



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 29, 2023

THE 75th ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: TODAY

10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Coffee and treats will be served. No classes or Adult Forum. *January 29th Annual Meeting with February 5th alternate bad weather date.*

END OF YEAR STATEMENTS: Statements have been mailed out.

MARY CIRCLE will meet on Monday, February 6th, at 5:15 in the kitchen.

VIVIAN MILLER completed her baptismal journey this last week. She was 94 years old and will be missed by many at Grace. A private graveside service will be held at a later date. If you would like to send your condolences, please send a note to Bayview Funeral Home, C/O Vivian Miller family, 1415 State Hwy 13, Albert Lea, MN 56007.

OFFERING ENVELOPES: Some of you may be aware of delays in the offering envelope mailings over the past couple of months. Due to supply chain and the inability to add employees at the rate necessary has created a slow draw on production and shipping. Recently, both of those issues have been resolved. However, the “catchup” would jeopardize long term delivery. To get back to expected levels of timely deliveries, we are forced to suspend the production of the remaining supply of your February envelopes. The offering envelopes will resume and be delivered by the first Sunday in March. Quarterly supply will restart in April.

Never in their company's history have they had to skip scheduled mailings and are doing all they can to make sure this never happens again. They deeply apologize for this necessary course of action and the inconvenience this has caused you. Please note that there are envelopes in the Narthex and pews that can be used.

FORMER GRACE ORGANIST RETIRES: Former Grace Lutheran organist and choir director, Becky Iverson, will retire from music leadership at First Lutheran in Hayward, WI on January 22nd. If you would like to send her a card of congratulations, please send it to the following address: First Lutheran, 10680 Main Street, Hayward, WI 54843.

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.

SCRIPTURE READERS: Read through the scripture readings prior to worship. Read scripture readings during the worship (see bulletin for order of readings). The lesson will be emailed to you during the week with a copy located on the lectern Sunday mornings. Sign-up sheets can be found in the Narthex.

USHER: Ushers are needed at our 9:00 am worship service. Help make everyone feel welcome to worship. Greet with a smile, pass out bulletins, assist with seating, collect offering, collect bulletins, and tidy up. It's a simple but meaningful job!

UPDATES IN YOUR FAMILY? If you have recent changes to your family or contact information, please update it by emailing: office@gracealbertlea.org or calling 507-373-6496.

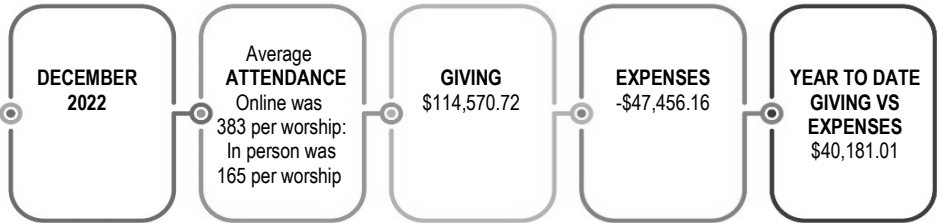
GIVING MADE EASY: Donate to Grace Lutheran with your phone! Support ministries anytime and anywhere from the palm of your hand. Here are the simple steps to begin giving: Download the Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement App. Search for our church. Select your fund and amount. Enter payment method. Choose whether to cover processing fees and complete your donation. We thank you for your support.

ALTAR FLOWERS/COMMUNION BREAD & WINE: If you would like to provide flowers for the altar or bread and wine for communion, sign-up sheets along with special envelopes can be found in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please call the church office.

PASTORAL CARE: To assist our pastoral staff in providing pastoral care for those hospitalized or homebound, please notify a pastor of pending surgeries, overnight hospital stays, or individuals who would like a home visit. Hospital personnel do not always notify our church of our members who are in the hospital.

DON'T FORGET TO DIRECT CHOICE DOLLARS®: Grant funding from Thrivent Financial through its Thrivent Choice® program can help support organizations you care about. Don't let Choice Dollars expire. Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have Choice Dollars available have until **March 31, 2023**, to direct any remaining 2022 Choice Dollars. Help support Grace Lutheran Church; go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice to learn more. Or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.

GENEROSITY AT GRACE



THIS WEEK AT GRACE

TODAY: 9:00a **Worship Service**
10:00a NO Sunday School
10:00a Annual Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

MONDAY: 1:30p SAIL

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

WEDNESDAY: 9:00a Sewing Group
6:30p Confirmation

THURSDAY: 7:30a Thursday Morning Bible Study
(Fireside Room)
1:30p SAIL

FRIDAY: **BUILDING AND OFFICE CLOSED**

NEXT SUNDAY: 8:30a Fair-Trade Coffee
9:00a Worship Service
10:00a Sunday School
10:00a Coffee Fellowship (Chapel)

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 the request 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

Rachelle Bizjak

Lanae Thorstad

Diane Meyer, daughter-in-law of Ona Meyer

Donna Oakland

Shirley Pearson

Milt Ost

Mary Moline, sister of Linda Andersen

Barb Sanderson

John Knutson

Lynn Rasmussen, daughter of Jerry & Gerry Vogt

Mary Lou Jacobson

Dick Haug

Arylss Haug

Tom Nelson

Greg Henderson

Prayers for those Grieving

Family & Friends of **Dale Lamp**, brother of Judy Gulbrandson

Family & Friends of **Vivian Miller**

Family & Friends of **Keith Wakefield**, brother of Frank Wakefield

Prayers of Joy

Birth of **Max Drommerhausen**,
grandson of Dave & Julie Drommerhausen

For **Carol Olson & Aaron Bartz**

for providing music in worship