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Gift-Giving Season

Dear friends in Christ,

This is the season in which you may feel led to be counter-cultural with your gift-giving. The ELCA Good Gifts catalog is on my desk right now, inches away from my typing fingers. That catalog gives people many options for their gifting wishes. Do you have a grandchild who loves animals? You can buy animals for a family across the world in their name. A few goats can be a game-changer for someone in ways we can only imagine. www.ELCA.org/goodgifts. Part of the counter-culture message is to resist the temptation to be part of our consumeristic society.

I think this topic is a complex one. Chapman, the author of the “Five Love Languages” series, lists these basic ways we tend to communicate love:

Words

Acts of Service

Quality Time

Touch

Gifts

The theory teaches that we tend to *give* love the way we would prefer to *receive* it. Each of these languages are important. Mine are a combination of *words* and *touch*. I believe we can see a reflection of all of these in Christ. Do you want your love for a person to be even more meaningful? Pay attention to how they tend to express love, and “speak their language.” When relationships are under stress, one reaction is for a partner to withhold their love language (ever heard of the cold shoulder?). When that happens, you know it’s time to really check in with the other person.

So, let’s talk about gifting. What are you thinking about when giving a gift to someone?

- Is it an obligation?
- Is it a peace offering?
- Is it a gap-filler in a distant relationship?
- Is it a way to win favor?
- Is it a representation of yourself?
- Is it a symbol of the nature of your relationship?
- Is it a way to recall a shared moment, or experience?
- Is it a way for the other to have something they could not otherwise afford?
- Is it something that meets a need the other has not yet noticed?

Gifts can help communicate something when words fail. They can be very thoughtfully chosen in such a way that a relationship is deepened. They can be purchased with sacrifice on the part of the giver. The gift-givers in our lives must be honored even in the midst of consumeristic concerns. Remember, the Giver of Life calls us into community and lives of service. Jesus’ gift of his very self is something that turns God’s heart to love for the world. That gift is yours to discover.

My days off in December and January: December 2, 9, 16, 23, 26, 27, 30. January 1 (staff holiday), 6, 13, 20, 27.

Together! 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.

*From the desk of
Intern Jenna*

'Tis the season...

How might we finish that familiar adage? 'Tis the season... For friends and family? For shopping and busyness? 'Tis the season... Of loneliness? Or holiday weight? Of course, the traditional Welsh carol from 1862 tells us: 'Tis the season to be jolly!

That line doesn't come from the most Christ-centered carol in the repertoire, but what could it remind us about this season of Advent, Christmas and Epiphany? Is it a time to be jolly? Was it a time to be jolly for Mary and Joseph? They lived in a place of political unrest, fleeing for the safety of their family with nothing more than the clothes on their backs. That doesn't sound very jolly (or unfamiliar!) to me. And yet, in the midst of turmoil, surrounded by animals, a pivotal moment in history took place; indeed, a time to be jolly: the birth of our savior.

As you experience your own traditions, personal endeavors and all that has developed into what this "season" entails in our culture today, I urge you to take time to reflect on its real source of joy and jolly-ness. Jesus' birth invites us into a season of thanks and celebration with everyone impacted by His presence on this earth. Tell your neighbor, invite the stranger and welcome the widow into your celebrations (big and small) throughout this Christmastime. 'Tis the season - let us rejoice and be jolly!

Christmas Open House: Decorating Party, Cookie Exchange & Gathering

Help bring in the Christmas season with a visit to my home, the vicarage*!
(*fancy church word for the home of a vicar, or intern)

I will have a bare Christmas tree and would love your help decorating it. Families and individuals are invited to bring a single ornament (or other decoration for around the apartment). If you choose to bring an ornament or decoration, it will be saved and stored for future GLC interns to enjoy and feel at home during Christmastime.

You're also invited to take part in an optional cookie exchange. If you would like to participate, please bring 6-10 pieces of your favorite Christmas cookie/treat, enjoy trying others at the gathering and take a bag of assorted treats home with you. There will be plenty of treats to go around, so don't worry if you aren't able to bring any cookies!

Drinks (including my dad's hot homemade wassail) will be provided.

When: Sunday, December 8, 1-3PM

Where: 1012 Bryan Terrace in Wenatchee

A note on parking: It's limited! If you can carpool from church (3 min away), that would be a great option to consider.

All are welcome!



