

## WELCOME

Welcome to Grace Community Church of Englewood! We're glad you're here today. This celebration is a great time to connect with God and His people. We hope you'll find our time together encouraging and that you'll sense the presence of God. *Let's worship together!*

**Date** December 14, 2025 – **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

### Welcome and Prayer

### Lighting of the Advent Candle

### Announcements

**Songs of Thanksgiving** Joy to the World  
O Holy Night

### Sharing Time and Pastoral Prayer

### Mission Moment

### Children Dismissed to Sunday School

**Offering** (Yellow envelopes = Grace, Blue envelopes = First Baptist)  
(if you put cash in an envelope, and want it recorded for tax purposes, please write your name & address on the envelope).

**Songs of Praise and Worship** Come Ye Sinners  
Jesus Messiah

**Scripture Reading** Matthew 6:25-34

**Message** Pastor Ian  
Shoes – Gospel of Peace

### Communion

**Closing Song** My Lighthouse

### Benediction

**Coffee & Conversation** at the back of the church

## Announcements

**Prayer.** Anyone who needs prayer today or continuing prayer in the coming days, see *Barb Davis* after the worship service this morning.

**Tuesday Bible Study.** Throughout December, we will be looking at a DVD series by Lee Strobel entitled, “**The Case for Christmas.**” In this four-part Bible study, we'll separate the holiday from the holy day, the facts from the fantasy and the truth from the tradition. Curious? Join us at **10:00 am each Tuesday!**

**Ladies' Bible Study.** We will meet next week on **Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm** (instead of Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup>) at **Linda Szafranski's home** in Venice. We will then be **taking a break** for two weeks, missing December 25<sup>th</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup>. The Bible study will **resume on Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm at Linda's.**

**Men's Breakfast.** This has moved to **American Café & Grill (formerly Maria's) at 60 S Indiana Avenue, Englewood.** They will still be meeting each **Saturday at 8:00 am.** All the men are welcome to join in the time of food and fellowship on Saturday mornings!

**Christmas Services.** The services this year will be:

*Traditional Carols and Readings by Candlelight* service on **Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 4pm at the church**

*Christmas Eve at Indian Mound Park* at **5 pm on December 24<sup>th</sup>.** Bring your own lawn chair if you can.

A **sign up sheet** for helpers is on the bulletin board for the service at Indian Mound Park. Please take a look and sign up to what you can help with.

### Birthdays

12/13	David Gittins	01/01	Solomon Evans
12/15	Rod Krey	01/09	Doris Craven
12/18	Suzy Shelhamer	01/13	Kevin Martin
12/20	Joyce Wagner	01/14	Barb Davis
12/29	Richard Tessier	01/20	Lesha Shelton

**Regular Week at a Glance**

<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00 am - Bible Study with Pastor Ian, at church 6:00 pm - Weekly Prayer, at church
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:00 am - Ladies at Culture Coffee on Dearborn
<b>Thursday</b>	1:30 pm - Ladies' Bible Study
<b>Saturday</b>	8:00 am - Men's Breakfast at American Café & Grill
<b>Sunday</b>	10:30 am - Morning Worship Service

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**Ministry Leaders and Admin:**

Ian Burbridge – Pastor and Elder

Darrell Decker – Elder

Nada Decker – Children's Ministry

Diane Nordquist – Missions

Chuck Shelton – Finance

David Nordquist - Finance

Linda Burbridge – Women's Ministry, Administration, Publicity & Advertising

Ray Forster – Maintenance, Building

Bev Alston – Outreach

Wendy Gaynor – Building Committee

Linda Szafranski – Events Coordinator

Members interested in viewing the budget may do so by contacting either *David Nordquist* or *Chuck Shelton*.

<b>Financial Statement –</b>	<b>at Nov 30, 2025</b>	<b>at Oct 31, 2025</b>
Estimated Commitments	\$ 7,700.00	\$ 7,700.00
Monthly Tithes & Offerings	5,525.00	7,479.00
<b>Balances:</b>		
Operating Fund	4,141.53	1,909.13
Emergency Fund	17,517.93	21,517.93
Benevolence Fund	1,730.08	2,690.08
Missions & GNC Funds	6,986.02	7,306.02
Building Fund	<u>83,672.51</u>	<u>83,672.51</u>
Total	<u>\$114,048.07</u>	<u>\$117,095.67</u>