

# Grace Notes

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Where your  
treasure is,  
there your heart  
will be also

MATTHEW 6:21

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

February 17, 2021

# The Pastor's Pen



Pastor Shane Koepke  
*Lead Pastor*  
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We want to thank everyone who participated in our first live and digital annual meeting. Wonderfully, the budget was approved as well as, discussion on the following items:

1. Congrats to Ashley, our youth director, as she continues her role as youth director, but also takes on the education needed to become a pastor of the ELCA.
2. The church here at Grace is not a one-pastor church, and the leadership here understands that we will need another pastor to help with leadership. The Synod is talking with us now

about options as well as, giving us an indication to availability in the area. We will let you know as soon as we know something. Any pastoral leadership we add to Grace at this time will be interim and part-time to maintain a fiscally responsible budget and allow for us to discern leadership needed in a post-COVID world.

3. The excitement of the bathroom remodel is upon us. We are close to meeting our goal. Ultimately, another \$30,000 gets us to the finish line. Please consider giving. We are so close.

Thanks for all you do to make Grace home.  
Peace, PShane

## PASTORAL ACTS FOR JANUARY

### FUNERALS

Gloria Ugland  
Pat Linnes



**February 17, 2021**

**7:00 pm**

Join us for the  
Holden Evening Prayer  
in person and online

## REFOCUS FOR LENT

- Give up complaining — focus on gratitude.
  - Give up harsh judgments — think kind thoughts.
  - Give up worry — trust God to provide.
  - Give up discouragement — be full of hope.
  - Give up bitterness — turn to forgiveness.
  - Give up hatred — return good for evil.
  - Give up anger — be more patient.
  - Give up pettiness — become mature.
  - Give up jealousy — pray for trust.
  - Give up gossiping — control your tongue.
  - Give up sin — turn to virtue.
  - Give up giving up — persevere.
- Author unknown

## Musings



Deacon Robert Tewes,  
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As Christians, we know that our baptism was an important event in our life. Many of us encountered it when we were infants. As a result, we are dependent upon looking at pictures or listening to family members tell us about the event. We probably do not remember much, if anything, about it. Maybe we cried as the water was splashed on our head. Maybe some of us slept through the entire event. Nonetheless, it was a formative and transformative event for each and every one of us, whether we remember it or not.

In this Epiphany season, we witnessed Jesus, himself, be baptized. He was led by John into the Jordan River and was given the same public washing that we have had. His baptism was a public act of declaration and definition when God spoke from heaven:

“This is my beloved Son...in whom I am well pleased!” Jesus, the sinless one, was not baptized to be washed of his own sin, but would show how, after his own baptism into death and his triumphant resurrection, our baptisms would become a potent cure for all that sickens our souls. Jesus’ baptism is a further way of God showing that God had truly become one of us—not just *like* us—but actually *one* of us. And he showed us what it is like to be a child of God. Children of God is, after all, what we each become when we are baptized: adopted children by an all-loving God, who cherishes each of us by name.



Throughout our lives we are challenged to live into the baptismal identity we were each given when water was showered upon us and we were welcomed into the family of God. Listen as God says to each of the baptized: “You are my beloved. In you I am well pleased!” And as these words are spoken, and as the cleansing water splashes on us, we assume a new identity. We live out this new identity through our regular gathering with fellow Christians—fellow family members, in worship. We live out this new identity when we read scripture and maintain a healthy prayer life. We live out this new identity when we partake of the communion meal, visit the ill, and lend a helping hand to someone in need. And, even on our own deathbeds, someday we will continue to grow into the promises of baptism made complete when we leave this world and enter into everlasting life with the great Promise Keeper.

As we journey through the remainder of the Epiphany season (where we have witnessed advancing light and the arrival of the true Light come into our world), and then embark on the disciplined journey into Lent together, may you always be mindful of your baptismal identity. Cherish it. Remember it daily. Each time you wash your face or hands, say a prayer acknowledging the powerful reality that our baptism has brought each of us: Give thanks for baptism and for the gift of new life it has given all of us who claim Jesus as the Christ, the son of the living God.

### PASTORAL CARE

To assist Pastor Shane in providing pastoral care for those hospitalized or homebound, please notify him of pending surgeries, overnight hospital stays, or individuals who would like a home visit. Hospital personnel do not always notify our church of our members who are in the hospital.

