

November 22, 2011

All Are Welcome!

December 24th
Christmas Eve Candlelight
Services
5:00 p.m. & 11:00 p.m.

December 25th
Christmas Day Service
10:00 a.m.

Sunday Services
8:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.
Holy Communion at Both
Education Hour &
Adult Forum at 9:30 a.m.

**Tuesday Adult Bible
Study Classes**
8:45 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

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**A Stephen Ministry
Congregation**
Companion Congregation
Msindo Parish
in Tanzania
Tanzanian Liturgy every
5th Sunday



A Story

There is a story of a group of men who were on a business trip and planned to be home in plenty of time for Friday night's dinner with their families. With tickets and briefcases in hand, they hurried to get to the airport gate in time, but on the way, one of the men accidentally knocked over a table with a display of apples. Apples flew everywhere, but without stopping or looking back, they all rushed off to reach the plane in time for their nearly missed boarding time. All but one. Upon reaching the gate, he paused and took a breath.

Turning to his companions, he asked them to call his wife to explain that he would be taking a later flight. He then returned to the area where the apples were strewn all over the terminal floor. It was then that he discovered that the young girl at the stand was blind. She was crying, and with tears running down her face, she struggled to collect the apples as the crowd swirled around her. Everyone was in a hurry, and no one stopped to help her or to express concern. Most people didn't even notice.

The businessman knelt on the floor beside her and began helping her gather her produce and reorganize her display. When the task was complete, he pulled out his wallet and gave her \$40. "Please take this for the damage that we caused. I hope we didn't ruin your whole day."

He started to walk away but stopped when the young girl said, "Mister?" He turned and looked back at her as she continued. "Are you Jesus?"

"Are you Jesus?" The question rings powerfully. And it makes all of us stop and think. "Are you Jesus?"

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Happy Birthday to You!

- December 1 Sarah Williamson
Deanna Weber
Josh Lund
- 2 Beverly Anderson
Christopher Barks
- 3 Martha Page
Ami Bradwell
- 4 Carter Woodruff
- 5 Anna Marie Peterson
Duane Ulrick
Darlis Honnold
Aaron Brandsfield
- 7 Gus Berven
- 8 Robert Ziesman
Brian Barks
Felicia Adams
- 9 Joy Averill
Rosemary Randolph
Salvador Rodriguez
- 10 Steve Young
- 11 Burke Shiffler
Kari Dostalick
- 12 Jack Frost
- 13 Dorothy Singh
Judy Nyberg
Sherry Brindley
Bradley Ashton
Thomas Garcia
- 14 Anthony Garcia
- 15 Mo Grotheer
Norman Iverson
Matt Ziska
- 18 Helen Fanning
Paul Weaver
Payton Lawson
Katja Rahjes
- 20 Richard Naney
Shirley Shiffler
Nathan Bickel
- 21 John Rudisill
Chris Janson
- 22 Donald Moon
Harold Mann
Quinci Chapman
Elizabeth Lewis
- 23 Wayne Curry
Piper Hutton
- 24 Jon Rutter
Stuart Mitchell
Nicole Nelson
- 25 Jeffrey Nelson
- 26 Marlene Bang
- 27 Barbara Berven
Christina Anderson
- 28 Ryan Randolph
- 29 Linda Rundle
Kevin Krause
Robin Randolph
- 30 Marion Nehmer
Drake Carney
- 31 Verda Swanson
Jean Thompson
Tina Bickel
Nicholas Best

Happy Anniversary to You!

- December 1 Ross & Cindy Peeler
- 8 Thomas & Rebecca
Selander
- 14 Gregory & Darlis Honnold
- 27 Donald & Gloria Moon
- 27 Robert & Dorothy Jensen



HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Holiday Carols in Concert

Works by Christiansen, Mattson, The King's Singers, Felciano, Schreck
Southwestern Community College Concert Choir

Jason A. Smith, Conductor

Friday, December 2, 2011, 7:30 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church

A free will offering will be taken.