Packing Friendship Receives Grant from the Community Foundation of NCW

Packing Friendship is a weekend backpack program providing food to local students who are at risk of going hungry over the weekend. Twenty-six local churches and organizations provide food for more than 500 students each week during the school year. Grace Lutheran provides delivers 54 bags each week to West Side High School and Washington and Columbia Elementary Schools.

We have received a \$6500 Regional Impact Grant from the Community Foundation to support the community-wide packing Friendship Program. The Regional Impact Grant is an annual, competitive grant open to nonprofit organizations serving Chelan, Douglas, and Okanogan counties. Packing Friendship was also selected, along with twenty-four other organizations, to participate in **Give NCW**, an online giving campaign that runs from Thanksgiving Day through December 31. Give NCW is an opportunity for the community to donate and help organizations reach their full request goal.



SUPPORT LOCAL NONPROFITS! Visit www.GiveNCW.org to see the list of participating organizations. You can give to one or more organizations in a single, easy transaction. Minimum donation is just \$10 and 100% of goes to the nonprofits you support - there are no fees. All gifts are tax-deductible.

WIN \$\$ ON FUNDAY MONDAYS! Each time you donate to www.GiveNCW.org on a Monday, your name will be entered to win \$500 or more to use on Give NCW any way you choose! Give it all to your favorite nonprofit, or spread the love.

GIVE TO ALL! Give NCW showcases a broad spectrum of nonprofits doing good work that makes our communities better - sometimes it's hard to choose just one! Your Give to All donation will be split among all organizations.

We hope that you will consider donating to packing Friendship, as well as other local organizations, this Christmas season! We also encourage you to tell your friends and family- it's an easy way to help support our community!



Christmas Caroling Sunday, December 22 3:00 p.m.



Joy to the World!

On Sunday, December 22 at 3:00 p.m., we will gather at the church and go out to bring carols and good cheer to those in our community who cannot join us for services and fellowship. Please join us! Adults and children of all ages and all kinds of singers (including those who consider themselves "non-singers") are welcome.

FAITH FORMATION

LIFELONG LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

December 1 - *No Classes - Thanksgiving Break*

December 8 - 9:30 a.m.

PreK/K - Mary Visits Elizabeth

1st Grade - Adult: Speaker - Victor Estrada, WRC

December 15 - 9:30 a.m.

PreK/K: Jesus is Born

1st - 5th Grade: Creative Corner

6th - 12th grade: Cascade Unitarian visit (9:30 a.m.)

Adults:

December 22 & 29 - *No Classes - Christmas Break*

January 5 - 9:30 a.m.

PreK/K: Simeon & Anna

1st - 5th Grade: Street Ministry Project

6th - 12th grade: Church of God Faith of Abraham visit (10:30 a.m.)

Adults: Fox Gift Forum

January 12 - 9:30 a.m.

PreK/K: The Boy in the Temple

1st - 12th Grade: Lighthouse Ministries

Adults: Budget Forum

January 19 - 9:30 a.m.

PreK/K - High School: *No Classes - MLK Weekend*

Adults: Budget Forum

January 26 - 9:30 a.m.

PreK/K: John the Baptist

1st - 12th Grade: Creative Corner

Adults: Acts Bible Study

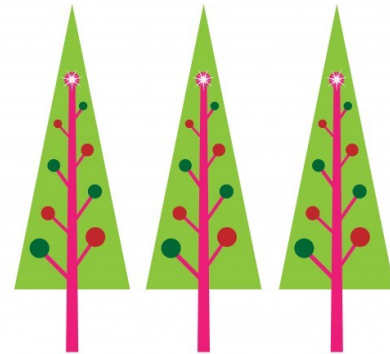
A Star Shines Hope

A Christmas Concert presented by the Music Ministry of Grace Lutheran Church Sunday, December 8, 7:00 p.m.

Grace Lutheran Church presents its annual Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 8, featuring musical offerings from the youth and adults who form the music ministry at Grace. This year's concert includes choirs, handbells, brass, organ, congregational singing of treasured carols, a narrative retelling of the Christmas story, and pieces drawn from Conrad Susa's Carols and Lullabies, a collection of traditional Spanish carols, reimagined by the composer. This concert is free and open to the public. Please plan to join us!

Cookies Needed

The Fellowship Team will be providing a reception for the Christmas Concert on December 8. We need donations of brownies and Christmas cookies. You can bring them any time and put them in the freezer in the coatroom. Please label them "Christmas Concert." Thank you,
Shirley Leslie, Fellowship Chair



Grace Lutheran Christmas Gift Fair Saturday, December 14 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

We will have local vendors selling handmade crafts, jewelry, Mary Kay, Color Street nails, Avon, Thirty One, Paparazzi, Stampin' Up! and more. Come do some Christmas shopping, check out the great raffle items and satisfy that sweet tooth with goodies from the youth bake sale. Don't miss all the fun!



