THIS WEEK AT GRACE

The Week of December 4, 2022

Sunday, December 4th
8:30 AM Traditional Worship
10:15 AM Contemporary Worship

Monday, December 5th
1:00 PM Mary's Circle
5:30 PM Worship Meeting
6:30 PM Celebration Choir Practice
7:00 PM CBS Evening Bible Study

Tuesday, December 6th
9:00 AM Common Threads Sewing Group
1:00 PM Grace's Women's Bible Study
2:00 PM Worship aired

Wednesday, December 7th
9:00 AM CBS Woman's Bible Study
Noon Noon Advent Service
12:45 PM Brown Bag Bible Study
4:45 PM Open Door Meal
5:30 PM BLAST
5:30 PM Chancel Choir
6:35 PM Confirmation
6:35 PM Advent Worship
7:10 PM Advent Discussion in Laurel Lounge

Thursday, December 8th
3:00 PM Goldfinch Assisted Living Service

Friday, December 9th
1:00 PM Worship Aired

Saturday, December 10th

Sunday, December 11th
8:30 AM Traditional Worship
9:40 AM Executive Meeting
10:15 AM Contemporary Worship
~ Baptism of Lainey Drew Kryzer

Church Office Hours
Monday - Thursday
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

PRAYERS

Members and Loved Ones: Pat Witty, Parker Lintelman, Velma Roalson, Linda Vlieger, Joy Roggow, Gary Ettesvold, Bill Gies, Butch Hanson, Jeanette Nelson, Rose Jordan *(Ben Jordan's sister-in-law),* Weston *(Lisa Fritz's great nephew),* Tim McCarthy *(Brian Huebert's brother),* Joleta Andrist *(friend of Linda Shaw),* David Johnson *(Father of Lorie Cunning),* Dawn Potthoff (*Deb DeBoer's sister)*

Synod Prayer Partners: Faith Lutheran Church, Delavan; St. Ansgar Lutheran Church, Cannon Falls; Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Mankato; Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Spring Valley; Muhintiri Lutheran Church, Tanzania; Maiwut Lutheran Parish, South Sudan

Ongoing Concerns: For people to see Jesus in the face of their neighbor, to respect those who have a different comfort level with continuing pandemic restrictions and realities, for a revitalization of our faith community and re-connecting with one another as we enter into more familiar times, for our pastor and church staff that they may hear and bear witness to the Holy Spirit at work in our midst, for the Spirit's leading in hiring a new Associate Pastor of Youth and Outreach and the Call Committee in their tireless work, for continued generosity of people during these difficult economic times as prices of food and gas rise and cupboards are bare, for an end to racial injustice, peace in our cities, and for our military and police officers who put their own lives on the line every day, and healing for our communities and world from the anger, division, and war that so many people are experiencing.

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Ministry Minutes

WORSHIP

Sundays @ 8:30 AM Traditional Service
@10:15 AM Contemporary Service

Wednesdays @ 6:35 PM Wednesday Worship

*Communion is offered each Sunday and each Wednesday.
*All Sunday & Wednesday services will be live streamed on YouTube and Grace's Facebook Page and website.

Holiday Worship Schedule

Upcoming worship schedule
Sundays at 8:30AM and 10:15AM
Tuesdays at 2:00PM Fairmont Cable TV Channel 12 (pre-recorded)
Wednesdays at 6:35PM Grace Sanctuary
Fridays at 1:00PM Fairmont Cable TV Channel 12 (pre-recorded)

WEDNESDAYS IN Advent: Holden Evening Prayer
(Nov. 30th, Dec. 7th,14th, 21st)
Wednesdays at 12:00PM Grace Chapel
~ Brown Bag Bible Study follows in Laurel Lounge at 12:30PM
Evening Worship at 6:35PM Grace Sanctuary
~ Adult Bible Study following in Laurel Lounge

