

January

ALL OFFICERS OF THE CONGREGATION, ALL BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS are strongly encouraged to attend the **January 14 Council Meeting**. Not only will you be able to learn more about your service at Grace, but you will be able to ask questions and learn how valuable you are! We will be introducing a new way of communicating with board members as well as a new way of focusing our Council meetings on the ministry of the church, instead of just reporting on the business of the day.

PLEASE NOTE: THE ELDERS AND THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL MEET AT 6:30 PM ON THE EVENING OF JANUARY 14. PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND THIS IMPORTANT MEETING. Church Council will follow at 7:30 PM on January 14.

2025 Officers: Newly elected officers and those continuing in their respective offices for 2025 are as follows: **Chairman:** Jason Grant; **Elders:** Jared Weers (filling in for Mike Harms' term through 2025), Russ Hennerberg, Ken Nance, Kevin Ebke, Mike Grummert, Schaub Schroeder, Gregg Roesler, Dennis Meredith & Mike Lofing; **Trustees:** John Hammer, Dennis Wurm & Daniel Schmidt; **Finance Committee:** Beth Tegtmeier, Linda Bales, Connie Schouboe, Dave Bedlan, Carolyn Scherbarth & Christina Haddan; **Vice Chairman:** Ted Luebbe; **Secretary:** Greg Neemann, **Treasurer:** Lynne Blackwell; **Controller:** Sandie Schmidt; **Cemetery Board:** Neal Onnen, Dwight Schmidt & Ethan Vonderfecht. Linda Hammer was appointed as **Radio Broadcast Chairperson**.

Installation of the new and returning officers will be held Sunday, January 5, 2025 in both services. We will publicly recognize the service of the past and present officers at that time. Thank you to those of you who have served your term - it has been vital to the work of our ministry here at Grace.

Help with Heritage and Gardenside Services: You are invited to join Pastor and Leslie when we go to our nursing homes for worship services on **Thursday, January 16** (and each month after that)! You can participate with the residents in worship, help in singing the hymns, general chatting with folks, and letting them know you care! Contact Pastor if you have any questions!

Circuit Forum - Join us at Trinity-Friedensau on **Sunday, January 12** at 6:30 PM as our circuit learns more about the state of the church and church worker shortages. We will also elect our Circuit Visitor, currently Rev. Brian Francik.

Annual Voters Meeting - The Annual Voters Meeting will be Sunday, January 19 at 2 PM.

LWML Sunday will be January 26 - Ladies from the Lutheran Women's Missionary League will be serving in our services as a reminder of their organization and living out their commitment to be in service to others. Please join us in celebrating God's work in and through them as they serve as Women in Mission for the Lord!

Email Communication - Pastor would like to establish a way to send information to our members in a fast, efficient manner. So, we are collecting email addresses to form a group email distribution system. If you would like to be included in this "insiders" way of communicating, please be sure to turn your email address in to the church office as soon as possible.

2025 MISSION GOAL

\$30,000

Pastor Emery has services at Cedarwood on Sunday, January 12 at 1:30 PM. He will have services at Heritage on Thursday, January 16 at 10 AM and at Gardenside on January 16 at 10:45 AM.

Christmas Poinsettias - Please pick up your Christmas poinsettias by Wednesday, January 8 or they will be disposed of. Thank you to those who donated the poinsettias.

Youth Bible Studies High school youth night will be on Wednesday, January 8, at 6:30 PM. We will meet for supper and Bible Study. We'll finish the last session on our identity and purpose through Christ.

Junior High Youth Night will be on Wednesday, January 22, at 6:30 PM. A meal will be provided, followed by a Bible study.

Youth Fundraiser and Community Events January 11, we need all Junior High and High School youth to help. It is *Parents' Night Out* for the Fairbury Public School teachers' Christmas party, which will take place from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

Sunday School children will sing at both services on Sunday, January 19.

Valentine's Day February 2, the youth will host a Valentine's Day meal. Be sure to watch the announcements for more details soon.

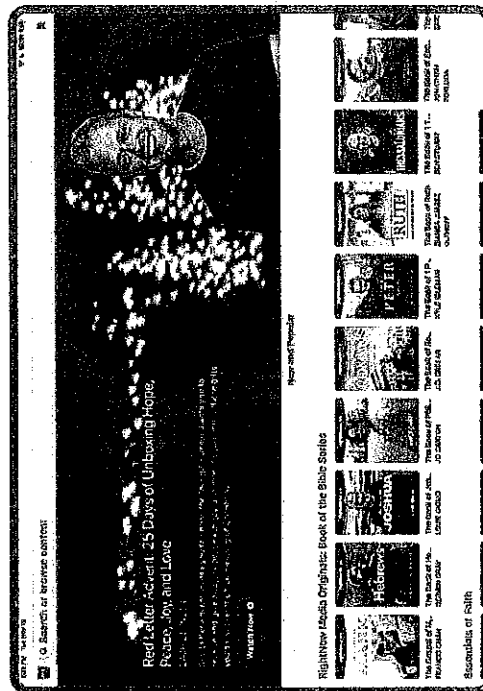
Thank you The youth would like to thank the congregation for your support of all our events. It is a big undertaking to be able to take a group to the National Youth Gathering, and we couldn't get there without your help. We're down to six months before we leave. Thank you for your prayers, words of encouragement, and offerings, and for letting us feed you!

