

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ GRACE...

DECEMBER 23RD, 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.

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!

Dancing with the SMT...Evolution of Dance Night!
January 26th 5:00 - 8:00 pm Dance, dinner & show.

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

SWISH!! Winter Clothing Drive Sunday, February 3rd 9:45 am

SAVE THE DATE: Grace 101 Membership Class Saturday, February 9th 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

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 November 30, 2018: \$776,008.95. Year-to-date operating expenses for the same period: \$829,090.05. Year-to-date shortfall: \$53,081.10.

CAN YOU HELP?

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 jjtossey@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: pastorchad@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 resumes January 6th at 9:45 am

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

SMT Senior High SMT Meeting January 8th at 7:00 pm

Skate Night (Grades 7 - 12) Friday, January 11th at 7:00 pm

Senior High Winter Retreat January 18th - 21st location TBA

SAVE THE DATE...Parents Night Out

Saturday, February 9th More information to follow.

GOOD TO KNOW

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

2019 Offering Envelopes are now available in the Fireside Room. Pick yours up today! If you are unable to find your name, contact the church office.

NOTE: In order for your year end Financial Giving Statement to reflect your total giving for the year, please turn in your final offering by December 31st, 2018. Thank you!

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: Anne Kinsley; Dakota Tossey; Ruth Johnson; Loretta Pearson; Winnie Bjeliland; 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; Sheryl Clark.

Extended Family and Friends: Richard and Tina Mobley's friend, John; Jason and Scott Astrup's father, David; Dale Dann's daughter, Brenda; David McGinnis' brother, Jim; Amy Neatrou's aunt; Jerry and Christine Palmer's son, Jerry David; Helga Rosholm's friend, Marcel; Clyde Halstead; Debbie O'Neal's brother, Mike; Carole Geis' grandson, Chris; Rand and Barb Barnard's daughter-in-law, Jennifer; Manvia 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.

- Thanksgiving for a son born to Justin and Katie Behrens;
- Clyde Halstead on the death of his wife, Janice;
- Free Community Meals 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 23 - 30, 2018

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

Monday: Christmas Eve

4:00 PM Worship - family Christmas service
 6:00 PM Worship - candlelight contemporary Christmas service
 8:00 PM Worship - candlelight traditional Christmas service
 9:30 PM Worship - candlelight traditional Christmas service

Tuesday: Christmas Day / Office Closed

10:30 AM Worship - traditional service / Holy Communion

Wednesday: Office Closed

Thursday: 12:30 PM AIAnon

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

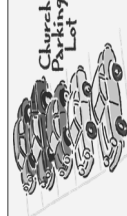
Saturday:

Sunday: First Sunday after Christmas

8:30 AM Worship - traditional
 11:00 AM Worship - contemporary

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A mobile giving "app" 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.