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“Come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.” From Isaiah 2

Christmas Light, Inviting Us Through Advent

People of Grace;

Kathy and Curt Gavin hosted a gathering last month at their home. We had appetizers, Advent and wine. It was a delightful evening of 10-15 people of Grace. We shared Advent and Christmas memories. We imagined Advent themes together. We sang together and reflected on Advent scriptures too. There was deep sharing among us, and a real spirit of togetherness. I was so glad to be part of it. Thank you, Kathy and Curt, for your hospitality!

Here are a few thoughts about Advent that came from that evening:

1. Advent has movement. People stream to the Holy City. There is movement related to pregnancy. There are journeys. There is a making of peace and instruments of peace. In many ways, Advent movement is a belabored kind. We are not necessarily light on our feet when on the Advent journey. There is much that weighs us down.
2. Advent has hopeful expectation. In contrast to another somber season (Lent), Advent is less about the end of things and more about the beginning of things. If Lent is about death (think of Good Friday), then Advent is about life (think of the experience of being born). The quiet agitation of Advent is unique in our church calendar. Advent is an alternative to the instant satisfaction and gratification that’s so accessible to us in our society of today. We are “now people” being invited to practice “not yet”. It’s all about anticipation.
3. Advent has attentiveness. Each of us are invited to expand the reach of our senses so as to notice subtle changes in the all-too-familiar. We are also invited to ask a very deep question: “What’s it going to be like?” “How will things be different?” Yes, we have Christmas every year, but the entrance of Christ as the light of the world is never insignificant.

I believe the light of Christmas is inviting us through Advent. The longest shadows are the ones behind us.

Pastor James Aalgaard

THE MISSION OF GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH



To proclaim and celebrate the gospel of Jesus Christ through word and sacraments so that a community of believers is created, trained, nurtured, and sent into mission.

Farewell Potluck for Beth & Rich Smallbeck

Sunday, December 4



Join us Sunday, December 4, for a potluck following worship. This will be a time to share memories of the past 17 years and to wish the Smallbeck family well on their new adventure. Please bring a dish to share – drinks and dessert will be provided.

*A little tree will be there
Dressed with stockings you can fill;
Just slip a George or Abe
Or any size of Bill!*

*Then on the road they'll travel
Beth and her First Mate;
Your help and generosity
They'll truly appreciate.*

From the Desk of Beth Smallbeck

One last time...As many of you may know, I will be moving to Nevada in January. As a fan of Hamilton, I am writing to you “One Last Time”. I came to Grace in February of 2006 to interview; I was offered the position and came to work in June of 2006. I have learned so much in these past 16+ years.

Most of what I learned came from you, the youth. I want to thank you for questioning, pushing, and questioning some more. I want to thank you for the forgiveness you have given me when I mess up. I want to thank you for accepting a middle aged, and now past that, woman into your lives and into your faith story.

You have opened my heart and my eyes to so much in our big, beautiful world.

I pray that you will continue to be the human God created you to be. That you will continue to push the boundaries and ask the questions. And that, no matter what, you remember that you are a beloved child of God.

Your faces cover my walls and my memories, and I will be taking all those faces with me. I am so very proud of all of you!

Where do you go from here? You continue to grow in faith (whatever that means to you), love for your fellow human and each other, and in compassion for our mixed-up crazy world.

To the adults, none of this would have been possible without your prayers, financial support, and encouragement. I treasure each and every one of you!

Did you know...That we have traveled over 40,000 miles to Mexico twice, Louisiana 3 times, Oklahoma, Arizona, Oregon, Colorado, Michigan, Chelan, San Francisco, and Texas... Served with over a dozen congregations nationwide... we have painted, moved rocks, weeded, learned, painted some more, built bunks, packed meals, played with kids, sang songs, learned a lot more, cleaned out nasty houses, learned from each other and the folks on the streets, built a trail and so much more!... We have served friends and family at the Sweetheart dinner and Easter Breakfasts... we have raised thousands of dollars for World Vision (thank you , Tanner) and learned what it is to hunger... we have ridden roller coasters at Silverwood and played some crazy games of spoons... we have visited other faiths and learned from them... we have encouraged our congregation in the RIC process... we/you have formed the Wenatchee Youth Community and continue to lead it... we have survived Covid and learned to stay connected through Zoom... we have prayed for our friends fighting cancer and have blessed each other each week... we have played hard—Satan’s Revenge, Apples to Apples, Walking Mafia, Gaga Ball, Capture the Flag, Egyptian Rat Screw, and so many more... we have White Rabbitied each other over 200 times (I hope that continues)... we have joined other youth through Youth Quake events...we have worshiped together, cried together and laughed, a lot.