What is *Simply Giving*? It's an easier, simpler way to make your regular contributions to our congregation through automated giving. The *Simply Giving* program is designed to help you conveniently, consistently and joyfully give financial gifts to our congregation's ministry. By participating in the program, you can use electronic funds transfer to give your semi-monthly or monthly offering. If you would be interested in this, please contact the church office and we will give you a form to fill out. In 2025, the fund options will be changed. "Church Budget" which will go into our general budget here at Grace; "LCMS District Office", which will go directly to the Seward Office and "Direct Missionary Support" which will go towards our missionary support through Mission Central.

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:30 AM & 11 AM

HOLY COMMUNION

1st & 2nd SUNDAY

JANUARY, 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 New Years Day CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	2	3	4
5 Worship Services with Holy Communion 8:30 AM & 11 AM Installation of Officers - Both Services Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 9:45 AM	6	7 Men's Breakfast 8 AM Circuit Pastors Conference @ Tobias 11:30 AM "Bible Break" 12 Noon LWML Meeting 1:30 PM	8 Midweek Class 4 PM - 5:15 PM High School Bible Study 6:30 PM Adult Choir 7 PM	9 DCE Meeting in LaVista	10	11 Parents Night Out 5 PM - 9 PM
12 Worship Services 8:30 AM & 11 AM Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 9:45 AM Cedarwood Service 1:30 PM Deshler Circuit Forum @ Trinity-Friedensau 6:30 PM	13 Quilt Tying 1 PM	14 Men's Breakfast 8 AM "Bible Break" 12 Noon Elders & Finance Committee Meeting 6:30 PM Church Council Meeting 7:30 PM	15 Midweek Class 4 PM - 5:15 PM Adult Choir 7 PM	16 Heritage Service 10 AM Gardenside Service 10:45 AM Ladies Aid 1:30 PM	17	18
19 Worship Services 8:30 AM & 11 AM Sunday School Students will sing both services Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 9:45 AM Voters Meeting 2 PM "Ladies Night Out" 2 PM	20 Confirmation Class (7 & 8 Grade) 8:30 AM - 1 PM	21	22 Midweek Class 4 PM - 5:15 PM Junior High Bible Study 6:30 PM Adult Choir 7 PM	23	24	25
26 LWML Sunday Worship Service 8:30 AM & 11 AM Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 9:45 AM	27	28	29 Midweek Class 4 PM - 5:15 PM Adult Choir 7 PM	30	31	

Help us remember that none of the changes in the year ahead will interfere with Your love for us

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS - JANUARY, 2025

DATE ORGANIST	LOWER GREETER	USHER 1	USHER 2	ELEVATOR OPERATOR	ACOLYTE	ELDERS
JAN. 5 8:30 AM BARB BEDLAN	RON & JAN KLAUS	RON KLAUS	HEATH KOENIG	JACK KOENIG	PAISLEY STEINMEYER	GREGG ROESLER
JAN. 5 11:00 AM BARB BEDLAN	CHARLES & KAY ENDORF	CHARLES ENDORF	TOM FURROW	DAKOTA ZIMMERMAN	KAYLEE TRACY	RUSS HENNERBERG
JAN. 12 8:30 AM BARB BEDLAN	JOEL & CLARICE FREDRICKSON	JOEL FREDRICKSON	BILL STELLING	JACOB NIPPERT	KYNLEE SCHMIDT	MIKE LOFING
JAN. 12 11:00 AM BARB BEDLAN	DARRELL & DEB STAMEY	BOB ORTH	DARRELL STAMEY	MADISON HADDAN	MAKENNA HADDAN	KEVIN EBKE
JAN. 19 8:30 AM RYAN EDINGER	DUDE & LYNNE BLACKWELL	BRUCE WASSERMAN	ANDY KETTELHUT	LOGAN WENTZ	PHOENIX CHAMBERS	DENNIS MEREDITH
JAN. 19 11:00 AM RYAN EDINGER	JOYCE HOLES & FERN SELL	SHEA AUSTIN	CALEB VONDERFECHT	AIDEN NOVOTNY	CARTER PETERSEN	JARED WEERS
JAN. 26 8:30 AM HOPE NELSON	DENNIS & DIANNE WURM	DAVE KETTELHUT	JIM BEHREND	MaKENZIE PEITZMEIER	JADON HOFFMAN	MIKE GRUMMERT
JAN. 26 11:00 AM HOPE NELSON	BILL & CINDY MELCHER	RANDY SMITH	ROY WORM	ALECIA BEDLAN	EASTON SCHMIDT	SCHAUN SCHROEDER

JANUARY 5	FINANCE COMMITTEE
JANUARY 12	LINDA BALES
JANUARY 19	CONNIE SCHOUBOE
JANUARY 26	DAVE BEDLAN
	CAROLYN SCHERBARTH

ALTAR GUILD: SANDIE SCHMIDT & DENA SKILES
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IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO BE IN ATTENDANCE ON THE DAY YOU ARE SCHEDULED, PLEASE TRADE WITH SOMEONE ON THE LIST OR ANYONE ELSE YOU KNOW. THANKS!!