Garage Remodel Worker Appreciation!

The Property Committee would like to express sincere appreciation for the help from several individuals to remodel the double wide portion of the garage. Those individuals were: Terry Branting, Doug Krueger, Roger Potts, Bob Anderson, Duane Mischnick, Phil Sorensen, Jim Krueger, Kevin Gade, Scott Krueger, Robert Stimbert and Pete Crawford. We are very grateful to all who helped to make it possible for a place to put our new shuttle bus inside.

Thank you all very much!



Using God's gifts to be gifts to others in 2015



A remodeled garage. A new pastor. Trunk or Treat. Prescott Pantry. VBS.

The people of Grace have done God's work in this community in multiple ways during 2015, sometimes using our hands and our time; sometimes using our financial gifts. In both ways, we reached out to share God's love within our own congregation and beyond.

For example, this year's Vacation Bible School attracted not only the children of Grace but also others from the area, some of whose families have become members, according to Connie Whyrick, chair of the Parish Education Committee.

Last December's special effort to collect food, clothes and other gifts for the children of Prescott School set a record in people's hearts said Robin Klipper-Fischbein, the school's registrar who works with Grace members Sue and Larry Clymer to coordinate the program. "I've never seen anything like it," Robin said.



The list of ways we have been God's hands here at Grace is too long to include every item, but here are some more highlights of the ways we used our time, talents and monetary gifts during the past months.

We continued to serve at The Gathering Place, feeding those in need in the Near South Neighborhood at least once each month. We also collected paper products and other supplies to help with the dinners there.

We celebrated our 125th anniversary with a festival service, a special dinner, a history book and multiple activities throughout the year.

We began a drive to make major repairs to our renowned Cassavant organ.

We renovated and refurbished Leshner Lounge to make it more pleasant, energy efficient and useful.



We began giving gifts to each of those newly baptized at Grace.

We put together more than 250 packets of crayons, scissors and glue sticks for the Prescott School children at the start of the new school year.

We hosted a staff appreciation dinner for teachers and staff at Prescott School in August.

We developed a seminarian support group.

We purchased with memorial gifts an electronic bulletin board to help keep our members and visitors updated on events and activities.

We continued to host a variety of community groups that meet in our building.

We participated in Bible studies and service groups.

We called and installed Pastor Eric Leshner and welcomed him, his wife, Julene, and their sons to the Grace community.



We expanded our garage to accommodate the church van that brings people to services.

We had fun hosting a neighborhood party at Trunk or Treat on Halloween.

We cleaned up the neighborhood and wrote cards to shut-ins on the September Sunday that the ELCA designated as "God's Work. Our Hands" Sunday.

We "filled the suitcase" with shampoo, toothpaste and other personal care items for the Community Action Partnership.

We participated in a worship service at the Nebraska Penitentiary.

We gathered plentiful items for Thanksgiving baskets for neighborhood families in need.

When we give to the church budget or to special projects and programs to accomplish all these things and more, we show that we realize that everything we have belongs to the Lord. *When we give, we are simply using God's gifts to use to be God's hands in the world.*

As the list above demonstrates, our Grace congregation does exactly that in many ways every week of the year.



December 24

Lessons, Carols & Holy Communion

5:00 PM

The Christmass - 11:00 PM

December 25

The Nativity of our Lord - 10:00 AM

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA ORDER

The Chancel of Grace will be decorated in the traditional, festive manner for Christmas services. Your contribution of a poinsettia will make this possible. Please fill out and return to the church office.

____ I wish to order a poinsettia for Christmas, \$10.00 is enclosed
(These plants will be 6 - 9 blooms)

____ I wish to buy a poinsettia and bring it to the church no later than the morning of Friday, December 18. (Wrapped in gold foil -no bow)

In honor of

In memory of

Given by

Deadline for order is December 17. Return this form to the church office.