# Grace Children, Youth and Family Ministry



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2020 was a long year for me. As the world was navigating through a pandemic, I was spending my time figuring out what God has planned for me next. God is calling me, and I am happy to announce that I'm going to Seminary! I have been approved for Entrance into Candidacy and will be attending Wartburg Theological Seminary starting on February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

This is a very exciting next chapter in my life, but here is the best part... I get to continue my education while working at Grace Lutheran! This four-year program allows me to work at a congregation while completing course work online. This month I will be transitioning into a part-time Youth Director position and begin taking my courses online. This Collaborative Learning program also allows for me to also do some hands-on work and pastoral ministry (including my internship) at Grace these next few years.

I want to say a big thank you to the people of Grace Lutheran Church, who have loved me, supported me, and helped me grow into this call over the last 4 ½ years. I am so thankful that I get to bring you all

along on my seminary journey. I am thankful for the support of Grace Lutheran and the Grace Foundation through my discernment and transition. I love and appreciate you all, and I thank God every day for bringing me to Grace Lutheran.

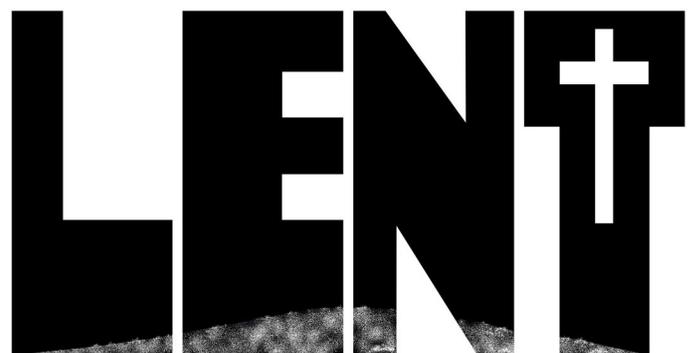
**Confirmation:** Youth will gather for Confirmation on February 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. During Lent, we will not be meeting together, but the youth will be asked to follow along with their Lent requirements (provided in class on the 10<sup>th</sup>). Classes will resume in person on April 7<sup>th</sup>.

**9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth Group:** We will be gathering for Youth Group each Sunday, starting on February 14<sup>th</sup> in the Youth Room from 7:00 – 8:00pm. This is a great opportunity for high schoolers to gather for fellowship, service and talk about how God is working in our daily lives. See the monthly schedule for what we will be doing each week.

**2021 Scholarships:** Members and friends of Grace attending an institution of higher learning in the fall are invited to apply for one of the many scholarships we have at Grace. ALHS seniors can apply online through Naviance. If you attend another high school or are a non-traditional student, you can pick up an application at the church or find more information at [gracealbertlea.org/resources/scholarships](http://gracealbertlea.org/resources/scholarships). Applications are due March 31<sup>st</sup>.

## Upcoming Events Schedule (schedule is subject to change):

- Feb 3:** Confirmation -  
Miracles of Jesus
- Feb 10:** Confirmation - Lent
- Feb 14:** Youth Group - Valentine's Day  
Service Project
- Feb 17-Mar 31:** NO Confirmation
- Feb 21:** Youth Group - Devotional Night
- Feb 28:** Youth Group - Game Night



... for you are dust,  
and to dust you shall return

~Genesis 3:19

# Parish Nurse Notes



Lori Tuchtenhagen,  
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Greetings Grace Lutheran family, In February, we recognize Valentine's Day, American Heart Month and Sleep Safety Month. One concern close to our hearts is Sudden Infant Death Syndrome. SIDS accounts for more deaths than any other cause in children from one week to one year of age. SIDS refers to a sudden death of any infant which is unexplained by history or examination. Little is known yet today as to the specifics leading to death; however, health care providers give advice to parents about the ways to reduce risks. The following guidelines do not offer perfect protection, but reduce known risk factors.

- Protect all children from smoke (including smoking during pregnancy and exposure to secondhand smoke after birth).
- Place full-term infants on their back for sleep and nap time. Allow for tummy time only during waking hours when is infant monitored.
- Place infants on flat mattresses without pillows and use light clothing, or bedding.
- Protect the baby from getting too hot or cold. Dress your baby in light sleep clothing and keep temperature comfortable for others.

This information comes from the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD).

Back in 1994 there was a national 'Back to Sleep' campaign and since then, there has been a 50 percent decline in SIDS deaths in the United states.

