



The Friendly Visitor

Grace Lutheran Church

November 4, 2016

Worship Services

8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary

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For the saints who from their labors now rest...

*Bill Henderson
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Vernon Fanning
Gerald Dockum
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Romans 6:3-5,9: Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.

These words have been stuck in my head lately. This is a common text that often serves as the start to a funeral service. Although extremely fitting for such an occasion, they have been stuck in my head since a recent confirmation class discussion. We were discussing the Second Article of the Apostle's Creed (the section about Jesus), and got to talking about which parts of the creed were easy to believe and which parts were difficult to believe at times. The conversation for a while centered on how God could become incarnate, and why.

The conversation found itself right in the center of our theology. We have a God who came near, found strength and the proclamation of love on the cross, and because of that can meet us anywhere. It sounds oversimplified (and to some it probably is), but that truth is something that carries with it incredible power. God can now meet us anywhere. The curtain in the temple is torn. There is no longer a barrier between humanity and God. There is nothing that we can experience that is outside of God's presence with us, right in the midst of it.

This promise of being yoked with Christ does not only apply to our life here on earth. We are yoked with Christ, or as the hymn "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" phrases it, *let that grace now like a fetter bind my wand'ring heart to thee*. There is not only hope in Christ. There is life in Christ and through Christ. God gets the last word, and that word is life.

All Saints' Sunday is a time in the church year that leaves very few people unscathed. We all grieve the loss of someone, whether within the last year, or several years ago. This grief does not happen without hope, and without the promise of life in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

In Christ,
Pastor Mike

Happy November Birthday

- 1 - Remington Anderson
Zelma Wilson
- 2 - Mike Peterman
- 3 - Tara Royster
- 4 - Gabriella Artzer
Bradley Nelson
Aubrie Stickrod
- 5 - Sally Thielking
- 6 - Benjamin Gronert
Laura Grotheer
- 7 - Rev. David Cline
- 8 - Austin Schaller
- 9 - Beverly Petty
- 11 - Emily Dungan
Yaritza Marquez
Gary Scholten
- 12 - Zoe Lawson
Randy Taylor
- 13 - Kurt Bowermaster
Jason Bradwell
Zachary Jensen
- 14 - Larry Buell
Carol Mattes
Linda Moravec
Kristene Shortelle
- 15 - Gary Batten
John Justice
Mark Ridnour
- 16 - Haley Dostalik
Joseph Kennebeck
Emma Mattes
- 17 - Jeremy Israel
Gloria Moon
Madison Robbins
- 18 - Richard Hirschauer
Susan Johnson
- 19 - Nick Medhurst
- 21 - Kelley Riordan
- 22 - Zachary Kulzer
- 23 - Ashley Lund
- 24 - Renee Dingman
Harriett Pearson
Jon Rissman
- 25 - Dorothy Jensen
Rev. Douglas Johnson
Kerry Riordan
- 26 - Peter Kiefer
Jessica Rissman
Paul Thielking
Laura Wangerin
Virginia Wangerin
Carol Woodruff
- 29 - Karinne Harmon
Angie Hidalgo
Ed Ridnour
- 30 - Joshua Cline



Happy November Anniversary

- 2 - Richard and Deanna Snyder
- 5 - Howard and Rachel Welty
- 7 - Paul and Alexson Calahan
- 10 - Larry and Joan Johnson
- 13 - Gary and Ellen Batten
- 20 - Gary and Melinda Scholten
- 22 - Marvin and Lorna Johns
- 26 - Todd and Barb Burley
Frank and Colleen McKinney
- 27 - Anthony and Tara Royster
- 28 - Neal and Sandra Meyer



Our Sympathies are with:

The family of Bonnie Swanson, on the passing of her father.



Thank You

Thank you to our Grace family for all the love and support during the loss of our father/grandfather, Bob Beeler. We were touched by the visits, prayers, memorials and words of encouragement. A special thank you to Member Care for the meal, garden veggies and paper products. We are grateful for our community of faith.

Cherie, Jon, Robbie, Jessie Rissman and Jim Beeler

Thank you for your donations following the Pet Blessing. We PAWsitively could not do what we do without a loyal pack of supporters like you! With your help many more food dishes will be full of kibble and furry family members will be in good homes receiving the care they deserve.