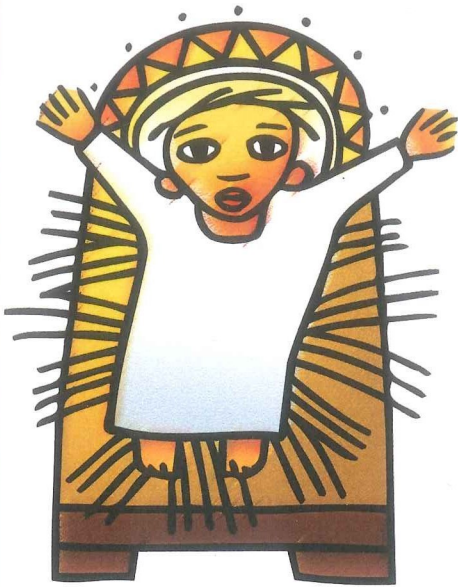
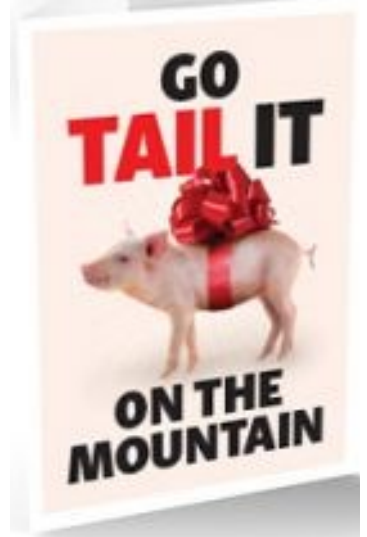
Midweek services during Advent

Join us for Holden Evening Prayer at 5:15 p.m. these Wednesdays: Dec ember 4, 11, & 18. "Together @ Grace" meal begins at 5:30 p.m. Advent is a wonderful season of preparation for our spirits, and this service is a beloved one for our community. Bring a friend!

Go Tail It On The Mountain!

The ELCA Good Gifts Christmas Tree will be in the narthex through Christmas. This is a wonderful opportunity to give a gift that keeps on giving and can literally change the life of a family. This makes a great gift for that hard to shop for person or for your own family. Choose an ornament ranging from honeybees, chicks, pigs or goats, send your check into the ELCA or leave at the office, give the ornament as reminder of your gift or hang on your own Christmas tree. Checks are written to ELCA Good Gifts and can either be left at the office or sent directly to the ELCA.

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Merrifield, VA 22116-8009
The Social Concerns Team



Dear People of Grace!

The ministry staff of Grace would like to wish you a wonderful Christmas and New Years' holiday, filled with the loving presence of Emmanuel, God-with-us! We thank God for you, and for the opportunity to work alongside you as we seek to be signs of Grace in the world!

John Beigun
Richard Smallbeck
Jameson Janssen
Mackenzie Mueller
Robert Reinold
Shannon Salter
Dith Smallbeck

Pastor Jones
Judy Alson

SOCIAL CONCERNS TEAM

Make A Difference Day

The Social Concerns Team and GLC Youth Faith Formation would like to thank everyone who contributed to making our Make A Difference Day projects a huge success. We were able to collect from members in our church and the community over two van loads of coats, sleeping bags, food items, toiletries, blankets, boots and several other much needed items. We also had approximately 40 members from our church and the community help make the sleeping mats for the homeless. We will be putting together several sleeping mat workdays' in the future. Please look in your bulletin and this newsletter for information or contact Beth Smallbeck at 509-663-2189, email youthandfamily@glcwen.org, or Kay Fisher at 509-669-3220, email threefishers@nwi.net.

Friday Night Bingo needs your help!!!

The second Friday of each month at 6:30 p.m., the Social Concerns Team sponsors a Bingo game night for those that have special needs. Approximately 20 individuals show up and the program runs for 1½ hours. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Jolane Guthrie at 509-669-9309. There is also a need for prizes. Any trinkets will do. A box with a label on Bingo Prizes on it will be in the narthex.