**Grace Lutheran Church
October Council Meeting
Tuesday, October 13, 2015**

Present: Pastor Eric Leshar, Steve Rosno, Terry Branting, Dave Ripa, Lynn Chamberlin, Connie Whyrick, Barb Smith, Carla Ingersoll, Doug Allen, Teddi Reckling, Jacob Krueger, Jeanne Weisbrook

Absent: Denny Berens (Excused)

Guests: Lois Schuerman and Roger Potts

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

Roll call taken

Jacob Krueger provided devotions and the opening prayer

NEW BUSINESS

Resignation of Pastor Bob:

Steve R. presented an update and review of the events leading up to the resignation of Pastor Bob.

Lois responded to the Council with a verbally-read written statement that reflected the feeling of some of the Congregation members concerning Pastor Bob's resignation. Council appreciated the response and she was told we would contact Pastor Bob

Kenetic Easement Proposal:

Roger presented the Council a proposal from Kenetic to have equipment (easement) placement on church property, a 10x10 area on the southeast corner of the parking lot. After discussion, Terry B. moved we accept the Kenetic Equipment Company's suggestion for easement in the specified area for a negotiated amount and authorize Roger Potts to be our negotiator. Seconded by Barb S. Motion carried.

Barb S. moved the September Council meeting minutes be approved. Seconded by Dave R. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

Steve shared a letter from Diane Harpster, Nebraska Synod approving our constitution changes that were submitted

Steve shared hand-made Thank You cards from students at Prescott School

A Thank You card for Pastor Bob was passed around for Council members to sign

Staff Reports:

Senior Pastor: Written report

Visitation Minister: Written report

Director of Music: Written report

Financial Secretary's Report: Written report

Treasurer's Report: Written report

Dave R. moved the graphic design from Him NOT to be used on the electronic bulletin board, however, finance committee can decide if it would be more effective in the Greeter or a letter to the congregation on or before October 31. Seconded by Barb S. Motion carried

Barb S. made a motion to accept and file for audit all staff reports. Seconded by Dave R. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Parish Education: Written report

Evangelism: Verbal report, Carla encouraged prison ministry sign up

Property: Written report

Social Ministry: Written report

Stewardship: No report; will meet October 20.

Finance: Written report

Youth: No report

Memorials: Verbal report; October 11-Christmas paraments on order, paid for my Aldyth Paschold memorial fund

Worship and Music: Written report

Media Committee: Written report

Barb S. made a motion to receive and place on file all committee reports. Seconded by Dave R. Motion carried.

Old Business:

By-Law Changes: Discussion on nominating committee requirement revisions moved to next month's meeting

Council Retreat: Teddi R. moved the retreat be held 1/23/16 at Grace from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. with Connie Stevens as facilitator. Seconded by Dave R. Motion carried.

2016 Budget Changes: The benefits package for Pastor Leshner increased over what was previously projected in the 2016 Budget. Second line of budget increased to \$41,165.52. Total budget increase was to \$424,309.25. Connie W. moved we accept these revisions to the 2016 Budget to be presented to the congregation in November. Seconded by Barb S. Motion carried.

New Business:

Resignation of Pastor Bob: Pastor Eric and Terry B. will schedule a meeting with him

Resignation of Jacob Krueger: Dave moved to accept Jacob's resignation from the Council effective immediately with regret and expressed that he will be missed. Seconded by Barb S. Motion carried.

Thrivent host January congregational meeting brunch: Barb moved Thrivent be allowed to host the January 24, 2016 brunch. Seconded by Teddi R. Motion carried.

Job description of Director of Faith Formation Staff Person: Looking for input on proposed draft

Host November 1 Fellowship Hour: Council was asked to host the reception for new members, Teddi R. will be in charge.

There being no more business to bring before the Church Council, Dave R. moved we adjourn. Seconded by Barb S.

