

Grace Notes

WELCOME VISITORS AND GUESTS!

November 12, 2023

We're glad you're here and invite you to consider yourself part of our Grace Family. We would love to connect with you. Please fill in the "Welcome Card" found in the pew rack and place it in the basket on the table at the entrance to the sanctuary. Thank You!

Thank you for your faithful prayers and financial support of Grace Ministries. Tithes and offerings may be placed in the grey box sitting on the table next to the Usher's Station at the back of the sanctuary.

OUR STEWARDSHIP

General Giving Needed Monthly:
\$17,917

November Giving: \$1,770

Designated Giving: n/a

Building Fund: n/a

Sunday School/Mission: n/a

Food Pantry: \$35

Food Pantry: 17 people/65 bags

Worship Attendance: 65

Small Group Studies: 43

Altar Flowers

Provided by

Patsy Nettleton

In memory of her mother's birthday

**THE 2024 FLOWER CALENDAR IS
AVAILABLE FOR SCHEDULING**



Grace Lutheran Holiday Food Baskets will happen once again! If you would like to participate or support by shopping, filling, baskets,*delivering baskets, making a donation, please see René Hutzell.

Prayer Requests

Traveling: Barb Allen

Healing: Bryan Stanley whose cancer may have returned; Ed Kinney (Mimi Stephen's son) is going through cancer treatment; Jayson Shanle going to Medford to be monitored for a new heart medication to stop arrhythmia; Rhonda Robb (Pastor's niece Karma's mother) is hospitalized with liver failure; Ken Tyler (Pastor's brother) hospitalized with staph infection; Judy Brusnighan who is home recovering from a stroke; Carolyn Cochran has pulmonary disease; Allan Tiejen in hospice care; Richard Evanow (friend of Grace who donates fruit for our pies) has a kidney aneurysm and other severe medical conditions; LaMarr Cuffie (Pastor's "son-in-law") diagnosed with lymphoma; Richard Gonzalez's son, Brandon, battling stage 4 cancer; Dick Tardif injured in a fall; James Howard (Pam Meirndorf's brother) will begin cancer treatments soon; Jean Restad who is recovering from surgery; Sheila Shanle undergoing chemo; Mason Young (7-years old) needs a liver transplant; Robin Chase who has cancer; Julie Shafer who is on dialysis; for the aging in our congregation and those recently diagnosed with cancer. **Encouragement:** Tom Cochran who is caring for his wife, Susan, who has dementia; Sue D'Errico & Leesa Williams who are both caring for their mothers. **Other Needs:** Eliza Walker who is now living with her grandmother, Pat Thorpe.

IN OUR CONTINUED PRAYERS

Those who are hospitalized, chronically ill, in nursing home/care facilities, or otherwise in need of encouragement. **Cards and calls are always appreciated!**

Judy Wilson, Veda Connor, Arlene Krogstad, Chris Colacicco, Patricia Waggoner, Angela Stanley, Preston Reed (Janis Sad's brother, heart & lung issues), Jeannie Tardif, Mary Jean Ames, Seth Bauer, Ruthe Mayer, Ashlie and Jared Newton, Ashlie Reed, Nancy and David Scott, Della Schmidt, Ray Melvin's brother Gary, the family of Tony Dantzman.

Family and friends serving in the military: Chris Beeson, Sgt. Troy Clements, David Eninger, Gannon Machado, Collin Matz, Mark Tatara, Brent Thompson & Guy Walker.

Please help us to stay up to date regarding those in need of our prayers by calling the office at 707-464-4712. Please report back any updates.

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

November 12-18, 2023

OFFICE OPEN 10:00AM - 3:00PM | TUESDAY - FRIDAY

Sunday:	9:00am	Bible Study, Experiencing Christmas
	9:00am	Love in Chaos Bible Study
	10:15am	Worship Service with Children's Church & Nursery
	11:15am	Free Lunch hosted by the confirmands
Monday:		OFFICE CLOSED
	2pm-4pm	Food Pantry
	5:30pm	Confirmation Class & Dinner
Tuesday:	5:00pm	Fellowship
	6:00pm	Council Meeting
Thursday:	10:00am	LWML Quilters
	12:00pm	Christianity & Culture Small Group
	2pm-5pm	Pastor Visitations
	5:00pm	Worship Team Practice
Friday:	1pm-4pm	Pastor Visitations
	5:30pm	Cochran's Small Group
Saturday:	10:00am	Small Group led by David Wilson.

