



# THE FRIENDLY VISITOR

Grace Lutheran Church



Companion Congregation  
Msindo Parish in Tanzania

November 16, 2010

A Stephen  
Ministry Congregation

## **sunday Worship**

**8:15 a.m.**

Holy Communion 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays  
of each month

**10:45 a.m.**

Holy Communion 2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays  
each month-Spanish Translation available  
Tanzanian Services on 5th Sunday

## **coming Adult Forums**

**Sundays at 9:30 a.m.**

Nov. 21 Option 1 – Youth Study Bible  
"Here I Stand" Pastor Tim Johnson  
Option 2 - 1 John Bible study

Nov. 28 Option 1-Time of fellowship and  
thankfulness  
Option 2 – 1 John Bible study

Dec. 5 "Grief" Pastor Tim Johnson will  
present

Dec. 12 Aging Resources of Central Iowa –  
a speaker from the agency will give  
an overview of resources that are  
available.

Dec. 19 A Storyteller will tell stories about  
Christmas time.

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## **Let Us Give Thanks**

Let us give thanks this moment:  
for the sturdy fact of God's continuing love,  
for mercies which go before us  
and follow after us,  
for those free gifts  
which cost God so much.

Let us give thanks:  
for memory and expectation,  
for the good that we have known  
and know today in Jesus Christ,  
for the Spirit's brooding presence  
in our nights and in our days.

Let us give thanks:  
for pleasures which comfort  
and pains which force our growth  
and keep us at the Shepherd's side,  
for deep meanings revealed  
and mysteries, mercifully concealed,  
for the image of God within us,  
the capacity to inquire and adore.

Let us give thanks for one another,  
for just being together,  
for differences which complement and complete,  
for gifts which enrich  
and disagreements which challenge,  
for our oneness in Christ.

Let us give thanks for melody and mirth,  
for rhythm and beat,  
for the repeated and the common,  
for the ever-unfolding,  
and for sense with which to respond.

And let us give thanks for Someone to thank.  
Gerhard E. Frost

As we celebrate Thanksgiving Day, let us remember that, for those who believe "everything is gift", every day is a good day to give thanks. Among many things, I thank God for you...and Gerhard Frost.

Pastor Tim Johnson

## Music Notes.....

Waiting. Preparation. Coming. These are some terms that can be used to describe Advent, the beginning of the Western Christian Liturgical year. Currently all of our music groups are preparing selections that will be used during this time of anticipation. Each of us has our own favorite time of the church year. Many of the Chancel Choir members enjoy the music of Lent, or Epiphany, or Easter - those special times of the year. I have to confess that I probably enjoy the music of Advent and Christmas the most, though much of the music of Lent is very moving and becomes a joy on which to work. I suppose it deals with the traditions in which we were raised. Whatever season you enjoy, it includes music which appeals to all the senses and helps us to prepare.

The month of December is filled to capacity with various events and enhanced worship services. The first Sunday of Advent begins on November 28, as the sanctuary will begin its transformation toward Christmas. The Advent banners will begin to appear and we will light the first candle of the Advent wreath. Other items will make their appearance in the sanctuary on a weekly basis as we anticipate and celebrate the birth of Jesus. Many of you will mark the days with an Advent Calendar. Marion Nehmer, Altar Flowers Chair, has an article concerning the purchase of poinsettias. Please read the article and then take time to fill out the form to help decorate the sanctuary with poinsettias beginning December 19 .

The annual visit by the Southwestern Iowa Community College Concert Choir will again fill our sanctuary with "Holiday Carols, In Concert" on Friday, December 3. This tradition has been with Grace for several years and we again look forward to their presentation. The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. and a free-will offering will be taken.

On December 5, the Chancel Choir will lead the congregation in a special Advent service. It will include scripture readings, selected anthems by the choir, prose readings, congregational hymns and additional organ music. Pastor Johnson and I have been designing this service for our congregation and will include communion at both services. It is our hope that it will help your preparation during Advent.

The Des Moines Diversity Chorus will present their Fall Concert in the sanctuary on December 7 at 7:30 p.m. This choir is directed by Julie Murphy and will include a variety of literature. A free-will donation will be accepted following the concert.