Steve R. adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jeanne Weisbrook, Council Secretary

December 6, 2015	
Assisting Minister	Curt Mann
Lector	Sharon Genthe
Communion Assistants	Jeannette Allen, Alan Givens, Theresa Serafin, Darlene Stutheit
Altar Guild	Mark & Karen Billings
Communion Bread	Sharon Gottsche
Greeters	David & Kathren Miller, Nora Johnson, Sharon Gottsche
Acolyte	Kaiden Noecker
December 13, 2015	
Assisting Minister	Barb Smith
Lector	Amy Knobbe
Communion Assistants	Joyce Krueger, Fran & Kevin Gade, Janet Jodais
Altar Guild	Cindy Eberspacher
Communion Bread	Cindy Eberspacher
Greeters	Gigi Lange, Darlene Stutheit, Matt, Amy, Nora & Connor Knobbe
Acolyte	Chloe Fitzgibbon
December 20, 2015	
Assisting Minister	Charlyne Berens
Lector	Denny Berens
Communion Assistants	Charlene Johnson, Denny Berens, Lori Drake, Arlene Reighard
Altar Guild	Lori Drake, Carla Ingersoll
Communion Bread	Steve Schott
Greeters	Art & Bev Hillman, Dean & Beth Dumler
Acolyte	Kaitlyn Dumler
December 27, 2015	
Assisting Minister	Jacob Krueger
Lector	Helen Carnes
Communion Assistants	Helen and Don Carnes, Bruce and Cheryl Petersen
Altar Guild	Jon & Connie Thorson
Communion Bread	Darlene Stutheit
Greeters	Yvonne Nielsen, Betty Shaw, Neil Larson
Acolyte	Owen & Elli Petersen

Hebrews 10:23: *"Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful"*

As I thought about this passage, which was one of the lessons on November 15, I thought about what is happening inside our Grace community. We all can practice radical hospitality because we have God's faithful promise.

We can look forward to so many things. Soon we will be celebrating the birth of our Savior. In January we begin a new year with a sense of anticipation for the exciting work our Lord would have us do. All because we have the promise.

2015 has been a wonderful year of gifts to Grace. First we met our 2014 finance goals. Second, we were blessed with a hard-working call committee and wonderful help from the Synod as we called our new pastor. Third, Pastor Leshner accepted our call, and together we are charting the next year. Fourth, we renovated and furnished a wonderful meeting space with new windows, carpet and seating. Fifth, a tireless group of volunteers shepherded us through a wonderful anniversary celebration. Sixth, we revamped our garage to house and protect our latest bus all with our own volunteers. Seventh, we are repairing our wonderful organ so it can be used to lead us in worship for many more years. And, oh, so much more.

The passage above also mentions the confession of our hope. We see that hope in the many volunteers and staff who work so hard to provide a loving place to worship and meet. I want to thank the past and present members of our council and committees as well as those whom you elected to the new council and the members who are volunteering to serve on the committees that are essential to our mission. All members of the Grace community believe in the hope we confess and the promise given to us. We are Grace and we show Grace.

Just a few reminders:

Please mark your calendars for January 24, 2016. This is our annual meeting date where we share the work that has been done and the work we see for 2016.

In addition, we will soon be blessed with wonderful worship opportunities to celebrate the promised gift from our God. If you have friends, relatives and neighbors who are looking for a community, bring them to church with you – Wednesday, Saturday or Sunday.

If you have identified a need for our Grace community, please share it with Pastor Leshner or any of the Council members.

What else? We have been meeting to address the media needs of our congregation as well as how to minister to those outside our congregation. If you are on Facebook, please "friend" us. Take a look at our website and give us ideas as to how to improve this site. What would you think about streaming our church services over the Internet? Do you have an interest in helping with this ministry? Let us know how you may be able to serve.

In this season of Thanksgiving, we realize that every day is a day of thanksgiving for each of us. Let us know how we can better serve you and how you may want or be able to serve others. We are looking into a future in which Grace will have opportunities for mission and ministry in even more ways than we can imagine right now. We can do this because we have hope in our faithful God and God's wonderful promises.