The Star Tree

Advent season is fast approaching. The Star Tree will take its place in the Gathering Hall, bearing gold stars. Each star contains the name and age of an LSI and Mosaic resident and that person's wish for a toy or article of clothing. Please take a star, purchase a new gift or a gift card, and return the unwrapped gift with the star attached. Place the gift in the box near the Star Tree by the specified date. The gifts will be picked up by LSI and Mosaic and distributed to their residents who can't go home at Christmas time.

Please note: This year there is a **\$20 limit** on gifts or gift cards purchased.



Poinsettias

The altar is decorated each Christmas by the donation of poinsettias from members at Grace. This year the poinsettias will be pink, white 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 into the office. Additional order forms are available in the church office. Cost is \$9.00 per plant and payment is due with the order.

The last day to order poinsettias will be Monday, December 5th. You will be able to pick up your poinsettia after Sunday service on December 25.



Senior Members' Annual Christmas Holiday Dinner

You (all ages) are invited to come for the annual turkey dinner sponsored by Senior Members on Sunday, December 4, 5:00 p.m., in Grace Hall I.

Cost \$9.00 per person

Reservations: Sign up in the Gathering Hall, November 27 or call the church office before 12:00 noon on Monday, November 28.

Come, enjoy a great evening!

Stewardship Thought

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 statement of intent and time and talent sheet, we thank you. As soon as we believe all commitments have been received, we will announce the total.



**Invite
Someone
to Worship**

on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day! Have you ever wanted to invite someone to worship, but you weren't sure how. We've made it really easy. Enclosed in this newsletter is a stamped postcard with an invitation to worship with us at Grace. All you have to do is add the address and let the USPS do the rest!



**Community
Christmas Tree**

Do you like Christmas? Do you like it when a room looks as joy-filled as the season? If so (even if not), help us decorate the Community Christmas Tree(s) in Grace Hall! Starting November 30th, we are going to be adding decorations to the tree(s) in Grace Hall. We are asking people to bring a couple ornaments from home to decorate and by Christmas we will have one or more trees that show the diversity and traditions of this community of faith.

We Are Proud

The Reverend Roland Zimany

His article, "Without God," was published in the November 2011 issue of *The Lutheran*.

Carl Feilmann

Carl and two other WWII Veterans shared their war experiences in the article "Back to the Front" featured in October 2011 *Urbandale Living*.

Winter Weather Policy

Reminder: If the Des Moines schools close due to ice and snow, Grace will also close. We want everyone to stay at home and be safe.



Christmas List 2011 for Trinity Center at Luther Park

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 Trinity Center by December 12th. If you have any questions, please contact Denny Bradshaw, Director of Activities and Volunteers at 262-5639 at Extension 144. Any items not used for Christmas will be used throughout the year for resident birthdays and for bingo gifts. Our special thanks and best wishes for the holidays for you and your family. We sincerely appreciate your thoughtfulness and continued support.

Kleenex, baby dolls (soft), cans of caffeine free pop, card games, toothpaste, toothbrushes, hair picks, barrettes, cookies, snack crackers, small boxes of raisins, regular socks – men & women (light colored), chap stick, lipstick (light colors), lip gloss, crosswords & word finds puzzles in the large print, new stuffed animals, aftershave lotion, dusters, robes, house dresses, sweat pants and shirts (large & x-large), nail polish (light colors), magnifying glass, small cosmetic bags, wallet/purses, solitaire games, playing cards, hand or body lotion, robes – men and women, face powder and powder blush, writing paper, envelopes and stamps, jewelry, year 2012 calendars, small am/fm radio with earphones, music tapes and/or CD's, movies and/or DVD's, games, non-aerosol deodorant, sweaters, cologne and/or perfume, candy: chocolate covered cherries, thin mints, diabetic candy, candy bars, etc., flower vases – must be plastic, small disposable containers (Glad-type), magazine subscriptions (Please call prior to ordering to avoid duplication.), non-skid shoe-type slippers for men and women (large sizes) – need to have shoe type slippers.

