

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ GRACE...

DECEMBER 16TH, 2018



UPCOMING EVENTS

Graceful Seniors - Tuesday, January 8th 9:00 am Packing backpacks and breakfast at Jack's. **January 15th 11:30 am Lunch @ Mandarin Kitchen** Questions? Dick & Avona dna1957@comcast.net.



TODAY at 9:45 am in the Sanctuary...

This special musical presentation will close with a combined musical performance of "This Is My Wish".

Blood Drive Monday, December 17th 1:00 - 3:00 pm & 4:00 - 7:00 pm Sign up in the Lobby or contact the church office at 206.878.2460.

Ministry Fair — Sunday, January 6th at 9:45 am Ministry Team Leaders will be sharing their projects, plans and possibilities during our hour together.... Come get connected!

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

Christmas Eve Services

Monday, December 24

Family Christmas Eve

4:00 pm (no nursery provided)

Bring your children to experience the Christmas story with Mary, Joseph and the dancing angels.



Bring an unwrapped Christmas gift to the manger for the Christ Child. Gifts will be taken to Seattle Children's & Mary Bridge Children's Hospitals.

Candlelight Christmas Eve

(no nursery provided)

6:00 pm Contemporary Celebration Worship

8:00 & 9:30 pm Traditional Festival Worship

Christmas Day

Tuesday, December 25

10:30 am (no nursery provided)

Christmas Morning Holy Communion

Christmas is a morning festival! Sing Christmas morning hymns, share in Holy Communion, and enjoy the beauty of Christmas Day.

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.

CAN YOU HELP?

Attention all wrappers! Help support the Des Moines Food Bank with our wrapping talents. Grab your friends or family, a son or daughter home from school, or a co-worker. To sign up, look for Becky Grall at church on Sundays or call her at 206.719.9647 or bgrall315@gmail.com.

Volunteer Opportunity at Des Moines Food Bank.

January 12th 2:00 - 5:00 pm. Child care available at Grace. Signup sheet is located in the Fireside Room. Questions? Contact Jessica at jjtossy@aol.com.

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 Still looking for three or four more young adults to say YES! Contact: pastorhad@gotgrace.com

In December, grab a few items for...

Des Moines Food Bank: Oatmeal packets and toilet paper

Westside Baby: All sizes of diapers appreciated, most needed are sizes 3, 4, 5 & 6. Pullups and wipes are also widely needed.

Grace will NOT be participating in the Christmas Lights Recycle Program fundraiser this year.

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

Sunday School Today at 9:45 am

Senior High Study (Grades 10 - 12) & Confirmation

Classes (Grades 7 - 9) Wednesday, December 19th at 6:30 pm

WOW (Grades 7 - 12) Wednesday, December 19th at 7:30 pm

GOOD TO KNOW

Thank you for turning in your 2019 pledge cards as we budget for the coming year.

Do you have a small business that you would like to share?

We're hosting a **Small Business Fair** on Sunday, March 31st for our Education Hour, 9:45 – 10:45 am. You can set up for the entire morning to share your business and insights! Contact Becky Grall at bgrall315@gmail.com for more info!

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: Ruth Johnson; Loretta Pearson; Winnie Bjelland; Lloyd Hartley (shoulder surgery); Fred Feiertag; Reynold Eicke (back surgery); Robert Walowee; Rand Barnard; Gary and Marilyn McLaughlin; Kris Detamore; Koki Osborne; Dorothy Smith; Robyn Schultz; Marilyn Hilsen; Shery Clark.

Extended Family and Friends: Helga Rosholm's friend, Marcel; Clyde and Janice Halstead; Debbie O'Neal's brother, Mike; Carole Geis' grandson, Chris; Rand and Barb Barnard'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: Lucille Bredberg; Bob Hedge; Gene Cason; Jerry and Donna Larson; Tom Mariner; Bert Strobel; Joe Widen; Mal and Donna Soine; Betty Dokken; Wes Hjalmer; Nancy Mitchell; Jamel Barden; Janene Ryan.

- Maddox Mark Walker and family on his baptism today;
- Blood Drive Ministry;
- 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 military and law enforcement 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: DECEMBER 16 - 23, 2018

Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent

- 8:30 AM Worship - traditional
- 9:45 AM Voice and Bells of Christmas
- 11:00 AM Worship - contemporary
- 12:30 PM GPS Prayer Support
- 6:00 PM Jubilent Ringers Rehearsal

Monday:

- 1:00 PM Blood Drive
- 5:45 PM Joyful Ringers
- 7:00 PM Resounding Grace Ringers
- 7:00 PM Nar Anon
- 7:30 PM Young Adults Bible Study

Tuesday:

- 7:00 PM Grace Gospel Band
- 8:00 PM AA

Wednesday:

- 6:30 PM Confirmation Classes & Senior High Study
- 7:00 PM Grace Choir
- 7:30 PM WOW

Thursday:

- 12:30 PM AIAnon

Friday:

- 8:30 AM Moms in Prayer
- 7:00 PM NA

Saturday:

- 10:00 AM Crafting

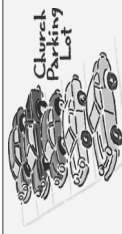
Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 8:30 AM Worship - traditional / Holy Communion
- 11:00 AM Worship - contemporary / Holy Communion
- 6:00 PM Jubilent Ringers Rehearsal

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GIVE PLUS is available.

Download the GIVE PLUS app from the App Store (Apple) or Play Store (Android). Follow the prompts to enter Grace Lutheran Church or click Churches near me. Users can make a one-time donation without creating an account by clicking GIVE NOW or can create an account for reoccurring donations.



Protect your valuables at Grace, inside and in the parking lot. Do not leave your valuables unattended during or after Sunday worship.