December/January Featured Benevolence:

Women's Resource Center – Street Ministries & Lighthouse Ministries

The Women's Resource Center – Street Ministries provides individuals and families experiencing poverty and homelessness with the housing and supportive services they need to be part of a healthy, diverse community. Every weekday the Women's Resource Center Outreach Team hits the streets with USDA approved meals, water, hygiene products, information and a listening ear. While the goal of Outreach is to persuade people to come in and be housed, there is a certain percentage who, for a host of reasons, refuse. The Outreach Team can at least make sure they have some of their most basic needs covered and track folks to monitor potential health and safety problems. The Outreach Team has been very successful in engaging with folks and creating the kinds of relationships that turn lives around.

The following programs are operated by the Women's Resource Center: Permanent Supportive Housing, Bruce Transitional Housing, Homeless Street Outreach and a Landlord Tenant Liaison Program.

We will be collecting the following items for the Women's Resource Center: *Purses, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, deodorant, soap, razors, shampoo, handwarmers, washcloths, Chapstick, gloves, granola bars, beef jerky and pepperoni sticks*. Financial donations are also welcomed. Checks can be made out to Grace Lutheran Church with Women's Resource Center in the memo line and can be dropped off at the church office.

There is a box in the Narthex where you can leave your donated items. This project is part of our Cross Generational Faith Formation Project for this year.

Each month GLC gives \$150.00 to both Women's Resource Center – Street Ministries and Lighthouse Ministries.

Lighthouse Christian Ministries (LCM) is a Christ-centered ministry dedicated to reaching people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ through spiritual means of prayer, Bible study, and church services. LCM will also help the poor and needy through physical means that includes, but is not limited to; operating a soup kitchen, food distribution, emergency and transitional shelter, a preschool program, mentoring, education, and financial services.

Worship Assistants

Please note: All worship assistants listed below are for the 10:30 service.

The January Worship Assistant schedule will be available via e-mail and in the church office on January 2.

1st Sunday of Advent Sunday, 12/1 Worship 8:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m.	2nd Sunday of Advent Sunday, 12/8 Worship 8:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m.	3rd Sunday of Advent Sunday, 12/15 Worship 8:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m.	4th Sunday of Advent Sunday, 12/22 Worship 8:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m.	1st Sunday of Christmas Sunday, 12/29 5th Sunday All Congregational Worship 10:30 a.m.
<u>Scripture Readings</u> Isaiah 2:1-5 Psalm 122 Romans 13:11-14 Matthew 24:36-44	<u>Scripture Readings</u> Isaiah 11:1-10 Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 Romans 15:4-13 Matthew 3:1-12	<u>Scripture Readings</u> Isaiah 35:1-10 Psalm 146:5-10 James 5:7-10 Matthew 11:2-11	<u>Scripture Readings</u> Isaiah 7:10-16 Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 Romans 1:1-7 Matthew 1:18-25	<u>Scripture Readings</u> Isaiah 63:7-9 Psalm 148 Hebrews 2:10-18 Matthew 2:13-23
Acolytes	Acolytes <i>Acolytes first Sunday of the month only.</i>	Acolytes <i>Acolytes first Sunday of the month only.</i>	Acolytes <i>Acolytes first Sunday of the month only.</i>	Acolytes <i>Acolytes first Sunday of the month only.</i>
Altar Guild Peggy Fenhaus	Altar Guild Kathy Gavin	Altar Guild Tami Woolsey	Altar Guild JuLee Fiebelkorn	Altar Guild JuLee Fiebelkorn
Communion Assistants Nancy Boersma Rose Applegate Kathy Otheim Susan Hendrickson	Communion Assistants Karen Zanol Sophie Fiebelkorn	Communion Assistants Chad & Della DuLac	Communion Assistants Colleen Smith Riva Morgan	Communion Assistants Abby Reed Kate Gregg
Lector	Lector	Lector	Lector	Lector
Sound Technician Joanne Dalinkus	Sound Technician Ken Matchley	Sound Technician Chad DuLac	Sound Technician Monte Olson	Sound Technician Kent Heminger
Ushers Beth & Rich Smallbeck	Ushers	Ushers	Ushers	Ushers
Flowers <i>No Flowers during Advent</i>	Flowers <i>No Flowers during Advent</i>	Flowers <i>No Flowers during Advent</i>	Flowers <i>No Flowers during Advent</i>	Flowers

