

# The Scroll

Grace Lutheran  
Church

December 2022

It is a great joy to be with you at Grace as we begin our journey in ministry together. It is said that hearts come home for Christmas. I think that's especially true for me and for my husband, Kevin. This is familiar territory. Our families have roots in this region of the country.

I think it is fitting that we begin in this season of Advent and Christmas. It's cold and snowy and the sun goes to bed early leaving us to live in the darkness for greater lengths of time. Looking out at the lights of neighbors and the twinkling ones of the season is so comforting for us all.

Our world gets awfully dark. You know what all is going on and what we don't know, we don't really want to know because there's always more bad stuff. Yes, it's a dark unredeemed world that needs the light of Christ. Into this world came our Lord Jesus so long ago. His light still shines in the darkness. We are a people who have seen a great light just as the prophet Isaiah proclaimed would happen, *"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone,"* Isaiah 9:2. Matthew 4:14-16 tells us that Jesus fulfills this word. The light of Christ shines in the church bringing hope lighting the way to the Savior. It is the voice of the redeemed who proclaim to a hurting world *"Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you,"* Isaiah 60:1.

In the few days that I have been with you, I have seen great faith, love, and devotion. The light of Jesus shines here at Grace and in this community. But as in any community, there are those who still do not know Jesus and really we all need reminders, that Christ Jesus has been born in the world - redemption is here. So lift up your heads and rejoice. Jesus Christ is Lord.

May the light of Jesus shine ever brighter through the power of the Holy Spirit.

In ministry together,  
Pastor Pam

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The Grace Lutheran Church Council will meet in regular session on Wednesday December 14th at 7:00 p.m. A reminder that all regular council meetings are open to all members of Grace Church.



**October 31st:**  
 Attendance~80  
 Offering~\$2,630.00

**November 6th:**  
 Attendance~97  
 Offering~\$4,405.00

**November 13th:**  
 Attendance~48  
 Offering~\$1,000.00

**November 20th:**  
 Attendance~52  
 Offering~\$1,455.00

**November 27th:**  
 Attendance~74  
 Offering~\$2,785.00



The Grace WNALC will not meet during the winter months. They'll return to business in March of 2023.

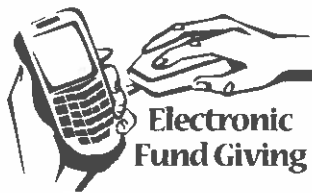
**Rebecca Circle:** December 22nd at 6:30 PM at the church



**REMINDER** – Please save your grocery receipts from Groceries Plus in Erskine and Jered's Grocery in McIntosh. Both stores are donating 1 percent of the total purchases to the youth group. There is a container for the receipts at the church in the hallway by the coat racks.



- \* Marlene Ross
- \* Laurie Coleman
- \* Maci Smeby
- \* Allen Jenson
- \* Everett Osland
- \* Steve & Linda Evenson
- \* Steve Jacobson
- \* Becki Haugen
- \* Judy Boucher
- \* Lyla Jean Gunderson
- \* Jolene Bradley
- \* Torrey Erickson
- \* Mark LaPlante
- \* Bruce Solberg
- \* Pam Hiltner
- \* Tim & Diane Jagol
- \* Nursing Home members
- \* Grace Call Committee
- \* Ukraine



### Giving Options

Not only can you give through your offering envelope on Sunday morning, but our church offers other options to receive your offering:

**Automatic Giving** – You can set up monthly or weekly automatic deductions from your bank account. Contact the church office (218-687-4035) for a form to complete.

**Online Giving** – There are several links throughout our website ([www.gracechurcherskine.org](http://www.gracechurcherskine.org)) that will allow you to give a one-time or regular donation from your bank account, credit card, or debit card.