Though NICHD recommended the safest position for sleep, I would like to remind you that your infant is as individual and unique as you and I.

I will strongly recommend that you follow the

instructions given by your provider for your individual child. May you care for your precious gift from the Lord, what a Blessing received.

May God Bless You,  
Lori Tuchtenhagen, Parish Nurse

## **John 3:16**

*"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.*

## **A LOOK AT BEAUTY**

Remember kaleidoscopes — those tubes you hold up to your eye and point toward the light to see colorful shapes? When the far end of the optical instrument is turned, fragments of material inside an “object cell” shift and mirrors set at angles reflect light through the pieces, forming ever-changing patterns. A multi-hued flower might become sunlight through a round stained-glass window or fireworks on a clear night.

Various materials can be placed in the cell — tiny figures, twisted bits of metal, lace, viscous liquid — but often broken bits of glass are used, to beautiful effect! In fact, David Brewster, inventor of the kaleidoscope in 1817, named it after the Greek word *kalos*, for “beauty.”

Everyone feels broken, twisted or shattered at times. But when God's perfect light shines in and through us, reflecting among the fragments of our imperfect lives, we, too, become beautiful. Out of our sinfulness and brokenness shines the beauty of compassion, kindness, perseverance, hope, love — delightful patterns to brighten this hurting world.

# Grace Information

## STEWARDSHIP CARDS

Just a reminder to submit your cards either by dropping it in the mailbox/drop box outside the door or by mail at 918 Garfield Avenue, Albert Lea, MN 56007. Thank you.

## THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Thursday Morning Bible study has started up again. Please note the time has changed to 8:00 am to 9:00 am in the Fireside Room. COVID-19 guidelines will be followed (masks are mandatory, no more than 10 people may attend and social distancing will be adhered to).

## ONLINE GIVING

Thank you for your generous gifts during this time. You can mail in or drop off your offering to the church or give electronically.

**Online:** [www.gracealbertlea.org/donate](http://www.gracealbertlea.org/donate)

**Mobile App:** Give+ Mobile App.  
Search "Grace Lutheran (Albert Lea)"

**Text:** 833-939-1383

More information can be found on our website at <https://gracealbertlea.org/discipleship/giving/>



## CREATION CARE CORNER

*"Yet you do not know what your life will be like tomorrow. You are just a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away." James 4:14*

We don't know how much time we have on this Earth, and it's quite limited in any case, yet it's extremely likely the land-fill we generate daily will persist for many hundreds of years, if not longer.

Supporting local restaurants during the COVID pandemic has taught me that single-use items from meal deliveries and pick-ups can quickly accumulate in household trash. If you are ordering meals to eat at home, you can ask that additional plates and plastic tableware be left out of the order. This is a simple way to reduce some of the waste.



Source: Wikimedia Commons

One more way to reduce plastic usage--Hy-Vee is once again allowing customers to bring their own reusable shopping bags for bagging groceries.

These are some of the intermediary measures we can take until single-use plastics--a major contributor to climate change and plastic pollution--are phased out in favor of sustainable, compostable products.

**PLEASE NOTE: DATES, TIMES AND EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.**

*For updates, please check our website, Facebook, or call the church office.*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> 6:00p Hardanger Group	<b>2</b> 9:30a Staff Meeting	<b>3</b> 4:30p Cherub & Chancel Choirs <b>5:30p Worship Service</b> <b>Online only</b> 6:30p Confirmation	<b>4</b> 8:00a Early Bible Study In person	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 9:00a <b>Worship Service</b> In person and Online only	<b>8</b> 6:00p Hardanger Group	<b>9</b> 9:30a Staff Meeting 6:00p Bells of Praise 6:30p Council Meeting	<b>10</b> 4:30p Cherub & Chancel Choirs <b>5:30p Worship Service</b> <b>Online only</b> 6:30p Confirmation	<b>11</b> 8:00a Early Bible Study In person	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14 Transfiguration of Our Lord</b> 9:00a <b>Worship Service</b> In person and Online 7:00p Youth Group	<b>15 Newsletter Deadline</b> 6:00p Hardanger Group	<b>16</b> 9:30a Staff Meeting 6:00p Bells of Praise	<b>17 Ash Wednesday</b> 4:30p Cherub & Chancel Choirs <b>7:00p Worship Service</b> In person and online	<b>18</b> 8:00a Early Bible Study In person	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> 9:00a <b>Worship Service</b> In person and Online 7:00p Youth Group	<b>22</b> 6:00p Hardanger Group	<b>23 Shrove Tuesday</b> 9:30a Staff Meeting 6:00p Bells of Praise	<b>24</b> 4:30p Cherub & Chancel Choirs <b>7:00p Worship Service</b> In person and online	<b>25</b> 8:00a Early Bible Study In person	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 9:00a <b>Worship Service</b> In person and Online 7:00p Youth Group						

