



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays at 9:00 am (in person and online)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 20TH

DECORATING THE CHURCH: Decorating for Christmas is fun! This year you can choose which task you'd like to help with in decorating the sanctuary and gathering spaces. We have tasks that will take anywhere from 1 hour to 3 hours. **Sign up in the Narthex** along with your preferred time (you can pick any day between **November 26th** and **December 4th**). Gather the family or a group of friends and help make Grace beautiful for Christmas! Please contact the Church Office with any questions at 507-373-6496.

MARY CIRCLE will be on Monday, **December 5**, at 5:15 pm in the kitchen with potluck treats and Charlotte Elvebak leading the lesson. We will be collecting donations to purchase gifts for the angel tree.

BLUE CHRISTMAS is a time of remembrance and quiet, amidst the busy preparations for Christmas. Join us for a service of light and hope. We remember those who no longer sit by our side and make room to honor Jesus' birth. This joint service with First Lutheran will meet at Grace Lutheran on **December 21st** at 6:30 pm.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM: "A Journey to Christmas" will be presented **December 18** during the 9:00 am worship service. Christmas cookie fellowship hour will follow the service.

REMINDER TO EVERYONE that year-end gifts to the church need to be received here and/or postmarked no later than **December 31st**. Your gifts in support of our ministry are very much appreciated.

CARING & SHARING: The Caring & Sharing monthly co-chair sign-up sheet for **2023** is in the Narthex. Please consider being a co-chair for a month that works for you. WELCA thanks you for giving your time in serving our Grace community.

THE ANNUAL MEETING is January 29, 2023. **All reports** from congregation **groups and teams** are due in the church office by **Friday, December 28th**. Reports should be submitted in Microsoft Word or Excel format. Please call the church office with any questions.

JACK FROST'S CLOSET is having its Annual Winter Outerwear Drive. Jack Frost's Closet, a partner program of AZ-One, is seeking new or clean/gently used WINTER OUTERWEAR and new packages of SOCKS for Freeborn County Area Families in need. Don't have a coat to give? Consider giving a monetary donation! Send to 72058 Phillip Drive, Albert Lea (mail only). Make checks payable to: AZ-One FBO: Jack Frost or stop by Jack Frost's Closet distribution site. Do you know someone in need? Pick your own winter gear. Located at the Skyline Mall. Distribution dates subject to change. Hours until January 28: Monday & Thursday 1:30-4:30 pm; Saturday 10:00-2:00 pm. Closed on holidays and for scheduled events. Open other times by appointment. Mask provided and social distancing implemented.



The Grace Lutheran Children Present
A Journey To Christmas!

Sunday, Dec. 18th
during the 9:00 am worship service.
Cookie Fellowship to follow worship service.

The illustration shows a nativity scene with Mary, Joseph, and baby Jesus in a manger, set against a dark blue night sky with a bright star and snow on the ground.

Attention Bakers!

We are looking for people to donate cookies for the "Cookie Fellowship" following the children's Christmas program. Please sign up in the Narthex.



The decorative border on the right side of the text features various cookies: a round one with green icing, a star-shaped one with white icing, a heart-shaped one with red icing, a gingerbread man, and a Christmas tree-shaped one, all surrounded by small white snowflake icons.

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

TODAY: 9:00a **Worship Service**
10:00a Sunday School (Fellowship Hall)
10:00a Adult Forum (Chapel)

MONDAY: 1:30p SAIL (Fellowship Hall)

TUESDAY: 10:00a Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study
(Fireside Room)
10:30a Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY: 6:30p **Thanksgiving Worship at
First Luther Church followed by Pie Social**
6:30p NO Confirmation (Fellowship Hall)

THURSDAY: **BUILDING AND OFFICE CLOSED**

FRIDAY: **BUILDING AND OFFICE CLOSED**

SATURDAY: 9:00a Decorating of the Church

NEXT SUNDAY: 9:00a **Worship Service** (1st Sunday of Advent)
10:00a NO Sunday School
10:00a Adult Forum (Fireside Room)

GRACE PRAYS

Please use this as a tool to extend prayers for our church community at home. If you or your loved one would like to be on the prayer list, please call the office at 507-373-6496, leave the person's name and if it is for prayers of healing, grief, or joy. We love to pray at Grace, and it's our privilege to walk together in faith.

Prayers of Healing

Milt Ost

Sally Skrlin

Mary Moline, sister of Linda Andersen

Irmi Kleih

Leah Peterson, daughter of Nicole & Jim Peterson

Barb Sanderson

John Knutson

Lynn Rasmussen, daughter of Jerry & Gerry Vogt

LuVerne Godtland

SýDontay Williams, grandson of Cheri Wehrenberg

Mary Lou Jacobson

Dick Haug

Arylss Haug

Tom Nelson

Rachelle Bizjak

Greg Henderson

Prayers for those Grieving

Family & Friends of **Adella Attig**, mother of Joe Attig

Family & Friends of **Sandra Godtland**, sister-in-law of
LaVerne Godtland and mother of Shari Godtland-Sprague

Prayers of Joy

For the baptism of **Graham Alexander Whitmore**,
son of Charles and Jessica Whitmore.

For the baptism of **Raegan Marie Whitmore**,
daughter of Charles and Jessica Whitmore