

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM GRACE

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2nd Sunday
in Advent
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TODAY'S EVENTS

8:30 AM WORSHIP

Lester Miller, Organist; Bill Stelling, Usher 1; Wes Siebenneicher, Usher 2; Jesse Voss, Acolyte; Ron Klaus & Greg Weers, Elders.

11:00 AM WORSHIP

Lester Miller, Organist; Fritz Reese, Usher 1; Drew Onnen, Usher 2; Aiden Novotny, Acolyte; Mike Lofing & Joel Fredrickson, Elders.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Dwight Schmidt

ALTAR GUILD FOR DECEMBER

Gladys Rice, Denise Wasserman & Kathy Engelman

Last week's radio broadcast was sponsored in memory of Ray Specht. Today's radio broadcast is sponsored in memory of Marilyn Schacht.



Sunday School and Adult Bible Class begin at 9:45 AM. Be sure to join us! **AT THIS TIME, MASKS ARE REQUIRED.**

Welcome gift bags for visitors are located in a basket in the upper entry to the church. If you bring a guest to church you are welcome to give them one.

The 2021 contribution boxes are in your mailboxes here at church. Please pick them up as soon as possible. Thanks!

The Radio Broadcast and Flowers Charts for 2021 are now available.

If you would like to display a poinsettia this year, please bring it to the church by **Monday, December 14** and call the church with the name(s) "In Memory of" or "In Honor of" by **Monday, December 14**. **THE DEADLINE DATE IS DECEMBER 14, BUT THE POINSETTIAS MAY BE BROUGHT TO THE CHURCH ANYTIME BEFORE THAT. THANKS!!**

The Quarterly Voters Meeting will be held on Sunday, December 20 at 2 PM. The balance of the 2021 budget will be voted on. Watch for the agenda on the Website.



We continue in our prayers all of those who are or will be undergoing medical procedures or treatments or recent hospitalizations.

We also pray for Elsie Houser at the death of her mother, Reola Obermier; Brett & Rachel Wentz & family at the death of his mother, Carol Wentz; Cliff Ebke & family at the death of his brother, Gale Ebke and Pastor Stuart & Deb Freese at the death of their daughter, Alicia.

Pastor Freese's address is 27068 County Road #12, Hooper NE 68031.

COMING UP

Elders will meet Tuesday evening at 7 PM. Church council will follow at 7:30 PM.

The December newsletter was mailed the end of last week. Sorry for this delay. Many activities are being planned for the month so be sure to stay tuned to these announcements, Facebook or the Website for updates or cancellations. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

ADVENT SERVICES

Currently, Advent services continue on Wednesday, December 9 and 16 at 6:30 PM. This year's theme is "Prepare Ye". That is what we are called to do in Advent. Prepare for the Lord. The coming of Christ as a little baby to save us was something that the world was not at first prepared for. But birth announcements by shepherds and angels brought to the attention of all people that Jesus' birth was worth preparing for. It is our time now in this season to continue to the age-old practices of preparation to his glory.

After the service on December 9, ALL members of the congregation can join in on a songfest.



SERVICES WILL BE HELD AT 8:30 AM AND 11 AM FOR NOW.

The 8:30 AM services will be broadcast over the radio (KGMT-1310 AM). We will try to use the hymnals but there will be **NO** passing of the offering plates/communion elements. Items (such as bulletins, hymnals, Bibles, attendance books, etc.) should **NOT** be shared or distributed between different parties.

Hymnals and Bibles used at the 8:30 AM service will be placed in a stack after that service and different hymnals and Bibles will be used for the 11:00 AM service.

MASKS ARE REQUIRED FOR ANYONE IN THE BUILDING FOR GROUP ACTIVITIES (SERVICES, SUNDAY SCHOOL, MIDWEEK, MEETINGS, ETC.) WE WILL CONTINUE TO PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING.

MIDWEEK CHOIR AND ADULT CHOIR WILL NOT SING DURING DECEMBER.



Drive-Through Nativity: Be sure to set aside **6:00 – 8:00 PM on December 20, 2020**

for our night-lit Christmas story, as presented by our Grace Lutheran Youth and others! You will be able to stay in the comfort of your car and listen to the Christmas story on your car radio as you drive through McNish Park. A variety of scenes from the Christmas story will be displayed, all with live participants and an animal or two!

