

Church Activities for This Week of December 1, 2024

TODAY	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
	9:45 am	Adults' Sunday school classes
	11:00 am	Contemporary Worship Service with Holy Communion, FLC
	11:00 am	Adults' Sunday school classes
	11:00 am	Rings of Grace Handbell Choir, Sanctuary
Tuesday, Dec 3	11:00 am	Staff Meeting
	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, Dec 4	8:00 am	Jireh Homeschool Co-op
	5:00 pm	Dinner Begins, FLC
	5:00 pm	Joy-Full Noise Christmas Program Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall
	6:30 pm	Joy/Youth Groups
	6:30 pm	College/Career Ministry
Thursday, Dec 5	10:00 am	Cancer Companions, Room 112
Friday, Dec 6	9:00 am	Jesus' Parables Women's Bible Study, FLC Room 113
Saturday, Dec 7	9:00 am	Women's Prayer Group, FLC Lobby
	9:00 am	Graceland Express Rehearsal
Sunday, Dec 8	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 am	Annual Voters Assembly Meeting, FLC
	2:00 pm	Graceland Express Rehearsal
	5:00 pm	Graceland Express, FLC

Happy Birthday!

12/1 Nancy Duthey, Mickey Tunstall
 12/2 Paul Muench
 12/3 Liz Hannah, Jodie Swafford
 12/4 Daythan Collins (10), Cecil Peters
 12/5 Elaine Huether
 12/6 Cheryl Denton, Tim Frizzell
 12/7 Kayla Cleland (17), Jill Peterson
 Logan Walker (2)

Happy Anniversary!

12/1 David & Linda Lampman (52)
 12/4 Charlie & Tina Stine (42)

Today at Grace

Children's Sunday School Theme: Jesus fulfilled God's promise.

All this place to fulfill what the Lord said through the prophet: "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call Him Immanuel-which means God with us." Matthew 1:22-23

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)

Today we feature two **LWML** nationally funded mission projects that our mites help to support.

- *Siouxland Lutheran Hispanic Ministry - Hope Lutheran, South Sioux City NE*
- *Growing Our Place: Care for Special Needs Students - Our Place After School Care, Inc. NE*

Announcements and Events

Thank you everyone for your support for **Operation Christmas Child**. We had a record number of volunteers and donations - **394 boxes from Grace** and 2,134 from the community!

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 NEXT 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!

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will not meet in December. We look forward to seeing you all Monday, January 6, 2025. Keep those knitting needles and crochet hooks working though!

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

Please join us for a **Congregational 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.



Make plans to join us for our annual Pot-Luck Breakfast!

Sunday, December 15, 8:00 am – 10:30 am

Please bring the following, according to your last name, ready to serve to the FLC

A-J Coffee cakes, sweet or cinnamon rolls

K-P Breakfast casserole or quiche

R-Z Hash brown casserole, deviled eggs, or fruit

Grace Fellowship Ministry will provide additional food and drinks



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



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, & 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.