

# Grace Lutheran Church

## THE WELCOME PLACE



We would like to wish everyone a very Happy New Year and God's Blessings on everyone. May we come together as a Church family and find the Peace that we are looking for.



### Ladies of Grace

Thanks to Flora Gunderson for the lovely Christmas party she planned for the Ladies of Grace on December 11<sup>th</sup>. Not only was the food great, but also the company so thanks to all who attended.

The holiday cookie sale at Loaves & Fishes on December 12<sup>th</sup> was a great success. We raised \$841 and Thrivent Financial will be contributing the amount that was not spent on landscaping at Good Samaritan which amounts to \$500+. Other groups have expressed interest in helping raise the total of \$2,000 – the teacher's credit union and an anonymous donor, so Loaves & Fishes is assured of having a new steam table at the beginning of 2009. Thanks to all who helped with the cookies and on the day of the sale.

I look forward to working with all of you in 2009. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Elaine Pulver

Ladies of Grace will hold their first meeting of 2009 on January 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am in the Parish Hall. The project for this month will be a Chicken Wing Sale for January 11<sup>th</sup>. The Ladies Lunch Out is scheduled for January 15<sup>th</sup>. Please watch your bulletin for the place. On January 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Ladies will meet for Bible Study. The Leader will be Marcy Firl and hostess is B. Carlson. All Ladies are welcome to attend.



### Advanced Directive Clinic

Elder care in conjunction with Valley Baptist Hospital will present an "Advanced Directive Clinic" in the Parish Hall, January 24, 2009 at 1:00 P.M. This will be open to everyone and will be advertised by Valley Baptist and the newspaper.



### Cathy's Corner Follow the Star...







We have gotten well into the Christmas Season and are looking forward to 2009. On January 6<sup>th</sup> we, along with the Magi, will visit the Christ child and be blessed. On this day of Epiphany in your home expect something wondrous and unexpected. The word "Epiphany" means "manifestation". Jesus is made known to us in so many unassuming ways...

We move on to the baptism of our Lord on January 11<sup>th</sup>. On this day we see and hear the fulfillment of the promises of our heavenly Father as He says: "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." This is a Sunday when we commemorate our own baptismal promises.

Enjoy these cool days as they are far and few between in the tropics of Southern Texas. They tend to allow us to slow down just a little to experience the wonder of our Salvation!

New Year Blessing to all!

Cathy

<p><b><u>Mission Statement</u></b></p> <p><b>God's purpose for Grace Lutheran Church is:</b></p> <p><b>Welcome to grace, Welcome the message.</b></p> <p><b>Principle Values:</b></p> <p><b>Jesus is Lord</b></p> <p><b>Everyone is welcome</b></p> <p><b>All serve in different ways</b></p> <p><b>Seek and share the message</b></p> <p><b>God's love is life changing</b></p>	<p>Your Thrivent Coordinators are pleased to announce that the Coca Cola roof fund has been supplemented by Thrivent Care in Congregation Funds of \$1300.00. This was possible from the Coca Cola sales profit of \$630.00 and roof repair donations of \$1320.00. Thank you to all who help with this fundraiser.</p>	
	<p><b>ATTENTION THRIVENT MEMBERS:</b> Grace needs 3 coordinators one of these three has to be the lead coordinator. The current three coordinators have asked to be replaced. The three have to be benefit members and have Internet access.</p> <p>Without the coordinators positions filled Grace will not be able to receive supplemental funds for the Care In Congregation program, which is \$1.300.00.</p>	
	<div style="text-align: center;">  <p><b>Church Council Notes</b></p> </div> <p>Council has received offers from other electric companies- We will check different rates for comparison - Property/ Maintenance committee has received bids for church roof - plan to have some to present to congregation in January - Listening Team will be here Jan. 6th &amp; we pray for a good attendance by the congregation.</p>	<div style="text-align: center;">  <p><b>Men's Breakfast</b></p> </div> <p>Men's Breakfast will be held on January 14th and January 28th at 8:00am at Tila's Restaurant. All men of the church are welcome to attend.</p> <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/> <div style="background-color: #e0e0e0; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>Elder Care will meet January 6th at 10:30am in the Parish Hall.</p> </div> <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p><b>Bible Study will start again on January 12th at 6:30pm</b></p> </div>
	<div style="text-align: center;">  <p><b>Church Council</b></p> </div> <p>The Church Council will meet on January 13th at 7:00pm in the Parish</p>	<div style="text-align: center;">  <p><b>Special Dates</b></p> </div> <p>January 1 New Year's Day          January 6 Epiphany          January 11 Baptism of the Lord          January 19 Martin Luther King Jr. Day          January 20 Inauguration Day          January 18-25 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity</p>
<div style="text-align: center;">  <p><b>Congregational Meeting</b></p> </div> <p>There will be a Congregational Meeting on January 18th at 9:45am. We will be voting on the budget for 2009. All members are asked to attend.</p>		