Finance Report – October Results

Financial results for October YTD are as follows:

- Pledged Offerings – Actual \$389,323, Budget \$392,088
- Other Income – Actual \$15,341, Budget \$15,715
- Expenses – Actual \$402,917, Budget \$415,328
- Net activity – Actual \$1,747, Budget (\$7,525)

Actual net activity was favorable to budget. This was due to offerings below budget offset by overall expense activity below budget to a greater extent. Favorable expense activity is the result of certain expense activity that was budgeted but the actual expense has yet to occur. Additionally, savings was achieved due to lack of Lead Pastor and Music Director expense for a portion of the year and lower Latino Communication Coordinator activity. These savings were offset by higher building maintenance activity including the concrete repairs of the parking lot and a major unexpected repair on the mechanical systems of the church.

DMARC Fall Assembly

The Des Moines Area Religious Council held its Annual Fall Assembly on Tuesday, October 25, 2011, at the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints. We learned the sobering fact that DMARC had to dip into its reserve to cover the increasing costs it experienced this past year. Individually, we need to be supporting the Council with our financial gifts as well as our giving as a church.

Once again the emphasis at the assembly was on hunger and poverty in our community. In Polk County one in five of our children does not have enough food to eat. Of the 30,000 people assisted through DMARC's food pantry network this year, nearly one in every two will be a child or youth under the age of 25.

Two other disturbing statistics are that there are 17 liquor stores for every person in Polk County and one in seven preschoolers is obese. Children are fed the wrong foods for healthy development. There are positive aspects of the types of food now supplied through the food pantries. There is greater emphasis on fresh fruits and vegetables so that recipients get a more balanced diet.

The next assembly date will be on March 27, 2012.
Joanne Johnson, Delegate

Adult Forum Schedule

Dec. 4 - Pastor Mike on the church year

Dec. 11 - Orchard Place – Nancy Bobo, VP Development & Marketing

Dec. 18 - OPEN

Dec. 25 – No Adult Forum

Option: Nov 13-Dec11 "Close Encounters of the Jesus Kind: Studies in Luke" Julie Honsey



Save the Dates

Dec. 1, 9:30 a.m.

Martha Circle Holiday Party in Grace Hall I

Dec. 2, 7:30 p.m.

Southwestern Community College "Holiday Carols in Concert" in the Grace sanctuary

Dec. 4, 12:15 p.m.

Hannah Circle Adopt-A-Family shopping at Merle Hay Mall

5:00 p.m.

Senior Members' Christmas Dinner in Grace Hall I

Dec. 6, 6:00 p.m.

Knitter's Guild Holiday Celebration in Grace Hall I

Dec. 11, 1:00-2:00 p.m.

New Member Class in Gathering Hall

6:00 p.m.

Hannah Circle Christmas Party

Dec. 15, 5:00 p.m.

Embroidery Guild Christmas Celebration in Grace Hall I

Dec. 16, 7:00 p.m.

Daycare Christmas Program Grace Hall I & II

Dec. 17, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Dress rehearsal for Sunday school pageant

Dec. 18, 9:30 a.m.

Dress rehearsal for pageant

10:45 a.m. Worship Service

Sunday School Christmas Pageant

Dec. 24, 5:00 p.m. & 11:00 p.m.

Holy Communion Candlelight Worship Services

Dec. 25, 10:00 a.m.

Holy Communion Worship Service

Grace-Fully Aware – The Grace Sanctuary



Our beautiful Sanctuary was built in 1956 when the Reverend J. Grant Carlson was pastor. Over the years several improvements were made:

1979 - New furnaces and air conditioning were installed in the sanctuary; the altar rail was built forward to eliminate steps; and an elevator was installed to allow access to the lower level fellowship hall.

1984 - Grand piano was purchased.

1986 - Schantz Pipe Organ, manufactured specifically for our church needs, was installed.

In 2001 the Sanctuary was completely gutted and refurbished. Worship services moved to the new Grace Hall area. Existing woodwork was sanded and stained a darker tone. All pews were removed for refinishing and reupholstering. Fresh paint in varying shades of purple turned out beautifully, but was a bit controversial as it went on the walls. The carpeting and lighting were replaced and a new wooden cross took its place above the altar. Today the Sanctuary looks fantastic and comfortably seats up to 340 people.

