

GRACE MESSENGER

January / February 2025

Grace Lutheran Log Church



FROM THE PASTOR:

Dear Family and Friends of Grace Lutheran,

We have been filled with wonder through the seasons of Advent and Christmas! What a glorious gift God has given to us. We sustain the message of the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ with us throughout the year. We should also remember the message of hope, peace, joy, and love from our Advent Candles.

Hope - "For I know the plans I have for you, plans for good and not for harm, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

Peace - "Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. John 14:27

Joy - "You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy: at your right hand are pleasures forevermore." Psalm 16:11

Love - "I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow - not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love." Romans 8:38

May our Savior, YOUR Savior, fill you with hope, peace, joy, and love in this New Year!

Pastor Lorelie

COUNCIL NOTES: What is it that makes our lives heavy and weighed down? Perhaps the burden of our own egos, the weight of one's own self. When I am puffing myself up with my own self-importance, I'm laboring under all that weight.

Anthony de Mello proposed the following parable to describe us prideful souls. A group of people sit on a bus that is passing through the most glorious countryside, but they have the shades pulled down on all the windows and are bickering about who gets front seat on the bus. This is the burden of pride: preferring the narrow and stuffy confines of the bus to the beauty that is effortlessly available all around. This, of course, is why Jesus can say, "My yoke is easy, and my burden is light". What the Lord proposes is not a freedom from suffering but, what is much more important, a freedom from the self.

Sundays:

Worship & Sunday school 9:00 am

Bible Study 8:00 am (all welcome)

January 15th:

Council Meeting 6:30 pm

January 21st:

Grace Women Meeting 1:00 pm

February 18th:

Grace Women Meeting 1:00 pm

February 19th:

Council Meeting 6:30 pm

February 26th:

Red Cross Blood Drive 9-3:00



Remember A.S.A.P.

Always Say a Prayer

Grace Kids presented "Manger Tales" December 15th

A big thankyou to our Sunday School kids and their parents for making the Christmas program possible. It was a fun production that helped us all realize the REASON for the SEASON. Sunday School resumes on January 5, 2025. (More pictures on the web-site)



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Lay People Serving in Jan/Feb

Readers

5: Dick

12: Len

19: Sandy

26: Izzy

2: Jon

9: Lynne

16: Stacy

23: Aileen

Communion Assist

Kendra

Peggy

Sandy

Napoli

Kendra

Peggy

Sandy

Napoli

Fellowship coffee/treats

5:

12:

19:

26:

2:

9:

16:

23:

GRACE COUNCIL MEMBERS

Len Flesher (President)

Todd Streeter (Vice President)

Lynne Jacobs (Secretary)

Bev Streeter

Liz Eddy

Lynette Maas

Dick Rohde

David Hoover

Jon Napoli

*"Through Grace we grow,
 share and spread
 God's Love"*