**Mobile Giving** – You can utilize your mobile device and scan the following code –



### **Benevolence Ideas**

Our church has several special funds to meet needs that can't be met through our General Fund. Currently, these special funds are: Building Maintenance/Improvements, Sunday School Outreach, Vacation Bible School, and Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes. In addition, our church houses the Grace Community Food Shelf and we ask for donations on their behalf as well as for the After School Backpack Program. Finally, our church is a part of the Grace Cemetery Association and we ask for donations on their behalf for the maintenance of the Synod, Pioneer, and Fairview Cemeteries in rural Erskine. Please contact Jim Ferden if you have any questions.

### October 2022 Financial Summary

Congregational Offering to the General Fund - \$16,755.00

#### Expenses:

Administrative - \$6,819.92

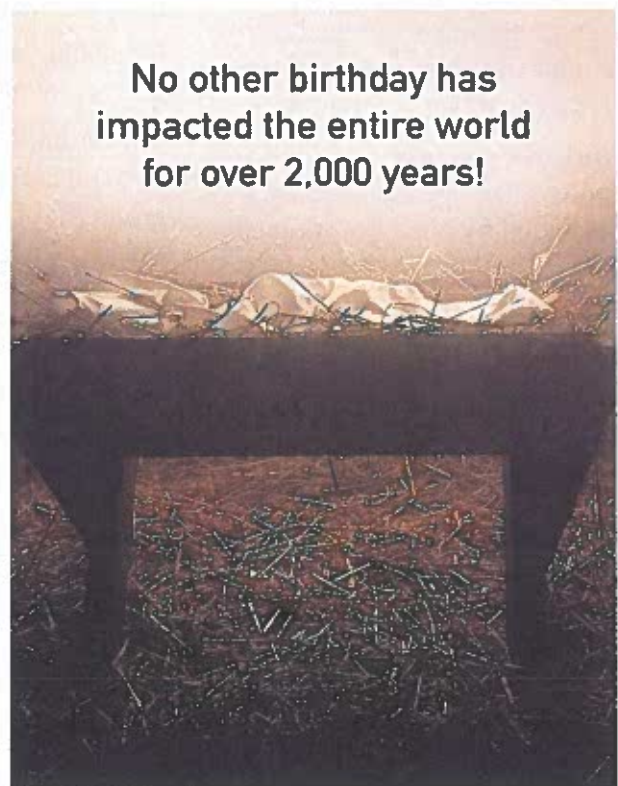
Education - \$1,074.85

Mission Outreach - \$3,673.00

Pastoral - \$3,118.90

Worship - \$669.48

Total Expenses - \$15,356.15



GRACE LUTHERAN  
CHURCH  
COUNCIL MEETING

Nov. 9, 2022

7:00 P.M.

*'Serving all people by sharing  
God's Word and Gift of Grace'*

**Present:** President Jason Carlson, Nick Walk, Hollie Stewart, Yvonne Halvorson, Gene Haugom, Wade Farrell, Lori Hole, Gary Walter, John Carlson, Ann Brekken,

**Call to Order:** President Jason called the meeting to order.

**Devotions:** Jason led devotions based on anticipation. We are so looking forward to Pastor Pam joining us during Advent, the season of anticipation. Psalm 22:1 "Our Christmas Joy is just a taste of the Joy to come." Jason encouraged us to remain steadfast and do whatever we can to support and help.

**Approve Agenda:** Motion to approve the agenda by Gary . Seconded by Nick. Motion carried.

**Secretary's Report:** Lori moved to approve Sept. minutes (no minutes for October due to no meeting.) Seconded by Wade. Motion carried.

**Financial Secretary's Report:** Yvonne moved to approve. Seconded by John. Motion carried. (Report on file).

**Treasurer's Report:**

Cash Flow Report

- Undesignated funds available to be used for September's General Fund expenses totaled \$12,653.65. This amount was above the month's General Fund expenses totaling \$11,807.66.

- Congregational giving to the General Fund was \$12,368.00. The monthly budget goal is \$19,160.69.

- Noteworthy Other Giving:

- o Miscellaneous - \$199.22 pass through donations to the Grace Food Shelf, \$50 pass through donation to the youth group, \$456 pass through donation to the SS Outreach Fund, and the balance was a pass through donation to the Scholarship Fund.

