

GRACE MESSENGER

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Lay People Serving in January

Altar Guild

Mary Streeter

Ushers

Dick & Kendra Rohde

(Yes you can sign up for just one week)

Acolyte

- 1: Kaiden Kellermann
- 8: Isabelle Cook
- 15: Will Arnold
- 22: Josee Kellermann
- 29: Erin Ford

Lay Readers

- 1:
- 8: Member of the Ford Family
- 15: Will Arnold
- 22: Alice Graff
- 29:

Communion Assistants

- 1:
- 8: Member of the Ford Family
- 15: Teri Arnold
- 22: Alice Graff
- 29:



Thank you Sue Berg and everyone who participated and helped in the kitchen for "An Old Fashioned Christmas". It was greatly enjoyed by everyone.

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*In Need of Prayers and Cards
Ivar Sorenson
Steve Frauenshuh*

*Family & Friends of
Jeanne Thompson
(Memorial Service will be held,
Saturday, January 7th.
Visitation 11:30 am
Service 1:00 pm)*

Coffee (In charge of making the coffee—directions are on the bulletin board above the coffee pot.)

- 1: Youth Group
- 8: (Once again no one will be calling for you to sign up -
- 15: If you want coffee sign up)
- 22:
- 29:

Remember A.S.A.P. Always Say a Prayer

What's Happening at Grace

January 4th
GLOW - Grace Lutheran on Wednesday
3:30 pm

January 4th
5:30 pm
Youth Group

January 6th & 20th
Knitting 4 Peace
9:30 am

New Giving Envelopes

This month we will be starting a new system with our Giving Envelopes. They are mailed directly from the company once a month. The cost of this new method of envelope giving is comparable to the ones we have had in the past.

Grace Women
December 13th: Cookie pack with Pot Luck Lunch. Cookies were then distributed to local shut ins and various others in the area. Remainder of the cookies were used for the "An Old Fashioned Christmas". **Thank you** to everyone who donated the cookies, boxed the cookies and brought lunch to share.

Announcements:
Next Meeting: January 17th - to be discussed by Officers

Team Finance Update

Our Congregation approved our **2016 Spending Plan** at the 2015 Annual Meeting.

In November 2016, planned spending was \$11,036.

In November 2016, Congregation giving was \$10,338.

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GRACE OUR TROOPS

The following are people we know of who are in the Military. If you have a relative or friend you would like included please call the Church Office (426-3343).

Abram Freeman (Diane Eddy's Nephew), Nick Bailey (Mary Ellen Wensing Grandson), Jon Clark (Mary Patterson's Grandson), Darrel Geving (Bernis Geving's Nephew), Nicklas Wilson (Diane Wilson's Nephew).

All Congregational Council Meetings are open to the Congregation and are held on the third Wednesday of each month.

Times are as follows:
7:30 pm September → April
7:00 pm May → August

Please come join us

Message from the Endowment team

After church on Sunday Dec. 18th the endowment committee asked the congregation for advise in regard a proposed change in the way they deal with the one of the endowment funds.

BACKGROUND

There are 3 funds

The Loftus Fund: Approx. value \$108,000

This is directed by Ruth's will when she made the bequest:

The income must go to youth programs.

There is no proposed change for this fund.

The Scholarship Fund: Approx. value \$29,000

This is used to give a \$500 scholarship to each of the graduating high school seniors from our church.

There is no proposed change for this fund.

The Endowment Fund. Approx. Value \$120,000

There are 2 parts to this fund.

THE INCOME

-By church vote 90% of this is used for requests.

Recent requests: Good Samaritan, Angels

Set \$ aside to help when a tree fell on the Sunday

School—This ended up not being needed

1/3 of a lawnmower (the cemetery committee paid the other 2/3)

A photo copier for the church office

There is no proposed change for this part of the fund.

THE PRINCIPLE

Currently nothing is done with this (of course this is what generates the income)

PROPOSED CHANGE

\$5,000 TO \$8,000 PER YEAR WILL BE DIRECTED TO THE GENERAL CHURCH EXPENSES AS REQUESTED BY THE CHURCH COUNCIL.

THIS WILL CONTINUE FOR 2 YEARS. AT THAT TIME IT COULD HAVE TO BE REINSTATED IF IT IS STILL NEEDED.

The people in attendance on the 18th seemed OK with this. The committee meet after the meeting and this change is going into effect.

We have two new ways to give to the Church! We now have the ability to receive giving through our Church Website (www.logchurch.org). Also, you can give with a debit or credit card here at church any time. We now have a tablet with a square to receive your giving! Also, this next years offering envelopes will be mailed to you monthly! And if you wish to sign-up for Simply Giving (direct bank-to-bank payment) forms are available in the church office.

We now have a craft area - anyone is welcome to donate something they have made. All the proceeds will go into the Church's General Fund.

HOW DOES THE PHEBE PROJECT FIT WITHIN THE ELCA'S MINISTRY OF CARING FOR CREATION?

The ELCA's 1993 Social Statement on: *Caring for Creation: Vision, Hope, and Justice* addresses the vital and urgent role Lutherans play in participating with God in the redemption of all God has made. The diesel fuel Phebe burns produces the carbon equivalent of 800 tons of waste, in addition to untold spills and human costs. Replacing this dirty energy production with clean, renewable energy is a life-giving act of environmental stewardship. This mission models the long-range sustainability needed for a way of life that does not pit human needs against ecological needs, but recognizes the integrity of the web of creation upon which humanity depends. PV for Phebe is an opportunity to, as a church, show how the earth is not simply a stage on which human redemption is carried out but is itself a co-recipient of God's reconciling love.

The next "Youth Gathering" will be June 2018. The Fellowship Coffee on the first Sunday of the Month is done by the Youth. Monies received will go into their fund. We look forward to upcoming events in helping our Youth raising the funds for their adventure to Houston Texas.

Worship Service

Sunday
9:00 am Worship
Main Sanctuary

VISITORS ALWAYS WELCOME!

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Articles for the Newsletter are welcome at any time.



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