Christmas Eve Worship Saturday, December 24, at 5:00 and 8:00 p.m.



Christmas Eve will be a service of Lessons and Carols. The 5:00 p.m. service will include musical offerings by individual musicians or small groups. The 8:00 p.m. service will include musical offerings by our adult choir Voices of Grace. We will celebrate Holy Communion and finish the service with our traditional candlelight and hear the singing of Silent Night Holy Night and Joy to the World.

Christmas Worship Sunday, December 25, at 10:30 a.m.

Details are still being worked out. If you are interested in helping to organize a Christmas morning brunch, please reach out to Pastor Aalgaard. The worship service will be in the fellowship hall, and will be a simple format celebrating the music of the season and Holy Communion.

Christmas Celebrations Elementary Age through Alumni

Sunday Funday: Join us on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 12:15 - lunch is provided. The primary age focus for Sunday Funday is pre-K to 5th grade, but it's also a great multigenerational opportunity.

Sunday, December 11, at 12:15 p.m.

Theme: Merry Christmas

Meal – TBA

Let's do a kid's gift exchange. Gift limit is \$5 and should be unisex. Any questions please contact [Beth](#).



Progressive Dinner: Jr. and Sr. High Youth

Sunday, December 18, at 5:00 p.m. Please join me for a yummy progressive dinner. We will meet at GLC at 5pm and travel through the neighborhoods to fill up on food. The gift exchange will happen during dessert. \$10 maximum on the gift... be creative! Please RSVP by 12/11.

Alumni Party

Tuesday, December 27, 6 p.m. Calling all GLC Alumni! Please join me for one more white elephant party. If you are looking for gift ideas, come to my office, I have all kinds of "quality" stuff. Please RSVP to Beth.

December/January Worship Assistants

	Greeters	Ushers	Lector	Altar Guild	Tech	Communion Assistant
12/4			Dee Ann Gregg		JJ Dippel	Beth Smallbeck
12/11					Chad DuLac	
12/18			Jim Caulkins		Phil Gregg	
Christmas Eve 5:00 p.m.			Dee Ann Gregg			
Christmas Eve 8:00 p.m.			Kate Gregg			
Christmas Day			Sue Garness		Marlena LaPaz	
1/1			Jim Caulkins			
1/8						
1/15			Jody Marquardt			
1/22			Dee Ann Gregg			
1/29			Riva Morgan			Riva Morgan

Seeking Worship Helpers

Volunteer helpers make our worship run smoothly. We would love to expand our volunteer pool. [Here is a link to a "google sheet"](#) where you can put your name on an open slot. If you are having a hard time navigating the google sheet, please call (509-663-2189) or email our [church office](#) or [Pastor Aalgaard](#) and we can help.

LECTIONARY READINGS

December 4 Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 11:1-10
Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19
Romans 15:4-13
Matthew 3:1-12

December 11 Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 35:1-10
Psalm 146:5-10
James 5:7-10
Matthew 11:2-11

December 18 Fourth Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 7:10-16
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
Romans 1:1-7
Matthew 1:18-25

December 25 Christmas Day

Isaiah 62:6-12
Psalm 97
Titus 3:4-7
Luke 2:[1-7] 8-20

SAVE THE DATE...EPIPHANY EVENT

January 6, 2023

Bring friends (everyone's invited) and a potluck dish to share.

What: Epiphany potluck and star-making craft
When: Friday, January 6, 2023, 5:30 p.m.



Dane Breslin Ordination

Our recent Wenatchee Valley Intern Dane Breslin is now pastoring Sunnyslope Church, a congregation of the United Church of Christ. The UCC is a "full communion" partner of our denomination, the ELCA. We congratulate Dane on his new call! Dane will be ordained **Wednesday, December 14, 6:00 pm at Sunnyslope Church, Wenatchee.** All are welcome.

Bergen Eickhoff Ordination

Our 2020-2021, Intern Bergen Eickhoff, has accepted a call from The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Olympia, Washington (ELCA). Bergen began serving Good Shepherd on October 31, as the Associate Pastor for Children, Youth, and Family Ministry and Outreach.