Fees to rent this space are:

Members – No fee for Sanctuary use or deposit, mandatory \$25 custodial fee

Nonmembers - \$200.00 refundable deposit, \$500 for Sanctuary use, and \$50.00 custodial fee

Weddings – Our recently revised Wedding Planner booklet lists fees for the pastor, organist, custodian, sound technician, and rehearsals.

This helpful booklet has many suggestions for planning your wedding and is available in the church office.

Grace Sponsored Events – No fee for room or deposit, no custodial fee. Examples are special Synod ceremonies, select concerts, and organ, hand bell or piano recitals.

Funerals - No fees charged to use the Sanctuary. The amount given the pastor, organist, soloist, and Grace Women for funeral luncheons is usually handled for the family of the deceased by the Funeral Director.

The Work is Complete!

Images of Jesus, smiling children, Joseph and his amazing coat, a parade of Noah's animals...these are just a few of the brightly colored images that now decorate each of our Sunday School rooms and downstairs hallway. Please take a tour of these rooms and hallway to appreciate the artistic expressions of faith.

A big thank you to all our painters!!

- Tammy, Chuck and Leslie Denton
- Kari, Adam and Haley Dostalik
- Anne and Katie Farrell
- Jay and Ginny Wangerin
- Susanne and McKenzie Carney
- Rich Snyder
- Stacey Koeppen
- Natasha Voelker
- Nick Ewing
- Cherie, Jon and Jessie Rissman



Need to Visit with Pastor Mike?

The pastor's office hours are 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Afternoons are open for visits to hospitals and the homebound members.



Lessons and Carols Worship Service

On Sunday, December 11, we will be sharing in a time of Advent Lessons and Carols with Holy Communion during both the 8:15 and 10:45 a.m. services. It will be a time to feed in the Word, the Meal, and music from many of our musical ensembles.

Calling All Musicians

Christmas Eve is almost here, and that means we are looking for pre-service music for both the 5:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. services. If you would like to share a talent before worship please talk to Pastor Mike. There will also be a sign up sheet in the office.



Stewardship of Time and Talents

You filled out the forms, now prepare for the follow-up! Starting in January we will have Cottage Meetings for each of the main categories on the Stewardship of Time and Talents forms. The point of the Cottage Meeting is to gather people who have the same interests and passions and explore together how best to use the many gifts and talents in this community of faith. It is exciting, for example, to think about what could develop when all the people interested in prayer or the creative arts are all in the same room and brainstorming. Our future is looking bright! It isn't too late to fill out a form if you have not yet done so, simply contact the Grace Office.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

**Council Minutes
October 27, 2011**

Present: Mary Freimuth-Helt, Jon Rissman, John Roehrick, Carla Peterman, Rich Snyder, Julie Honsey, Gary Nehmer, Joyce Lewis, Pastor Schmidt, Kristin Medhurst
Absent: Kathy Bowermaster, Janet Habick

Agenda adopted as printed.

The minutes from the September 27, 2011 were approved as printed.

The staff reports were accepted as written.

The Finance Report was accepted as printed.

Committee Reports

Property Committee is looking into having the parking lot paved before the snow flies.

Devotions were given by Pastor Schmidt.

The book study centered on Chapter 4 The Corporate Person. Where and how do we keep the corporate memory of what goes on at Grace? How do we go about knowing each other better? How do we recognize the saints who have gone not forgetting about their part of being the Body of Christ? How do we communicate more efficiently and timely?

Unfinished Business

- The Organizational Structure subcommittee will check the alignment of the proposed organizational structure with the by-laws in anticipation of any by-law changes that might need to be made to align the by-laws with the structure.
- The Music Director Search Committee has posted the music director position on the American Guild of Organists website. Six candidates have applied and presented their resumes.
- The Social Ministry Team was assigned the task of planning a CPR training session for staff and other interested people as well as procuring an automated external defibrillator and a first aid kit.
- Pulpit sharing will begin November 13 with Pastor Ro Zimany preaching and Pastor Schmidt presiding. Grace has a wealth of clergy in the community of faith and the purpose of pulpit sharing is to hear their witness in preaching.