Christmas Eve December 24 Worship 7:00 p.m. <i>Lessons and Carols</i>	Christmas Eve December 24 Worship 11:00 p.m. <i>Vespers</i>	Christmas Day December 25 Worship 9:00 a.m.
Altar Guild Peggy Fenhaus	Altar Guild JuLee Fiebelkorn	
Communion Assistants Colleen Smith, Susan Hendrickson	Communion Assistants Kate Gregg, Kathy Otheim	
Sound Technician Rob Salter	Sound Technician Phil Gregg	



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Fern Keith	12/2	Joyce Fisher	12/14	Sonya Westerman	12/25
Suellen Harris	12/3	Michael Johnson	12/14	Jason Lake	12/27
Shirley Leslie	12/5	Daryl Levine	12/14	Jan Lee	12/27
T.J. McMahon	12/7	Sylvia Hwang	12/16	Marv Dunbar	12/28
Gary Nelson	12/8	Dorothy Packard	12/16	Gavin Godfrey	12/28
Dee Johnson	12/9	Jim Fisher	12/19	Pat Strand	12/28
Carole Richardson	12/10	Hollie Olson	12/19	Brianne Vertrees	12/29
Judy Conner	12/11	Steven Thompson	12/21	Austin Florea	12/30
Bette Bayes	12/12	Tristan Cunderla	12/22	Dayne Russ	12/30
Gloria Foster	12/13	Paula Salter	12/22	Sonja Boersma	12/31
Mark Woolsey	12/13	Noah Fenhaus	12/25	Phillip Dormaier	12/31



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Kelly Thompson	1/1	Dianne Skagen-Gillin	1/12	Alan Smith	1/27
Kristiana Lapo	1/3	Markus Bentsen	1/13	Marilyn Abel	1/28
Jerry Lawson	1/3	Dave Richardson	1/15	Carol Christopherson	1/29
Kara Melton	1/5	Zoe Jaspers	1/17	Alice Evenhus	1/29
Barbara Tilly	1/5	Joshua Gale	1/19	Cortez Martinez	1/29
Everly Vertrees	1/6	Kristen Guthrie	1/19	Cruz Martinez	1/29
Natalee Aalgaard	1/9	Lisa Mattix	1/22	Erik Olson	1/29
Courtney Rookard	1/9	Kristen Nestor	1/22	Katrina Olson	1/29
Del Schauer	1/10	Nancy O'Donnell	1/22	Matt Olson	1/29
John Ballinger	1/11	Jim Mayer	1/23	Erling Rivedal	1/29
Lisa Heminger	1/11	Paul Woolsey	1/24	Joan Heminger	1/31
Karlene Mayer	1/11	Morgan Kardos	1/27	Bill Sinnett	1/31

Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting

Please plan to attend the Grace Lutheran Church Semi-Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 26, 2020, after the 10:30 worship service. Our agenda will include approval of our 2020 ministry budget and thanksgiving to leaders who are finishing terms of service.

Budget forums will be held on January 12 and 19, during the Faith Formation time, to review the proposed budget for 2020.

How to Give a Nicaraguan Mother a Stove this Christmas

The Friends of Families United have worked with a group of families in Nicaragua for over twelve years. During that time we have supported them in very basic ways: with assistance for school expenses, for nutrition, for dental health, for housing, for university scholarships.

Our final effort was to help them launch the AVANZA Stove Factory in 2016 with the help of Rotary Clubs and Stove Team International. Forget General Electric, forget Whirlpool. These are very basic wood-burning stoves made of concrete poured into molds, with some steel components added for support. Picture a five-gallon bucket: it's that size and shape roughly. But these little Ecocinas (from "ecological cocinas") are very impressive in their efficiency--which saves precious money for fuel--and also in their clean-burning feature--which eliminates 85% of the smoke particles. Fast, clean, and safe. They sell for only \$60.



But that price is the problem: for most people that \$60 is too much. Their meager incomes are totally consumed by putting food on the table and buying other daily necessities. Nothing is left over for buying a new stove for Mama.

If you would like to give a poor Nicaraguan mother a matchless Christmas gift, you can help us deliver an Ecocina Stove to her smoky kitchen and make her day brighter in the new year. Send a gift of \$60 for one stove, or any larger or smaller amount you would like to give--and we will deliver as many free Christmas stoves as we are able to. Or drop off your gift in the church office sometime over the next month. We'll do the rest.

Send your gift to: Friends of Families United

1250 Lois Place

Wenatchee, WA 98801

By helping one woman (and her family), you will also be helping the AVANZA Stove Factory directly by giving them more work to do. That's important, because in the coming year, the factory will be providing the Families United program with a \$500 monthly bonus--\$36 for every member every month. That makes your gift a win-win-win.