Blessings, Dennis Berens, Grace Council Vice President



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John & Joyce Lunde

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George & Norma Sturgeon

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George & Marsha Foster

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Brian & Erica Eck

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Steven & Stefanie Neal



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Linda Baker
Elizabeth Krueger
Jacob Krueger

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Larry Clymer

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Bonnie Drohman
Steve Reckling

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Don Carnes
Norm Nelson

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Katie Fritchie
Kinzie Lange

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Norbert Hildreth
Betty Maun

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Marsha Foster
Katrina Lange

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Noah & Raymond Guern

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Chris Andersen
Elias Genuchi

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Dean Ossian

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Vivian Condon
Sam Ihrie

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Teri Roti

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Elizabeth Garza

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Lois Moss
Jack Reighard
Seth Riemann
Cindy Watchorn

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Marcia Oetjen

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Robert Stimbert

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Irene Moore

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Scott Drake
Ashlyn Jensen
Chris Schroeder

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Mark Billings
Tanja Noecker

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Ron Most



Tuesday, December 1

9:30 am Al-Anon
6:00 pm Scouts
7:00 pm Committee Mtgs.
8:00 pm AA Mtg.

Wednesday, December 2

12:00 pm WELCA lunch & meeting
6:15 pm Children's Choir
6:30 pm In Stitches
7:00 pm Advent Vespers
7:00 pm Comm. Mental Health Mtg.

Thursday, December 3

6:30 am Men's Bible Study
9:00 am Quilting, Lincoln Literacy classes
7:00 pm Bells of Grace, N. A. Mtg., BB

Friday, December 4

5:00 pm Suzuki music lessons
5:45 pm YWCA respite care

Saturday, December 5

10:00 am Chapel reserved
1:30 pm Chapel reserved
5:30 pm Worship

Sunday, December 6

9:00 am Worship *
10:30 am Fellowship, Thrivent mtg., Sunday School, Choir
11:30 am Grace Notes bell choir
10:40 am ASF

Monday, December 7

7:00 pm Scouts

Tuesday, December 8

9:30 am Al-Anon
6:00 pm Scouts
7:00 pm Council Meeting, W.R.T. Mtg.,
7:00 pm WELCA #6 Mtg. - at Rosno's
8:00 pm AA Meeting

Wednesday, December 9

12:00 pm Yesterday's Youth
6:15 pm Children's Choir
6:30 In Stitches
7:00 pm Advent Vespers
7:00 pm Comm. Mental Health Mtg.

Thursday, December 10

6:30 am Men's Bible Study
9:00 am Quilting, Lincoln Literacy classes
7:00 pm Bells, N. A. Mtg, B.B.

Friday, December 11

5:45 pm Leshar Hall reserved

Saturday, December 12

9:00 am L.L.C. mtg.
12:00 pm Lounge reserved
2:00 pm Chapel reserved
5:30 pm Worship

Sunday, December 13

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
7:00 pm Bell concert

Monday, December 14

1:00 pm WELCA #2 Mtg. Lounge
7:00 pm Scouts

Tuesday, December 15

9:30 am Al-Anon
6:00 pm Scouts
8:00 pm AA Meeting

Wednesday, December 16

1:00 pm WELCA #1 Mtg.
6:15 pm Children's Choir
6:30 pm In Stitches
7:00 pm Advent Vespers
7:00 pm Comm. Mental Health Mtg.

Thursday, December 17

6:30 am Men's Bible Study
9:00 am Quilting, Lincoln Literacy
12:00 pm Conf. Rm. reserved
7:00 pm Bells, N. A. Mtg, B.B

Friday, December 18

5:00 pm Leshar Hall reserved

Saturday, December 19

10:00 am Sunday School Christmas Program practice
11:00 am Chapel reserved
5:30 pm Worship

Sunday, December 20

9:00 am Worship *
10:30 am Sunday School Christmas Program

Monday, December 21

5:00 pm Gathering Place
7:00 pm Scouts

Tuesday, December 22

9:30 am Al-Anon
8:00 pm AA Meeting

Wednesday, December 23

7:00 pm Advent Vespers
7:00 pm Comm. Mental Health Mtg.

Thursday, December 24

Office closed
5:00 and 11:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship

Friday, December 25

Office Closed
10:00 am Christmas Day Worship



Saturday, December 26

5:30 pm Worship

Sunday, December 27

9:00 am Worship *
10:30 am Fellowship,
10:40 am A.S.F.

Tuesday, December 29

9:30 am Al-Anon
8:00 pm AA Meeting

Wednesday, December 30

7:00 pm Comm. Mental Health Mtg.

Thursday, December 31

Office Closed at noon



*child care provided



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