# Church Council Minutes

January 12, 2021, 6:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order and Roll

The meeting was called to order by President Tims at 6:35 PM.

2. Opening Devotion: Shane

Pastor Shane led the Council in devotions that focused on Psalm 142

3. Open Forum – No Items

4. Approval of Today's Agenda – Action M/S/A (Moved/Seconded/Approved) by Munyer and Drommerhausen to approve the agenda for the meeting.

5. Budget 2020 Update: Dave & Patti  
Drommerhausen and P Tewes reviewed final revenue and expenditure for 2020. Spending was under budget, and revenues were over the projected budget, but this was due to the PPP funds the church received in 2020.

MSA by Schindler and Munyer to approve the budget report.

6. Review of 2021 Budget: Dave & Patti  
Drommerhausen and P. Tewes reviewed the proposed budget for 2021. The budget reflects an eight percent reduction in spending, or \$57,000. The budget was based on proposals submitted by each staff member.

MSA by Munyer and Tims to approve the draft 2021 budget.

7. Approval of Minutes

MSA by Schindler and Drommerhausen to approve the minutes from the December Council meeting.

8. Reports

- Lead Pastor Report: Pastor Koepke
  - ◇ Pastor Jennifer completed her last day at Grace on December 31. Her

office was cleaned out and her Grace accounts were suspended.

- ◇ Funerals included Pat Linnes and Gloria Ugland
- ◇ Confirmation is online until January 2. After that date, it will move to live sessions.
- ◇ Live worship will resume on January 17. Online worship will also be provided.

• Deacon's Report and Technology: Deacon Bob Tewes

- ◇ Christmas season worship services went well, with good participation from Grace youth and families.
- ◇ Children's choirs will resume live practices and the Bell Choir will practice live on January 19.
- ◇ The Adult Choir will perform monthly via the use of technology.

• Commission & Committee Report Highlights

- ◇ Backpack Program – 99 boxes were received in December. Help will be needed in the future to unload and store boxes.

9. Old Business

- Capital Campaign/ Bathroom remodeling: Update.
  - ◇ The campaign is close to reaching its goal of having \$328,263 cash on hand to cover the cost of the final bid for the restroom project. In December, \$8,082 was collected and \$6,063 of the Foundation match was received. To date, \$1,222,462 has been donated. Work on the restroom project has started on both levels.

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# Church Council Minutes Continued

- 75<sup>th</sup> Celebration: October 10, 2021 (Pastor Shane, Jim Munyer, Marsha Smith) – Tabled (meeting in pending)
  - Response to Stewardship letter
    - ◊ Eighty-eight letters have been received. A total of 107 were collected in the previous year. Information from the pledge cards are used to determine a projection of giving for the annual budget.
  - Annual Meeting: January 24, 2021: How do we handle this? We talked about a limited agenda. What to do regarding council members?
    - ◊ The Annual Meeting is planned for Sunday January 24<sup>th</sup>. It will be live and via technology, with a modified agenda that will focus on the 2021 budget. It was MSA by Tims and McKibbin to conduct the Annual Meeting on January 24 with a modified agenda that will include approval of the budget and filling delegated leadership positions, with a midterm review in late spring or early summer.
    - ◊ Annual Reports will be sent out via e-mail as a PDF and hard copies can also be picked up at the church.
    - ◊ The following current Council Members have agreed to extend their terms on the Council for six months until a follow-up Annual Meeting session is held in late spring/early summer: Hamberg, Groenewig, Drommerhausen, and Thompson.
10. New/Other Business
- Ashley and her new role – Ashley will be starting Wartburg Seminary in February and shift to a part-time schedule at Grace. Her program of study at Wartburg will allow her to do her internship at Grace.
  - Possible 2<sup>nd</sup> PPP Loan: P Tewes – Patty reported that Grace will be applying for the next round of PPP funds and that Farmers and Merchants State Bank will facilitate the process.
  - Any other business – Grace will be interviewing an interim pastor who is working on his Master's in Christian Counseling. The individual has experience in visitation, Sunday School, and Confirmation.
11. Prayer Intercessions – Pastor Shane led the Council in prayer.
12. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 7:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gary Schindler  
Grace Lutheran Church Council Secretary