Some of the noteworthy expenses this month included:

Administration: Property Taxes – 2<sup>nd</sup> half for church and parsonage; none on the parking lot.

Financial Secretary – Quarterly salary payment.

Education: Miscellaneous – Pass through donation to the youth group (\$50).

Mission Outreach:

Miscellaneous – Pass through donation to the Grace Food Shelf (\$199.22) and \$600 to Minkota Mission District.

Budget Report

- We ended the month at approximately 27% or \$62,000 under budget.

All of the major budgeted expense categories ended under budget for the month, with the exception of Mission Outreach

due to previously discussed reasons.

History of Regular Giving to the General Fund Report

- Giving is down from last month.
- Second lowest month in 2022.
- This is the third highest year-to-date giving since 2011 (when I started tracking donations).

Third lowest September giving since 2011.

History of the General Fund Balance

- The General Fund balance is the highest ever!

The September balance includes the \$25,000 CD plus interest.

Account Balances Report

- Building Fund - Reflects donations made during the month and expenses for the separate elevator phone line (\$39.17); additional painting for outside of church and parsonage bathroom (\$832.82).

- HS Scholarship Fund – Reflects a donation.

- Oil Fund – Bldg Upkeep reflects a portion of this month's oil/gas revenue.

- Oil Fund – Church Emergencies reflects a portion of this month's oil/gas revenue.

- Oil Fund - Missions reflects a portion of this month's oil/gas revenue.

SS Outreach Fund – Reflects September SS offering and the

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS



This is a picture of Nancy Jenson with a volunteer from Hope Evangelical Church in GF, where I dropped off our shoe boxes. They were pretty excited to receive our 71 boxes! Our kids did such a great job!

*Thank You!*

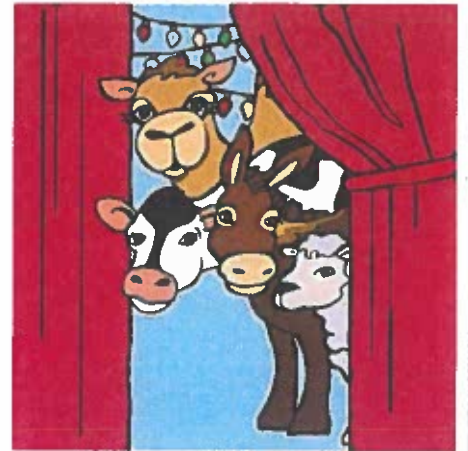
A huge thank-you to the Grace NALCW for their very generous gift to the Grace Youth Group! Thank you so much for thinking of us.



An Opportunity for Ministry The education committee is seeking a 4th grade Release Time teacher, to teach from January through the end of the year. Here are some fun facts about Release time:

- There are 14 students in this awesome class. If we would combine 3rd and 4th, we would have a class of 25, which is not ideal.
- January 4th is the first day of class after vacation. We meet every other Wednesday.
- There are only 8 classes left until the end of the school year.
- Students arrive at church at 1:55 and leave at 2:45. The time flies by!
- We have a curriculum, with a teacher's guide and student leaflets.
- Grace has 62 students enrolled in Release Time! A portion of these students are unchurched. Release Time may be their only religious instruction.
- Your faith will GROW, as you prepare for your lessons, and face the many questions your students ask.
- It is an absolute privilege to minister to these students! You should try it! If you are led to participate, or if you have questions, please call or text Nancy Jenson at 218-280-3858.

## CHRISTMAS



## PROGRAM

The Grace Sunday School will present their Christmas Program on Sunday December 18<sup>th</sup> during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. In case of bad weather, it will be held on December 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**\*\*THERE WILL BE  
NO SUNDAY  
SCHOOL ON DE-  
CEMBER 25TH AND  
JANUARY 1ST.**

**GRACE COUNCIL, continued**

monthly gift of \$38 to Compassion International.

Brovold Investment Valuation Report

- The balance is down approximately \$1,700 from last month's balance.

