



Grace Newsletter

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Dear Saints of Grace Lutheran Church,

Last Christmas, I was sitting listening to Christmas music, when all of a sudden, a song played that I just needed to hear again. There was something about the lyrics that I just wanted to keep hearing. So I quickly got the title of the song and there I was struck again. "Favorite Christmas Story." The song is by Capital Lights if you want to hear the song.

While it is by no means an actual Christmas song that sings the story of Jesus' birth. It does ask an important question. What is your favorite Christmas story? Is it a story of getting a toy? Or maybe a special vacation? A special moment? Maybe there's not a favorite story to tell. Maybe there feels like a million different stories to tell. There will always be one more.

See if you asked me what my favorite story is. I might just respond with I am not sure. There are too many to tell. But I wouldn't tell you stories from my past, but I would instead struggle to pick what author has it best. Would I tell you the story from St. Matthew's perspective, in Matthew chapters 1 and 2. Or do I share with the story in how St. Luke tells it in chapter 2. Or do I tell you the story from St. Paul's viewpoint in Philippians chapter 2:5-11. St. Paul to his credit in the span of a short six verses helps to understand the greater narrative of why God sent his Son to be born of a woman. But truly all three of these readings help explain why God's Son would be named Jesus (He shall save his people from their sins). How God teaches us what love is.

But, really, the greatest Christmas story isn't just that Jesus was born. But it is who Jesus is. The Son of God, God in the flesh. The greatest Christmas story is the fact that God in Christ Jesus came down from heaven, from this throne. And He now dwells with his people. That is the greatest Christmas story that we get to tell the world about.

I pray that everyone has a blessed Advent/Christmas season.

In the service of Christ,
Pastor Eric

SERVING THIS MONTH:

The Elders:	Sunday's	8:00 AM	Clint Albrecht
		10:30 AM	Scott Steffens
	Advent—	11:00 AM	Allan Anderson
	Advent—Dec. 4th -	7:00 PM	Jim Harroun
	Cantata—Dec. 11th	6:00 PM	Jon Betz
	Advent—Dec. 11th -	7:00 PM	Jon Betz
Children's Prog.—	Dec 15th—	3:00 PM	Clint Albrecht
	Advent—Dec. 18th -	7:00 PM	Dave Wold
	Christmas Eve—	6:00 PM	Clint Albrecht
		10:00 PM	Dave Wold
	Christmas Day—	9:00 AM	???
The Ushers:	10:30 AM	1 st & 29 th 8 th & 15 th 22 nd	Burzlaff Family Engelkes Family Stearns Family

Organist: Diana Baetke
Tasha Becker (Christmas Eve)

The Acolytes		A/V Tech.
Sunday, December 1, 2019		
8:00 AM	Kinley Birt	Rich Matzen
10:30 AM	Jackson Butler	Rich Matzen
Wed. December 4, 2019		
7:00 PM	Wyatt Jensen	Need Volunteer
Sunday, December 8, 2019		
8:00 AM	Brooke Crank & Mallory McMahon	Steve Butler
10:30 AM	Ashlie Oronzio	Steve Butler
Wed. December 11, 2019		
7:00 PM	Landre Ruggeberg	Need Volunteer
Sunday, December 15, 2019		
8:00 AM	Ashton Schneider	Steve Butler
10:30 AM	Noah Sunday	Steve Butler
Wed. December 18, 2019		
7:00 PM	Margie Alger	Need Volunteer
Sunday, December 22, 2019		
8:00 AM	Isaac DeHaven	Need Volunteer
10:30 AM	Karley Erps	Need Volunteer
Tuesday, December 24, 2019		
6:00 PM	Anthony Meyer	Steve Butler
10:00 PM	Carleigh Tobey	Need Volunteer
Wed., December 25, 2019		
9:00 AM	Owen Tucker	Need Volunteer
Sunday, December 29, 2019		
9:00 AM	Kamryn Albrecht	Need Volunteer

Special Gifts Given Include:

In loving memory of Ruth Schroeder \$40 was given to Grace Kitchen and \$20 to Grace Preschool.
In loving memory of Ben Burken \$20 was given to Grace Church.
In loving memory of Velma Forret \$30 was given to Grace Preschool.
In loving memory of Dick Martin \$20 was given to Grace Church.
In loving memory of Denny Mueller \$100 was given to Glory Bound Choir and \$10 to Grace Camp.
In loving memory of Nancy Spain \$20 was given to Grace Preschool.

