

“Serving all people by sharing God’s Word
and Gift of Grace”

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January marks a new year and a new beginning. We like fresh starts. This is the time of year we make resolutions, the things we set out to accomplish in the coming year.

Some examples include resolutions to donate to the poor more often, to exercise, to become more environmentally responsible, to lose weight, to break a bad habit and replace it with a good one.

You can up with a list and get going with great enthusiasm. It’s much like the joy of the first freshly fallen snow. But, as time goes on, our enthusiasm wears off just like it does when the blizzards and excess snow become difficult. Nevertheless, we press on.

*I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.
Philippians 3:14.*

We can start by praying and asking God to give us direction as we form our goals and then to prepare us to work on them. God is the first place to start, and God is the one to help us keep them. Holy Spirit gives us all we need to accomplish them. AND, God is there to help us begin again when we fail. We cannot walk this Christian life without the Spirit of the Living God with us. *I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (with His strength). Philippians 4:13.*

I invite all to a time of concerted prayer during January setting aside special time each day to commune with Jesus seeking renewal for self and for the church. I encourage a season of fasting as well. Fasting can be a modified diet perhaps leaving out meat and sweets, or it can be all foods for a meal, a day, or simply as the Spirit leads. We walk together in the love of Jesus.

In ministry together,
Pastor Pam

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The Grace Lutheran Church Council will meet in regular session on Wednesday January 11th. A reminder that all regular council meetings are open to all members of Grace Church.



- December 4th:**
Attendance~79
Offering~\$3,228.00
- December 11th:**
Attendance~ 63
Offering~\$1,758.00
- December 18th:**
Attendance~111
Offering~\$2,760.00
- December 25th:**
Attendance~29
Offering~\$1,745.00



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

Hope Circle: January 25th at 9:00 AM at the church.
Rebecca Circle: January 26th 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 1percent 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
- * David E. Hamre
- * Lyla Jean Gunderson
- * Jerry Jacobson
- * Jolene Bradley
- * Torrey Erickson
- * Mark LaPlante
- * Bruce Solberg
- * Pam Hiltner
- * Tim & Diane Jagol
- * Nursing Home members
- * Ukraine

JANUARY 2023

Grace Lutheran Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10:30am- Worship w/Holy Comm.	2 9:30am-LBS 10am-Worship Re-broadcast 6pm-24/7 Prayer Group	3 8:00am-MBS 8pm-AA mtg.	4 1:55pm-RT Class 6pm-Conf. Class 7pm-Rebroadcast	5 11 10:30am-BSF 1:55pm-RT Class 6pm-Conf. Class 7pm-Rebroadcast 7pm-Council Meeting	6 9am- Rebroadcast	7 9am- Rebroadcast
8 9am-ABS 9:15am-Sunday School 10:30am- Worship w/Holy Comm.	9 9:30am-LBS 10am-Worship Re-broadcast 6pm-24/7 Prayer Group	10 8:00am-MBS 8pm-AA mtg.	11 10:30am-BSF 1:55pm-RT Class 6pm-Conf. Class 7pm-Rebroadcast 7pm-Council Meeting	12 3-7pm-Food Shelf is open	13 9am- Rebroadcast	14 9am- Rebroadcast
15 9am-ABS 9:15am-Sunday School 10:30am- Worship w/Holy Comm.	16 9:30am-LBS 10am-Worship Re-broadcast 6pm-24/7 Prayer Group	17 8:00am-MBS 8pm-AA mtg.	18 10:30 am-BSF 1:55pm-RT Class 6pm-Conf. Class 7pm-Rebroadcast	19 10a-2pm-Food Shelf is open	20 9am- Rebroadcast	21 9am- Rebroadcast 3pm-Installation service for Pr. Pam Thorson
22 9am-ABS 9:15am-Sunday School 10:30am-Worship w/ Holy Comm. 11:30am-Annual Meeting	23 9:30am-LBS 10am-Worship Re-broadcast 6pm-24/7 Prayer Group	24 8:00am-MBS 8pm-AA mtg.	25 9:00am-Hope Circle 10:30am-BSF 1:55pm-RT Class 6pm-Conf. Class 7pm-Rebroadcast	26 6:30pm-Rebecca Circle	27 9am- Rebroadcast	28 9am- Rebroadcast
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CIRCLES