## JANUARY Service Schedule

	January 4	January 11	January 18	January 25
<b>Usher Early</b>	Paul & Clair Schuelle	Paul & Clair Schuelle	Paul & Clair Schuelle	Paul & Clair Schuelle
<b>Usher Late</b>	Dwane & Ruth Thompson	Dwane & Ruth Thompson	Dwane & Ruth Thompson	Dwane & Ruth Thompson
<b>Liturgical Assistant Early</b>	Bonnie Morton	Bonnie Morton	Bonnie Morton	Bonnie Morton
<b>Communion Assistant Late</b>	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
<b>Lector Early</b>	Bonnie Morton	Bonnie Morton	Bonnie Morton	Bonnie Morton
<b>Lector Late</b>	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
<b>Acolyte Early</b>	Poulos Children	Poulos Children	Poulos Children	Poulos Children
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Ruth Thompson Pam Ramsey	Ruth Thompson Pam Ramsey	Ruth Thompson Pam Ramsey	Ruth Thompson Pam Ramsey



- Blake Ramsey 1/2
- Jack Hamre 1/4
- Susan Schaffer 1/5
- Barbara Christensen 1/6
- Percy Ensrud 1/11
- Phyllis McKee 1/14
- Bob Underly 1/14
- William Berkland 1/17
- Judi Christensen 1/19
- Wally Kruegger 1/21
- Betty Domask 1/23
- Lillian Raynor 1/23
- Larry Carlson 1/25
- Paul Schulle 1/25
- Pam Ramsey 1/26
- Laura Hamre 1/29



Donations are being accepted for the Neighborhood Pantry. Item needed this month is **powdered potatoes**. Please place your donations in the boxes that are placed in the Narthex

**KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS**



**Family Members**

- John Firl
- Reba Gandara
- Mike Ramsey
- Darrell Kennedy
- David Fedson
- Adelle Schleicher
- Jan Miller
- Oveila Lindsay

**Healing & Health Concerns...**

- Critical**  
**Leon** MacQueen  
**Wilma** Lucas  
**Carolyn** Linden  
**Marv** Zimmerman

**Friends of Congregation**

- Nancy Dieringer
- Larry Adair
- Linda Verbout
- George Garcia
- Jamie King
- Kelby Eddleman
- Joan Stoul
- Joyce White
- Stephen Schluender
- Teresa Herrera
- Betty Wilson
- Dr. Warren Lee

- Healing**  
**Elsie** Gunderson  
**Happy** Bingham  
**Dick** Mars  
**Frank** Bingham  
**Dallas** Van Koll  
**Gwen** Pierce (Shut In)  
**Florence** Miller (Shut In)  
**Kent** Stratford (Shut In)



- Robert** Pederson,
- Todd** Sanders,
- Christopher** Petersen
- Bradley** Hunt
- Steve** Sherman



Al & Juanita Rudolph  
January 29th



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Office Closed 	2	3
4 8:15 Church 9:30 S.S. 10:45 Church Installation Of Church Council Members	5	6 10:30am Elder Care Listing Team	7 Choir 6:00pm	8 9:00am Ladies of Grace	9	10 9:00am Take down Christmas Decorations
11 8:15 Church 9:30 S.S. 10:45 Church Chicken Wing Sale	12 6:30pm Bible Study	13 7:00pm Church Council	14 8:00am Men's Breakfast Choir 6:00pm	15 11:30am Ladies Lunch Out	16	17
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