At 2:00 p.m. on December 12, the annual Bells and Brass Concert will be presented in our sanctuary. A wide variety of music of the season will be offered to the congregation by the Youth Bells, Grace Brass and Grace Bells. Each group has been diligently practicing arrangements of Christmas music. There will be refreshments served in the Gathering Room following the concert by the Women of Grace.

The Sunday School Program will be held during the second service on December 19. Stephanie Johnson is coordinating this program for our Sunday school students. It is a play about the birth of Jesus as narrated by the shepherds. The Youth Choir and Chapel Chimers will also be a part of this presentation.

The Christmas Eve Services will be held at 5:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. on the 24<sup>th</sup> and will have communion at both services. Pastor Johnson and I are working on the order of service to include traditional scriptures and many hymns. Pre-service music will again be presented beginning at 4:45 p.m. and 10:20 p.m. This has become a time of enjoying seasonal music, as individuals or as a family, to help prepare for the worship service. If you have music you would like to present please contact me for more information.

There will be one service on Christmas Day at 10:00 a.m. and one service on Sunday, December 26, again at 10:00 a.m. Please be sure to note these and place them on your calendar. There will be communion at both of these services.

The month of December is fully loaded with many possibilities to prepare, await, and anticipate the coming of the birth of Jesus and Christmas. May you have a blessed holiday season.

See you in Church.  
RICH

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Council Meeting    October 26, 2010**

Present: Kathy Bowermaster, Pastor Johnson, Kristin Medhurst, Jon Rissman, Gary Nehmer, Carla Peterman, Deanna Weber, Joyce Lewis, Rich Snyder, MeLissa Lawson, Julie Honsey

Call Committee: Jeff Farrell; Jonathon Fry; Jay Wangerin; Rich Snyder, Council liaison

Call Committee Report: Ministry Site Profile has been completed and presented at two adult forums. Following Council approval of the Ministry Site Profile and the pastor compensation package, the committee is ready to meet with the Bishop to seek candidates.

Agenda was adopted as printed.

Devotions: Rich Snyder

Minutes from September meeting approved as printed.

Written reports were accepted as printed.

Council will request minutes from all committee meetings.

**Unfinished Business**

- The Finance Committee's recommendation that Thrivent monies be used for youth programs was approved by the Council.
- Spanish Communications Coordinator, Claudia Castillo, has been hired on a conditional basis until January, at which time her performance will be evaluated.
- Personnel Committee: Members include Joyce Lewis, Janet Trentman, Mike Carney and Deanna Weber serving as Chairperson. Also included in the 6-person committee are the Head of Staff and Council Vice President. Members will serve three-year terms and hold quarterly meetings. The immediate tasks of the Personnel Committee are to begin composing job descriptions for staff members, conduct evaluations and make recommendations based on evaluations. The time line for the completion of tasks is the end of January. Staff will be asked to write descriptions of their specific jobs in order to assist the committee in developing job descriptions.
- MeLissa Lawson is composing "A Book About Grace" to be available in hard copy as well as on the church website.
- Rich Snyder presented the Endowment Committee's recommended changes to the By-laws which would amend their responsibilities and duties and bring the By-laws in accordance with the Constitution. A motion to accept the recommendations as well as present the changes to the congregation was tabled until the November Council meeting.

**New Business**

- Tuesday, November 16, 7:00 P.M. has been set as the date for the Finance Committee and the Council to meet to collaborate in preparation of 2011 budget.
- There will be 4 council positions to fill for 2011. The nomination discussion was tabled until the November meeting.

Meeting adjourned 9:02 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Honsey, Council Secretary

These minutes have not yet been approved by the council.

**Council Notes**

**Roll Cleansing** – We are completing a cleansing to have an accurate count and picture before the Annual Report and arrival of our new pastor. Our current member count is 866 as of the end of October.

**Finance & Council** are working on the new budget. If you have concerns or suggestions, let us know immediately.

**Pastor Tim** is following up with several young people who have expressed an interest in becoming part of the Grace family.

**Name Badges** are being recycled for new members. If you feel your name badge is looking unclean, let Ross Peeler know.

**Offering envelopes** will be received in the mail in December.

**Six young ladies** were confirmed on October 31. Congratulations!

**Don't forget to check the Grace website, [www.gracedm.org](http://www.gracedm.org)** - the Friendly Visitor is available there. If you have adult children who are away from home, send their email address to the church office and they will receive a link directly to the website as the latest copy becomes available.