Hope
Rebecca

Ushers :
Jim Hoffmann

Communion Assistants:
Yvonne Halvorson

Altar Flowers:
Rebecca Circle

Altar Guild:
Lori Hole

R= Reader
A=Acolyte

P=Power Point

JANUARY 1st:
R~ Hollie Stewart

A~ Logan Johnson and Carson Fortman

P~ Jayden Haugen and Carter Fortman

JANUARY 8th:
R~ Andrew Hanson

A~ Jorgen Johnson and Scott Omundson

P~ Hayden Johnson and Owen Strom

JANUARY 15th:
R~ Jason Carlson

A~ George Juve and Jareth Walk

P~ Claire Juve and Lillian Shimpa

JANUARY 22nd:
R~ Hollie Stewart

A~ Cameron Svalen and Riley Kochmann

P~ Jordyn Halstenson and Josie Johnson

JANUARY 29th:
R~ Yvonne Halvorson

A~ Kale Smeby and Charley Carlson
P~ Gracey Gunderson and Shelby Shimpa

at the church
at the church

GRACE COUNCIL, continued

Call Committee: John is so thankful for the great group and a job so well done! Pastor Pam complimented John on the depth of the questions she was asked and how engaged the committee was overall. Pastor Pam said Installation will probably be mid-January. Details have not been finalized.

Old Business:

Need for a Deacon: Hoping to find someone to elect when we set our Annual Meeting. We continue to pray for someone to serve.

New Business:

Christmas Day Service: Question was discussed of whether we should have Christmas Day Service on Sunday, being we are having Christmas Eve service on Saturday afternoon at 4:30. Unanimous YES for Sunday service at 10:30 a.m. as usual. Hollie made motion to have Sunday worship. Gene seconded. Motion carried.

Designate Christmas Offering: We want to add the Thanksgiving service offering to the Christmas offering funds. Ann made a motion to designate the funds to Emergency Housing through the Inter-County Community Council. Seconded by Gary. Motion carried.

Set date for Annual Meeting: January 22, 2023 after Sunday services was set. Lori made the motion. Wade seconded. Motion carried.

Approve Proposed Budget: Jim

discussed the proposal with us and went over changes from last year's budget. Wade made motion to accept the new amended budget that included a raise for Pastoral Continuing Education to \$2500. John seconded. Motion carried.

Pastors' Conference in San Antonio. Jan 31-Feb 2. Nick made motion to approve. Yvonne seconded. Motion carried.

Announcements:

Next month's meeting date is January 11, 2023. Time TBA dependent upon the Confirmation schedule.

Adjourn

The Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,




There is a change in the schedule for Bible Study Fellowship for the month of January and part of February. We will meet at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday January 11th, 18th and 25th, and February 1st and 8th.



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 Jensen at 218-280-3858.



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) 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.



November 2022 Financial Summary

Congregational Offering to the General Fund - \$13,230.00

Expenses:

- Administrative - \$9,739.15
- Education - \$50.00
- Mission Outreach - \$1,473.00
- Pastoral - \$2,958.90
- Worship - \$339.20
- Total Expenses - \$14,560.25



GRACE LUTHERAN
CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETING

December 14, 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, Lori Hole, Gary Walter, John Carlson, Wade Farrell, Ann Brekken, Jim Ferden, Dorothy Sandberg, Jim Ferden, Pastor Pam

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

Devotions: Pastor Pam based devotions on Romans 1:1-7. How do these verses relate to us at Grace? Pastor asked for input from the Council. Thoughts that were expressed were: they remind us that we are all a part of what is to come, we have all feared that we will do something wrong but we all have been offered God's grace, all the missions that get supported by us around the world, we are all called to be servants because we have been saved and we are all unique, we all have gifts and how do we use them, apostleship and how that is all of our jobs done in different ways. Pastor Pam expressed we all should go boldly and be confident in our gifts. Verse 5 says we are charged with bringing others into the faith walk.

Approve Agenda: Motion to approve the amended agenda by Gary. Seconded by Wade. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report: John moved to approve October minutes (no meeting in Nov). Seconded by Ann. Motion carried.

Financial Secretary's Report:

Yvonne moved to approve. Seconded by Lori. Motion carried. (Report on file).