New Business

- Christmas Day 2011 and New Year's Day 2012 both fall on Sundays. The Council approved that we have one worship service on each of those days rather than the scheduled two.
- The Council approved and welcomed the candidates for the Affirmation of Baptism on Sunday, October 30, 2011 as confirmed members of Grace. They candidates are Leslie Denton, Tanner Peeler, Christina Anderson, Nely Ruiz, and Natasha Voelker.
- Pastor Schmidt has been asked to be spiritual leader of the Lutheran Lakeside Santa Fe trip in September of 2012. The Council approved that Pastor participate as spiritual leader and that it not be considered vacation time but as a donation from Grace to the camp.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 8:55 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted, Julie Honsey, Council Secretary

Blessing Bowls ROCK

In our Sunday school classes we have been using Blessing Bowls to share stories, thoughts and prayers related to the many blessings in our lives. The bowls & stones have proven to be an excellent way to begin meaningful conversations with our youth, so we want to share this ministry with our families.

Families of youth are invited to gather together to make a Blessing Bowl of your very own! On Saturday, January 21st, 1:00-3:30 p.m. we will meet in Msindo Hall, use clay and paint to create a family blessing bowl complete with stones. The cost for each family to create a Blessing Bowl will be \$5. and will be due at the time that you register for the event. To register for this fun-filled, family event please place your family's name on the sign-up sheet outside of Stephanie's door and give the registration fee to Stephanie by January 7.

If you would like to see a Blessing Bowl, please ask your child's Sunday school teacher to show you the classroom bowl. If you have any questions, feel free to contact MeLissa Lawson at 554-5377 or lawson.chris@mchsi.com or Beth Flannery at 314-1022 or bdfannery@yahoo.com

Caring for our neighbor...

The Crafting for Charity Club's 4th Annual Charity Quilt-In



If you enjoy quilting, this may be for you! For the past three years, 15-40 quilts have been made annually and donated to organizations such as Global Health, Homeless Camp Outreach, and Blank Children's Hospital Pediatric Cancer Ward. This year quilts will be donated to Lutheran Services in Iowa.

You can donate one that you've made without actually attending a session, or you can just show up and be put to work cutting, sewing, tying, etc. No experience necessary!

WHERE:

Fort Des Moines Museum and Education Center
75 East Army Post Road
Des Moines, IA 50315-5866

WHEN:

Friday, November 18, 2011: 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, November 19, 2011 – 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, November 20, 2011 – Noon – 4:00 p.m.

For further information, please contact Lana R. Jackson, President of the Crafting for Charity Club, at 515-490-4220 or LJackson3200@gmail.com. Happy quilting!

A Word of Welcome



Starting in January, we welcome Amy Schmelzer as the new Communion Assistant Coordinator at Grace. If you would like to be added to a list of those who are willing to be Communion assistants for bread, wine, and grape juice, please contact Amy at 988-1343. The worship volunteer book will also continue to be available at Volunteer Central if you would like to sign up as you are available.

Many thanks to Delores Larsen for her years of service in that role, and welcome and thanks ahead of time to Amy!

We welcome Barb Powers to our newsletter crew. Thank you to Cleone Oberg for her dedication to assembling the Friendly Visitor newsletter for many years. Cleone will still assist in the weekly assembly of our worship bulletins.

Upcoming events at Grace



Gift-Making Party!

Do you enjoy making things and giving things your own personal touch? Or perhaps you have a flair for helping others make gifts. Then mark your calendar for Grace's gift making party on Sunday, December 11 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. On this day you will have an opportunity to craft a variety of gifts and either take home a finished product or continue the work at home. If you have an idea to share and would like to have a table as a craft leader, please contact Stephanie Johnson by Thursday, December 1 if you haven't already done so. After December 1, please contact or direct your questions to Pastor Mike. Free will offerings will be taken on the day of the workshop to help offset the cost of supplies. Come and join the party!



