



## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 25<sup>th</sup>**

**A MOST BLESSED CHRISTMAS** to you, each and every one, from the Grace Staff: Pastor Shane Koepke, Pastor Dean Smith, Vicar Ashley Kuhlman, Darin LaFrance, Marsha Smith, Lori Tuchtenhagen, Kandy Nelson, and from our families to you and yours. May the birth of the Christ Child be the beginning of a new year of blessings and deepest joy in following Him as Lord!

**THE CHURCH OFFICE AND BUILDING** will be closed on Monday, **December 26<sup>th</sup>** and reopen on Tuesday, December 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am. Both office and building **will be closed** on Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023.

**FOOD FOR BACKPACKS:** Perhaps you are looking for a way to show your support. The angel tree in the narthex is now adorned with backpacks. We appreciate any and all donations with every dollar going to the purchase of food packets. Donations can be dropped off at the church office at any time. We give thanks, Merry Christmas!

**eGIVING MESSAGE:** Christmas time has come again. And what a remarkable year it has been. We've seen church families band together to help each other and support our congregation with time, talent and financial contributions. Greater seasonal participation is always welcome. Grace encourages you to use our **eGIVING** tools to make your Christmas offering. To learn more, visit our church website at [www.gracealbertlea.org](http://www.gracealbertlea.org). We thank you for supporting our mission this Christmas season!

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

**THE ANNUAL MEETING** is coming up on January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023. **All reports** from congregation **groups and teams** should have been submitted by now. If not, please submit as soon as you can. Reports should be submitted in Microsoft Word or Excel format. Please call the church office with any questions.

**MEMBERS OF GRACE LUTHERAN**, it's that time of the year. Are you looking for a new opportunity to become more involved at Grace? We are looking for individuals interested in being on **CHURCH COUNCIL**. The council involves one meeting a month for approximately an hour. Please consider volunteering for this wonderful leadership opportunity working in partnership with the staff of Grace Lutheran Church. If you are interested, you can sign up in the narthex today.

**SAIL:** There will be **NO SAIL** classes through the rest of the year. Classes will resume Monday, January 9, 2023.

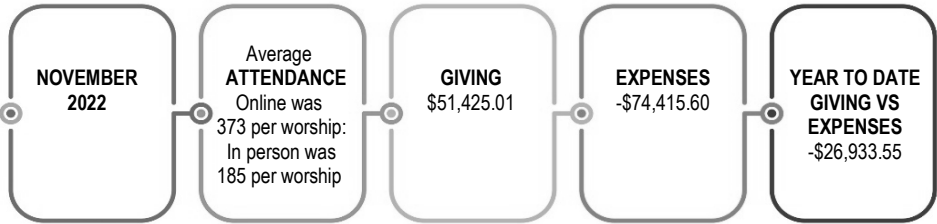
**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** Communion Assistants and Scripture Readers. If interested, please sign up in the Narthex.

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

**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.

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### GENEROSITY AT GRACE



## **THIS WEEK AT GRACE**

**CHRISTMAS DAY: 9:00a Christmas Day Worship Service**

**MONDAY: BUILDING & OFFICE CLOSED**

**TUESDAY: 10:00a NO Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study  
10:30a NO Staff Meeting**

**WEDNESDAY: 6:30p NO Confirmation**

**THURSDAY: 7:30a Thursday Morning Bible Study  
(Fireside Room)  
10:00a Grace Notes Mail Prep (Fellowship Hall)  
1:30p NO SAIL**

**FRIDAY: BUILDING AND OFFICE CLOSED**

**NEXT SUNDAY: 9:00a Worship Service  
(1/1/2023) 10:00a NO Sunday School**

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## **GRACE PRAYS**

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**

**Lanae Thorstad**

**Myron Levisen**

**Stefan Sedlmeyr**, son-in-law of Mary J. Peterson

**Diane Meyer**, daughter-in-law of Ona Meyer

**Donna Oakland**

**Shirley Pearson**

**Milt Ost**

**Sally Skrlin**

**Mary Moline**, sister of Linda Andersen

**Barb Sanderson**

**John Knutson**

**Lynn Rasmussen**, daughter of Jerry & Gerry Vogt

**Mary Lou Jacobson**

**Dick Haug**

**Arlyss Haug**

### **Prayers for those Grieving**

Family and Friends of **LuVerne Godtland**

Family and Friends of **Andrew "Andy" Dyrdal**

Family & Friends of **Luther Linnas**

### **Prayers of Joy**

Sunday School children and their leaders!