**Thanks to the terrific Call Committee** for all their excellent work. The Ministry Site Profile is completed and in the Bishop's hands. We should be receiving their recommendations soon for pastors to interview.

**Christmas is coming!** Who will you invite to celebrate Christmas joy at services at Grace?

## **Book of Faith Bible Studies**

Interested in delving into God's Word so that it becomes real and meaningful to you? We now have several Book of Faith Bible study leader and learner guides to choose from in the library. The Book of Faith series is published by Augsburg Fortress, and the guides equip the leader with background information and multiple ideas for class sessions. At the time of this writing, a small group is engaged with a study of 1 John during the adult education hour on Sunday mornings, and the Lay Ministry Team plans to continue offering such options when this one is done. A four-week study of 1 Corinthians will begin in January, and this will be followed by a series on spiritual gifts. We would love for you to join us!

The studies available in the library are the following:

*Making Sense of Scripture*  
*Genesis*  
*Exodus*  
*A Gardener, Two Travelers, and a Cheat*  
*God's Standard or Gold Standard? Studies in Proverbs*  
*Being the Body of Christ: Studies in 1 Corinthians*  
*God's Extraordinary Church: Studies in Ephesians*

Look for these studies in the library or on a rolling cart outside the library and feel free to take a moment to browse through ones that interest you. Want to have your existing group at Grace take part in one? Want to get some friends together and do it on your own? There are all kinds of options! You do not need to be an expert in the Bible to lead a group or be a part of one.

On the same library rack can be found Bible study guides that are based on movies as well. This could be a fun family night! Keep in mind that we also have a popcorn machine here at Grace, and it is also possible to project a movie onto a larger screen.

Please contact Stephanie Johnson for further information, information about ordering additional learner guides for a group, general questions, etc.

## **Children's Christmas Program**

This year's program is called "The Night the Angels Sang" by Leigh Gregg. Sunday school children in 5<sup>th</sup> grade and under will present it on **December 19 at the 10:45 a.m. worship service**. If you haven't already returned your participation forms, please drop them off in the envelope outside the Sunday School Office. We hope that all children will be able to participate!

Please take note of the following rehearsal schedule:

**Sunday, November 21 – Sunday, December 5:** rehearsal during Sunday school opening (9:30-9:45)  
**Sunday, December 12:** rehearsal during Sunday school opening and possibly for greater Sunday school hour  
**Saturday, December 18 at 10:00 a.m.:** DRESS REHEARSAL  
**Sunday, December 19:** Final run through during Sunday school hour  
Presentation at 10:45 a.m. worship service

Please make every effort to have your child attend rehearsals to take the greatest advantage of the time available to us. We are looking forward to the experience!

Youth Education Team

## **Children's Programming**

Please note that Kids' Hour (grades 1-5) and Pray and Play (ages 4-5) groups on Wednesday nights follow the Super Wednesday schedule. We do not have the children's programming when there is no Super Wednesday. The remaining dates for 2010 are November 17, December 1, December 8, and December 15. **Please note that there is no programming on November 24, December 22, and December 29.** In 2011, we will start up again on January 5.

The older children have been spending several weeks learning about Martin Luther and will be bringing home their learner books soon. We've been having a lot of fun learning about his life, his faith, and his work through stories, games, and puzzles. The younger children have been engaged in weekly stories, crafts, and games and recently learned about creation. We also have tons of fun playing active games in the gym each week. Ask your child what he or she has been learning!

If you have any questions about the program, please contact Beth Flannery, Kelley Bowermaster, or Stephanie Johnson. Volunteers are welcome!



We are approaching the bad weather season. For your safety, please remember that if the Des Moines schools cancel classes due to weather conditions, the church office will be closed and evening church activities, rehearsals and classes will also be cancelled.

### Listen, God is Calling.....

Whenever I get the chance to share my time and talent, I truly feel blessed. While it is important for us to create balance – oh, and there is a lot to balance (faith, family, activities, career, on and on the list goes), there are always those things you do that truly feel good. That is how I feel when I “share my gifts” at church. I look forward to seeing my church family, and serving in a variety of ways. I find it makes life interesting and fulfilling. Don’t let your gifts go unnoticed, listen to God – he’s been patiently waiting for your answer.