Thanks for your support,

Friends of Families United Board

Dave, Marv, and Wolf

Sabbatical 2020

Pastor Aalgaard is making plans for a twelve-week sabbatical leave starting May 1, 2020. You are invited to come for a time of conversation, to learn more about his plans and about the purpose of sabbatical as a part of ministry. From Pastor's sabbatical proposal: "The intent for my sabbatical leave is to be intentional in ceasing from the daily and weekly demands of my ministry with the congregation; resting so as to be refreshed by the Holy Spirit through the gifts of solitude, family time, and the hospitality of others; embracing gifts (old and new) that I find are helpful for self care and public ministry; and finally celebrating and affirming my call to word and sacrament ministry for the people of Grace." Forum dates are January 12, after the 10:30 service, and January 15, at 6:00 after our Together @ Grace meal. Hope you can join us!

Council Corner

Council Corner
GLC November 19, 2019

1. The Council approved Gwen's proposal that the cash reserve surplus be used for special projects at the beginning of the year.
2. Audit Committee has been appointed and approved by the Council. The members are Mark Boersma (3 Year), Linda Sinnett (2 year) and Mike Sweeney (1 year).
3. Shirley Leslie presented a proposal to replace the Fellowship Hall blinds. Her proposal was granted.
4. Council discussed our "season of reflection" – discussed additional thoughts on the Fox gift. Time to process the gift, reflect on God's bounty given to us and to let the congregation know we are comfortable with transparency and taking time to embrace this incredible gift.

Treasurer Talk...

	Jan-Oct 2019	Jan-Oct 2018		10/31/19	10/31/18
Total Offerings, Misc.	\$407,797	\$401,678	Cash Position	\$74,665	\$64,339
Operating Expenses	<u>(422,258)</u>	<u>(414,039)</u>	Treasurer Reserve	<u>51,968</u>	<u>54,054</u>
Net Margin (Deficit)	(\$14,462)	(\$12,361)	Total	\$126,633	\$118,393

Oh my – closing in on year-end with 10 months reported. It is time for budgets and preparations for 2020. For the ten months, projected deficit through October was (\$10,658); actual deficit was (\$14,462). Expenses are actually \$10,000 less than projected.

Endowment Team awarded total of \$10,000 to the following: Powerhouse Ministries \$1000, Lilac Services for the Blind \$3000, Run 2 Rescue \$1500, Alatheia Riding Center for Student Scholarships \$800, Alatheia Riding Center for Wounded Warriors \$800, Compassionate Friends \$1000, Packing Friendship Grant Fund \$900, and GLC Quilting Ministry \$1000.

Gwen Sparks, Treasurer. 630-4239.

Sunday 11/3 Attendance	29 & 126	Sunday 11/17 Attendance	49 & 100
Weekly Offering	\$15,128.50	Weekly Offering	\$4,394.50
Sunday 11/10 Attendance	44 & 97	Sunday 11/24 Attendance	58 & 111
Weekly Offering	\$20,996.50	Weekly Offering	

Women's Fellowship

"Circles" are groups of women that meet monthly for Bible study and mutual support.

YOU are invited to attend. Please contact the church office or the monthly host (listed at right) if you would like more information.

Miriam Circle meets Tuesday, December 10, at 6:15 p.m. at the home of Kathy Jo Evans (663-0609).

Anna Circle will meet on Tuesday, December 10, at 10:00 a.m. at the church.



Prayer Partners

Please contact Colleen Smith with any prayer requests, either by phone at 679-1742 or by email at glcprayerpartners@gmail.com. We welcome all prayer requests.



This month's Prayer Shawl meeting will meet at Helen Morton's home at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 19. Please contact Helen (888-5546) with any questions.

Compassionate Friends Holiday Candle Lighting Ceremony

To honor the memories of all of our children and loved ones who have died

Monday, December 16, at Grace Lutheran

6:00 p.m. - we will gather to make ornaments

7:00 p.m. - Candle Lighting Ceremony

(Candles are provided)



You are invited to bring a picture of your loved one to share on our memory boards. Refreshments and fellowship will follow the ceremony. For more information, please call 860-3620 or visit tcfwenatcheevalley.org.