Christmas EVE worship - Saturday, December 24th
11:00AM - Outdoor Cocoa & Carols Sing-A-Long Service
2:00PM & 4:00 PM - Celebration Christ mas Eve Worship with Communion - Grace Sanctuary
8:00PM - Traditional Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship with Communion - Grace Sanctuary
***No Sunday Services on Christmas Day - Sunday, December 25th**

***Communion** is offered each Sunday and Wednesday.
***All services will be live streamed on Facebook, and our webpage.**

Readings for Sunday, December 11:
First Reading: Isa 35:1-10 Second Reading: James 5:7-10 Gospel: Matt 11:2-11

Upcoming Meals for Open Door:

- December 7 Tacos
- December 14 Creamed Chicken on Biscuit
- December 21 Sloppy Joes

CHRISTMAS EVE
MINISTRY ASSISTANTS WANTED

Communion Servers and Preparers, Ushers, Greeters, and Readers are needed for our 2:00, 4:00 and 8:00 pm Christmas Eve services

Sign up sheets are in the Gathering Area or you can sign up online at: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B4CAAAB28A20-christmas or call Patti Mathews at 399-3072 and she will help sign you up

Mission Team Christmas Tree Sales

All 200 Christmas Trees sold within 4 days! It was crazy but amazing. All remaining shifts have been cancelled. We do have 4 wreaths left to sell. Contact the church office or look for Mission Team members at services on Wednesday or Sunday to purchase.

Many thanks to those that helped set-up and work at the tree lot. We also appreciate those that volunteered to work, but didn't get the chance to do so as we sold out so quickly. Finally, many thanks to those that supported the project by purchasing trees. This was our best year maybe ever, but certainly in the last decade. We will try to get more trees next year and will be adding more workers per shift for the first few days to balance out the major rush we experienced. Thanks again for everyone's support of Missions!

Mission Team Bake Sale

The Mission Team will be holding a Christmas Bake sale on Wednesday, December 14th. Anyone wishing to donate baked goods, please drop them at church on Tuesday, December 13 or the morning of December 14th. Suggest putting about a dozen items per plate /package. Please wrap items, label, and note if they contain nuts. Items will be for sale after the noon service and before and after the evening service.

OUTREACH

Stewardship Stats for Ministry Minutes	
$ 580,246	2022 Annual Budget
$402,065	Year to Date Income (P&L report: 01-01 - 11-30-22)
$4,934	Collected November 25 - November 30, 2022
$35,636	Needed Weekly to meet 2022 budget

Please only FAIRMONT receipts

Hy-Vee EMPLOYEE OWNED

$76,000 on #41

FAREWAY

$13,500 on #12

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Check out our Christmas cards at the Mission Team table in the gathering area. Suggested donation $1.

The stars are out on **The Grace Giving Tree.** Each star will have a number, the gift request and whether to wrap the item or leave it unwrapped.

A sheet will be next to the tree. Please put your name and phone number next to the star number on the sign out sheet.

As we look forward to the birth of Jesus we also remember those in need. Please return the gifts by December 11.

If you have any questions please contact Cindy at 507-236-4403 or cwohlhuter@yahoo.com.

LAST WEEKEND TO ORDER POINSETTIAS!!

Help decorate Grace for Christmas! You are invited to purchase a poinsettia for the sanctuary as memorials or in honor of loved ones. Please fill out a form in the Church Office or on the bulletin board near the Chapel with payment on or before **Wednesday, December 7th.**

STAINED GLASS WINDOW PROJECT– ABRAHAM & ISAAC

After the flood, God prepared a chosen people to bring the Savior promised. God called Abraham to be the father of the nation and led him to the promised land. A son, Isaac was given to Abraham. To test Abraham's faith, God commanded him to sacrifice Isaac. When Abraham showed willingness to obey, God spared Isaac. The symbol shows the sacrificial knife, fire wood and a brazier of burning charcoal used to kindle fire in those days.

But the angel of the Lord called out to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!" "Here I am" he replied. Do not lay a hand on the boy," he said "Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear Gid, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son." ~ Genesis 22:11-12 NIV

An additional $165,000 needs to be raised. - Please note that you are donating for the window project.