Treasurer's Report: Jim reported.

We are on track to finish the year very strong. Jim met with the Trustees about budget. Jim is very pleased with Ashley, from Ameriprise, for carefully watching and reporting back to us regarding our accounts.

Cash Flow Report

- Undesignated funds available to be used for November's General Fund expenses totaled \$18,654.13. This amount was above the month's General Fund expenses totaling \$14,560.25.
- Congregational giving to the General Fund was \$13,230.00. The monthly budget goal is \$19,160.69.
- Noteworthy Other Giving:
 - o Miscellaneous – Proceeds of Hunter's Supper - \$2,937.00; anonymous donation - \$2,151.65; Capital Credits from Red Lake Coop - \$114.63; and pass through donations to the youth group, food shelf, the Scholarship Fund, the SS Outreach Fund, and the Shoebox Fund - \$420.00.

Some of the noteworthy expenses this month included:

Administration: Church Cleaning – Two months of cleaning expense due to timing of bills.

Miscellaneous – Hunter's Supper expenses.

Office Supplies – copier paper, pens, postcards, staples, etc.

Mission Outreach: Miscellaneous – Pass through donations.

Budget Report

- We ended the month at approximately 32% or \$73,300 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.

Another individual line item ended up over budget this month (church and parsonage fuel) and was considered when preparing the 2023 budget.

History of Regular Giving to the General Fund Report

- Giving is down from last month.
- Year-to-date giving is significantly better than 2021.
- This is the fourth highest year-to-date giving since 2011 (when I started tracking donations). Fifth highest November giving since 2011.

History of the General Fund Balance

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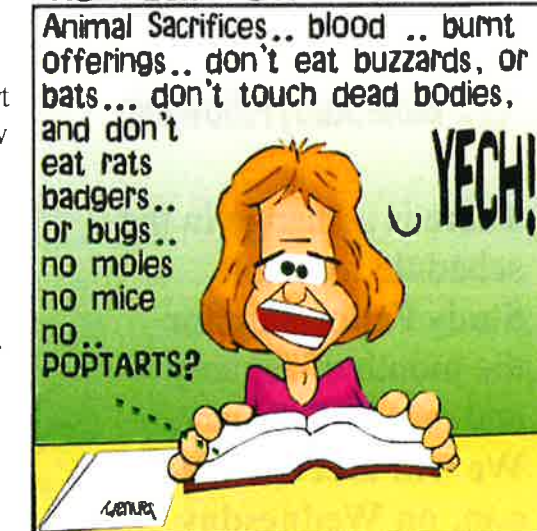


Grace Community Food shelf received a check for \$319.97 from the Freedom Christian Academy students. WOW! They were able to see the rooms, how shopping works and what their money can buy at the Food Bank.

Resolution

One good resolution is to read through the Bible straight through. When I've begun this plan, I start with Genesis and Matthew reading a chapter or 2 of each every day. It has been said that the most read books of the Bible are Genesis and Matthew. That's because the lists of Leviticus have waylaid many a faithful soul. Maybe it helps to look for rhymes in the names or find the oddest law. Persevere!

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



Janice starts out every year like so many intending to read thru the Bible.. BUT.. becomes bogged down around the time Leviticus shows up on her schedule.



Happy New Year ladies!
I hope you had a nice Christmas. During our winter break, we will meet again as we did last year and write notes to those in our prayers on Sunday. So bring your pen and I'll put on the coffee and we'll visit and keep in touch. We'll meet regular date - 2nd Thursday of the month - January 12th and February 9th - at 2:00-3:00. Come and share with those who need us. God's blessings to you.~ Hollie

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	



**ANNUAL
MEETING**
JANUARY 22, 2023

Members of Grace:

This is your official notice that the next Annual Meeting of Grace Lutheran Church of Erskine, Minnesota will be **January 22nd, 2023**. The meeting will begin immediately following worship in the Fellowship Hall. Remember that quorum for this meeting is 35 Confirmed members in good standing. Please make every effort to attend to ensure our congregation has a fully seated Council and an approved budget to conduct the business of our church.