Twelve Days of Christmas: Grace Lutheran families will be presenting 14 scenes from the Christmas story that will be posted on our Facebook page and on our website. **Start watching for the presentations on Saturday, December 12 and each day after that, culminating on Christmas Day!**

Christmas Eve Family Worship: Due to Covid restrictions, we will be limiting the number of people who can worship with us on Christmas Eve at 6:30 PM. **In order to plan properly, please contact the church office and let us know if your family wants to worship and how many will be attending. Due to social distancing requirements, we will limit the capacity to 90.** It is awkward, but this way we can make sure everyone can worship in a safe environment. **PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE ASAP.**

This Week at Grace

Today	Early Worship with Holy Communion	8:30 AM
	Radio Broadcast over KGMT	8:30 AM
	Sunday School, Adult Bible Class & Youth Bible Class	9:45 AM
	Late Worship with Holy Communion	11:00 AM
Tuesday	Circuit Pastors Conference	12:00 NOON
	Elders Meeting	7:00 PM
	Church Council Meeting	7:30 PM
Wednesday	3-6 Grade Midweek Class	4:00-5:15 PM
	Advent 2 Service	6:30 PM
	ALL Members Songfest	7:15 PM
Next Sunday	Early Worship with Holy Communion	8:30 AM
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	Sunday School, Adult Bible Class & Youth Bible Class	9:45 AM
	Late Worship with Holy Communion	11:00 AM

In the Lord's Supper, the Risen Christ is at once the Giver and the Gift! By His promise His very Body and Blood are present; and thereby we come into the very presence of the exalted Christ! As we do so, witness is also given to the oneness in the profession of faith of those who receive the Sacrament together - and in this way we support and encourage one another in the struggle of giving faithful witness to our Christian faith and our trust in all of God's Word. For this reason, we practice close communion and invite all who profess the Christian faith that is confessed by Grace Lutheran Church (LC-MS) to commune with us. Helpful preparation is located on pages 329-330 of our hymnal (LSB). If you have any questions we ask that you speak with the pastor or one of the elders. Please note that children are welcome to come forward for a blessing. If not communing, please fold your arms.

PLEASE NOTE: Gluten free wafers are available on the altar (in a small clear plastic container - orange lid). Inform the elder of your desire to receive gluten free - you will have opportunity to reach into container for the wafer.

ALSO NOTE: Alcohol-free fruit of the vine (grape juice) is available in the very center slot of the communion tray. Pastor will work to always have one cup available. (These options are offered for those with medical conditions, etc., where these options are helpful or even necessary.)

A "Nursing Homes Walking Parade" will be held this Saturday, December 12 at 1:30 PM. Meet at Heritage Nursing Home. Dress up in holiday attire, make a sign and we will parade around the building for the residents and then proceed to the other nursing homes. **MASKS ARE REQUIRED.**

Midweek Memory Work for December 9

(Note: The memory assignment is cumulative, meaning the 5th grade knows the 3-4 grade material as well as their own. Same with the 7-8 grade; they know all the memory from grade 3-8.)

Grades 3-4: Lord's Prayer – Sixth Petition - And lead us not into temptation

What does this mean? God tempts no one. We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory.

Grades 5-6: Proverbs 1:10 "My son, if sinners entice you, do not consent."

Grades 7-8: Q. #281 This petition focuses on the constant attempts of our spiritual enemies to lure us away from God and into the captivity of sin, and ultimately into unbelief and despair.

All Grades: Joy to the World v. 1

Joy to the world, the Lord has come, let earth receive her king. Let every heart prepare Him room, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing.

Weekly Statistics

ATTENDANCE

November 22

8:30 AM - 35

11 AM - 29

Sunday School - 19; \$18.00

November 25 - 44

November 29

8:30 AM - 59

11 AM - 29

Sunday School - 13; \$16.00

Advent 1 - 71

Contributions Received

November 22 - December 1

General Budget - \$5,650

Missions Received - \$950

Need \$520/week to reach 2020 goal of \$27,000
Missions Received to Date - \$26,719
Mission Goal 11-29-20 - \$24,960

ATTENTION!

Generators, spotlights and extension cords needed: In order to light up McNish Park

for the drive through nativity, we need to borrow these items so our scenes can be lit up. If you have any of these that we can borrow, please let the church office know as soon as possible!

We are putting together a temporary church directory until an official one can be made, but we need your help! Please message or drop off a printed family picture along with all of your family's names (we will get printed copies back to you). If you don't have one, I can take one for you, just let me know. **Please bring the pictures as soon as possible.** Either place in the drop box or contact Dena Skiles at 402-300-0848 or tiger_eye03@hotmail.com or message me on Facebook.