The Pet Project Midwest

I would like to extend a great big "Thank You" to all of you for the clothes, sweat pants, underwear and socks. They will be so appreciated when I need to change a student.*

Thank you again. Marlys and Moore Elementary School

**Students occasionally need a change of clothes, between accidents with mud, puddles, and snow at recess, art projects, etc. Some students may have few options, so having a change of clothes to wear while theirs is washed provides a measure of comfort and dignity. Some of the clothes will be sent home with students who don't have other options.*

Thank you to all who donated – Ellen

The Willing Workers

We caught up with the willing workers recently as they enjoyed coffee after finishing a rather stinky, messy job of pulling up wet carpet and carrying it to the dumpster.

On any given Wednesday morning, you can find these men doing various -typically not smelly - jobs around the building. The current group of workers consists of Mike Peterman, Jerry Westercamp, Jay Wangerin, Norm Peterson, Ralf Hoifelt, Bill Kallestad, Randy Taylor, Rich Snyder, Roy Mann.

The Willing Workers have been in existence for 40 or 50 years – they used to come in on Saturday mornings, much like the recently formed Men's Work Group which meets once a month for breakfast, devotion and work around the church. However with families it wasn't always easy to get many to show up every Saturday morning, so Cliff Swanson - credited by several of the current group as having been in charge until he pointed at Norm Iverson about 25-30 years ago and said "you're in charge now" - decided they would meet on Wednesdays.

There is quite a bit of camaraderie in the group – Ralf and Bill joked that the one rule is that there has to be donuts or a treat at every meeting of the Willing Workers. They always gather for coffee and conversation at some point in the morning, sometimes joined by Todd, Pastor Mike, Cindy, or other members who are around at the time. During the interview the group laughs about how much they love moving the Christmas trees up from the stage each year for the festival of trees, and how much fun it is to set up and take down the Bell Tables when needed. They tease, but we get the idea they don't mind as much as they want us to think they do, except maybe when they joke about how their favorite job of all time was shampooing each and every one of the chairs in Grace Hall. Some mornings they poke their heads in the office to start a job, only to find someone else has carried a box away, before winking at those nearby and saying with a laugh "See, I knew if we waited just a minute someone else would grab it!"

They may tease and joke, but on any given Wednesday morning, if Jay or Norm aren't already armed with a task list, they stop in the office to find out what needs doing, and they get right to work. Many years ago, the church had a few properties to take care of, these days it is "just" the church and the custodian's house. You can find them changing the sign out front, or setting up garage sale, vacation bible school, pancake breakfast or pet blessing signs on the lawn. They move bell tables, bells, Christmas trees, chairs, and wet carpet when needed. They take care of custodial needs during vacations, unplug drains, fix windows, change a lot of lightbulbs and batteries, troubleshoot, perform minor maintenance. They have painted, cleaned the old grease trap (very happy they don't have to do THAT anymore!), installed the garden fence, and shampooed carpets and chairs.

It is obvious that there is a closeness between the group and that they look out for each other. While reminiscing about annual maintenance work trips to Lutheran Lakeside group members used to take (including Len Ringgenberg and Kevin Krause), a little seriousness crept in as they recalled past members, events, and times when they began to notice changes in the health of others. A short time later the joking and laughter returned as the current Saturday group was mentioned again. "They all need to retire soon so they can join us on Wednesdays."



Jay Wangerin, Mike Peterman, Bill Kallestad, Ralf Hoifelt, Norm Iverson, Jerry Westercamp



A coffee toast – with Todd Haugen

DMARC Cash Donations to date!

January – September 16, 2016: \$3,417.97 from Grace

DMARCs November request for shelf stable foods is Low sodium Soups!

Grace Church Council Meeting Minutes – September 27, 2016

Present: Brad Lint, Lori Fry, Barb Zimany, Jay Wangerin, John Roehrick, Cathy Barks, Pastor Mike Schmidt, Dave Gronert, Don Peterson, Matt Jordahl, Eric Weber, Mary Jo McCleary

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm by Brad Lint. It was MSP to adopt the agenda. A sharing time and prayer were led by Pastor Mike.

Discussion: A dialogue was conducted about the work of the Grace 20/20 team. They continue to meet in prayer and discussion twice a month and have stepped back from planning a congregational sabbatical. They feel that our vision is more one of discipleship. They are discussing the importance for our membership to focus on Growing: in relationship with God, others, self, and numerically. Spiritual growth is important, more than simply maintaining programs. Categories for congregational goals are being discussed.

Consent Agenda:

- The August 2016 council meeting minutes were adopted with one correction to attendance.