Jason Carlson - President

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR
JANUARY**First Sunday after Christmas**

January 1, 2023
First Reading - Isaiah 63:7-14
Psalm - Psalm 111:1-10
Second Reading - Galatians 4:4-7
Gospel - Matthew 2:13-23

Feast of the Epiphany

January 6, 2023
First Reading - Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm - Psalm 72:1-11, 12-15
Second Reading - Ephesians 3:1-12
Gospel - Matthew 2:1-12

First Sunday after Epiphany

January 8, 2023
First Reading - Isaiah 42:1-9
Psalm - Psalm 29:1-11
Second Reading - Romans 6:1-11
Gospel - Matthew 3:13-17

Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 15, 2023
First Reading - Isaiah 49:1-7
Psalm - Psalm 40:1-11
Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 1:1-9
Gospel - John 1:29-42a

Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 22, 2023
First Reading - Isaiah 9:1-4
Psalm - Psalm 27:1-9 (10-14)
Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 1:10-18
Gospel - Matthew 4:12-25

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

January 29, 2023
First Reading - Micah 6:1-8
Psalm - Psalm 15:1-5
Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 1:18-31
Gospel - Matthew 5:1-12



FIRST COMMUNION

Holy Communion Study

- What is the meaning and purpose of the Sacrament?
- In what way do we receive God's grace?

Study begins for youth and adults who are preparing to receive Holy Communion.

Age of First Communion varies within our Lutheran tradition. In general, we do Communion recognition and awareness at about age 9 or 10 or 4th grade. Pastor Pam will lead a 5-week course to prepare to receive Holy Communion. Generally, we ask that children express an interest in receiving the sacrament and that they are able to sit through and participate in the worship service before receiving Communion for the first time. 1st Communion will take place in the spring.

Talk with Pastor Pam to discuss the possibility, best times to meet, and to sign up.



Confirmation begins on January 11th at 6 PM. Note the time change. **A parent or sponsor should be present for the first meeting as we discuss the proposed program and expectations.** Confirmation classes are generally for 7th-9th grade.

The Confirmation Program at Grace seeks to empower young men & women to grow in faith by deepening their relationships with God, the church family, and their peers through worship, education, outreach and fellowship. Join us as we journey together.

**The Bible gives us a great list. Check out Colossians 3**

2 Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ...

5 Put to death therefore what is earthly in you:...

12 Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience,

13 bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

14 And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

15 And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ...

17 And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. ...

20 Children, obey your parents...

21 Fathers, do not provoke your children, ...

23 ... work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men

24 knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.

GRACE COUNCIL, continued

- The General Fund balance is the highest ever!

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

Account Balances Report

- Building Fund - Reflects regular donations made during the month (\$20.00). It also reflects expenses related to the elevator inspection (\$125.00); separate elevator phone line (\$38.90); and painting expense for the parsonage (\$200.00).
 - HS Scholarship Fund – Reflects a donation (\$25.00).
 - 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.
 - Shoebox Fund – Reflects a donation (\$80.00) and an expense for postage (\$710.00).
- SS Outreach Fund – Reflects November SS offerings (\$67.14) and a donation (\$60.00). It also reflects the expense of the monthly gift of \$38 to Compassion International as well as the junior high youth's shopping trip for needy kids (\$258.90).

Brovold Investment Valuation Report The balance is up nicely from last month.

Gunderson Investment Valuation Report

The balance is up nicely from last month.

Other Information

At the end of November Jim met with the Trustees to develop the 2023 budget.

Nick made a motion to approve. Lori seconded. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report:

Pastoral care: Pastor plans to set aside a full day or two half days a week for visitations. Pastor welcomes the opportunity to have coffee with members if anyone wishes. Just give her a call at the office. Pastor visited Pioneer Care Center, visited David Hamre (Diane) who has been ill. Pastor has agreed to provide some services to Fair Meadow Nursing Home in Fertile due to the illness of Pastor Phil from Concordia Lutheran.

Education: Pastor Pam is proposing a three year program for confirmation. Setup is yet to be determined. Pastor will visit with Ann. Material choices will be discussed. Council is very supportive of her proposal. Pastor gave us a handout about a confirmation program. Pastor would like some feedback. She's used to using a 2 year program where 7th grade is a pre-confirmation time and then 8th and 9th confirmation. She would like feedback on what we think about this. Community Service is also built into this program. Confirmation will be on Wednesday evenings where there are less activities and more time for class.

