

December 22, 2024

Grace Lutheran Ministry Minutes



Grace's December Office Hours

Monday - Thursday: 9:00AM - 3:00PM
Office will be closed: Dec 25th & Dec 26th



Church Directory Update:



CHURCH
DIRECTORY

Thank you to our dedicated volunteers, led by Cindy Wohlhuter, and Nicole in the office who continue to put together our new directory. They are diligently working to input your current contact information provided at the photo sessions into the church database which will then be turned into a spreadsheet to send to the directory company.

They are also choosing the layout and activity pictures to be included as well. These pieces are all sent to the company who will then assemble them into the directory and get the books printed. We hope to have this completed soon after the new year.

The Gift of Final Wishes

During this time of giving, one of the most helpful gifts we can give our loved ones is to have our final wishes written down. Join the pastors on Sunday, January 5 between the services and talk about what questions are typically asked when planning a funeral. What are your chosen scripture readings, hymns, organ or piano, special music, military honors, favorite memories, and so much more. The best gift we can give our loved ones is to take the stress away in planning our church service. Come to learn more, walk through Grace's funeral planning guide, and take it home to make selections and talk with your family. When you are finished, please bring a copy of your wishes to Grace and we will keep it on file for you. Funeral guides can be found on our Care Table in the gathering space as well as under the *Resources* tab on our webpage. For more information, please see Pastor Allison.



**Readings for Sunday, December 22: First Reading: Micah 5:2-5a,
Second Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10, Gospel Reading: Luke 1:39-45 [46-55]**

Christmas Eve Worship: December 24



11:00am
Cocoa and Carols
3:00pm
Contemporary Worship
8:00pm
Traditional Worship



Upcoming Meals for Open Door:

Dec 25: No Meal
Jan 1: No Meal
Jan 8: Sloppy Joes

The Sock Tree Returns

You are invited to bring **NEW** socks for all ages to keep the feet of God's beloved warm and toasty. Good quality new socks are needed which will be given locally to our schools for children needing socks, Options Pregnancy Center for women and children, the Salvation Army, and Grace Care Bags for our guests this winter. Decorate the bare trees in the Gathering Space with new socks as Grace Lutheran prepares for Christ's coming at Christmas!



Youth Mission Trip Meeting



Youth and parent informational meeting Sunday, January 12h 5:30pm in the fellowship hall for the Appalachia West Virginia mission trip coming up this summer July 18th through the 25th. The trip is for current 7th graders through 12th graders. Pizza will be served.

Pizza with the Pastors

For everyone who is new to Grace, who have recently joined the church and those who may want to join in the future, come for a fun lunch with the pastors! Join us for a time of getting to know one another learning about the ways to plug into Grace, and answering any questions you might have. We will meet at Noon in the Lounge on Sunday, January 12. Please let the office know if you plan to attend so we can order the right amount of pizza. Hope to see you there!



Adult Education:

Come join the discussion on Sunday mornings about the miracles of Jesus. This year, we will be talking about *Christmas Gifts That Won't Break* by Rev. Jacob Armstrong and Rev. James Moore. These gifts are hope, love, joy, peace, and Christ. Invite a friend and come for a time of faith formation together.





Men's Breakfast

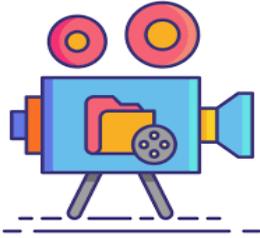
Next Men's Breakfast is Monday, Jan 6. Join the guys at Grace for a devotion and breakfast at the Ranch, 7:00AM, and invite your friends. Come for a time of fellowship and discussion.

Mark Your Calendars:

The Annual Meeting at Grace is on Sunday, January 19 between the services. We will meet in the fellowship hall for discussion, and over donuts and coffee, talk about the wonderful ways God is at work at Grace through our ministries. This is a great opportunity to discern together about where the Spirit is leading us in the new year. A pre-budget meeting will be held the prior Sunday, January 12 between the services to answer questions and discuss the financial picture of Grace. We need a quorum for this meeting so please plan to attend!



Tech Training January 26



Blake Potthoff will be offering training between the services on Sunday January 26! Please come to learn how to run sound, camera for streaming, and slides. After training, if you would like to be part of a team to run tech on a Sunday, you will be paired with someone who has been doing it for a while. While it may look complicated, Blake loves to teach and will make it easy to learn. Thanks for considering being

part of this important ministry of worship!!

Year End Reminder:

A reminder to please have any year end givings into the church office prior to 12PM on Monday, December 30th. Thank you!



OUTREACH

2024 Stewardship Stats	
\$507,915	2024 Annual Budget
\$424,286	Year to Date Income, P&L report: Jan 1- Dec 9
\$12,267	Collected December 3- December 9
\$20,907	Needed Weekly to meet 2024 budget

Please only FAIRMONT receipts



\$46,500 #46



\$61,000 on #14

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

The Week of December 22, 2024

Sunday, December 22nd

8:30AM Traditional Worship

9:45AM Adult Education

10:45AM Contemporary Worship

Monday, December 23rd

Tuesday, December 24th

Christmas Eve

11:00AM Cocoa & Carols Worship

3:00PM Contemporary Worship

8:00PM Traditional Worship

Wednesday, December 25th

Office Closed

Merry Christmas!



Thursday, December 26th

Office Closed

Friday, December 27th

1:00PM Worship Service Aired

Saturday, December 28th

Sunday, December 29th

9:30AM Lessons & Carols
Worship

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PRAYERS

Members and Loved Ones: Linda Vlieger, Jeanette Nelson, Harley Jordan (*Ben Jordan's brother*), Weston (*Lisa Fritz's great nephew*), Dawn Potthoff (*Deb DeBoer's sister*), Gladys Peterson, Carol Myhre, Carolyn Kryzer, Pat Witty, Steph Johnson, Parker Lintelman, Karen Meier, LeRoy and Bernice Sandberg, Ben Hamilton, Susie, Mike Swanson, Eli, Phyllis Niehaus, Kathleen Ferguson, Mary Ann Kehrberg, Jean Nimz, John Bisbee family, Nathan Marks, Karen, Connie Donnelly, Stan Sundberg, Jon VonBank, Doug Lyle, Leah Edward, Elayne Hested, Mark Morris.

Sympathy for the family and friends of: Eleanor Skaggs

Ongoing Concerns: For people to see Jesus in the face of their neighbor, those affected by the ongoing conflict in the Holy Land, for a revitalization of our faith community and re-connecting with one another as we enter into more familiar times, for our pastors 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 our ministries within and outside the walls of the church, 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, for 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.