IMPORTANT

Deadline for submitting articles for the January Newsletter is December 15th.

The 2019 & 2020 Chancel/Altar Flower sign up sheet is available on the Welcome Center. We are asking members to donate bouquets in honor of or in memory of persons or events. Each bouquet is \$25 and there will be two bouquets each week. Please sign up for your preferred dates on the flower calendar, put your payment in the envelope provided, and slide the envelope through the mail slot in the secretary's door. You may purchase one or both bouquets.

2019 Flower Dates Still Available:
December 1st, 8th, 15th, & 29th

GRACE LUTHERAN MISSION STATEMENT

— :To make known the love of Christ by word and deed within our church, communities and world.

Greeters are needed on Sunday mornings to extend a warm welcome to our members and visitors. If you are available to help with this service, please sign up at the Welcome Center.

In memory of:

Dennis D. Mueller, 77, of DeWitt, Iowa, died Monday, November 11, 2019, at Genesis Medical Center-DeWitt.

Denny was born November 5, 1942, to Harold and Ivanell (Breitspercher) Mueller in Garnavillo, Iowa. After graduating from Garnavillo High School Denny served in the U.S. Army. He worked for John Deere Davenport Works for 40 years.

Denny was a member of Grace Lutheran Church, DeWitt, where he enjoyed singing in the choir, the Donahue Sportsman's Club, Donahue Volunteer Fire Department, and the Larry M. Gronewold American Legion, Donahue. He was also a member of the UAW Local 281. Denny was an avid Hawkeye football fan who rarely missed a home game and cherished watching them with his children.

He is survived by his daughter, Kendra Mueller, and son, Keaton (Shalyn) Mueller and their daughter, Lincoln, all of DeWitt; siblings, Kay (Lynn) Ihde, Kathy (Wayne) Helle, Sue (Lee) Connell, Bruce (Bonnie) Mueller, Amy Wrightsman, Heidi (Charles) Berns; a sister-in-law, Mary Mueller; many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers, David and Craig, and a nephew, Troy.



Nancy Marie Spain, 64, of Petersville, Iowa, passed away Thursday, November 21, 2019, at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City.

Nancy was born October 6, 1955, in DeWitt, Iowa, to Harold and Betty (Petersen) Kruse. After graduating from Central Community Schools in DeWitt, she received an associate

degree from Clinton Community College and later a bachelor's degree from Iowa State University. She worked at Clinton Corn (later ADM). Nancy was united in marriage to Larry Spain on June 4, 1983, at Grace Lutheran Church in DeWitt. The couple resided on a farm on the North side of Petersville, Iowa, where they raised four boys. Nancy later worked at Delwood Elementary School. She also served as a volunteer 4-H leader for the Delmar Hot-Shots for over 20 years.

In May of 2005 Nancy received a "Gift-of-Life" kidney transplant at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, and with her passing, Nancy was also an organ donor.

Nancy was a lifelong member of Grace Lutheran Church, DeWitt, where she was a faithful servant, volunteering in many capacities including teaching Sunday School and serving on the Grace Camp Board. Nancy was a selfless giver, always placing the needs of others above her own. She found the good in everyone around her including her school kids, 4-H members, and all those she encountered. In all the ways she served, being a wife, mother, and grandmother were her most cherished roles. She will be greatly missed by everyone she touched.

She is survived by her husband of 36 years, Larry; sons, Jason (Carissa) and their children, Ryleigh, Raegan, and Dylan all of Welton, Jesse (Jenna Olson) of Delmar, Jeremy (Amy) and their children, Emma, Eli, and Ella all of Maquoketa, Joseph (fiancée Mariah Reed) of DeWitt; siblings, Marilyn (Bob) Mundt of DeWitt, Bill (Susan) Kruse of DeWitt, Janet (Jim) Ham of Osage, Jolene Kruse of Bettendorf; nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a brother and sister-in-law, Alan (Janice) Kruse.

Memorials - In order to help the church office keep a better record of memorials we are asking for your assistance. We would ask that all memorials either be taken to the church office or placed in the secretaries mail slot. This will allow the staff to have the information they need to report it in the newsletter.

Offering Envelopes for 2020 are available in the foyer. Please take a minute following services to pick up your envelope box. Please do not use these envelopes until January!