Bergen will be ordained on **Saturday, January 7, at 2:00 p.m. at The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd.** A livestream will also be available - watch for details to come!



PRAYERS OF GRACE

Rena Guerin – *She has been diagnosed with congestive heart failure. Prayers for decisions she needs to make for future treatment*

Bob Reinholt (Colleen Smith's uncle) – *for healing and comfort; Bob is receiving care for mobility and other related issues.*

Susan Salley – *hospitalized for COVID and other severe medical issues*

Family of Bud Busse – *for Gloria Busse and her family as they mourn the death of her husband Bud.*

To submit a prayer, please call (509-663-2189) or email our church office Pastor Aalgaard. Please share with us details that are pertinent to the request. If you are asking us to pray for a person other than yourself, please seek that person's permission. Prayer requests are published for four weeks. You are welcome to resubmit your request if you would like it to remain on the list longer. Updates are welcome, also. We will do our best to help your request have a balance of privacy protection and sharing information. The ministry staff at Grace reserves the right to edit requests.

Fellowship Team Leadership

We thank Shirley Leslie and Jan Romey for their leadership on the fellowship team. Shirley and Jan will be stepping down from the leadership role at the end of the year. If you have ideas or interest in helping with our Sunday morning hospitality ministry, please reach out to a church council member or Pastor Aalgaard.

Holden Evening Prayer

Join us for Holden Evening Prayer during Advent!

You are invited to attend Holden Evening Prayer, a much-loved Advent vespers service at Grace Lutheran Church 6:30 pm December 7 and December 21. On December 7, there will be a Together at Grace meal at 6:00 pm. Also, our ELCA partners across the river, Celebration Lutheran Church, will host a potluck meal (5:45) and Holden Evening Prayer at 6:30 November 30. You are invited to worship with the people of Celebration on that day.

Wednesday, November 30: 5:45 p.m. Potluck followed by Holden Evening Prayer - at 6:30 p.m. at Celebration Lutheran Church

Wednesday, December 7: Together at Grace meal at 6:00 p.m. followed by Holden Evening Prayer at Grace Lutheran

Wednesday, December 14: Ordination of Pastor Dane Breslin at Sunnyslope Church - **No Holden Evening Prayer**

Wednesday, December 21: Holden Evening Prayer at 6:30p.m. at Grace Lutheran



Have you noticed the bulletin board in the hallway as you enter the Fellowship Hall? If you haven't, you should check it out.

This is where you can see what Teams and Committees are doing. There will be minutes and notices posted there. Also, there are Council Minutes in the envelope at the top for you to take each month if you wish.

Do you need to know who is on a certain team or committee?

There is a notebook with this information on the table outside Jen's office. Look for the blue notebook.

Cluster Gathering

From North Central WA Cluster Dean, Pastor Dave Haven: The 2023 Synod Assembly (April 28-30 in Pasco) will include the election of a Bishop. Prior to the Assembly it is the opportunity of Clusters to nominate potential candidates.

“Each cluster may submit up to three names of those whom they wish to nominate for the office of bishop...”

The election process is explained by visiting the Synod website: www.nwimsynod.org Click on the Synod Assembly link and you'll find the information.

It has been suggested that Clusters meet during the month of January. So, I am inviting the congregations of the North Central Washington Cluster to gather at 3:00pm, Sunday, January 22 at Celebration Lutheran. An agenda will be sent out prior to the meeting.

COUNCIL CORNER

Wedding Bells are Ringing!

Finance Manager Roxanne Reindl has announced her engagement to Frank Whitmire.

Wedding date is pending - watch future announcements for updates.

Congratulations, Roxanne and Frank!

1. Council approved GLC Community Garden Manager description and budget for 2023.
2. Council approved Social Concerns Families in Need Policy and request form.
3. Pursued avenues to assist Olson family with housing needs
4. Council discussed future ministry for Grace Youth/ Education Ministry Team

TREASURER TALK

10/31/22 Results

CONTINUING TO EXPLORE TREASURER REPLACEMENT. PLEASE CALL ME TO DISCUSS IF YOU ARE INTERESTED.

Offerings through October total \$307,748. This is (\$25,585) under budget. Expenses are \$380,668, (\$24,147) under budget. Resulting Net Operating Deficit (\$72,920) compares to projected budget deficit (\$71,482).