2019 TEAM & COMMITTEE LEADERS

Arts:	Phil Gregg
Building & Grounds:	Phoebe Nelson
Endowment:	Inku Hwang
Faith Enrichment:	Jody Marquardt
Fellowship:	Shirley Leslie
Intern:	Trish Simmons Andy Sheets
Pastoral Support:	Micah Florea
Staff Support:	Ernie Bentsen
Social Concerns:	Annette Mueller
Worship:	Denise Miller
Youth:	Jen Pearson-Gale

2019 CHURCH COUNCIL

President:	Chad DuLac
Vice President:	Monte Olson
Treasurer:	Gwen Sparks
Secretary:	Colleen Smith
Members-at-Large:	Jody Marquardt Shirley Leslie Rebecca Lake Andy Sheets

December 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Worship 5:30 p.m. Chancel Schola 6:30 p.m. Middle School & Senior High Youth 8:00 p.m. Compline Choir 9:00 p.m. Compline	2 7:00 p.m. Apples	3 10:30 a.m. Alzheimer's Support Group 1:00 p.m. Staff Support Comm.	4 11:00 a.m. Lectionary Study 5:15 p.m. Holden Evening Prayer 5:30 p.m. T@G Meal 6:15 p.m. Bells of Grace 7:30 p.m. Voices of Grace	5 7:00 a.m. 1st Prayer 6:00 p.m. 6 th - 8 th Grade Youth Christmas Party	6	7
8 **See below for Sunday Morning Schedule 11:45 a.m. New Member Lunch 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Vicarage Open House 7:00 p.m. Christmas Concert	9 7:00 p.m. Apples	10 10:00 a.m. Anna Circle 7:00 p.m. Suicide Loss Support Group 7:00 p.m. Miriam Circle	11 9:30 a.m. Intern Team 11:00 a.m. Lectionary Study 3:45 p.m. 3rd - 5th grade Youth 5:15 p.m. Holden Evening Prayer 5:30 p.m. T@G Meal 6:15 p.m. Bells of Grace 7:30 p.m. Voices of Grace	12 7:00 a.m. 1st Prayer 5:30 p.m. Recital	13 6:30 p.m. Bingo	14 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Christmas Gift Fair
15 **See below for Sunday Morning Schedule 5:00 p.m. Senior High Progressive Dinner 8:00 p.m. Compline Choir 9:00 p.m. Compline	16 6:00 p.m. Compassionate Friends 7:00 p.m. Recital	17 10:30 a.m. Alzheimer's Support Group 6:00 p.m. Council 7:00 p.m. Recital	18 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. King's Garden Christmas Program 11:00 a.m. Lectionary Study 5:15 p.m. Holden Evening Prayer 5:30 p.m. T@G Meal 6:15 p.m. Bells of Grace 7:30 p.m. Voices of Grace	19 7:00 a.m. 1st Prayer 10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl 6:30 p.m. Social Concerns Team 8:00 p.m. Grace Brass	20	21
22 8:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Worship 3:00 p.m. Christmas Caroling	23	24 Christmas Eve Worship 7:00 p.m. 11:00 p.m.	25 Christmas 9:00 a.m. Worship	26 Church Offices Closed for Christmas Vacation	27	28
29 5th Sunday One Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Worship	30	31	Sunday Morning Schedule (December 8 & 15) Worship: 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. Faith Formation: 9:30 a.m.			

January 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday Morning Schedule Worship: 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. Faith Formation: 9:30 a.m.			1 Happy New Year! Offices Closed	2 7:00 a.m. 1st Prayer	3	4
5 **See above for Sunday Morning Schedule 5:30 p.m. Chancel Schola 6:30 p.m. Middle School & Senior High Youth 8:00 p.m. Compline Choir 9:00 p.m. Compline	6 Epiphany 7:00 p.m. Appelairees	7 10:30 a.m. Alzheimer's Support Group	8 11:00 a.m. Lectionary Study 4:00 p.m. 3rd - 5th grade Youth 5:30 p.m. T@G Meal 6:15 p.m. Bells of Grace 7:30 p.m. Voices of Grace	9	10 9:00 a.m. Quilters 10:00 a.m. Music Teachers Meeting 6:30 p.m. Bingo	11
12**See above for Sunday Morning Schedule 11:45 a.m. Sabbatical Forum 5:30 p.m. Chancel Schola 6:30 p.m. Middle School & Senior High Youth	13 7:00 p.m. Appelairees	14 Lifetouch Pictures Time TBA 10:00 a.m. Anna Circle 6:00 p.m. Youth Team 7:00 p.m. Suicide Loss Support Group 7:00 p.m. Miriam Circle	15 9:30 a.m. Intern Team 11:00 a.m. Lectionary Study 5:30 p.m. T@G Meal 6:00 p.m. Sabbatical Forum 6:15 p.m. Bells of Grace 7:30 p.m. Voices of Grace	16 Newsletter Deadline 7:00 a.m. 1st Prayer 6:30 p.m. Social Concerns Team	17 9:00 a.m. Quilters 5:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal	18 5:00 p.m. Carroll/Miller Wedding
19**See above for Sunday Morning Schedule **No Youth Faith Formation** 8:00 p.m. Compline Choir 9:00 p.m. Compline	20 7:00 p.m. Appelairees 7:00 p.m. Compassionate Friends 7:00 p.m. Recital	21 10:30 a.m. Alzheimer's Support Group	22 11:00 a.m. Lectionary Study 4:00 p.m. 3rd - 5th grade Youth 5:30 p.m. T@G Meal 6:15 p.m. Bells of Grace 7:30 p.m. Voices of Grace	23 7:00 a.m. 1st Prayer 10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl	24 9:00 a.m. Quilters	25
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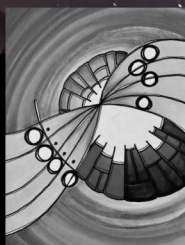
A Star Shines Hope