Worship SCHEDULE

Advent Worship

11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.
Dec. 4th, 11th & 18th

Christmas Cantata

8:00 a.m. - December 8th @
Grace Lutheran Church

10:00 a.m. - December 8th @
Immanuel Lutheran in Grand Mound

6:00 p.m. - December 11th @
Grace Lutheran Church

Children's Sunday School

Christmas Program

3:00 p.m. - December 15th

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

6:00 p.m. & 10:00 p.m.
Worship/Communion
December 24th

Christmas Day

9:00 a.m.
Worship/Communion

Christmas Cards have arrived! There is a variety of Christmas, sympathy, thinking of you, get well, birthday cards and much more available for purchase downstairs next to Grace Hall. Please take a moment to see the wide assortment of cards and napkins displayed.



The planters, at the front entrance of the church, filled with beautiful Christmas greenery were donated by Kim & Beth Haring in loving memory of: Wayne Haring S. & Nita Haring, Wayne Haring Jr. & Mark Haring, Harold & Dorothy Kauffman, and Dan Kauffman.

Jesus is the Reason for the Season.



CHRISTMAS CANTATA

The Christmas Chorale, including members of Grace and Immanuel Lutheran-Grand Mound proudly present, "*Song of Joy!*" which will be performed on Sunday, December 8 at 8:00 a.m. at Grace and 10:00 a.m. at Immanuel-Grand Mound. Let us lead you in grand celebration as you experience the heart of the season with your very own "*Song of Joy!*" Come celebrate God's gift of salvation this Christmas!

The Christmas Chorale will perform an encore performance on Wednesday, December 11th at 6:00 pm at Grace. COME LISTEN AGAIN or for the first time and let us lead you in grand celebration of this joyous season with "*Song of Joy!*"



CHRISTMAS TREES will be available for sale at the Grace Camp Christmas Tree Farm beginning the Friday after Thanksgiving. Please note that this year we will only be open one Friday, November 29th. We will be open all of the Saturdays and Sundays prior to Christmas through December 22nd. A large selection of trees are available and camp board members will be available to assist you with tree purchases. If no one is there to help you, you can slide your cash or check in the mail slot by the door at the tree shed.

REFERRAL CENTER MONTH

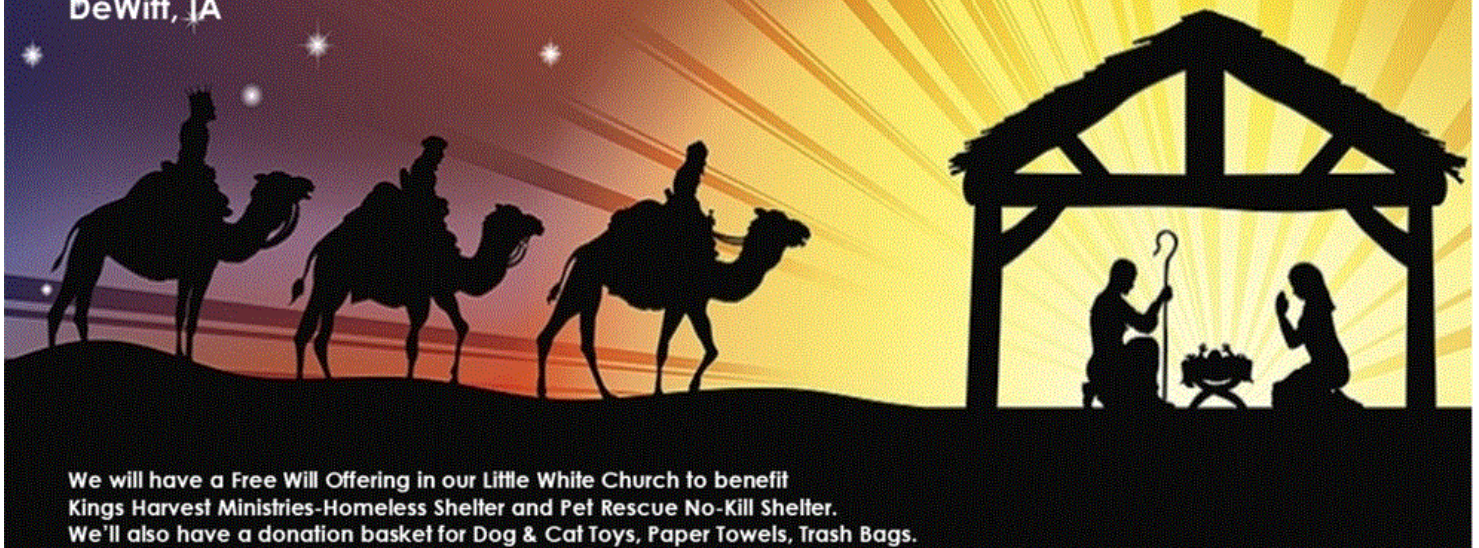
Grace Lutheran will be collecting items for the Referral Center during December. The Referral Center is in need of peanut butter, hamburger helper, cream soups, tomato soup, tuna, potatoes, pasta and sauce. If you would like to help out financially you can make a check directly to the Referral Center. Your donations can be placed on the display in the foyer beginning December 1st until December 29th.