Lowest balance since March 2020.

Gunderson Investment Valuation Report

- The balance is down approximately \$3,400 from last month's balance.

Lowest balance since November 2021.

Other Information

The church auditors completed a review of the church's 2021 financial records and no concerns were noted.

In Jim's absence Jason reported that Ashley Gagner is managing the Brovold account and we are very pleased with her service to us.

Nick moved to approve October report. Nick moved to second. Motion carried.

**Pastor's Report:** Jason reported:

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**Committee Reports:**

*Stewardship:* Lori reported. \$2265 Love offering will be designated to the Back Pack program at WEM.

*Education:* Ann reported.

- o Attendance is a bit up from last year averaging about 40 students per Sunday. Currently we've been seeing about 46 pre-K through junior high that attend regularly.

- o Packed 71 shoe boxes last Sunday. Had a wonderful time with the SS students and experiencing the joy of giving to others. Shipping per box is \$10.00 and it will be paid for out of the SS outreach funds. Some donations were also received to help with expenses.

- o 5 & 6 graders are going shopping for the Giving Tree on Sunday. Again, a wonderful opportunity to GIVE to others.

**Committee Reports:**

- o Planning to do some Christmas Cards for the shut-ins.

- o Christmas Program will be Dec 18 during Sunday service.

- o Released time will need two more teachers after Christmas. We'll need one elementary teacher for sure.

- o *Youth Group:* No report. Hollie did mention that the students did seem interested in doing some activities.

*NALCW:* Hollie reported. Regular meeting is rescheduled until next Thursday due to weather. Officers will meet before the meeting to make decisions and recommendations about how the \$2000 will be dispensed from the \$30,000 donation that was received by Grace. Currently there is a \$7043.54 balance in checkbook so there will be approximately \$15,000 to dispense. Going to be electing officers.

Received the new books, devotions for Advent, that will be given to the women who turned 80 this year in honor of their membership and service. Book is Emmanuel by Ruth Chou Simons.

\$2739 was taken in from Deer Hunters' meatball supper before expenses. Once all has been taken care of, the council will make some decisions about dispensing the funds. We want to thank Becky Lindseth for her hard work and leadership in chairing this event again this year.

*Trustees:* Gene reported.

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**Grace WNALC Meeting –  
Monday, November 14, 2022**

**DRAFT**

Opening and Prayer: Hollie Stewart began with a welcome and prayer. The group sang *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*, accompanied by Mavis Haugom on the piano.

Dessert: The group sang table grace and was served dessert prepared by members of Group 1, Maxine Walter and Bonnie Salveson. Other members of Group 1 are Judy Hoeft, Sandy Nordheim, Lila Lucken, and Trudy Carlson.

Devotions: Lois Otto provided the devotion from a book titled, *Lord Do You Want Me To Do Devotion Again?* The title of the reading was, *Memories*. Lois closed with a prayer.

Music: Mary Bratrud played a video musical of *Onward Christian Soldiers*, in recognition of Veteran's Day.

Bible Study: Mary Bratrud conducted Bible Study with the focus being, *why share our faith*. We share our faith because we are called to share, commanded to do so, and it is a privilege to do so - leaving the result to God.

Music: The group sang, *Amazing Grace*, accompanied by Mavis Haugom on the piano.

Pastor Sletto: Pastor Sletto shared a story of John Newton, a Captain of a slave ship turned Pastor and member of a church that was a driving force for banning slavery.

GRACE WNALC

Secretary's Report: The secretary's report for the October 13, 2022, meeting was read by Becky Lindseth. Motion to approve minutes by Joyce Voxland which was seconded by Dorothy Sandberg. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was read by Barb Gaalswyk. Beginning balance was \$7,043.54 with deposits and checks throughout the month, left a balance of \$17,272.36. Motion to approve by Audrey Hemmingsen, which was seconded by Maxine Walter. The treasurer's report was approved.