New Business:

- It was MSP to approve recommended compensation packages for our new organist and adult choir accompanist. Rich Snyder will be our organist, and Kathy Bowermaster will accompany the choir.

Old Business:

- Malmin Fund Task Force will be working with the Grace 20/20 team to match funds with goals and to take next steps.
- Mission Statement group will align with Grace 20/20 team for further work on a statement.
- 90th Anniversary planning: events are on the church calendar and a group is coordinating invitations and a meal.
- October 23: Conversation with Council will be held at adult forum time.

Next council meeting will be October 25, 2016 at 5:45 pm for a meal, and 6:00 pm for the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Barks, Secretary

Finance Report – September Results

Financial results for September YTD are as follows:

- Pledged Offerings – Actual \$313,474, Budget \$309,650
- Other Income – Actual \$13,323, Budget \$13,650
- Expenses – Actual \$339,167, Budget \$333,450
- Net activity – Actual (\$12,370), Budget (\$10,150)

Actual net activity is comparable to budget.



Year End Deposits

It's November, which for the office, means we're looking at end of year tasks. Our final deposit for the year will be on Wednesday, December 28 as that is the last day the office will be open in 2016. According to the IRS, contributions are deductible in the year made - must be received or postmarked 2016 for 2016 deduction.

If you would like to know where you stand with your 2016 pledge, call the office at 515-276-6873. We are grateful for your generous commitment to Grace!

Advent season at Grace

This season, the sanctuary will be slowly adorned to celebrate the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ. You will see adornments that will begin on the first Sunday in Advent, November 27. We will wait in anticipation, just as Mary did, preparing for the coming of our Lord with word, music and visual elements that take us from darkness into the light of Christ.

We want to remember our home bound members especially during Advent. We will deliver a poinsettia to them earlier in the season than in past years, before Christmas. You can help by ordering one for them and a volunteer from Grace will deliver it. We will not ask the congregation to purchase poinsettias for the sanctuary as in past years. Other visual elements will be used that will set the mood and tone for Advent and Christmas.



Order forms for poinsettias for home bound members will be available in the Gathering Hall, the office, and an insert in this newsletter. Please have money and order forms into the office by Wednesday, December 7.

No Shave November!

Gentlemen*, are you tired of shaving? Always wanted to try growing a beard? We have a deal for you! The idea of ditching the razor for the month of November, what became “No Shave November” started as a way of promoting prostate cancer awareness. The movement has become a way of promoting cancer awareness in general, and proactive screening – have you discussed this with your doctor? Promoting awareness means this isn’t just open to men, but anyone who uses a razor! Pastor Mike has agreed to join the challenge this year and invites any others to join the cause! Are you willing to put away your razor for a good cause?



Meals from the Heartland

Joie Gronert has signed up for 2 teams of 10 for Thursday, November 17 from 6PM to 8PM. If you want to be part of a Grace team call Joie at 279-4974 or email at jgronert1@hotmail.com. The packing event will be held at the Patty Cowrie Center, 357 Lincoln Street, West Des Moines.

Meals from the Heartland partners with organizations embedded in communities that face hunger on a daily basis. Meals are shipped out nationally and internationally by their distribution partner, CONVOY OF HOPE, to on-the-ground organizations such as *Many Hands for Haiti* and *Blessman Ministries*. The meals often support and supplement other programs such as teaching sustainable agriculture practices, education, healthcare, and more. The meals are also used for disaster relief, providing nutrition and hope in the midst of epidemics and natural disasters that impact entire communities. Locally, they partner with food banks such as the Food Bank of Iowa, the Des Moines Area Religious Council (DMARC) food bank network, and dozens of church-affiliated food pantries. In 2015 alone, more than one million meals were distributed across the state of Iowa.

Let's join together to lend a hand!!!

Students are also invited! Please contact Joie or ellen@gracedm.org if you are interested in participating!

New Baby Announcements, Roses, and Splash Cradle Roll!

If you have a newborn, you are more than welcome to request a rose for the Altar, and have an announcement placed in the weekly bulletin. We are sensitive to the fact that not everyone wants this information publicized, so we will not share until requested.

If you would like a rose, an announcement, or both, simply call the office with your request and information. Requests placed by Wednesday evening will be placed in that week's bulletin, with the rose on the Altar that week. Requests placed after Wednesday will be ordered for the following week. The rose is yours to take home after the services on the day of the announcement.