Grace Lutheran Church
Sunday School Children present

Behold the Child!

Join us for a Children's Christmas
Program brought to life through
the eyes of our Grace children!

Sunday December 15, 2019
3:00pm
Grace Lutheran Church
DeWitt, IA



We will have a Free Will Offering in our Little White Church to benefit
Kings Harvest Ministries-Homeless Shelter and Pet Rescue No-Kill Shelter.
We'll also have a donation basket for Dog & Cat Toys, Paper Towels, Trash Bags.

Following the Christmas
Program, we will have a
Happy Birthday Jesus
Party downstairs in Grace
Hall. Please, come down
and join us.

There will be **NO** Sunday
School classes on Sunday,
December 29th. Regular
classes will resume January
5th.

Children's Christmas Program Practice Schedule

Sunday, December 8th 1:00-4:00 pm
3rd – 8th graders only (NO 3,4,K's or 1st/2nd graders)
Run program and work on music

Saturday, December 14th 9:00-12:00 pm
All children will practice this day. A complete practice
schedule will be handed out during Sunday school on De-
cember 8th.

Sunday, December 15th 9:15 am
Run program during SS time

Sunday, December 15th 3:00 pm
Children's Christmas Program - Children 3yrs—5th grade
are asked to arrive by 2:30 pm. Children 6th—8th grade are
asked to arrive by 2:15 pm. Parents please drop your child
off in Grace Hall. Teachers will be downstairs to greet them.



We can't believe December is already here! We are continuing our unit on letters, but are also learning about Bears, Gingerbread, and Holidays!

During December we are looking forward to pajama day and preparing for the holidays.

Thank you again for everyone who supported us by purchasing items from our fall fundraiser. Your generosity helped us purchase a visual board program that will aid the children in completing every day tasks by using pictures.

Support Grace Lutheran Preschool By Purchasing Gift Cards



Walmart

Kwik Star

TARGET

Would you like to support Grace Lutheran Preschool? There is no easier way then to grab a gift card from Randy's Neighborhood Market, Walmart, Kwik Star or Target. These gift cards will be used to purchase snacks and supplies for this Preschool which are needed on a weekly basis.

Gift cards can be brought to the Church Office or dropped in the Secretary's mail slot. We thank everyone for their continued support of the Preschool.



The Preschool Staff & Board of Preschool want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas. We thank everyone for the continued support of the Preschool and for all you

have given to the Preschool program we thank you.

Merry Christmas,
Christine Greve, Kindra Barys, Cathy Youngers,
Kim Burzlaff, Emily Williams, Netty Schneider,
Val Betz and Kerry Good

Grace Lutheran

FAMILY CHRISTMAS TREE

Now, this year we are decorating the Family Christmas Tree with pictures. We ask that every family provide a 4"X6" or a 3 1/2"X5" portrait picture of their family. We will place these pictures in a special picture ornament. You may bring your picture at any time and place them in the basket on the welcome center. Please, make sure to put your last name on the photo.

THANK YOU to everyone who sewed the picture ornaments for the Family Christmas Tree. Your time and talent were greatly appreciated.
Kerry

PSSST!

Following the Worship Services on Sunday December 1st, 8th, and the 15th the Elders will be collecting contributions for a Christmas Offering for Pastor Eric and DCE Mark Sperry as an expression of congregational gratitude for their dedicated service to the Lord and His church. The gifts will be presented to them during the 6 p.m. Christmas Eve Service. The wooden collection box will be available in the narthex during these services for everyone wishing to contribute or for your own personal Christmas greetings. Proceeds will be equally shared by the Pastor and DCE, unless anyone wishes to designate specific amounts to each. If so, please place your gifts in separate envelopes marked for "Pastor Eric" or Mr. Sperry."



