

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ GRACE...

DECEMBER 1, 2019

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today's Adult Forum @ 9:45 am Let's get the season started! Christmas fun will be our goal today as we **decorate cookies, create a cookie box, & wear our Christmas sweaters** for our **annual Christmas Sweater Day!**

Special Congregational Meeting December 8 at 9:45 am - there will be a special meeting to vote on calling Rachel Swenson to join our Pastoral Team.

Graceful Seniors Tuesday, December 3 (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.

Bells of the Sound Concert at Grace Saturday, December 7 at 7:00 pm. Adults: \$15; Youth & Seniors: \$10; Children under 8 free.

2019 Community Choir Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 8, **7:00 pm** at St. Luke's. Participating church choirs: Grace, St. Vincent and St. Luke's.

Welcome New Members December 8 - new members will be welcomed at the 11:00 am service, reception follows service.

Voices & Bells of Christmas Sunday, December 15 - 8:30 and 11:00 am A special musical presentation by our Grace Choir and Celebration Gospel Band along with handbell choirs and Kids of the Kingdom choir.

Des Moines Food Bank needs for December ...

Oatmeal packets and toilet paper. Thank you!

Christmas Eve Services

Tuesday, 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

Wednesday, 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.

Today is the First Sunday of Advent,
as we count down the days to the
birth of Jesus.



GOOD TO KNOW...

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.



Sancta Lucia is coming... Join us Sunday, December 8 at 2:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Children/performers report by 1:00 pm
Children's rehearsal: December 7 at Noon

Our kids have a lot of fun and are the stars of the show! There will be food, a singalong with the Kids of the Kingdom Choir, and dance performances. All Sunday school classes will be learning songs and are encouraged to participate this year in this 90 minute performance. We welcome volunteers for this fun holiday event. Questions? Please contact Shelby Beeler at the_beelers@msn.com or 206.228.1727.

BUDGET UPDATE: Year-to-date operating income received through October 31, 2019: \$782,472.76. Year-to-date operating expenses for the same period: \$865,028.71. Year-to-date shortfall: \$82,555.95. **Thank you for turning in your 2020 pledge cards** as we budget for the coming year.

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

No Sunday School today

Senior High Study (Grades 10-12) & Confirmation Classes (Grades 7-9) Wednesday, December 4 at 6:30 pm

Kids of the Kingdom Choir Rehearsal Mondays 5:30 - 6:15 pm (Upper Room) Questions? jason.astrup@gmail.com

Joyful Ringers Mondays 6:15 - 7:15 pm

Resounding Grace Ringers Mondays 7:30 - 9:00 pm

For additional information, please contact **Brian Tervo** at bells@gotgrace.com or 206.713.6103.



Participate by choosing a tag and purchasing a Christmas gift (approx. \$30). If you prefer to donate cash, please designate "Angel Tree" on your offering envelope. **Angel Tree also needs volunteers to organize and deliver gifts on December 14.** Volunteers will be in the lobby on Sundays: November 24 - December 8 to help you and answer questions. Also feel free to contact Mary Kay Metcalfe at mkay206@hotmail.com.

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

Grace Prayer Support next meeting...Sunday, December 15 at 12:30 pm



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: Charlotte Trout (upcoming surgery); Kris Detamore; AJ Wheeler; Anne Kinsley; Avona Lehmann; Jeannie McGuire; Brian Dahl; Sheryl Clark.

Extended Family and Friends: Stan Jacobson's sister, Fran; Koki Osborne's mother, Marilyn; Heather Halbakken's brother-in-law, Erik; Jim and Anne Salo's grandson, Michael; Dorothy Smith's son, Steven; A J Wheeler's daughter, Fawn; Eric and Ruth Johnson's son, Paul; Karlene Chavez granddaughter, Kristine; Jason & Scott Astrup's father, David; Rand & Barb Barnard's daughter-in-law, Jennifer; Barbara Ray's son, Richard; Nola Irish's sister, Marsha .

Homebound: Barbara Ray; Orlie and LaVonne Sorenson, Betty Dokken; Lucille Bredberg; Bob Hedge; Gene Cason; Tom Mariner; Bert Strobel; Joe Widen; Mal & Donna Soine; Wes Hjalmer; Nancy Mitchell; Jamel Barden.

- Nola Irish and family on the death of her cousin, lone;
- Worship and Music Ministry (choirs, handbells, gospel band, etc);
- Graceland Shelter Ministry;
- El Refugio Women's Shelter, Uganda mission; Rutilio Grande Lutheran Church;
- 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 1 - 8, 2019

Sunday: First Sunday of Advent

- 8:30 am Worship - traditional
- 9:45 am Adult Forum - Decorate Christmas cookies and wear your Christmas Sweaters!
- 11:00 am Worship - contemporary
- 12:00 pm Youth Band
- 7:00 pm Young Adults

Monday:

- 5:30 pm Kids of the Kingdom Choir practice
- 6:15 pm Joyful Ringers
- 6:20 pm Scouts
- 7:00 pm NarAnon
- 7:30 pm Resounding Grace

Tuesday:

- 9:00 am Graceful Seniors pack school backpacks
- 7:00 pm Mom's in Prayer—Mt Rainier HS group
- 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
- 6:00 pm Grace Choir rehearsal at St. Luke's
- 6:30 pm Kidreach

Friday:

- 8:30 am Mom's in Prayer
- 6:00 pm Empty Nester Christmas party
- 6:30 pm Youth Christmas Movie Night
- 7:00 pm NA

Saturday:

- 9:00 am Motorcycle club
- 12:00 pm Sancta Lucia rehearsal
- 7:00 pm Bells of the Sound Concert

Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent

- 8:30 am Worship - traditional
- 8:45 am Dancing Angels
- 9:45 am Sunday School / Special Congregational meeting
- 11:00 am Worship - contemporary
- 12:00 pm Youth Band
- 2:00 pm Sancta Lucia Program
- 7:00 pm Young Adults
- 7:00 pm Community Christmas Concert

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