## OUR LENTEN FOCUS

Lent, the church-year season that begins on Ash Wednesday, is a time of penitence and spiritual renewal. Some people give up a luxury or vice during Lent as a form of self-denial; others undertake a project that benefits others.

The point isn't to belittle ourselves or to see how much we can do without. Instead, Lent helps us reflect on Jesus' death. As Timothy Keller writes in *The Reason for God*: "The Christian Gospel is that I am so flawed that Jesus had to die for me, yet I am so loved and valued that Jesus was glad to die for me. This leads to deep humility and deep confidence at the same time. It undermines both swaggering and sniveling. I cannot feel superior to anyone, and yet I have nothing to prove to anyone. I do not think more of myself nor less of myself. Instead, I think of myself less."

# Gifts of Love

## ALTAR GUILD

### In Memory Of:

**Gloria Ugland** given by Gary & Karen Ohlmann.

**Pat Linnes** given by Gary & Karen Ohlmann.

## BALL SCHOLARSHIP

### In Memory Of:

**Bob Luna** given by Bob Ball & Laura McKibben.

## BATHROOM RENOVATION/BOILER/BUILDING/ ROOF/FURNACE FUND

### In Memory Of:

**Julie Jasperson** given by Kent Jasperson

**Larry Pearson** given by Shirley Pearson

**Bob Miller** given by Robert & Beverly Field

**Jackie Williamson** given by Brad Williamson,  
Lacey DeBoer, Katie Williamson, Lisa Jensen.

### Gifts Given By:

Carol Roberts, Eugene Lysne, Janice Anderson,  
Greg & Marsha Smith, Kelvin Rehnelt, Robert Bartz.

## BACKPACK FOOD PROGRAMS

### In Memory Of:

**Bob Miller** given by Ona Meyer

**Carole Nelson** given by Rodger D. Nelson

**Pat Linnes** given by Bob & Muriel Hoeg,  
Ona Meyer, LuVerne Godtland.

**Gloria Ugland** given by LuVerne Godtland.

### In Honor Of:

**LuVerne Godtland** given by Paul Godtland.

### Gifts Given By:

Tom & Jean Eaton, Dex & Jan Henschel,  
Dale & Dorothy Baldwin.

## CHRISTMAS OFFERING

### In Memory Of:

**Edwin & Sylvia Johnson** given by Gaylen &  
Kathy Johnson.

## FOOD SHELF

### In Memory Of:

**Pat Linnes** given by Dex & Jan Henschel.

### Gifts Given By:

Carroll & Mavis Hanson, Dex & Jan Henschel,  
Ross & Shelly Peterson, Dale & Dorothy Baldwin,  
Ed & Julie Groeneweg.

## GENERAL FUND

### In Memory Of:

**Pat Linnes** given by Dave & Julie Drommerhausen.

## HEIFER FUND

### Gift Given By:

Virginia Sorenson.

## JOHN W. & ALMA MATHEWS SCHOLARSHIP

### In Memory Of:

**John P. Mathews** (brother of Ron Mathews) given  
by Geno & Carol Thompson, Rodger D. Nelson,  
Mark & Lynnette Rasmussen, Terry &  
Nancy Peterson.

## LOVE OFFERING

### In Memory Of:

**Don Cashin** given by Dave & Julie Drommerhausen.

### Gifts Given By:

Ed & Julie Groeneweg, Richard & Darlene Jordahl.

## LU RYAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

### In Memory Of:

**Lu Ryan** given by Faith Ryan.

## MARTIN LUTHER FUND

### In Memory Of:

**Bob Miller** given by Dale & Dorothy Baldwin

**Carolyn Schmitz** given by Bill & Jane Buege

**Pat Linnes** given by Dale & Dorothy Baldwin,  
Wayne & Sharon Jahnke.

**Gloria Ugland** given by Ona Meyer.

### Gifts Given By:

Gerhard & Irmgard Kleih.