LWML Mission Guild

"Serve the Lord with Gladness" *Psalms 100:2*

Calendar of Events

December 1st—"Mites" Sunday



It is not too late to brighten someone's holiday, by contributing gifts for the Advent Gift Drive. Donations are needed.

ADVENT GIFTS Advent gifts are taken to the Davenport Lutheran Home (a nursing home facility for Lutherans) and University of Iowa Children's Hospital where children are treated for various illnesses. The drive will take place starting at the end of November! All members of the congregation are invited to participate in this annual mission project.

Davenport Lutheran Home – nail polish, nail polish remover, fingernail files, hair spray, hair brushes, jewelry, perfume, boxed tissues, water-color paints, Crayola crayons, hand lotion, aftershave, men's cologne, glue sticks, felt-tip markers, acrylic paints for crafting, foam/felt sheets, non-skid slipper socks, beads with large holes for jewelry making, men's/ women's cardigan sweaters/fleece (size medium to extra large), lip balms/chap stick, hot glue sticks (large and small), ladies headbands/hair clips, thermal gloves, handkerchiefs and Crayola colored pencils.

University Children's Hospital – crayons, coloring books, story books, stationery, tapes and stuffed animals.

Please leave your unwrapped gifts in the totes on the stage in Grace Hall. Please note that the gifts must be brought to the church by Thursday, December 12th. Thank you kindly.

Housekeeping Note

Keeping the church clean and tidy is a full-time job, so we all need to pitch in and do our part. Our janitorial staff cleans the church once a week and tidies up during the week as needed, but their time is limited. We are asking that if you see something that may need some attention that you let us know so that we can address the issue right away. Some examples of this would be if a toilet is backed up or doesn't flush; if a beverage is spilled on the floor; or if something gets on the pew cushion or upholstery we ask that you leave a note in the secretaries mail slot. (There is paper on the Welcome Center.) This will help us take care of problems in a timely fashion.

POP CAN TABS & POP CANS —Did you know you can save your beverage cans and donate them to the Youth Group here at Grace? But what about the tabs on the top of the can? We collect those also. The tabs are donated to Camp Courageous. So, the next time you finish that refreshment, 'pop' off the tab, save and bring both the can and the tab to church.

Christmas Cookies Needed!

Does your family have some favorite Christmas cookies? Would you be willing to make some extra this year? We are collecting cookies for the shut-ins and the Referral Center. The sign-up sheet is in the narthex. Please have your cookies dropped off in the kitchen by 10:30 a.m. on December 8th.

Cookie Packing

All women are invited to gather together to package the cookies on December 8th at 6:00 p.m. in Grace Hall. If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Diercks.

Cookie Deliver

We are in need of cookie elves to deliver cookies to the shut-ins. There is a sign up sheet on the Welcome Center. If you have questions, please contact Val Betz.

WINTER CAMP

Our annual Winter Camp for High School Students / Young Adults is December 29th – January 1st. You can register online at www.gracedewitt.org. Deadline to register is Monday, December 23rd. This is open to all 9th – 12th graders and their friends. Cost is \$40. If you have any questions, please contact DCE, Mark Sperry.

DONATIONS NEEDED

Please check the list of items needs for this year's Winter Camp and consider donating to help keep the costs down. All items should be dropped off in Grace Kitchen by Monday, December 23rd.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The annual Children's Christmas Program will be Sunday, December 15th @ 3:00 pm. Full dress rehearsal will be Saturday, December 14th. Times to be announced.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING & PIZZA PARTY

Attention all 6th-12th graders. It's time for our annual Caroling & Pizza Party. Please join us Sunday, December 15th @ 4:45 pm at church. We will be caroling at United Manor and possibly one or two other places along the way. Afterwards, we will return to church for our pizza party and gift exchange. Everyone is asked to bring a wrapped, non-White Elephant gift in the \$7-\$10 price range. Please contact Mr. Sperry if you have any questions.

Community Events

Holy Cross Lutheran Church of Davenport presents a German Christmas Service featuring Advent Hymns. The Service will be held on Sunday, December 15 at 6:00 pm followed by gemütlichkeit (friendly gathering time) with German –themed Refreshments.

St. Joseph Parish in DeWitt will be having their annual Christmas Cookie Walk on Saturday, December 7, 2019 from 9-11 a.m. in Harness Hall. A variety of Christmas cookies with containers will be available for \$6 per pound.