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Zephaniah 1:7-16; Psalm 90:1-12; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30

For additional information about events and ministries, check the church calendar online at www.GraceLutheranCC.com.

THIS WEEK'S CHALLENGE: ADVENT BLOCKS



At Christmas, kids cannot help but be filled with anticipation. Rather than dampen that anticipation, Advent Blocks is an attempt to channel it, building a practice that helps kids anticipate something much more exciting than presents—the birth of Jesus Christ, God in the flesh. Our hope for kids is that they would see how deeply God desires to be with them. That they would know God is with them, even when life is hard. That they would anticipate the beautiful and mystical reality that God has come to earth to stay.

Christmas is an astounding announcement that God has come to make the wrong things right and the dark things light. But it's also an announcement that's astoundingly easy to miss during all the holiday festivities. It is our hope that Advent Blocks will help families anticipate the greatest gift the world has ever known. The kits include stories and family activities that are easy to use. Check out the video to see how the Advent Blocks are used to build anticipation for the arrival of Jesus. (<https://vimeo.com/446231733>)

Grace Lutheran Church is excited to offer members with children a free set of blocks on Wednesday, Nov. 29 at our Advent Prayer Service & Soup Supper. Others may order a kit as a gift to send to your families. The cost is only \$23 (includes church discount rate). Contact Karla in the Church Office or Rene' Hutzell to get your set before the start of Advent on December 3. Quantities are limited.

VOTERS MEETING: *The meeting is directly after the worship service on November 19, 2023. We will be voting on the 2024 budget and will have elections for open officer and ministry leader positions. According to our bylaws, we must have a minimum **quorum of 25** voting members present in order to vote on both the budget and the officers so please mark your calendars for **November 19** to attend this important voters assembly. Please contact church president Mike Finley, or Vice President Sue D'Errico if you have any questions regarding the meeting.*

SERVICE OF

*Thanks
giving*

THURSDAY
NOVEMBER 23
10:15AM

*Traditional
Communion Service*



Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Thanksgiving Day

Free Event 12 - 2 pm

At the Del Norte Fairgrounds

**Volunteers Sign-Up at
ccfoursquare.org/thanksgiving**

Super Delicious **FREE LUNCH** Today!



The confirmands will host a free HOT DOG/CHILI/NACHOS lunch immediately after worship. Please plan to stay and say “HELLO” !!!

Delicious Recipes!

**Grace Cookbooks
Only \$12**

**Orders can be placed with
Faye Mergups**



Highlights:

- Most recipes from the Cooking with Grace Cookbook of the late 1980's are included as well as most recipes from a small LWML Christmas Cookbook from the late 1990's.
- Many soup recipes are included just in time for our Advent Soup Suppers.
- Many new recipes of member and friends' favorites are being shared.
- The dividers are graced with Arlene Krogstad's drawings.
- The cover is illustrated with a photo of our chancel area taken by Jayne Kettner.

OPENINGS FOR GRACE OFFICERS

In 1 Corinthians 12 we are told everyone has God-given spiritual gifts to use in His church. With that in mind, please review the below open positions and prayerfully consider serving or nominating someone. Your gifts can be used to help Grace Lutheran Church operate more successfully and enable the message of Christ to be shared.

OPEN POSITIONS	TERM
PRESIDENT	2024 - 2025
RECORDING SECRETARY	2024 - 2025
FINANCIAL SECRETARY	2024 - 2025
ADULT MINISTRY LEADER	2024 - 2025
CHILD & FAMILY MINISTRY LEADER	2024 - 2025
EVANGELISM MINISTRY LEADER	2024 - 2025
SERVANTS OUTREACH LEADER	2024 - 2025
DIRECTOR OF CHURCH PROPERTY	2024 - 2025
ELDERS #1, 2 & 5	2024 - 2025

For more information about the open positions, please contact Mike Finley at (707) 951-4825.

You are Invited!

Experiencing Christmas

LUKE 2:1-20

This 6-week study examines the Christmas story in detail, helping us prepare for the Christmas season.

BEGINS THIS SUNDAY
9:00am



CELEBRATE THE *promise*

Grace's Food Pantry is critically low on food items, especially staples like soups, chili, canned tuna, cereal, canned vegetables, bread, and more. For specific information on the Pantry needs, please contact Jim Ramsey.



ADVENT SOUP SUPPERS

Sign-up sheets are available in the Fellowship Hall. Pick a date and bring soup to share!