## MEMORIAL FUND

### In Memory Of:

**Bob Miller** given by Richard & Darlene Jordahl,  
Lorraine Branstad, Truman & Barbara Thron, Mick  
& Becky Hanson, Carolyn Mullett (Bob's cousin).

**Gloria Ugland** give by Mitch & Alaina Ugland,  
Family & Friends, Larry Seberson (brother).

# Gifts of Love Continued

## MUSIC FUND

### In Memory Of:

**Bob Miller** given by Dex & Jan Henschel,  
Bob & Bernice Moreau, LuVerne Godtland,  
Sandy Fredrickson, Don Cashin, Bill & Jane Buege.

## PARISH NURSE

### In Memory Of:

**Pat Linnes** given by Sally & Dave Skrlin.

### Gift Given By:

Cheri Wehrenberg.

## PRAYER GARDEN

### In Memory Of:

**Julie Jasperson** given by Kent Jasperson

**Robert Price** given by Lester Perschbacher

**Shannon Wadding** given by Ken Ayers,

Gwen Stallkamp.

**Gloria Ugland** given by Dex & JanHenschel.

## SENIOR CHOIR

### In Memory Of:

**Bob Miller** given by Bill & Gwen Groskurth.

**PLEASE NOTE** that any additional "Gifts of Love" recorded by the church office after January 24, 2021 will appear in the next issue. If you have given a gift and your name has not been recorded, please call the church office so the correction can be made. Thank you.



## **PADDLING THROUGH LENT — AND LIFE**

Lent is a time for restoring balance to our lives. The Eskimos practice balance as they venture into freezing Arctic waters in little boats. If you've ever paddled a kayak, you know how easy they are to tip. Thankfully, kayaks are just as easy to turn back upright.

That isn't a bad image for Lent — or for life as a whole. Whatever spiritual disciplines we adopt, if we succumb to temptation, it's no biggie. One of the lessons of Lent is that, as long as we're traveling light, it takes only a quick twist of the paddle to right us. That paddle twist might take the form of a quick but heartfelt prayer: "Jesus, set me straight again!" Or it might mean some extra time set aside for quiet meditation with God. Don't get worried if your spiritual discipline fails now and then. Just let Jesus help you get upright once more, and keep paddling!

## **FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!**



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Youtube: Go to [youtube.com](https://youtube.com)  
and search "Grace Lutheran Church – Albert Lea"

# Grace Prays

## Prayers of Healing

Sharon Dickson  
Doris Miller  
Gerhard Kleih  
Richard Anderson  
Dick Dahlen  
Arlene Hobbiebrunken  
Cameron Mudra

## Prayers for those Grieving

The family and friends of **Pat Linnes**  
The family and friends of **Gloria Ugland**  
Family and friends of **Verdelle Marie Hansen**  
(sister of Arlyss [Richard] Haug)

## Prayers of Joy

For the return to In person Worship  
For family, friends and staying safe.

*If you know anyone needing prayers of our congregation, please let us know so we can include them on our list. Requests for the Prayer Chain can be arranged by calling the church office.*

## February

*(The list below is to remind us to pray for our Grace family members on the following dates.)*

1. Bruce & Maureen Haugsdal
2. Ryan & Renee Haugsdal, Addyson, Garrett, Grant
3. Charlotte Haukoos
4. Jenna Hegwood, Crosby
5. Greg & Pam Henderson
6. Mike & Karen Hendrickson, Katelyn, Tyler
7. Dex & Jan Henschel
8. Ruth Hernes
9. Brenda Herr, Makenzie, Addison, Nathan
10. Arlene Hobbiebrunken
11. Robert & Muriel Hoeg, Mark
12. Myron & Betty Hoffman
13. Michael & Wanda Hoiseth
14. Rollin & Nancy Hoiium
15. Don & Linda Holst
16. Ron & Pat Holton
17. Carroll Hovland
18. Seth & Tanya Hummel, Knox, Kane
19. Dann & Carol Hustoft
20. Colleen Ingvaldson
21. Scott & Jeannie Jackson, Mariah, Jaslyn, Kylie
22. Denise Jacobson
23. Robert & Mary Lou Jacobson
24. Brad & Michelle Jahnke, Whitney, Jordan, Camryn
25. Wayne & Sharon Jahnke
26. Jeanne Jaspersen
27. Kent Jaspersen
28. Max & Janece Jeffrey, Solia, Andi, Reece



