

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ GRACE...

DECEMBER 8, 2019

Second Advent Sunday

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

2019 Community Choir Christmas Concert Today at 7:00 pm at St. Luke's. Participating church choirs: Grace, St. Vincent and St. Luke's.

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

Free Community Dinner Tuesday, December 10 at 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

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.

Next Sunday's Adult Forum @ 9:45 am in the Fellowship Hall Cookies, cocoa bar and coffee to celebrate the season!



Angel Tree - All gifts & gift cards are due today by noon. Volunteers are needed to organize gifts early morning on December 14. Questions? Contact Mary Kay at 206.669.0143 or mkay206@hotmail.com.

Shelter Volunteer Meeting Sunday, December 15 at 9:45 - 10:15 am in the Adult Learning Center.

Blood Drive Monday, December 16 1:00 - 3:00 pm & 4:00 - 7:00 pm Sign up in the Lobby or contact the church office at 206.878.2460.

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.

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 today at 2:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Children/performers report by 1:00 pm.

There will be food, a singalong with the Kids of the Kingdom Choir, and dance performances.

ATTENTION ALL MINISTRY CHAIRS AND MINISTRIES!

All submissions for the Annual Report are due in the Church Office by December 13. Submit in Word format to: graceoffice@gotgrace.com

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 intent cards as we budget for the coming year.

Des Moines Food Bank needs for December ...

Oatmeal packets and toilet paper. Thank you!

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

Sunday School today

Senior High Study (Grades 10-12) & Confirmation Classes (Grades 7-9) Wednesday, December 11 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.

Volunteer for GLC Media Team!

Be part of the team that runs the lights, sound, camera, and video during church services and other events! Contact Kyle at 206.422.1382 or kylebyquist@gmail.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: Joe McGoran; Charlotte Trout (upcoming surgery); Kris Detamore; Anne Kinsley; Avona Lehmann; Jeannie McGuire; Brian Dahi; Sheryl Clark.

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

Homebound: Barbara Ray; Orile 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.

- Altar Guild;
- 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 8 - 15, 2019

Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent

8:30 am Worship - traditional / Holy Communion
8:45 am Dancing Angels
9:45 am Education Hour / Special Congregational meeting
11:00 am Worship - contemporary / Holy Communion
12:00 pm New Members Reception
12:00 pm Youth Band
1:00 pm India Mission Team
2:00 pm Sancta Lucia Program
7:00 pm Young Adults
7:00 pm Community Christmas Concert
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
5:00 pm Free Community Dinner
7:00 pm Mom's in Prayer—Mt Rainier HS group
8:00 pm AA

Monday:

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday:

Saturday:

Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent

8:30 am Worship - Voices & Bells of Christmas
8:45 am Dancing Angels
9:45 am Education Hour / hot cocoa and cookies
9:45 am Shelter Volunteers
11:00 am Worship - Voices & Bells of Christmas
12:00 pm Youth Band
12:20 pm Call Team
12:30 pm Grace Prayer Support
7:00 pm Young Adults



Protect your valuables at Grace, inside and in the parking lot.

Do not leave your valuables unattended during or after Sunday worship, or at any time.