	Jan-Oct 2021	Jan-Oct 2022	2022 Budget	Variance
Total Offerings, Misc	\$315,956	\$307,748	\$333,333	(\$25,585)
Operating Expenses	<u>(365,440)</u>	<u>(380,668)</u>	<u>(404,815)</u>	<u>24,147</u>
Net Margin (Deficit)	(\$49,484)	(\$72,920)	(71,482)	(\$1,438)

Cash on hand \$131,165 includes Treasurer Reserve \$40,500 and IRS Employee Retention Credit received in Sept \$104,980. Without consideration for the IRS credit, cash position would be dipping into Treasurer Reserve.

	1/1/22	10/31/22
Cash Surplus Position	\$96,646	(\$14,315)
Treasurer Reserve	40,500	40,500
Employee Ret Credit		<u>104,980</u>
Total	\$137,146	\$131,165

Budget planning for 2033 is in process. Council will be discussing and presenting preliminary budgets to Congregation for review. Budget forums will be available in January.

[Gwen Sparks](#), Treasurer.

A Note from the Finance Manager

This is a reminder to all members that for donations to be included in 2022, they must be in the Finance Manager's office (not Jen's office) or postmarked by December 31, 2022. The church offices will be closed December 26-December 30, so you may drop offerings in the (locked) mailbox outside the church office door by midnight December 31.

For those of you who use your bank's billpayer – make sure that you give adequate time for the billpayer donations to be processed and mailed. Some billpayer processing and mailings can be delayed for up to 2 weeks. Billpayer offerings received after January 6 will be attributed to 2023 donations.

Please be aware that our Church360 program that tracks donations is not capable of splitting donations from a single check over 2 years. If you wish to donate for more than one year, please have separate checks issued.

Beginning January 1st, please discontinue use of the 2022 offering envelopes and use the 2023 envelopes instead. Thank you.

Team Leaders: Please note that the office will be closed the week of December 26-30. To have payments included in the 2022 budget, signed vouchers must be in my office no later than December 16. I will process the checks December 19 to be signed by the 20th and mailed on the 23rd, which will be the last day I work before the Christmas Holidays. Thank you!

[Roxanne Reindl](#), Finance Manager

ANNA & MIRIAM CIRCLES

Anna Circle will meet on Wednesday, December 14, at 10:00 a.m. in the multi-purpose room at Grace. If you have questions, feel free to contact [Linda Sinnet](#) or [Faye DeJong](#).

Miriam Circle will meet on Tuesday, December 13 at 6:15 p.m. at the home of Kathy Jo Evans, for an appetizer potluck.



Prayer Shawl ministry will not meet during December. Regular meetings will resume in January.

If you know someone who could use a prayer shawl, please reach out to [Pastor James](#), the [office](#), or [Ruth Westby](#).

Flower Chart

Please note that we have a flower chart in the narthex. If you wish to share a flower arrangement for Sunday worship, please sign up. You can specify the chosen date is a memorial, anniversary, birthday, etc. if you wish. Thank you for participating with your flower offering.



SOCIAL CONCERNS TEAM

Little Free Pantry Reverse Advent Calendar

For the past 2 years, Grace Lutheran has had a reverse Advent calendar for the benefit of the Little Free Pantry. How does that work? We provide a list of items needed in the pantry and families set aside an item each day of Advent to help a family that is unable to afford food and basic hygiene and cleaning items. For example, on December 8th the suggestion is for a toothbrush. Is it okay to substitute an item? Of course, these are suggestions, and all items are welcome. We will collect the items on Sunday, December 18, or at the Christmas Eve service, or really any time before or after Christmas. Thanks to the generosity of our Grace Lutheran family, we can provide food and basic items to those less fortunate in our community.



WHS Students Experiencing Homelessness Christmas Gift Cards

The Social Concerns Team is collecting gift cards for the Students of Wenatchee High School experiencing homelessness. You can help by doing one of the following!

1. You can select a tag(s) on the Christmas tree in the narthex. Each tag lists a place of business and a dollar amount of the gift card to be purchased. Bring back your purchased gift card and gift card receipt to the church. Place the gift cards along with the gift receipt in the box labeled "WHS Homeless Gift Cards".
2. You can write a check to Grace Lutheran Church for the amount you would like to donate. In the memo line be sure to write WHS Homeless Students Gift Cards.

Our goal is to provide 45 students with a Christmas package containing a WHS T-shirt and a variety of useful gift cards so they may have a very Merry Christmas. Thank you for spreading the joy! Questions? Please contact [Kay Fisher](#) or [Robin Brown](#).