Council Report: The Council report for the November 9, 2022, meeting:

- a. Release time teacher is needed.
- b. Sunday School Christmas Program will be held during church service on December 18, 2022.
- c. November 27, 2022, will be the first service for Pastor Pam.
- d. Lectern Coordinator is needed.
- e. Christmas service will be held on Saturday, December 24, 2022, at 4:30 p.m.
- f. Next Council meeting will be held on **December 14, 2022**.

Old Business:

Meatball Supper was held on November 5, 2022, serving from 5:00-8:00 p.m. for "to go" orders. Two hundred meals were served with revenue being \$2,937.00.

New Business:

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- a. Secretary for the March 2023 meeting is needed.
- b. WNALC Officer Election - Motion by Shirley Kraft, seconded by Audrey Hemmingsen, and the motion passed with the following officers elected:

President – Hollie Stewart  
Vice-President – Maxine Walter  
Secretary – Becky Lindseth  
Treasurer – Barb Gaalswyk and Nancy Tradewell

Mission Action Chair – Audrey Hemmingsen  
Mission Growth Chair – Joanne Sannes

Bookstore – Dorothy Sandberg  
Quilt Chair – Barb Gaalswyk  
Quilt Co-Chair – Nancy Tradewell

Altar Committee – Lori Hole, Maxine Walter, and Becky Lindseth

Pianist – Mavis Finseth

- c. WNALC Newsletter – Hollie indicated a Bible written in chronological order is available for sale, one of which she has purchased through Amazon. With 15 minutes of reading occurring on a daily basis, the Bible can be read in one year.

d. 80-Year-Old Honorees – The following seven people are presented with a book from the WNALC – Linda Jorgenson, Ginnie Farrell, Janet Hamre, Barb Gaalswyk, Sandy Nordheim, Dorothy Sandberg, and Judy Tadman.

Mission Disbursement –

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**GRACE COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Jason Carlson	President	563-2490
Nick Walk	Vice President	637-2219
Yvonne Halvorson	Secretary	687-5190
Dorothy Sandberg	Financial Secretary	687-3575
Jim Ferden	Treasurer	563-2377
Gary Walter	Deacon	687-3074
John Carlson	Deacon	
Gene Haugom	Trustee	563-3292
Wade Farrell	Trustee	563-2216
Ray LaBrecque	Trustee	
Ann Brekken	Superintendent / Education	687-2205
Sarah Strom	Education	687-3488
Pam Walk	Education	637-2219
Shar Hill	Education	
Hollie Stewart	Pres. WNALC	687-3730
Lori Hole	Stewardship	687-3585
Tyler Brekken	Stewardship	687-2205
Becky Lindseth	Stewardship	



We are in search of a Lector Coordinator(s) who would be willing to find readers for Sunday services. Please let someone from the Council know that you are willing to do this. Thank you.

**LECTIONARY READINGS FOR NOVEMBER****Second Sunday of Advent**

December 4, 2022

First Reading - Isaiah 11:1-10

Psalm - Psalm 72:1-7

Second Reading - Romans 15:4-13

Gospel - Matthew 3:1-12

**Third Sunday of Advent**

December 11, 2022

First Reading - Isaiah 35:1-10

Psalm - Psalm 146:1-10

Second Reading - James 5:7-11

Gospel - Matthew 11:2-15

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

December 18, 2022

First Reading - Isaiah 7:10-17

Psalm - Psalm 24:1-10

Second Reading - Romans 1:1-7

Gospel - Matthew 1:18-25

**Nativity of Our Lord**

December 24, 2022 • Christmas Eve

First Reading - Isaiah 7:10-14

Psalm - Psalm 110:1-4

Second Reading - 1 John 4:7-16

Gospel - Matthew 1:18-25

**Nativity of Our Lord**

December 25, 2022 • Christmas Day

First Reading - Isaiah 52:7-10

Psalm - Psalm 2:1-12

Second Reading - Hebrews 1:1-6, 7-12

Gospel - John 1:1-14, 15-18





**WNALC MINUTES, continued**

## Mission Disbursement

WNALC Officers met prior to the meeting to compile a recommendation for Mission Disbursement in the amount of \$14,500. Motion by Mavis Haugom, seconded by Audrey Hemmingsen, and the motion passed with the following disbursements:

Youth Group - \$1,000

Meatball Supper (Groceries and Advertising) - \$1,200

Giving Tree - \$500

Coats/Snowpants for Win-E-Mac School - \$100

Win-E-Mac Backpack Program - \$250

Salvation Army, Crookston - \$500

Compassion International - \$500

Ronald McDonald, Fargo - \$500

Child Miracle, Fargo - \$500

Boys/Girls Club, Detroit Lake - \$350

Detroit Lakes Crisis Center - \$500

Northland Rescue Mission - \$500

Great Commission Society - \$2,000

North Country Food Bank - \$1,000

Cemetery Association - \$600

North American Lutheran Seminary - \$1,500

New School, Erskine - \$500

Community Thanksgiving Christmas Meal - \$500

Pathways - \$2,000.

Circle:

Hope – Will meet November 16, 2022, at 9:30 a.m.

Rebecca – Will meet November 17, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

Offering/Closing Devotions:

Closing devotions were given by Audrey Hemmingsen with a reading titled, The Love of God. Audrey closed the devotion with a prayer.

Thank you: Hollie thanked Mary Bratrud, Lois Otto, Group 1 for serving, Audrey Hemmingsen, and Mavis Haugom.

Adjourn: The gathering was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Becky Lindseth,  
Secretary WNALC



Merry Christmas! I hope you have had a very full Thanksgiving during this last holiday when we can count all our blessings!!

We all have them. What are they? I think this is a good set up - whoever decided Thanksgiving should be the end of November. We get to think of and celebrate all of what we've been given in all ways, and then a few weeks go by and we get to celebrate the birth of God's son, JESUS! The best gift ever given. What a good way to remember what the season is all about.

Our last meeting we honored those in our group who had reached the age of 80. What an accomplishment! Officers were

elected with a new member being added to the Altar Guild-Becky Lindseth.

We have been very blessed this year to be able to give a large amount to missions. The total given was \$14,500. We had this amount from several sources; a large gift last year (anonymous) that was used this year, the amount left from the \$50 funeral donations, offerings at meetings, another large gift this year (anonymous) and the \$8000.00 from all of you at the auction this fall. The money was given near and far, to new and continuing missions. This has always been a mission minded church and I'm glad we are able and have a heart to continue this work of God - being the hands and feet of Jesus. THANK YOU!

Officers will meet the end of December/beginning of January to make the new service books for 2023. Please consider serving in this way if you are not doing so now. It is good to serve others, but it also good to have the fellowship that happens when we work together. Many times, for me, I have had a friend in Jesus to share a life event with because of fellowship though serving. It's a blessing. The new book serves year round for funerals and serves dessert at our Women's Ministry meetings March - November. Please consider how you can be part of this ministry. MERRY CHRISTMAS! again and I hope your New Year is Blessed! ~Hollie

**GRACE COUNCIL, continued**

Working on getting the parsonage ready for Pastor Pam's arrival. Have had many issues to deal with. Heating issues need to be addressed before any other things can be done. Will continue checking on the protective paint for the murals with Mary Ellen. We want to make sure these beautiful murals are protected in the future years.

*Deacons:* John reported. Did some visiting last month and brought communion for the shut-ins. Gary and Maxine also were able to visit once this month. Received a touching and appreciative thank you note from Marlene Ross.

Gearing up for the winter season with Bible Studies

Deacons also assist with snowplowing for members who aren't able to get this done.

*Video Tech:* Nick reported. No real report. All is going fine. GV has a new procedure for uploading our programming and Nick is taking care of that. Jason reported that he and Nicki had completed the interview with Vivian. Nick will edit it and get it posted to our various video sources. Nick streamed the organ program from last Sunday featuring George French from UMC and our own Andrew Hanson.