# February

## Caring and Sharing

Stacy Adams  
Brandy & Mike Boettcher  
Nancy Boyer  
Sharon Brua  
Linda & Ronnie Bryan  
Judy Christenson  
Tricia & Jerry Dahl  
Dorothy & Paul Field  
Sandra Godtland  
Julie & Kevin Grahn  
Marvin & Judy Gulbrandson  
Cynthia & Brad Haugen  
Darlene & Richard Jordahl  
Irmgard & Gerhard Kleih  
Kristin & Matthew Larson  
Ginny & Rick Loberg  
Mildred Lyndorff  
Sheila Matson  
Suzanne Mauer  
Jody Mondeel  
Regis & Robert Olson  
Shannon & Chris Paulsen  
Lynnette & Mark Rasmussen  
Carol Roberts  
Beth & John Ruud  
Patricia & Bill Searles  
Sandy & Reverend Peter Soli  
Sarah & Matt Stay  
Connie Wadding  
Mianne & Ross Wittmer

## STUDY OPPORTUNITIES for Adults at Grace

We invite you to join any of our regular Bible study groups at Grace Lutheran.

### Sunday Morning Adult Forum September — May

(Postponed until further notice)

### Tuesday Morning Bible

Tuesday mornings, 10:00-11:00 am

(Postponed until further notice)

This study for women offers fellowship, singing, and great discussion.

### Thursday Morning Bible Study

8:00-9:00 am *(In person)*

Consider joining this group where there is an opportunity for good discussion and good fellowship.

### Grace WELCA Women's Circles

**Mary Circle** (Postponed until further notice)

**Lois Circle** (Postponed until further notice)

**Martha Circle** (Postponed until further notice)

New members are always welcome! Call the church office, 373-6496, for more information.

Love One  
Another





## QUARTERS FOR WORLD HUNGER

An Associated Press release in the Star Tribune on December 20, 2020 stated that according to a study released by 30 international organizations, the economic fallout from the pandemic has set back decades of progress against the most severe forms of malnutrition and is likely to kill 168,000 children before any global recovery takes place. The need is greater than ever on the local level as well as the global level. People's lives depend on our gifts. Thank you for giving as you are able to help the hungry.




**NO FAIR TRADE COFFEE**  
Until further notice



Remember your coins for Sunday's Noisy offering!

Shane Koepke  
**Lead Pastor**

**Office Hours**  
9:00 am—5:00 pm  
Monday—Friday  
507-373-6496

**Worship Services**  
Sunday Morning 9:00 am  
In person and online  
Wednesday Worship  
5:30 pm online only until  
February 17th. See inside cover.

**Sunday School**  
Sunday Morning  
Watch for upcoming details.

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**BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER AND BECOMING DISCIPLES FOR CHRIST!**

## GENEROSITY AT GRACE

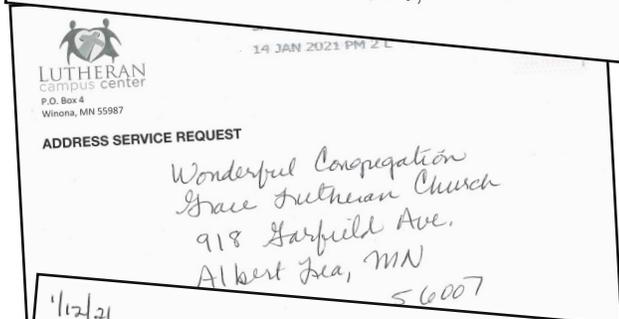


Thanks for your attendance In Person or Live Streaming as we continue to be the church apart and together.

The Finance Ministry Team and Church Council appreciate your generous support. Your faithful Stewardship is essential for us to continue to support our ministries at Grace Lutheran.