Thanking our Volunteers



The Social Concerns Team wants to thank all the volunteers that have helped with our projects this past year. Without volunteers we would not be able to visit the homebound, do a 1,000 coats 4 Kidz, operate the pantry, and participate in Packing Friendship. A HUGE THANK YOU!

Friends of Ukraine Refugees

The **next board meeting** of our Board will be Tuesday, December 6, 2022 at 7:00 pm at the home of Maria Hansen, 1206 Red Apple Road, Wenatchee. All are welcome. Please contact [Maria](#) for directions.

Household Goods. Regarding donations of household goods, everyone has been so generous. The storage room at the First United Methodist Church is full to the brim. Therefore, at this time, Friends of Ukraine Refugees is not accepting donations of furniture, kitchen supplies, clothing, or other household goods. When a specific need arises, we will announce it.

New Homes for Newcomer Refugees. On November 10, Geraldine Warner, Suzi Pitts, Dee Ann Gregg, and Val Nikishin completed the moving-in of the refugee family of Mr. and Mrs. Donskykh, a family of five and soon to be six (baby due in January). Not only was the moving completed, so was the furniture, all donated, moved in and beds made. Way to go, team! The rented house is in East Wenatchee, with the monthly rent being paid by Friends of Ukraine Refugees. In addition, on November 13, thanks to the generosity of Sara and Dean O'Daffer, we secured a small house ADU on Madison Street near Washington School for Mr. and Mrs. Dotsenko, ages 62 and 57. The house is fully furnished, equipped, and will be perfect for two people. There is no rent. Just \$100 a month to cover utilities for four months. Friends of Ukraine Refugees will pay the monthly utilities and damage deposit. By the end of the term, we will make sure that Mr. and Mrs. Dotsenko have found a permanent rental. The occupancy of the house helps both the landowner and the tenants during the winter, and Mr. and Mrs. Dotsenko understand that their occupancy ends on or before March 31. This move-in, including the signing of the lease, was finalized by Dee Ann Gregg, Slavic Belchenko, Mr. and Mrs. O'Daffer, and the professional interpreter, Olya Erho.

Reverse Advent Calendar

EACH DAY PUT AN ITEM INTO A BOX FOR OUR LITTLE FREE PANTRY

December 1 – box of cereal

December 2 – jar of peanut butter

December 3 – jar of jam

December 4 – bar of soap

December 5 – cleaning product (comet, dish soap, laundry detergent, etc.)

December 6 – bag of rice

December 7 – bag of dried beans

December 8 - toothbrush

December 9 -- toothpaste

December 10 – can of green beans

December 11 – can of corn

December 12 – shampoo/conditioner

December 13 - deodorant

December 14 – flour or sugar

December 15 – roll of paper towels

December 16 – package of pasta

December 17 – jar of spaghetti sauce

December 18 – baking mix (pancake mix, bisquick) or other baking item (baking soda, salt, etc.)

December 19 – can of fruit

December 20 – can of soup

December 21 – canned tuna or chicken

December 22 – snack item (granola bars, fruit cups, crackers, small packages of nuts, etc.)

December 23 – roll of toilet paper

December 24 – baby item (food, wipes, formula, etc.)

Items will be collected on Sunday, December 18 after worship, at the Christmas Eve Worship Services or any time during open office hours.



