

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ GRACE...

NOVEMBER 25TH, 2018

UPCOMING EVENTS

Graceful Seniors - Tuesday, December 4th (9:00 am) Meet at the Des Moines Food Bank to pack the school backpacks for our neighborhood children. Then off to Jack's Country Restaurant for coffee and fellowship brunch. Questions? Contact Dick & Avona at dna1957@comcast.net.

Deck the Halls church decorating for Christmas Saturday, December 1st 9:00 am - 1:00 pm **EVERYONE is welcome to help decorate!** (All youth grades 9 - 12 are required to help)

2018 Community Choir Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 2nd, 7:30 pm at Grace. Participating church choirs: Grace, St. Vincent's and St. Luke's.

Women's Candlelight Dinner Tuesday, December 4th, 5:30 to 8:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Sign up today in the Fireside Room; last day to purchase tickets is TODAY.

Empty Nesters Christmas Party, 6 pm, Friday, December 7th, at Don and Marlys Johnson's condo clubhouse: Sign up in the Fireside Room, starting TODAY. Cost: \$5 per person.

Upcoming Adult Forums—Sundays at 9:45 am Stewardship Sunday—December 2 Let's talk about God's good gifts and our response to living as good stewards **Merry and Bright—December 9 Ugly Christmas Sweater Day**, photo Booth, cookies and coffee, & crafts! - Don't miss this fun day!

Empty Nesters Winter Weekend in Tacoma... February 1 - 3, 2019 at the Holiday Inn Express. Flyers available in the Fireside Room.

CAN YOU HELP?

COOKIE BAKERS WANTED! Can you bake cookies for the Grace Adult Forum "Merry and Bright" on Sunday, December 9th? Contact Rosemary O'Dell at 253.839.1970

WANTED: Your good stories and thoughts for our Lenten devotional to focus on our SALT emphasis this year! Our topic/theme will be



#howiserve.... what are the ways you serve and stories that go along with it? Email your writings to debbie@gotgrace.com and we'll edit and put together a special version for Lent 2019. Questions? Contact the office or Debbie for more info.

Haiti Summer Camp 2019 Do you have a passion to serve and raise the poorest of the poor on planet earth out of abject poverty? Do you have a love for children and a concern for their future? Are you willing to activate that passion and travel to Haiti to serve in July 2019? I am looking for four more young adults and two more adults to say YES! Now is the time! This is the place! Come on Grace – let's pour out life! Contact: pastorchad@gotgrace.com

GOOD TO KNOW

Memorial for Earl Keller will be held on Friday, November 30th at 2:00 pm at Grace.

In November...grab a few items for the Des Moines Food Bank: Granola bars or canned corn

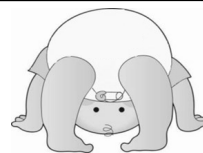
Sancta Lucia event on December 2nd has been cancelled.

Angel Tree, a program of Prison Fellowship, reaches out to local children of prisoners and their families with the love of Christ. THANK YOU for your overwhelming response to ensure there is **No Angel Left Behind** in Washington state. All available Angel tags were dispersed last Sunday! A few more came in over the past week, so check with the Angel Tree team in the lobby if you are interested in buying an Angel Tree gift. And as always, there are other ways to participate:



- ⇒ **Donate:** Cash is used to purchase last minute gift needs and to mail cards to children in remote areas of Washington state. Please designate "Angel Tree" on your offering envelope.
- ⇒ **Pray:** Pray for this ministry. For the prisoner, the children (forgotten victims), and the caregivers of the children.

Please return angel gifts by December 9th. If you have any questions, please call Mary Kay Metcalfe at 206.669.0143 or email at mkay206@hotmail.com.



December Diaper Drive

We're collecting diapers for Westside Baby at the church (in the Fireside Room) throughout December. All sizes of diapers are appreciated and the most needed sizes are sizes 3, 4, 5, and 6. Pullups and wipes are also widely needed. Prefer to donate dollars? **\$25 will diaper a baby for 10 days.**



CHILDREN (BIRTH - GRADE 6) & YOUTH (GRADES 7-12)

Children's Choir, Handbells & other events see next week's calendar on other side.

