

# WHAT'S HAPPENING @ GRACE...

## DECEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2018

### UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

**Free Community Dinner** Join us on Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

**Dancing with the SMT...Evolution of Dance Night!** January 26<sup>th</sup> 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!! Annual Clothing Exchange** Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> 9:45 am

**SAVE THE DATE: Grace 101 Membership Class** Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

**Gymanfa Ganu, service of hymns & special music** Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm



**Sunday, January 20 & 27**  
at 9:45 am  
Fellowship Hall

- ◇ Ministry Team Reports
- ◇ Election of Council Members
- ◇ Budget

Please be present as Grace Lutheran Church makes important decisions.

### GIVE+

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 recurring donations.

**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 12<sup>th</sup> 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: pastorhad@gotgrace.com.

**In January, grab a few items for... Des Moines Food Bank:** fruit cups and canned pears or peaches

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

**Sunday School** resumes January 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:45 am

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

**SMT Senior High SMT Meeting** January 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

**Skate Night (Grades 7 - 12)** Friday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

**Senior High Winter Retreat** January 18<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> location TBA

**SAVE THE DATE...Parents Night Out** Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup>, 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](mailto: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 Neatour's aunt; Clyde Halstead; Debbie O'Neal's brother, Mike; Jerry and Christine Palmer's son, Jerry David; 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.

- Uganda Mission Team
- Short-term Missions 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: DEC 30 - JAN 6, 2018

**Sunday:** **First Sunday after Christmas**  
8:30 AM Worship - traditional  
11:00 AM Worship - contemporary

**Monday:** **New Year's Eve**

**Tuesday:** **New Year's Day / Office Closed**

**Wednesday:**

**Thursday:** 12:30 PM AIAnon

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

**Saturday:** 9:00 AM Adulting with Grace family breakfast @ Astrup's home  
9:00 AM Motorcycle Club

**Sunday:** **Epiphany**  
8:30 AM Worship - traditional  
9:45 AM Education Hour / Sunday School  
11:00 AM Worship - contemporary  
6:00 PM Jubilant Ringers Rehearsal

# Happy New Year!

Church Office will be closed  
January 1<sup>st</sup>



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