Holy Cross, Davenport on December 12th, from 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm will be hosting the East Side Mission's annual Christmas shop and wrap event for our youth. The children will be shopping, enjoying pizza, hot chocolate, homemade cookies and wrapping gifts. We would greatly appreciate anyone that would be available to help or would like to donate new or gently used gift items, gift bags and tissue paper. Our children look forward to this opportunity to shop for Christmas gifts for their families, friends and teachers at no cost to the children. Please contact the Mission office at 563-323-6812 if you can help.

Grace Endowment Fund

With December 31, 2019, approaching, it is a good time for everyone to review your financial position and make adjustments in preparation for Federal and State income taxes. Charitable contributions can reduce tax liabilities. The Endowment Committee is asking everyone to include the Endowment Fund in your year-end contributions. Each year the requests that the Endowment Committee receives for funds far exceed the amount available. If the Endowment Fund grows, more money becomes available for distribution. This fund will provide income year after year for projects supporting missions, education, youth, worship, music and capital improvements that help our church run and grow.



We welcome Cindy Buffington and Paul & Kathi Lieving into our Grace Lutheran Church family.

Board & Committee News

The Board of Elders

The Board of Elders met on Monday, November 11th. In January the Chairman of the Board will be Scott Steffens and Scot Havener will be the secretary. Elders were assigned services for November & December. The Board brought into membership Cindy Buffington and Paul & Kathi Lieving. A letter went out to members inviting them to worship at Grace Church during Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas.

The Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees continue to get bids for new carpeting in Grace Hall and the lowers hallway and rooms. The Board along with other volunteers plan to work together to give the Sunday school rooms on the lower level a fresh coat of paint. The new vinyl plank flooring will be installed in the rest of the downstairs Sunday school wing during Christmas break. Two battery-backup lights have been installed .

The Board of Education

The Board of Education met in November and discussed the Children's Christmas Program. In January the Chairperson will be Mike Good and the Secretary will be Rachel Vopatek. Working on Family Ministry events for 2020.

Chancel Care Committee

The Committee is looking at the current communion ware and investigating the cost of replacing it. Much of the communion ware is showing its age and it is time to replace with new. They are also looking at the possibly cleaning or replacing the tapestry behind the altar.

The Preschool Board

The Preschool Board met on Thursday, November 14th. The Preschool's 4yr Old Math night was well attending. The children and their families had fun playing "Pete the Cat" related math games and activities. In January, Kim Burzlaff will be the Chairperson and Kerry Good will be the secretary. In December we will have another 3yr old joining the afternoon Preschool class.

The Board of Youth

The Board of Youth met on November 18, 2019. The Christmas Greenery sale went well with a profit of \$406. The upcoming youth activities include: Dec 15th—Christmas Caroling, Dec 29-Jan 1—Winter Camp, Jan 12th Youth Night and January 26th the Ski Trip. Fundraisers for the next year Super snack sale, lasagna dinner and the pancake breakfast. Planning a casse-rol fundraiser for next year.

Jesus, the Light

Are you waiting for something that seems to be too long in coming? Maybe it's a job promotion or a raise. Maybe it's just employment of any kind! Perhaps you've been praying for someone's salvation, and you don't see any sign of God's working in that person. It's difficult to wait. People in Jesus' day were waiting for a Messiah. It seemed to many that His coming was long overdue, but Paul writes in Galatians 4:4-5, *"When the time had fully come, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons."* Our waiting is over! The Light has come into the world!


Simeon was one who knew that *"the time had fully come,"* and *"moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts"* (Luke 2:27). There he saw the Child Whose parents brought him there to fulfill what the Law required of them. Simeon knew Jesus was the light. He proclaimed, *"For my eyes have seen Your salvation . . . a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to Your people Israel"* (Luke 2:30, 32).

Unfortunately, not all who were waiting for the Messiah recognized Him when He came. In John 1:4-5 we read, *"In Him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it."* Still today the darkness misunderstands the Light. Yet He continues to shine, and, as He shines, He dispels darkness.

And He calls upon us to shine also. Jesus, in the Sermon on the Mount, described a lamp that is put on a stand so that it lights up the whole house. Then He said, *"In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in Heaven"* (Matthew 5:16).