*Food Shelf:* Gene reported. Giving the evening distribution a try from 3-7 hoping these hours will help to increase our ability to serve more people.

**GRACE COUNCIL, continued**

*Food Shelf:* Gene reported.

Statistics are for the month of: October							
Agency: Grace Community Food Shelf				Agency ID: GRACE1			
Contact Person: Vicki Gustafson/Mavis Haugom				Phone No. : 218-687-2250 or email			
	Individuals Ages 0-17	Individuals Ages 18-64	Individuals Age 65+	Households	New Visits	Pounds	Vouchers
Regular Service (1st Visit This Month)	1	18	18	25	2	1855.4	4
Extra Service 2nd + Visit This Month							
TOTAL FOR THIS MONTH	1	18	18	25	2	1855.4	4
Produce - CFAP							
Holiday Program (Name Holiday)							
HOURS	110						

So the hours are how many volunteer hours people put in for the month.

Vouchers were given out to Groceries Plus for \$15 to buy bread, butter, milk and cheese.

These are given out when we do not have most of these items in our refrigerator.

They are thinking about doing an Express Box where someone can just pick up a pre-prepared box which would alleviate the time needed to shop. This has been quite successful at other food shelves. Their goal is to always try to serve as many as possible. They will probably try this after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year.

The rearrangement of the rooms at Grace have really speeded up service. It's been a very positive change.

Received some donations from the Cub Scouts and they were so thankful.

*Welcome Committee:* No report  
No one has contacted the council nor the office regarding New Members Sunday, so we have decided that we will wait until

Pastor Pam is here to make any plans.

*Call Committee:* by John. John communicates with Pastor Pam via emails regularly. Pastor Pam is going to use a moving company who will unload into the parsonage. They may need a storage facility. Some suggestions have been made and will be explored once the move has been made. John will send an email tomorrow so that we can make sure to have people available if needed. Hopefully, we can get a firm date for their moving. We want to be helpful and welcoming! Jason extended a big "Thank you" to John for ALL the extra work and dedication he has given to Grace as the chair of our Call Committee.

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**GRACE COUNCIL, continued****Old Business:**

*Need for a Deacon:* No one at this time

*Mt. Carmel Ministries:* Nothing to report.

*Oil Rights:* Gary emailed them and they have all the information sent to the law firm for review.

**New Business:**

*Volunteers for repair and maintenance:* Gene reported. Maintenance and repair is getting overwhelming. There have been some offers for help. Gene and John will coordinate getting a list together of volunteers.

*November 27 Worship ~ Preparing for Pastor Pam's arrival:* SS will do a sign for the balcony from the kids. There will be no SS that Sunday due to Thanksgiving. Maybe look into some special music. Jason will do a welcome. Get flowers delivered to the parsonage or at the service.

*Lector Coordinator:* Mary B. has resigned from this job. Jason has her book and things are filled up until January. The job entails contacting people who are willing to be readers. Yvonne will have Kim put a request in the newsletter to ask for a volunteer to take over coordinating this. Yvonne will ask Kim to put a note in the bulletin/newsletter.

*Family Advent Readers:* We will want to stay with our traditional family advent readers.

Advent will start the 27<sup>th</sup>. Ann will put the word out in SS. Jason said the Carlson's will take the 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Announcements**

Next month's meeting date is December 14 at 7:00 p.m.

**Adjourn****The Lord's Prayer**

Respectfully submitted,

*Yvonne Salvacion*



It is November and the deadline for the December Scroll is fast approaching. That means it is time for me to write.

I don't have much to say that hasn't been said in previous years but what has been said bears repeating. Our congregation is blessed! Through the hard work of many, we have a large number of active ministries in which people can participate. I don't have research to back me up on this but I have to believe that we have more offerings per capita than almost any other church around the area. For that we must be thankful. Please take time while in prayer to thank God for the gifts he has bestowed on our church, for the people who use those gifts to share His word, for those who come to our church to hear His word. While in prayer,

please also ask that more members of our church are stirred to participate in our many ministries and in our leadership. It is soon time for the Nominating Committee to start its work. I know I have said it before but we NEED new members in our leadership roles. The members in place have been steadfast and will remain so as Pastor Pam begins her time with us. That said, there are limits to the time spent on Council and committees. Not just term limits, but personal limits. We need some folks to start participating now so we can have some healthy turnover. Please pray and thoughtfully consider your own participation or helping us encourage others to participate in church leadership. One last request...please thank those currently serving in leadership. We have quite a group working on behalf of our congregation.