DECEMBER & JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Fern Keith	12/2	Daryl Levine	12/14	Marsha Sjoberg	12/26
Suellen Harris	12/3	Sylvia Hwang	12/16	Jason Lake	12/27
Shirley Leslie	12/5	Dorothy Packard	12/16	Jan Lee	12/27
TJ McMahon	12/7	Jim Fisher	12/19	Gavin Godfrey	12/28
Dee Johnson	12/9	Hollie Olson	12/19	Pat Strand	12/28
Carole Richardson	12/10	Steven Thompson	12/21	Brianne Vertrees	12/29
Judy Conner	12/11	Tristan Cunderla	12/22	Austin Florea	12/30
Gloria Foster	12/13	Paula Salter	12/22	Dayne Russ	12/30
Mark Woolsey	12/13	J.J. Dippel	12/23	Sonja Boersma	12/31
Joyce Fisher	12/14	Noah Fenhaus	12/25	Jacob Didesch	12/31
Michael Johnson	12/14	Sonya Westerman	12/25	Phillip Dormaier	12/31
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Kelly Thompson	1/1	Dianne Gillin	1/12	Alan Smith	1/27
Kelsi Davis	1/3	Markus Bentsen	1/13	Marilyn Abel	1/28
Kristiana Lapo	1/3	Dave Richardson	1/15	Carol Christopherson	1/29
Jerry Lawson	1/3	Zoe Jaspers	1/17	Alice Evenhus	1/29
Kara Melton	1/5	Sonia Ramsey	1/18	Cortez Martinez	1/29
Barbara Tilly	1/5	Joshua Gale	1/19	Cruz Martinez	1/29
Everly Vertrees	1/6	Kristen Guthrie	1/19	Erik Olson	1/29
Natalee Aalgaard	1/9	Lisa Mattix	1/22	Katrina Olson	1/29
Courtney Rookard	1/9	Nancy O'Donnell	1/22	Matt Olson	1/29
Del Schauer	1/10	Greta Bentsen	1/23	Erling Rivedal	1/29
John Ballinger	1/11	Jim Mayer	1/23	Joan Heminger	1/31
Lisa Heminger	1/11	Paul Woolsey	1/24	Bill Sinnett	1/31
Karlene Mayer	1/11	Morgan Kardos	1/27		

2022 TEAM & COMMITTEE LEADERS

Arts:	Phil Gregg
Building & Grounds:	<i>Open</i>
Endowment:	Karen Zanol
Faith Enrichment:	<i>Open</i>
Fellowship:	Shirley Leslie Jan Romey
Intern:	
Pastoral Support:	Julie Banken
Staff Support:	Ernie Bentsen
Social Concerns:	Kay Fisher
Worship:	Kathy Gavin
Youth:	Cheryl Salter
Memorial Garden:	

2022 CHURCH COUNCIL

President:	Chad DuLac
Vice President:	Dave Coe
Treasurer:	Gwen Sparks
Secretary:	Suellen Harris
Members-at-Large:	Riva Morgan John McQuaig Trina DeCamp Sara O'Daffer

December 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer	2 6:30 p.m. Bingo	3
4 10:30 a.m. Worship 12:00 p.m. Smallbeck Farewell Potluck 6:30 p.m. Jr./Sr. High Youth	5 5:00 p.m. BeFriender Training 7:00 p.m. Appleaires	6 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting 6:30 p.m. Social Concerns Team 7:00 p.m. Apollo Club	7 11:00 a.m. Lectionary Study 6:00 p.m. Together at Grace (TAG) 6:30 p.m. Holden Evening Prayer 7:00 p.m. Voices of Grace	8 7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer	9 6:30 p.m. Recital	10
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25 Christmas 10:30 a.m. Worship	26	27 5:00 p.m. Miriam Circle 7:00 p.m. Church Council	28	29	30	31
Church Office Closed for Christmas Holiday						

January 2023

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<p>1</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Worship</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Social Concerns Team</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Apollo Club</p>	<p>4</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Lectionary Study</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Voices of Grace</p>	<p>5</p> <p>7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer</p> <p>1:00 p.m. Befrienders</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Quilters</p> <p>10:00 a.m. WVMTA Mtg</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Epiphany Potluck</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Bingo</p>	<p>7</p>
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<p>22</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Worship</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Jr./Sr. High Youth</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Newsletter Deadline</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Compassionate Friends</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Appleaires</p>	<p>24</p> <p>1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting</p> <p>5:00 p.m. Church Council</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Apollo Club</p>	<p>25</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Lectionary Study</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Voices of Grace</p>	<p>26</p> <p>7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Quilters</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Worship</p> <p>Congregational Meeting following worship</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Jr./Sr. High Youth</p>	<p>30</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Appleaires</p>	<p>31</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Apollo Club</p>				



A Christmas Greeting from the Staff of Grace:

We pray God's blessings for all of you this Christmas! Thank you for sharing in the life of Christ as we work together to build back community at Grace! We are grateful for you!

Merry Christmas!

Judy Olson
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Richard Smallbeck
Jen Gale
Beth Smallbeck
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Morning Prayer

Thursday mornings, at 7:00, you are invited to join us in the sanctuary. Our morning prayer will typically involve reading of scripture, then a time of prayer, then finish with the Lord's Prayer.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH STAFF

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

10:30 a.m.

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Tuesday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Friday 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

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