Sunday School Christmas Program

Sunday school classes and children's music groups have been very busy preparing for this year's Christmas program, "Greetings from the Heart." It will be presented on Sunday, December 18 during the 10:45 a.m. worship service. **Families, please note** that there will be a **full run-through** on December 4 and December 18 during the Sunday school hour, **and a dress rehearsal** on Saturday, December 17 from 10:00 a.m.-noon. Please try to have your children present during those important times. Please talk to Stephanie Johnson or Beth Flannery if you are interested in helping with practices, props, costumes..... no experience necessary!



Congregational Meal

On Sunday, December 18 at noon., the Youth Education Team and the Fellowship Team will be hosting a congregational meal in Grace Hall. The main dish, dinner rolls, and drinks will be provided, and sign-ups will be available for bringing side dishes, salads, and desserts. Look for the sign-up sheet in the Gathering Hall beginning Sunday, November 27. Please sign up so that we have an estimated count for the meal. But if you forget, come anyway! All are welcome for this time of food, fun, fellowship, and Christmas caroling! On that day, sign-ups will also be available for those who would like to request a DVD copy of the worship service and Sunday School Christmas program.



Poinsettia Deliveries to Our Homebound Members

There are several members of the Grace family who cannot make it to church but would greatly appreciate a visit and a gift of Christmas cheer. Starting on Sunday, November 27, a sign-up sheet for delivering poinsettias will be located at Volunteer Central. Please consider bringing a plant to one or more of the people on the list.

You may pick up your poinsettia(s) for delivery anytime after the Christmas Day worship service.

After the Fire, Helping Neighbors at St. Paul, Martensdale

On October 27, 2011, the church facility of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Martensdale, Iowa was consumed by fire. The building and its contents were a total loss.

The faith community held worship at Martensdale/St. Mary's School on Sunday, October 30. Under the care of Pastors Keith Lingwall and Ron Mohr, the congregation stood as a witness that the church is not a building but rather a community of believers. Bishop Michael Burk joined the congregation for worship, bringing greetings from congregations and synods across the ELCA, assuring the assembly that they were not alone in the midst of this devastation.

As of November 13, the congregation will hold worship services at the Church of the Assumption in Churchville, Iowa. The congregation now begins prayerful conversations regarding future building plans. Grace Lutheran Church has begun to collect offerings for our brothers and sisters in Christ of St. Paul Lutheran Church. We will continue to take offerings through December 4th and will then on to an account established for St. Paul Lutheran Church at the Southeastern Iowa Center for Ministry. If you wish to make an offering, simply send a check payable to *Grace Lutheran Church* and write "St. Paul Lutheran" in the memo field. Please keep our sisters and brothers in Christ in your prayers.

A Story - continued

The season of Advent is upon us. And many of us rush to complete our own tasks at this busy time of year. There are meals to prepare, gifts to purchase and wrap, decorations to put up, Christmas cards to write, church activities to attend, cookies to bake. Even with the best of intentions, it becomes easy to get overwhelmed by all of the things on our to-do list. It may become easy to knock over an apple cart or two.

In these coming weeks, I pray that we may all find time to prepare our hearts for the day of joy celebrating Christ's birth. I pray that while we wait for that day to come, and for Jesus to reign at the end of all days, our eyes will remain open to the needs of those around us. In the midst of this Advent season, might others say of us, "Are you Jesus?" When we give of what we have to those in need, are we being Jesus? When we invite others into our midst and welcome them to our ministries and lives, are we being Jesus? When we take that extra time to do an act of kindness for a stranger or friend, are we being Jesus?

May our hearts be filled with the joy of his coming, and with the knowledge of his grace.

- Stephanie Johnson

2011 Christmas Poinsettias

I would like to place a poinsettia 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 (check box if you want your poinsettia delivered to a homebound member)

Given by _____

Phone number _____

IMPORTANT THIS SECTION MUST BE COMPLETED

Method of payment: Check _____ or Cash _____

Amount of payment _____ Check number _____

Your check for **\$9.00** for each plant ordered should be made out to **Grace Lutheran Church**. The plants will be red, pink, and white. Payment must accompany order. Please place order in the offering plate or mail to the church office.

Please pickup your plant following the worship service on Sunday, December 25th .

DEADLINE FOR ORDERING IS
Monday, December 5