Splash is the Cradle Roll Faith Formation program written specifically for families of children ages 0-3 and provided free by Grace. You do not need to wait until Baptism to begin - simply call Gail Petersen at 224-4514 or the office at 276-6873 to enroll.

Youth Ministry and Sunday Mornings

Youth 0-5th grade



Parents take note! Sunday School children K – 5 will sing in worship at the 10:45 service on November 13. A word sheet will go home with your child and it will also be sent to your email inbox. We so enjoy our music time each week and want to share it with everyone!



Sunday School needs clean (washed out) gallon milk jugs for an art project. Can you help? Place your item(s) in the box marked Clean Milk Jugs in the Gathering Hall by Dec. 4. Thank you!

On Sunday, Oct. 16, the Sunday school kids decorated Pastor Mike's Door for **pastor appreciation** month.



Christmas Program

December 11 10:45 a.m. worship Plan to be there – the students will be singing several songs during the service.

Christian Family Skate Night

First Thursday of each month, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Skate North. \$6 at the door includes skate rental. Contemporary Christian Music will be played during skate time.

Children and Family Urban Movement

CFUM's Annual Thanksgiving Eve Meal on November 23rd is fast approaching. It will be a day filled with dicing, cutting, mixing, laughing, cooking, serving the community and awesome fellowship. This annual dinner is a tradition for some and we welcome you to join us, either to volunteer, donate items or eat!

Dinner will be served at 4:45 p.m.

Volunteers and donations are needed to ensure the event is a success.

Please contact Weslyn, Volunteer Coordinator at volunteers@cfum.org to volunteer or with questions.

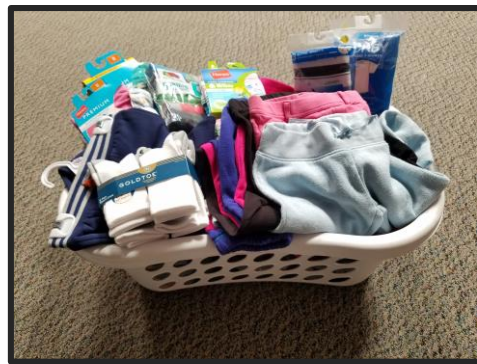
Middle and High School

OWL Continues

We will be meeting at St. John's Lutheran Church the next three Sundays; 11/6, 11/13, and 11/20.

Sunday Nov. 6 we will leave Grace at 11:45 to carpool down to St. John's. We can fit the whole Grace group in our two vehicles and will bring them back when we finish, by about 2:30. **If you are not needing/wanting to carpool please let Ellen know so we don't wait for you!** The address at St. John's is 600 6th Ave, Des Moines if you choose to get there yourself. We will be meeting in their youth room which is even more tucked away than ours! If you aren't riding with the group let us know so we can meet you when you arrive and make sure you get to the right room. Ellen@gracedm.org

Confirmation students, parents, teachers and mentors, as a service learning project, recently collected clothing items, sorted them, and walked them down to Moore Elementary at 50th and Douglas. There, they met with the school principal and nurse to discuss why clothing items are needed, and how having a change of clothes or a fresh pair of socks can affect and benefit students. The basket below is about half of what was collected. Thank you!



Acolytes!

If you are in 6th-8th grade and have not served as an acolyte this fall, please sign up now. (check your in-box for a clickable link in a message from Ellen).

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0f4baba62da46-v2grace>

This is an expectation of being in Confirmation and something that been opened up to those in 3rd, 4th and 5th grade if they are comfortable and have an interest. If you are interested in serving as an acolyte and have not received training, let us know! We would be happy to oblige.

Adult Education

Tuesday Adult Bible Study

8:45 a.m., Tuesdays in Grace Hall. Led by Pastor Mike.

Centering Prayer Group

Tuesdays at 10:30 in the Upper Room, led by Julie Honsey.

Sunday Education Hour Presentations

Sundays, 9:30, Grace Hall

November 6

Why Christian 2016. Speaker: Carol Woodruff

November 13

To be announced

November 20

Intergenerational – Why Christian 2015 Video with discussion led by Carla Peterman

November 27

Coffee and Conversation

Optional Advent activity/craft for students

Religious Study Group

Wednesdays, led by The Rev. Ro Zimany

6:30 – 7:30 p.m. in the conference room.

November 2

Martin Luther's Life

We will meet in the library for a joint session with the confirmation class

November 9

Mal. 4:1-2a; Lk. 21:5-19; II Thess. 3:6-13

November 16

Christian Theology in the Twentieth Century

November 30

The Gospel According to St. John

New Member Reception.

