

Church Activities for This Week of November 24, 2024

TODAY	8:00 am	Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion, Sanctuary
	9:30 am	Blended Worship Service, Sanctuary
	9:30 am	Children's Sunday school classes
	9:45 am	Adults' Sunday school classes
	11:00 am	Contemporary Worship Service, FLC
	11:00 am	Adults' Sunday school classes
	11:00 am	Rings of Grace Handbell Choir, Sanctuary
	12:30 pm	Faithful Finances: Grace 2025 Budget Forum, Fellowship Hall
Monday, Nov 25	8:00 am	Jireh Homeschool Co-op
	9:00 am	MOMco, Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, Nov 26	2:30 pm	<i>The Book of Ephesians</i> Women's Bible Study, Soothing Room
	6:00 pm	Grace Notes Handbell Choir, Sanctuary
	7:00 pm	Adult Vocal Choir, Sanctuary
Wednesday, Nov 27	6:30 pm	Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service, Sanctuary No Wednesday Night Dinner or Children's Activities
Thursday, Nov 28		HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!
Friday, Nov 29		OFFICES CLOSED
Saturday, Nov 30	9:00 am	Women's Prayer Group, FLC Lobby
	9:00 am	Graceland Express Rehearsal
	10:00 am	Deck the Halls!
Sunday, Dec 1	8:00 am	Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary
	9:30 am	Blended Worship Service with Holy Communion, Sanctuary
	9:30 am	Children's Sunday School classes
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Happy Birthday!

11/24 David Haase
 11/26 Drew Baker, Carrie Fisher
 Esther Kabelá (12), Ethan Spradlin
 David Thomas
 11/27 Oliver Anderson (8) Emily Smith
 11/28 Hank Jones, Deb Wolfe
 11/29 Christian Guthrie
 11/30 Mark Klemmer

Happy Anniversary!

11/24 Randy & Donna Bueckman (34)
 Bob & Beverly Miller (43)
 11/27 Craig & Janet Schmitt (31)
 11/28 Jim & Katha O'Hatnick

Today at Grace

Children's Sunday School Theme: God's power works for good.

Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you. 1 Peter 5:6-7

For more information on Children's Ministries, please see Frieda Guthrie

Adult Sunday School Classes at 9:45 am

Verse by Verse through James – FLC Room 111 (Mark Anderson)

30s & 40s – FLC Room 113 (Brian Kaul)

Book of 1 John – FLC Room 112 & Zoom (Joel Roettger)

I & II Peter – FLC Room 114 (Kevin Kragenbrink)

The Next Chapter – Room 206 (Andrew Harter)

Adult Sunday School Classes at 11:00 am

Hot Topic: The Book of Romans – Room 203 (Pastor Phil Bohlken)

Bible 101: 1 & 2 Peter – Room 206 (Dave Harjala)

It's not too late to pack a shoebox! **Operation Christmas Child– National Collection Week ENDS TOMORROW!** For information contact Frieda Guthrie: 865-384-9911.

Faithful Finances: Grace 2025 Budget Forum TODAY at 12:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Announcements and Events

The Nominating Team recommends the following candidates for re-election or to fill an open position on the *Endowment Board* in 2025:

Steve Crum (New Ministry Team) Gwen Erpenbach (Scholarship Team)

Larry Albers (Administration Team) Sandi Larson

Annual Voters Assembly Meeting on Sunday, December 8 at 12:30 pm in the FLC. New members will sign the Constitution, and we as a church family will elect Board Members, approve our annual budget, hear ministry reports, and get a glimpse of what is to come in the year ahead at Grace Lutheran!

Angel Tree Opportunity - We are partnering with Western Youth Network (WYN) in Avery County, NC, to help provide Christmas gifts to already impoverished kids who have now been affected by Hurricane Helene.

WYN has expanded their programs this year to support more families than usual, and we have wish lists for 12 of these kids. A Christmas tree with tags for individual items is outside the sanctuary, **UNWRAPPED gifts should be returned to the church by December 11.**

We're sending Christmas cards with each gift, whether you purchase a gift or not, please write a quick prayer in one of the cards by the tree or bring your own card to let the kids and families know how cherished they are. **Thank you for your spirit of generosity in this important outreach to these kids whose lives have been shattered in the wake of this storm.**

If you are looking for a way to serve Grace, and you love to minister to others through food, we are looking for you! **We are now hiring someone to lead our Wednesday Night Dinner Ministry** starting in January. For information, please contact Kristen Reinke: kristen@visitgrace.org

Dear Grace Family,

After serving faithfully with us throughout the past year, our **DCE Intern Matthew McCarthy and his wife Kyra** will be moving back home to Texas for the Christmas season on Monday, December 9.

Matthew plans to attend seminary at Concordia St. Louis in the fall of 2025 to continue his preparation for full-time ministry. We are grateful for the impact he has had in our Youth ministry and are trusting the Lord to guide his path in future Kingdom service. As Matthew transitions into this next chapter, we encourage you to keep him and Kyra in your prayers.

In the coming weeks, we will be collecting expressions of appreciation, well wishes, and gift cards in a box placed outside the Sanctuary and in the church office. Please feel free to contribute to this effort as we show our gratitude for Matthew's service and encourage him as he takes steps toward his future.

The collection will remain open until Sunday, December 8.

Thank you for joining us in supporting Matthew and Kyra during this exciting time.

First Lutheran School Kindergarten Sneak Peek Monday, November 25 and Tuesday, November 26, 3:30 – 5:30. Families of students who will be in kindergarten next year are welcome to visit the classroom, meet the teacher, and learn about our exceptional program as well as tuition discounts for LCMS members. First Lutheran is located at 1207 N. Broadway in Knoxville. For information: office@firstlutheranschool.com or 865-524-0308.

Please join us for an **LWML Advent Celebration** on Saturday, December 14 in the Family Life Center for lunch and fellowship at 11:30 followed by the short play ***Sleepers, Wake!*** at 1:00 presented by The Word Players. In early December, look for sign-up sheets in the coffee bar for food items needed for this lunch.



Let's celebrate together!
Save the Dates

Nov. 27	Thanksgiving Eve Service	6:30
Nov. 30	Deck the Halls! Breakfast Provided	10:00
Dec. 4, 11	Advent Services	6:30
Dec. 8	Voters Meeting	12:30
	Children's Christmas Program The Graceland Express	5:00
Dec. 14	LWML - The Word Players Luncheon and Christmas Play	11:30
Dec. 15	Christmas Brunch	8:00 - 10:30
Dec. 18	Advent Service O Holy Night - Choir Cantata	6:30
Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Services	4:00, 7:00, 11:00
Jan. 4	Un-Deck the Halls!	10:00