Advent is a season of anticipation. As we begin anticipating the celebration of the birth of Jesus, the anticipation and waiting for Pastor Pam to start her ministry with us ends. I hope to see strong attendance throughout December so Pastor can get to know everyone.

If I don't have a chance to see you, have a blessed Christmas and a peaceful start to the new year. You will hear from me again soon as Annual Meeting notices are right around the corner!

~Jason

# DECEMBER 2022

# Grace Lutheran Church

\*CIRCLES\*  
 Hope  
 Rebecca

at the church  
 at the church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 9am- Rebroadcast
4 9am-ABS 9:15am-Sunday School 10:30am- Worship w/Holy Comm.	5 9:30am-LBS 10am-Worship Re-broadcast 6pm-24/7 Prayer Group	6 8:00am-MBS  2pm-BSF 8pm-AA mtg.	7 1:55pm-RT Class 7pm-Rebroadcast 7pm-Council Meeting	8 3-7pm-Food Shelf is open	9	10 9am- Rebroadcast
11 9am-ABS 9:15am-Sunday School 10:30am- Worship w/Holy Comm.	12 9:30am -LBS 10am-Worship Re-broadcast 6pm-24/7 Prayer Group	13 8:00am-MBS  8pm-AA mtg.	14 1:55pm-RT Class 7pm-Rebroadcast	15 10a-2pm-Food Shelf is open	16	17 9am- Rebroadcast
18 9am-ABS 9:15am-Sunday School 10:30am-Worship w/ Sunday School Christmas Program	19 9:30am-LBS 10am-Worship Re-broadcast 6pm-24/7 Prayer Group	20 8:00am-MBS  8pm-AA mtg.	21 7pm-Rebroadcast	22 6:30pm-Rebecca Circle	23	24 9am- Rebroadcast  <b>4:30pm- Christmas Eve Worship Service</b>
25 10:30am-Worship  <b>MERRY CHRISTMAS</b>	26 9:30am-LBS 10am-Worship Re-broadcast 6pm-24/7 Prayer Group	27 8:00am-MBS  8pm-AA mtg.	28 1:55pm-RT Class 7pm-Rebroadcast	29	30	31 9am- Rebroadcast
			<b>Greeters:</b> 4th: Tony & Heidi Stuhaug  11th: Jason & Shannon Svalen	18th: Joey & Raeann Svalen  25th: Jim & Stacy Tadman		

**Ushers :**  
 Ogden Farder, Jr.  
 Gene Haugom  
 Calvin Kolstad  
 Ray Voxland  
 Jon Clementson

**Communion Assistants:**  
 Mavis Haugom and Betty Lundin

**Altar Flowers:**  
 Hope Circle

**Altar Guild:**  
 Betty Lundin

**R= Reader**  
**A=Acolyte**  
**P=Power Point**  
**DECEMBER 4th:**  
 R~ Andrew Hanson  
 A~ Claire Juve and Lillian Shimpa  
 P~ George Juve and Jareth Walk  
**DECEMBER 11th:**  
 R~ Jason Carlson  
 A~ Jordyn Halstenson and Josie Johnson  
 P~ Cameron Svalen and Riley Kochman  
**DECEMBER 18th:**  
 R~ Gary Walter  
 A~ Gracey Gunderson and Shelby Shimpa  
 P~ Kale Smeby and Charley Carlson  
**DECEMBER 25th:**  
 R~ Jim Ferden  
 A~ Bella Senn and Malaina Jax  
 P~ Karl Jax and Brecken Gunderson