Senior High Study (Grades 10-12) & Confirmation Classes (Grades 7-9) Wednesday, November 28th at 6:30 pm

WOW (Grades 7-12) Wednesday, November 28th at 7:30 pm

BUDGET UPDATE: Year-to-date operating income received through October 31, 2018: \$687,963.83. Year-to-date operating expenses for the same period: \$752,952.83. Year-to-date shortfall: \$64,989.00.

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

We would love to pray with and for you! **Moms in Prayer**, a group of mothers who pray together weekly, meet each Friday morning at 8:30 am. Everyone welcome to attend. Do you have a **prayer request** for the prayer chain or prayers of the church? Contact the office at 206.878.2460 or graceoffice@gotgrace.com.

Prayers of the Church: Fred Feiertag; Reynold Eicke (back surgery); Robert Walowek; Rand Barnard; Gary and Marilyn McLaughlin; Kris Detamore; LaVonne Sorenson (broken hip); Lucille Bredberg; Koki Osborne; Dorothy Smith; Robyn Schultz (surgery); Marilyn Hilsen; Sheryl Clark.

Extended Family and Friends: Clyde and Janice Halstead; Debbie O'Neal's brother, Mike; Nola Irish's friend, Makayla; Mark Nordstetten's wife, Liz; Carole; Geis' grandson, Chris; Rand and Barb Bamard's daughter-in-law, Jennifer; Marvia Stratis' friend, Diane; Barbara Ray's son, Richard; Carol Schluter's daughter, Heidi; Nola Irish's sister, Marsha.

Homebound: Gene Cason; Jerry and Donna Larson; Tom Mariner; Bert Strobel; Winnie Bjelland; Joe Widen; Mal and Donna Soine; Betty Dokken; Wes Hjalmer; Nancy Mitchell; Jamel Barden; Janene Ryan.

- Barb Bamard & Bette Moran on the death of their brother, Gary;
- Lutheran Counseling Network;
- All those impacted by natural disasters and first responders who are helping;
- Sister church in El Salvador and Haiti Ministry;
- El Refugio Women's Shelter, Uganda mission;
- Orfanatorio Emmanuel in Tijuana, Mexico;
- Word of Truth Bible Church;
- Peace in the Far East and Middle East, and especially for our Christian sisters and brothers in Iraq and Syria;
- All those men and women serving in law enforcement and their families;
- All those men and women serving in the military and their families;
- Our nation;
- All hungry, homeless and oppressed people;
- All who do not know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

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NEXT WEEK AT GRACE: NOV 25 - DEC 2, 2018

- Sunday: Christ the King Sunday**
 8:30 AM Worship - traditional / Holy Communion
 11:00 AM Worship - contemporary / Holy Communion
 6:00 PM Jubilant Ringers Rehearsal
- Monday:**
 5:30 PM Kids of the Kingdom Choir
 5:45 PM Joyful Ringers
 6:20 PM Scouts
 7:00 PM Nar Anon
 7:00 PM Resounding Grace Ringers
 7:30 PM Young Adults Bible Study
- Tuesday:**
 6:00 PM GLC Board
 6:30 PM God & Family Cub Scout Class
 8:00 PM AA
- Wednesday:**
 6:00 PM Rehearsal - Community Christmas Concert
 6:30 PM Confirmation Classes & Senior High Study
 7:00 PM Grace Choir
 7:30 PM WOW
- Thursday:**
 12:30 PM AIAnon
 6:30 PM KidReach
 6:30 PM God & Me
- Friday:**
 8:30 AM Moms in Prayer
 2:00 PM Earl Keller Memorial
 7:00 PM NA
- Saturday:**
 9:00 AM Decorate the Church
 9:00 AM Motorcycle Club
- Sunday: Stewardship Sunday / First Sunday of Advent**
 8:30 AM Worship - traditional
 9:45 AM Sunday School / Education Hour
 11:00 AM Worship - contemporary
 7:30 PM Community Christmas Concert