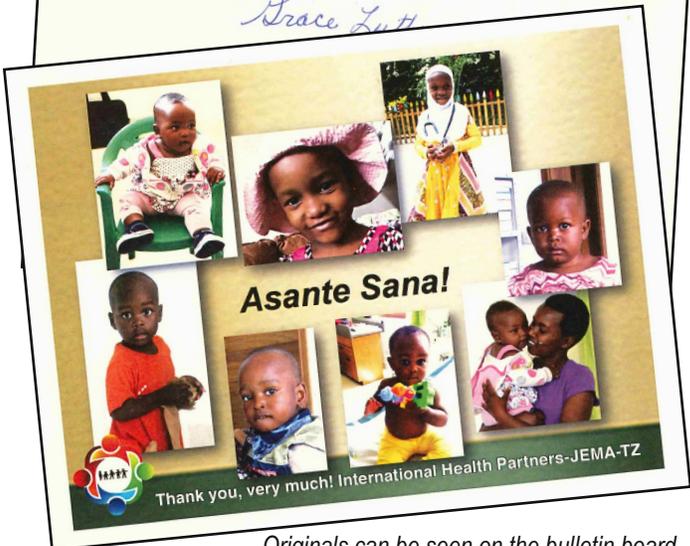
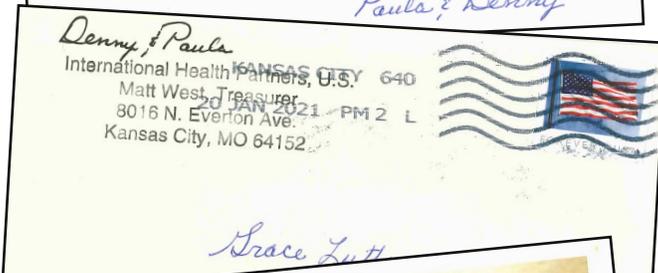
# Grace Lutheran Missions

Here is an example of our Grace Lutheran mission gifts in action. Thanks to everyone for your generosity and for doing God's work with your hands and feet.



1/17/21  
Dear Friends,  
Thank you so much for your generous gift of \$400.00 given to the LCC on 1/9/21. Your involvement during this difficult time means the world to us.  
It was a challenging semester dealing with the pandemic, but our students have inspired us with their faith, courage and resilience. We had three students graduate last month. Here is a short excerpt from senior Emily Walberg's parting words: "At the full... my faith has been built stronger than ever before, and I have such a better understanding of how my faith plays out in everyday life - it's not just for Sundays! ... I have learned that you will never look into the eyes of someone whom God does not love... and that prayer can be a song, a sigh or a laugh - God hears you."  
We were so touched by Emily's words, she is an extraordinary young woman. You are a blessing to our friends. Because of you, Emily will change the world with the "lessons" she has learned.  
We are sending you prayers for health and happiness throughout the new year.  
♥ Kelley Olson  
Philanthropy Director

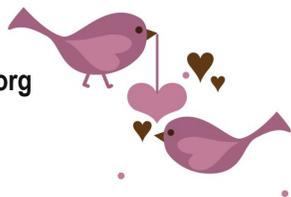
Dear Grace Lutheran,  
Becky Pennie Hanson & Team, Jan 19-2021  
Your donation of the \$700.00 you'd planned on spending for supplies for your team to bring is being used to continue the building at Binga. Thank you.  
The MCH (Maternal & Child Health Center) is where we'll do prenatal & well-baby/child checkups, patient & family education - especially nutrition - & counseling.  
IHP continues to support our nursing school at St. John's University in Dodoma. The need for quality nursing education was shown again when a 21-day-old baby was brought into the clinic crying & feverish. The baby was the victim of atrocious nursing practices. The baby was given her BCG vaccination in the arm rather than the thigh as is protocol, & with a lack of sterile technique.  
The abscess was drained & the baby relaxed, nursed her mom & went to sleep.  
We will resume traveling & hosting when it is safe. Blessings & gratitude,  
Paula & Denny



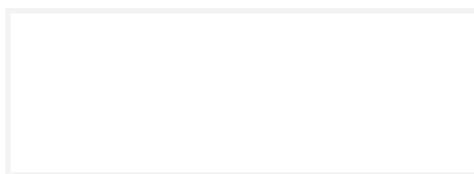
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## February Worship Service Schedule

### **Sunday Worship Service at 9:00 am**

(In person and online)

### **Wednesday Evening Worship (February 3 & 10) at 5:30 pm**

(Online only)

### **Ash Wednesday Evening Worship at 7:00 pm**

(In person and online)

### **Lent Evening Worship at 7:00 pm**

(In person and online)

PLEASE NOTE: DATES,  
TIMES, EVENTS AND  
REQUIREMENTS ARE  
SUBJECT TO CHANGE  
DUE TO COVID-19  
GUIDELINES.