Menu for Wednesday, December 6, PLEASE RSVP to the weekly e-mail Pancake Supper to benefit Social Ministries. Free will offering.

Sunday School Theme We prepare our hearts for Jesus. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Psalm 51:10

Serving at Our Worship Services Today

	8:00 a.m. Traditional	9:30 a.m. Blended
Elder:	Larry Albers	Larry Grandquist
Altar:	Cathy Schade & Sherry Schoolc	raft
Acolytes	Ava Aanestad	Lila Borchardt

Birthdays this week:

- 12/4 Daythan Collins (9), Cecil Peters
- 12/5 Elaine Huether
- 12/6 Cheryl Denton
- 12/7 Kayla Cleland (16), Jill Peterson
- 12/9 Robert Colbert, Emily Cole, Brian Kaul, Sheila Wittke

Anniversaries this week:

12/4 Charles & Tina Stine (41)

Adult Sunday School Classes at 9:45 a.m. Today

Mark Anderson – Verse by Verse through Acts – FLC Rm. 111 Brian Kaul-30s & 40s – FLC Rm. 112 Harvey Booher – FLC Lobby Joel Roettger – Book of John – FLC Rm. 113 & Zoom Kevin & Erin Kragenbrink –Exploring Ancient Christianity – FLC Rm. 114 <u>Sunday School Classes at 11:00 a.m. Today</u> Phil Bohlken – Hot Topic: End Times – Rm. 2030 Dave Harjala – Bible 101, Proverbs – Rm.206



Save the Dates

TODAY - Dec. 3: Voter's Meeting (Childcare provided), 12:30 p.m., FLC
Dec. 6, 13, 20: Advent Services, 6:30 p.m., Sanctuary
Dec. 9: "West of Bethlehem" Lunch 11:30 a.m., Play 1:00 p.m., FLC
Dec. 10: Christmas Brunch, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m., FLC
Dec. 10: Christmas Program, *12 More Songs of Christmas*, 5:00 p.m., FLC
Dec. 24: One Service Only, 9:30 a.m., Sanctuary
Christmas Eve Services: 4:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m., & 11:00 p.m.
Dec.27: No Worship Service or Activities
Jan. 6: Un-Decorate the Church, 10:00 a.m.
Jan. 7: Pastor Danny's Installation 4:00 p.m. and Dinner to follow, FLC

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With joy we celebrate the baptism of Carson Bear Hencke today during the 9:30 a.m. service. Carson was born October 7, 2023 to Casey & Jared. Carson's God Parents are Tim & Kelsey McAleese. We welcome Carson into the Family of God!

Pancakes for Advent?! You betcha, by golly!

Our youth group & social ministry are serving pancakes this Wednesday to celebrate Advent. 5:00 – 6:00 in the FLC. A freewill offering will be collected. Come hungry



Make plans to join us for our annual Christmas Brunch! Sunday, December 10, 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Please bring the following, according to your last name, ready to serve to the FLC

- A J Coffee cakes, sweet or cinnamon rolls
- K S Hash brown casserole, deviled eggs, or fruit
- T Z Breakfast casserole or quiche

Grace fellowship will provide ham, biscuits/gravy, cereal, and drinks

Please join us on Sunday, December 10 at 5:00 p.m. in the FLC for our multi-choir Grace Christmas Program *12 More Songs of Christmas*

Help restock the Social Ministry pantry! Pick up an *Advent Food List* at the Welcome Desk. Fill a bag (or two) and drop off at the Social Ministry Box.

"West of Bethlehem" performed by *The WordPlayers* of Knoxville will be here this Saturday, <u>Dec. 9, at 1:00 p.m. in the FLC.</u> This one act play about the Shepherds has music & laughter for all ages! YOU, your family, friends, and neighbors, are also invited to a chili and potato soup lunch in the FLC to be served by the LWML from <u>11:30-12:30 p.m.</u> A free-will offering will be collected for the lunch & play. Join us for this wonderful celebration of Advent.

Prayer Shawl, Tomorrow Morning, 10:00 a.m., FLC Lobby

We will to knit & crochet shawls, and have begun making blankets for children that are baptized at Grace. You are welcome to take a prayer shawl to give to someone who needs comfort and prayer. They are in the narthex of the sanctuary. If you are new to Grace, come join us and find out what we are all about. Contact Carol Haase for info. We look forward to seeing you!

Thanks to the monetary donation for **Operation Christmas Child**, we were able to purchase 100 *Greatest Journey Discipleship Programs* (12-week program where children are taught the Gospel, & how to share it!) we also purchased 58 *Build It For Me* Boxes which go to children in some of the hardest-to-reach places—whether deep jungles, city slums, steep mountainsides, or one of 1,000 remote Pacific islands. Many of these areas are resistant to the Gospel, for cultural or religious reasons, home to unreached people, some of whom have never heard of Jesus.

The diaper ministry is in need of sizes 4 - 7 pullups & wipes. Thank you!

AARP Tax-Aide_will be at Grace on Tuesdays this 2024 tax season offering free preparation and e-filing of individual income tax returns. If you are interested in volunteering with Tax-Aide, no experience necessary, training is provided. More info contact Allen Schultz 865-947-0334

Please pray about these upcoming opportunities to serve the mission efforts of Grace.

- June 24-28 help immigrants learn English at Pelican Lutheran Church in Naples, FL
- July 14-21 assist Child Beyond Orphanage in Guatemala.

Church Activities for This Week of December 3, 2023

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Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary	
	9:30 a.m.	Blended Worship Service with Holy Communion,	
		Sanctuary	
	9:30 a.m.	Children's Sunday school classes	
	9:45 a.m.	Adult Sunday school classes	
	11:00 a.m.	Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion, FLC	
	11:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday school classes	
	11:00 a.m.	Rings of Grace Bell Choir, Sanctuary	
	12:30 p.m.	Voter's Meeting	
Monday	8:00 a.m.	Jireh Homeschool Co-op	
	9:30 a.m.	Preschool Story Time, Fellowship Hall	
	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Shawl, FLC Lobby	
Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	Parents Day Out	
	11:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting	
	6:00 p.m.	Grace Notes Bell Choir	
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Vocal Choir	
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Jireh Homeschool Co-op	
	5:00 p.m.	Joyful Noise, Fellowship Hall	
	5:15 p.m.	Supper Begins, FLC	
	6:30 p.m.	Advent Worship Service, Sanctuary	
Thursday	7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study, FLC Lobby	
	9:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study, Cry Room	
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study, Fellowship Hall	
	10:30 a.m.	Quilting, Fellowship Hall	
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Christmas Program Practice, FLC	
	10:00 a.m.	Word Players Practice, Fellowship Hall	
	1:00 p.m.	Word Players Play, FLC	
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