The next Reception of New Members will be on Sunday, November 20 at either service.

If you have not yet attended a New Member class but are interested in learning more about becoming a member at Grace, call Pastor Mike at 515-276-6873, ext. 203

Save the Date!

November 3 Men In Mission – GH I Guest speaker Denise Friesth

November 6 –Daylight Savings Time Ends

9:30 a.m. GH II - Altar Guild Meeting

All who are curious about Altar Guild please join us!

November 8 – General Election, Gathering Hall

6:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

November 9

9:00 a.m. – Willing Workers

6:00 p.m. Grace 2020 meeting

November 11 – Veterans Day

November 12 – 9:00 a.m.

Men's Group meets for breakfast, devotion and work.

Garden compost spreading and tilling.

November 15

5:30 p.m. – Sunday School Team, Library

6:00 p.m. – Lydia Circle, Grace Hall I

7:00 p.m. – Hunger Team – conference room

November 16 – Submission deadline for Advent Friendly Visitor, to be printed November 23

November 17, 5:30 p.m.

Ladies Night Out – open to all women of Grace

Jingle in the Junction Start with dinner at Café Su in Valley Junction. Then the group will move on to all the delights of Jingle in the Junction: The businesses in Historic Valley Junction and the streets will be lined with over 150,000 twinkling lights, FREE horse drawn carriage rides, Santa and caroling. RSVP to Donna for dinner reservation by Monday, November 14. Donna Trickel 778-7251

Mark your calendars for our December Christmas Party! Our usual gift exchange of a new wrapped gift valued at around \$20 plus an item to share to eat.

November 19

9:30 a.m. Altar Guild meeting offsite. Watch the announcements and website calendar for details.

November 20 7:00 p.m. Combined Thanksgiving service

with Glen Echo and Immanuel Methodist Churches at Glen Echo 4323 Douglas Avenue Des Moines

November 23 No confirmation, rehearsals, discussion group

Grace Fellowship Holiday Catered Dinner Sign up in the Gathering

Hall for the dinner on December 4 @ 5 PM. Cost is \$10 per person.

Dinner will be Turkey, Ham Balls, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Dressing, Vegetable, Cranberry Jello Salad, Rolls.

Christmas Program

Sunday, December 11 during worship – second service at 10:45 a.m.

Bells and Brass Concert Date Change

Sunday, December 11, 9:30 a.m. between services, in Grace Hall.

Grace Lutheran Church 90th Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, June 11, 2017

Altar Guild has service opportunities available for 2017!

If you have ever thought about serving through this kind of ministry, now is the time. We are very low on volunteers and this creates more work for those that are currently serving. We would love to see this part of our ministry here at Grace grow. The duties include preparing the worship space with the appropriate banners, paraments, vessels, linens and elements used in the liturgy. The time commitment is typically an hour or less per week, in addition to attending one of the worship services. We typically each serve two months out of the year and assist with one holiday. There can be some additional duties based on weddings, funerals and any other special worship needs, but fulfilling those needs can be more flexible with an abundant group of volunteers.

This is not limited to women! Please consider working as a team: husband/wife, parent/child. We will accept volunteers for one or two months of service, or even on a trial basis if needed.

If time is what is keeping you from volunteering in this capacity, please consider signing up to help only on the Sundays that you normally attend worship. The duties on Sunday include setting up for communion and cleaning up the worship space after the service.

Please contact Sue Anderson (279-2690) or Gail Peterson (224-4514) with your questions or commitment. We would love some feedback on how we can make volunteering for Altar Guild more convenient for the time you have available to serve. You are also welcome to join us for our 2017 planning meeting on November 6 at 9:30 am in Grace Hall 2.

"When we offer ourselves to serve at the altar, we offer ourselves to God as a living prayer."

- Fran McKinney



National Adoption Month

November is National Adoption Month, and LSI is a proud partner of Iowa KidsNet, the statewide collaboration of agencies that helps Iowans become foster or adoptive parents for children in Iowa's foster care system.

Nationally, there are over 101,000 youth waiting to be adopted from foster care, and thousands of teens age out of foster care every year without a permanent family. We know there are no unwanted children, only unfound families! To learn how you or someone you know can make a difference, visit www.IowaKidsNet.com.