The current 7:00 p.m. time will need to change for Council. Ann will ask the families regarding what time on a Wednesday is best for them and then we will decide on the Council's time. There is a Confirmation Retreat on Mar 3-5 that Pastor would like to take the students to. It is hosted by the LCMC in Alexandria. Would be a great opportunity for our students. For 1st Communion Pastor is planning to use materials that would entail a 5 week training session. She recommends the 4th grade level as a good time to introduce communion. Pastor is looking for guidance and opinions on this. Currently we are beginning at the 3rd grade. Considering February to begin training.

Worship: If there are going to be changes to our service setting Pastor will always include prep work giving the reasons for a

change. Pastor visited with Andrew regarding setting and hymn choices. They also talked about Lent and Easter Service plans. Pastor discussed assisting ministers that can be used during the service with reading, sharing specific prayers and other service related opportunities. Frequency of Holy Communion—Pastor's background is weekly communion, but if we choose to make the changes we will ask for the congregation's thoughts. John has the communion assistant list that the Deacons are responsible for compiling. Annual meeting might be a good place to talk about changes that are being considered.

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GRACE COUNCIL, continued

The Council wants to encourage Pastor Pam to ask the Council regarding areas of support we can give her in starting this new journey together. Pastor will be going to Texas on a trip after Christmas. Hollie made motion to approve. Nick seconded. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Stewardship: Lori reported. Haven't been active. Lori looked up the function of the Stewardship Committee and found this information. It is to be responsible for use of time, talents, material possessions, and enabling our members to serve. The committee welcomes help and direction. Pastor Pam said that the NALC has some stewardship materials available to help with direction and she has some ideas she will share with the committee.

Education: Ann reported. Christmas Program is during the church service Sunday the 18th. No Sunday School the next two Sundays. 17 cards were sent out again by SS students. They have received some very touching thank you notes from recipients. Gift cards were given to 19 teachers who do Sunday School and Released Time to show our appreciation for their service. Still in need of **one released time teacher for 3rd grade**. John can sub. Only 8 more afternoons for this school year needed. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity. Advent candle lighting. Ann needs a family to

light on Christmas Eve at 4:30. She will let Kim know who will be available. Sunday School is averaging about 36-40 students per Sunday. We are excited about this and we encourage more children to attend. All are welcome!

Youth Group: No report at this time.

NALCW: Hollie reported. The women don't meet from Dec – March. The program plans will remain about the same. NALCW contributed \$500 for donuts for pre-service coffee time on Sundays. Donation questions will be addressed and a resolution regarding procedure will be created and presented at a later date.

Trustees: Gene reported. They have been working on the budget for next year. Worked on some minor maintenance issues. Jason will talk to Mike Burns regarding building issues. We must decide if the footprint of the building will remain the same or not before Mike can continue. We are so thankful for Ray LaBrecque for the wonderful help with painting. He will come back in the spring to do a bit more finishing work. It looks great!

Deacons: Gary reported Been doing visitations and some snow blowing. Received some Christmas cards thanking the Deacons for visits and help.

Video Tech: Nick reported. Nick is working on editing Vivian's interview video and getting it uploaded. Nick is now

both uploading and scheduling for our Garden Valley streaming. He still needs to deal with the Christmas Eve scheduling. We are SO GRATEFUL to Nick for all he does!

Food Shelf: Gene reported. (written report provided by Mavis) Had to shut down the Food Shelf on Nov 10th due to the weather and schools were closed. Had two shifts on November 17th from 10-2 and 3-7. Mark Senger and Scott Bixby received training this month. Welcome to them! Thanks to everyone who volunteered this month. Your help is appreciated!! Below is the info for the month. One for the regular shopping day of 26 people and the next is related to giving out our Thanksgiving boxes to 25 households. December 9th the children from Freedom Christian Academy brought a check for \$319.97 for the Food Shelf. I shared with them how their money may be spent and what a dollar buys for the Food Bank. I also showed them the two shopping rooms. Statistics are for the month of November. Agency: Grace Community Food Shelf
Ages 0-17 Individuals
Ages 18-64 Individuals
Age 65+ Households New. The rearranging has REALLY helped! Shopping time is now much more efficient.

Welcome Committee: No report. Pastor Pam has some materials to assist with plans for this committee.

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