Tammy Denton

Galatians 6:9-10: “So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.”

### Sympathy is Extended

To the family of Verda Swanson on the death of Verda’s brother, Alvin Andersen. Alvin passed away November 2 in Blair, NE. He was 93 years of age and was married 65 years.

### Thank You's

Thanks so much for all the prayers, cards, and calls I received in the hospital and while recovering at home. They were all greatly appreciated.

Mary Donnenwerth

Thank you for the prayers, cards, phone calls, and other expressions of concern after my latest medical crisis. You are all dear friends!

Pat Rehder

Thank you to everyone who so generously donated to curb hunger by contributing to the Confirmation service project: The Hunger Hike. The students raised over \$900.00 and hiked from the Capitol to Birdland Park and back to the Capitol to raise awareness of hunger in the world. Ninety-six percent of all receipts will go toward relieving hunger in the world. The Hunger Hike is an annual event sponsored by the Des Moines Area Religious Council.

Julie Honsey

Thanks for all the cards, calls, concerns and prayers after my surgery.

Rosella Dingman

## Proposed Changes to Grace Lutheran Church Bylaws Presented to the Congregational Council on October 26, 2010

At the request of the Endowment Committee and approved by the Congregational Council, the following changes to the Bylaws of Grace Lutheran Church are proposed. Deletions are designated by a ~~strikethrough~~ and additions by an underline.

### **Section VIII. Endowment Fund**

#### Subsection B6

Current: The recording secretary of the Committee shall maintain complete and accurate minutes of all meetings and supply a copy thereof to each member of the Committee. ~~Each member shall keep a complete copy of minutes to be delivered to his or her successor. The recording secretary shall also supply a copy of the minutes to the Congregation Council.~~

Proposed: The recording secretary of the Committee shall maintain complete and accurate minutes of all meetings and supply a copy to each member of the Committee and to the Congregation Council.

#### Subsection B7

Current: The financial secretary of the Committee shall work with the congregation’s treasurer in maintaining and coordinating complete and accurate accounts for the fund and shall sign checks and all other necessary documents on behalf of the congregation in furtherance of the purposes of the Fund. The books shall be audited annually by ~~a certified public accountant or other appropriate person who is not a Committee Member.~~

Proposed: The financial secretary of the Committee shall work with the congregation’s treasurer in maintaining and coordinating complete and accurate accounts for the fund and shall sign checks and all other necessary documents on behalf of the congregation in furtherance of the purposes of the Fund. The books shall be audited annually by the Grace Audit Committee.

#### Subsection D

Current: When, in the opinion of the ~~Committee~~, circumstances are so dire and of such an emergency nature that the future of the congregation is at stake, and that the only recourse seems to be the use of the Fund principal, the ~~Committee~~ may, upon a two-thirds majority vote, recommend such authorizing action ~~to the congregation.~~

Proposed: When, in the opinion of the Congregational Council, circumstances are so dire and of such an emergency nature that the future of the congregation is at stake and that the only recourse seems to be the use of the Fund principal, the Committee may recommend such authorizing action upon a two-thirds majority vote of the congregation at a duly called congregational meeting.

### Stewardship Committee

On behalf of the Church Council, the Stewardship Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank you for taking this stewardship journey with us over these past months. Our understanding is critical that all we have is God’s and stewardship is an opportunity to be generous with these gifts. Your sharing of God’s gifts, both financially and through time & talents, provides the support to our Church’s mission here at Grace and in the world. While commitments are still being received at the time of this writing, the results are gratifying. If you have completed your pledge card and time and talent sheet, we thank you. The Committee will be following up with those that have not yet responded. As soon as we believe all commitments have been received, we will announce the total.

### Time and Talent Forms

A database is currently being created by Tyler Reihmann to make it easier for all of us to look up names of people who have expressed interest in certain areas. We will let you know when it is ready for us to use. In the meantime, the original forms can be found in a binder in the office. You are welcome to come and look through it at a time that is convenient for you, but we ask that you please leave it in the office so that it does not get misplaced. Enjoy getting to know your fellow servants in this way!