Our Mission: Lutheran Services in Iowa responds to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service. LSI is an affiliated social ministry partner of the Iowa congregations of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) and a member of LSA (Lutheran Services in America). We proudly serve people of all ages, abilities, religions, sexes, gender identities, national origins, ethnicities, races, and sexual orientations. Learn more at www.LSIowa.org and www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa.

Taking Baby Steps

When his little sister was born, things started to change for Jaimee.

His mom, Jaymee, noticed he began to act out more, and she was afraid he felt neglected while everyone focused on the new baby. He struggled to stay focused in school, he never wanted to get out of bed in the morning, and he often became frustrated. But after working with LSI's Behavioral Health Intervention Services, six-year-old Jaimee is creating a stronger, loving bond with his siblings and his mom.

Jaimee began meeting with his BHIS worker, Jose. When the duo first met, Jaimee was quiet and reserved, and he would get frustrated with the new games Jose brought to play with him.

Jaimee, his mom, and Jose now play games every week as a way to teach Jaimee to stay focused for longer periods of time. But Jaimee is learning how to use more than games to make each day better.

Jose is teaching Jaimee new songs to help him stay calm in stressful situations. When it's time to get up every morning, he sings a song to help him wake up and start the day.

"Now he has songs he can use to get him through the day," Jose says. "He's a charming boy to work with. He's a hard worker, and he's come a long way."

When he's not spending time watching his favorite movies, Jaimee has started playing more sports at home with his cousins. He especially loves to wrestle any time he can. "It's all about the baby steps," Jose says. "What might be a really small thing for him can be a really huge change." Thanks to our generous donors, LSI can continue to keep Jaimee moving forward.



**Pet Blessing
October 8, 2016**



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Aging Resources of Central Iowa Holiday Meals on Wheels

This program provides older adults with a hot, delicious meal on Thanksgiving and Christmas Day at no cost. The meals are delivered by volunteers.

Individuals must be 60 years or older, homebound, and a resident of Polk County.

Sign-up deadlines are:

Friday Nov 11 for Thanksgiving
Friday Dec. 9 for Christmas Day

To sign up or ask questions, please call Kate Rittman at (515) 633-9518. Flyers are on

Holiday Concerts

See Music Bulletin board for details.

Friday, December 2, 7:30 p.m.

Southwestern Community College Chamber Singers at Grace Lutheran Church

Saturday, December 3, 7:30 p.m.

Grandview Choir & Wind Ensemble, Julefest 2016 at Luther Memorial Church

Saturday Dec 3, 3:00 and 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 4, 3:00 p.m.

Night Divine, Christmas with Wartburg
Wartburg College, Waverly
Neumann Auditorium

Order tickets 319-352-8691 (M-F 10 a.m.–12 p.m.) or www.Wartburg.edu/Christmas

Church Directory Printed!

We are running small batches of black and white photo directories now! Stop in the Gathering Hall or the office for your copy. Our current plan is to run color copies for the 2017 annual meeting.

Does your address need to be updated? And email added or changed? Photo missing or outdated?

Send the information to Denise – we can even scan a photo for you!

Denise@gracedm.org

How do I find out what is happening at Grace? Glad you asked!

Newsletters:

by mail! Yes, by mail. Just let the office (515-276-6873) know, and we'll put you on the mailing list.

by e-mail: Call the office and give us your address to save printing and mailing costs.

by pick-up – we place printed copies in the wall holders in the entrance hall and just outside Grace Hall, as well as on the bench in the South entryway. Pick one up at your convenience, and share with friends!

on the Grace webpage: at www.gracedm.org

Grace e-news

Published every Tuesday and sent straight to your inbox. Find detailed information on upcoming events as well as a weekly calendar, adult learning topics, and occasional community news. Sign up to receive the enews and/or the monthly newsletter by email: just call the office or email michelle@gracedm.org

Bulletin Announcements

Printed separate from the bulletin on bright colored paper, these are easy to take home. There may be last minute announcements not covered elsewhere – don't miss out!

Website

www.gracedm.org

In addition to a news section, constantly updated calendar, the current friendly visitor, announcements, weekly bulletins, and additional links can all be found here.

Facebook

Search for Grace Lutheran Church and like us to see reminders, share event photos, conversations, joys and sorrows and more!

Hallway bulletin boards!

You will find information on Office news, Social Ministry, Job postings, Musical events, Sunday school, Thank yous, Youth and Family events and photos, Companion Congregation, Fellowship Groups, and Adult Faith Enrichment... Check it out!