A Christmas Concert
presented by the

Music Ministry
of Grace Lutheran

Sunday, Dec 8, 2019

7:00pm



Grace Music Ministry

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Thank You

November 8, 2019

Dear Pastor Aalgaard and members of Grace Lutheran Church,

It was March 1973 when the Sorom family arrived in Wenatchee, Washington. Dr. Terry was beginning his career at the Eye and Ear Clinic and with Suzanne, the hope was that this valley would be a great place to raise their family. The boys were ages 7, 4 and twins 7 months.

The local newspaper announced the arrival of the new ophthalmologist and noted that he had graduated from Luther College, Decorah, Iowa.

Soon the minister from Grace Lutheran Church welcomed the Sorom family and the rest is history as the family attended church, Sunday school and the boys were confirmed at Grace.

The years as members of Grace and under the leadership of Pastor Paul Lundborg were important to the spiritual life of the Sorom family. We remain grateful to this day for the gifts of a Christian education and the friendships we gained at Grace.

Our family deeply appreciated being able to have the Celebration of Life service for Terry in the beautiful Grace sanctuary on September 14th. We wanted a quiet, spiritual place to focus on the life of Terry, beloved husband, father and grandfather. We thank Grace Lutheran for the use of the sanctuary. We thank Pastor Aalgaard and Intern Jenna for their assistance with the service. We had many people tell us it was the most beautiful and profound Celebration that they had ever attended.

We are sincerely grateful,

Suzanne, Jeb, Abraham and Ted Sorom and families

Suzanne + family

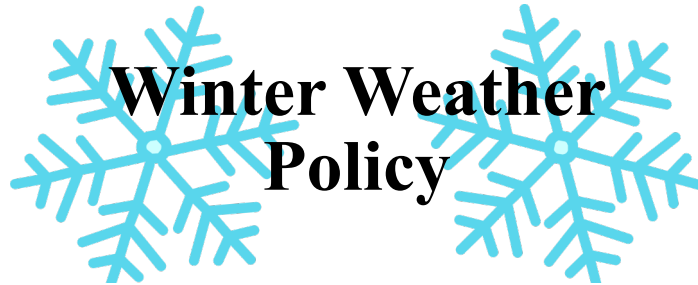
Church Directory Update

We are updating our church directory. The date scheduled for photography is Tuesday, January 14, 2020. The signup sheet to schedule your photography session will be available in the Narthex on Sundays.

All are welcome to have pictures taken, including families, extended families, etc. Every family photographed will receive a free 8" x 10" portrait and a new updated directory. We will also be updating addresses, phone numbers, etc.

Families who are in our most recent directory (small directory with blue cover): you can use that photo and still receive an updated directory. Our church directory is used for many different reasons, so we encourage everyone to participate. Please direct any questions, concerns etc., to Shirley Leslie who is heading up this project.

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Midweek programming for our congregation should be a safe experience for all participants. At times, we must consider road conditions. When Wenatchee schools cancel activities due to inclement weather, Grace Lutheran Church will respond in kind and cancel or postpone all activities. We will communicate these decisions to the congregation and the public to the best of our ability.

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FAITH FORMATION

Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:30 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

COMPLINE

1st and 3rd Sundays, 9:00 p.m.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday- Thursday

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Friday

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

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