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Darlis Honnold  
Aaron Brandsfield
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- 8 Robert Ziesman  
Brian Barks  
Felicia Adams
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Kay Downard  
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- 13 Dorothy Singh  
Judy Nyberg  
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Nicole Nelson
- 25 Jeffrey Nelson
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- 30 Marion Nehmer  
Drake Carney
- 31 Verda Swanson  
Jean Thompson  
Philip Young  
Tina Bickel  
Nicholas Best

**Community Thanksgiving Service**

The Annual combined Thanksgiving Service with Immanuel Methodist Church will be held at Grace on Wednesday evening, November 24th at 7:00 p.m. The Grace Bells and Chancel Choirs will combine forces for the special music of the worship service. Pastor Nims and Pastor Johnson will lead the Thanksgiving celebration. There will be communion during the service. Refreshments will be served by Grace Women following the service. Mark your calendar to come and celebrate all for which we are thankful.

**2010 Christmas Poinsettias**

The altar is decorated each Christmas by the donation of poinsettias from members at Grace. This year the poinsettias will be pink, burgundy and red. If you would like to purchase a poinsettia to be placed on the altar, complete the order form found in the Friendly Visitor or in the church bulletin, and place in the offering plate or turn in to the office. The order form will be in November 28 and December 5 bulletins. Additional order forms are in the church office. Cost is \$8.25 per plant and payment is due with the order. The last day to order poinsettias will be Monday, December 6th. You will be able to pick up your poinsettia after Sunday service on December 26.

**DMARC Donation Request for November**

**Diapers!**

Especially needed are size two and larger, including pull-up training diapers. DMARC gives out more than 25,000 diapers every month and we always need more. Thank you.

**Altar Flowers**

The 2011 altar flower sign up poster is hanging in the Gathering Hall. Through the kind donations of members of our church, payment for the altar flowers is provided. Flowers are \$38.00 and if you sign up, you are also able to take the flowers home with you and designate in the bulletin a commemoration. Most Sundays are still available. If you are thinking of signing up, please consider the months of January and February first since those sometimes get overlooked.

**Hannah Circle December Activities**

- Dec. 5 – 12:30 p.m. We will meet at Old Chicago at Merle Hay Mall for lunch and then go shopping for Adopt-A-Family.
- Dec. 12 – 6:00 p.m. Christmas party to be held in the Gathering Hall  
Bring a \$10-\$15 gift for the gift exchange and an appetizer or dessert to share.

**Men in Mission**

Our guest for December will be Mary Beth Gardam. She is the State Coordinator for the Move to Amend Movement. She will speak on "Corporate Personhood Is a Legal Fiction That Corporations Are Considered Legal Persons" and the move to amend Legal Fiction. It will be an interesting and timely topic, so please join us.

**Senior Members' Sponsored Dinner**  
**December 5th at 5:00 p.m. \$8.00 per person**

Paid reservations on November 21 & 28. Anyone needing a ride, please call 276-6873.

**Grace Endowment Fund Application**

In 1997 the Grace Endowment Fund Committee made their initial distribution of funds and awarded \$8,700.00 to five projects at Grace Lutheran Church. As of March 2010, a total of \$197,708.00 has been awarded to projects extending Grace's mission to nearby and faraway places; as close as Des Moines, Ames and Spirit Lake to Alabama, Florida and Mississippi to Israel, Kenya, Mali, Tanzania and El Salvador.

The applications for 2011 Endowment funding are available on the Grace website and in the church office. Applications will be accepted December 1, 2010 through January 31, 2011. They may be placed in the Endowment Fund Committee box outside the Conference Room or turned in to the church office. Approximately \$18,000.00 will be available for awards. If you have any questions please contact one of the members of committee: Gail Peterson, Kevin Krause, Jeff Farrell, Pat Rehder or Karen Taylor.

**Finance Committee****Report to the Congregation - October 2010 results**

Below is a summary of the income and expense of Grace Lutheran Church for the past month and Year to Date.

Other Income YTD includes \$2,770 VBS designated gifts & \$5,402 of Esperanza designated gifts

The expense activity for these areas was overbudget by a similar amount

We had a favorable variance to budget year to date, however this was primarily due to expenses

that were budgeted for which the actual expense has yet to occur.

Any favorable variance has been committed to restore the \$23,149 benevolence reduction

that was made to balance the 2010 budget.