The only way to dispel darkness is to fill it with light. As stewards, it is our joyous task to be reflections of Christ's light. So we are *"prepared in season and out of season: [we] correct, rebuke and encourage – with great patience and careful instruction"* (2 Timothy 4:2). We are always prepared *"to give an answer to everyone who ask [us] to give the reason for the hope that [we] have."* And we do so *"with gentleness and respect keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against [our] good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander"* (1 Peter 3:15-15). In this way we proclaim that the waiting is over! Jesus, the Light, has come into the world!




POINSETTIAS
Order Form

Poinsettias for Christmas are being ordered through the Church Office this year. If you would like a poinsettia to be placed in the sanctuary, please complete the form and return with your payment by December 8th. Flowers will be red. Cost is \$ 10.00 each.

Name: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____



Happy Birthday





2 nd	Jay Dies	16 th	Scott Jacobsen	27 th	David L. Mangan
	Dylan Spain		Kim Haring		Jennifer McCormick
	Chuck Goddard		Carolyn Lane		Lori Olson
	Gary Paarmann		Carly Small		Melisa Knight
	Bridget Henningsen		Dylan Azinger	28 th	Gayle Fuller
	Faith Ketelsen		Emilie Butler		Kimberly Burzlaff
	Grace Ketelsen	17 th	Judy Hartmann	29 th	Kolton Goddard
	Hollie Appleby		Shelby Schroeder	30 th	Travis Ketelsen
	Tessa Stevens		Tyler Erps		Chad Tobey
	Kourtney Postell	18 th	Nathan Keeney		
3 rd	Cathy Youngers		Matthew Scott		
5 th	Dick Broadfoot		Matthew Diercks		
	Skylar Henningsen		Miranda Franklin		
6 th	Stephanie Pillers	19 th	Alyvia Stevens		
7 th	Kristi VanLaere		Luke Hill		
	Brooke Paasch		Jill Johnson		
	Trenton Weimerskirk	20 th	John Gisel		
9 th	Jim Owen	21 st	Verlene Reid		
	Laura DeLarm		Sara Suhr		
	Chad Jeffrey	22 nd	Carol Anderson		
10 th	Joel Kirby		David J. Hansen		
	Katelyn Good		Steven Butler		
11 th	Bailey Garrity	24 th	Tammy Mickelson		
13 th	Leon Roseland		Robert Mundt		
	Christina Galloway		Jason Mork		
14 th	Makayla Shores	25 th	Lauren Walker		
15 th	Dean Marlowe	26 th	Sharri Block		
	Todd Hughes		Jenny Marlowe		




HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

3 rd	David & Stephanie Pillers	20 th	Daniel & Dona Bark
5 th	Dave & Tracy Paarmann	22 nd	Kody & Shoni Hoffmann
6 th	Allen & Brooke Barnes		
8 th	Lucas & Nicole Rickertsen		
9 th	Louis & Cathy Ingwersen Sr.		
	Donald & Connie Havener		
15 th	Ronald & Betty Jo Ketelsen		
18 th	Jamie & Jennifer Griem		

DECEMBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 "Wiles" Sunday Referral Center Month 8:00 AM Traditional Worship/Comm 9:15 AM Sunday School/Christmas Program Practice 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM Traditional Worship/Comm	2 1:00 PM 500 Card Club 6:00 PM Council Meeting	3	4 11:00 AM Advent Worship 5:30 PM Confirmation 6:15 PM Glory Bound Choir 7:00 PM Advent Worship 8:00 PM Cantata Practice @ Immanuel Grand Mound	5 9:00 AM Tops Meeting 5:00 PM Weight Watchers Meeting	6 5:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal	7 9:00 AM Cantata Practice 2:30 PM Wedding
8  8:00 AM Cantata 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM Cantata @ Immanuel, Grand Mound 10:30 AM Traditional Worship 1:00 PM Christmas Program Practice 3rd - 8th Grade ONLY 6:00 PM Hall Rental - Women's Ministry Event - Cookie Packaging	9 6:30 PM Board of Discipleship Meeting 6:30 PM Elders Meeting	10 9:00 AM Pastor's Winkel @ Grace DeWitt	11 No 4's Preschool 11:00 AM Advent Worship 5:30 PM Confirmation 6:00 PM Cantata 7:00 PM Advent Worship	12 9:00 AM Tops Meeting 5:00 PM Weight Watchers Meeting	13	14 Hall Reserved 9:00 AM S.S. Program Practice for ALL KIDS
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