**Operating Activity Summary (Grace)**

	One Month Ended October 31, 2010			Year to Date October 31, 2010		
	Actual	Budget	Favorable	Actual	Budget	Favorable
			(Unfavorable)			(Unfavorable)
Offerings	44,871.20	35,119.00	9,752.20	376,166.00	351,547.00	24,619.00
Other Income	1,602.79	1,936.33	(333.54)	25,710.04	18,655.89	7,054.15
Total Income	46,473.99	37,055.33	9,418.66	401,876.04	370,202.89	31,673.15
Expenses	38,089.86	40,602.24	2,512.38	377,268.46	387,300.09	10,031.63
Net Income (Loss)	8,384.13	(3,546.91)	11,931.04	24,607.58	(17,097.20)	41,704.78

**Trinity Center Christmas List 2011**

The following is a suggested list of potential gift items for the residents of Trinity Center at Luther Park.

Please deliver the new, unwrapped gifts to the **Gathering Hall by December 13th.**

Our special thanks and best wishes for the holidays for you and your family.

We sincerely appreciate your thoughtfulness and continued support.

Kleenex, solitaire games, baby dolls (soft), playing cards, card games, robes-men & women, toothpaste, face powder powder blush, toothbrushes, denture brushes, writing paper, envelopes, stamps, cookies, jewelry, snack crackers 2010 calendars, small boxes raisins, small am/fm radio with earphones, regular socks-men & women (light color) music tapes and/or CD's, chap stick, lip stick, lip gloss, movies and/or DVD's, games, non-aerosol deodorant crosswords & word finds puzzles in the large print, new stuffed animals, handkerchiefs, aftershave lotion, sweaters hair picks and barrettes, dusters, robes, house dresses, cologne and/or perfume, sweat pants and shirts (large) candy: chocolate covered cherries, thin mints, diabetic candy, candy bars, etc., emery boards, nail polish-light colors flower vases-must be plastic, magnifying glass, small cosmetic bags, small disposable containers (Glad-type) wallet, hand/body lotion, puzzles (small 25 pieces), non-skid shoe type slippers for men and women (large sizes) magazine subscriptions (Please call prior to ordering to avoid duplication.), cans of caffeine-free pop.

**Report on DMARC Annual Fall Assembly**

The Assembly was held on Tuesday, October 26, 2010 at Tifereth Israel Synagogue. The main business for the evening consisted of various reports which included an audit of the financial position as of June 30, 2010, as well as those given by the Council President and the Executive Director.

The special presentation for the evening was "Mapping an End to Hunger." Items of interest were some statistics on poverty in Polk County. In 1980, the total population was 303,170 with 23,454 living in poverty. In 2009 the population grew to 424,778 with 29,051 people living in poverty.

The 12th Food Pantry DMARC serves just opened at Islamic Center at 63rd and Franklin. For those interested in the new food site for DMARC, it is found on [movethefood.org](http://movethefood.org).

Recipients of Food Pantries may receive one five-day supply of food per month. There is increasing emphasis on good nutrition in the food given; fresh foods and produce come from Capital City Produce so that is greatly appreciated by the recipients.

Hunger and poverty rates have not changed a lot in the past 30 years so DMARC continues to need our support.

Joanne Johnson, Delegate  
Grace Lutheran Church

## ***2010 Christmas Poinsettias***

I would like to place a poinsettia plant in the church this Christmas season to the glory of God and in:

\_\_\_\_\_ Loving Memory of \_\_\_\_\_ Honor of

Please print the name(s) of those honored or in memory of and the name(s) of those giving the plant, exactly the way you would like them to appear in the bulletin.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Number of Poinsettias \_\_\_\_\_

- Please deliver to a home bound member
- We are in need of volunteers to deliver poinsettias to our homebound members. Please check here if you are able to help. Thank You!

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

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**IMPORTANT THIS SECTION MUST BE COMPLETED**

Method of payment: Check \_\_\_\_\_ or Cash \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of payment \_\_\_\_\_ Check number \_\_\_\_\_

Your check for **\$8.25** for each plant ordered should be made out to **Grace Lutheran Church**. The plants will be red, pink, or burgundy. Payment must accompany order. Please place order in the offering plate or mail to the church office.

Please pick up your plant following the worship service on Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup> .

**DEADLINE FOR ORDERING IS**  
*Monday, December 6*



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