

Grace Lutheran Church

THE WELCOME PLACE



I'm writing to you on the last afternoon of my paternity leave. It has been a good six weeks, but it has gone very quickly. I am grateful for the opportunity to get to spend this time with my wife and our little son, Abel. It would have been difficult for us if I hadn't had this time. So I want to say "thank you".

As we approach Advent, the season of anticipation, I look forward to getting back to normal. Though I know that things will never get back to the "normal" that I used to know, I'm looking forward to setting new, good patterns in our family life.

I hope all is well with you.

Peace,

Pastor Ryan



Church Council Notes

Council Highlights:

- * Kitchen update estimate was reviewed. Referred to Ladies of Grace for necessities.
- * Minor details are still being worked on in the parsonage.
- * New bids are being accepted for sanctuary renovation.
- * Bob is working with Electric Companies for better rates on electric service.

* Barbara Beck transfer accepted.

* Draft copy of the council minutes are posted in the fellowship hall.



The Ladies of Grace will hold a Veteran's Day Service on Sunday, November 8th. The Ladies will be selling flowers again this year for the Altar.

The cost is \$5.00. There will

be a sign up sheet in the Parish Hall.

November 15th is Stewardship Sunday and a Pot Luck will be held following the service. Please mark your calendars and come out and enjoy good food and wonderful fellowship.

Pot Luck Dinner



Three council member terms are at an end this year. **Nominations** are now being accepted by the nomination committee to fill these vacancies. Please contact members of the nomination committee (Paul Schulle, Judi Christensen, or Jim Dallman) for nominations.

NOMINATIONS



Veterans Day

Don't forget **Veteran's Day** on Wednesday, November 11th. Please make sure you take the time to remember all Veteran's and give them a special "THANK YOU".

Mission Statement

God's purpose for Grace Lutheran Church is:

**Welcome to grace,
Welcome the message.**

Principle Values:

Jesus is Lord

Everyone is welcome

All serve in different ways

Seek and share the message

God's love is life changing



Altar Flowers

November 2009

November 1 Open

November 8 Open

November 15

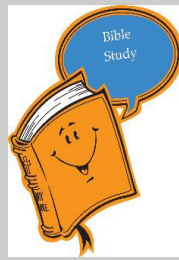
Butch & Skippy Palmer
40th Wedding Anniversary

November 22

Ruth Bork

November 29

Jack & Laura Hamre
Anniversary



Bible Study is held every Monday at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall. The study is over the book of Luke. Everyone is invited to attend.

Men's Breakfast will be held on Wednesday, November 11th and November 25th, at 8:00am at Tila's Restaurant. All men of the Church are welcome to attend.



The beginning of Advent



Advent

November is the month of Thanksgiving, but it often also includes the beginning of a new church year. This year, November 29 is the first Sunday of Advent. The season of Advent is about Jesus, the Word, "coming." It's about anticipating and

preparing for Christ's arrival.

God comes to us in many and various ways. He speaks to us through the prophets and saints. He comes and speaks to us when we are listening. He comes in the beauty and mysteries of nature. Most of all, God comes in the person of Christ, speaking to his listeners face to face.

Pastor Edmund Steimle put it this way: "The Christian story is a story of God coming into the middle of life, of our lives, opening the dialogue with us."

That's what Advent is really all about: God visiting the earth in person to speak with anyone and everyone who is ready to do so.



The Ladies of Grace will hold their annual Rummage Sale on Saturday, December 5th. You have plenty of time to gather items for the sale.



Pumpkin Pie Sale

Ladies of Grace Pumpkin Pie Sale will be Sunday, November 22 during the Coffee



Ladies of Grace

The Ladies of Grace will hold their monthly business meeting on Thursday, November 5th in the Parish Hall at 9:00am. Flora Gunderson will be hostess. Projects for the month of November are the Veterans Day Service and flowers and the Pumpkin Pie sale on November 22. The Ladies Lunch Out will be November 12 at Great China. Thursday, November 19th the Ladies will hold their Bible Study with Edna Gross as hostess and Laura Hamre as Bible Study Leader. They will meet at 9:00am in the Parish Hall.

November Service Schedule

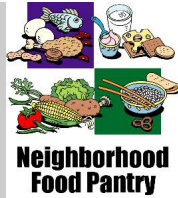
	November 1	November 8	November 15	November 22	November 29
Usher	Elaine Pulver Vern Dokken	Elaine Pulver Vern Dokken	Elaine Pulver Vern Dokken	Elaine Pulver Vern Dokken	Elaine Pulver Vern Dokken
Liturgical Assistant	Jan Demro	Jan Demro	Jan Demro	Jan Demro	Jan Demro
Lector	Marlene Pegg	Marlene Pegg	Marlene Pegg	Marlene Pegg	Marlene Pegg
Acolyte	Ann/ Gwendolyn Poulos	Ann/ Gwendolyn Poulos	Ann/ Gwendolyn Poulos	Ann/ Gwendolyn Poulos	Ann/ Gwendolyn Poulos
Altar Guild	Marvel Divine	Marvel Divine	Marvel Divine	Marvel Divine	Marvel Divine



- Steve Villarreal 11/01
- Bob Raynor 11/02
- Bonnie Morton 11/03
- Jim Galloway 11/04
- Gwendolyn Pierce 11/04
- Clair Schulle 11/07
- A.C. Hoehne 11/08
- Carolyn Brandt 11/10
- Clarence Hoffman 11/13
- Marie Sankey 11/13
- LaVon Parker 11/14
- Kent Stratford 11/19
- Savvas Poulos 11/20
- Jon Christensen 11/30



- Butch & Skippy Palmer 11/15
- AC & Wysonda Hoehne 11/17
- Clarence & Lou Hoffman 11/19
- Jack & Laura Hamre 11/27



Donations are being accepted for the Neighborhood Pantry. Item needed this month is **Canned Pasta, Ravioli, Spaghetti**. Please place your donations in the boxes that are placed in the Narthex. The Neighborhood Food Pantry will also gladly accept monetary donations.



Critical
Linda LaFond

Healing
Dick Mars,
Gladys Hanson,
Sherryn Brooks,
Banner Lindsay,
Ruth Bork,
Eleanora Klein,
Lou Hoffman,
Judy Werth

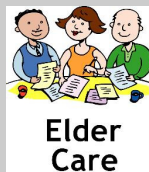
Shut Ins
Gwen Pierce,
Florence Miller,
Kent Stratford,
Elsie Gunderson,

Family Members
Reba Gandara,
Derrell Kennedy,
Jan Miller,
Jimmy Faires,
Emma Dahl,
Mindy Staruh,
Bertha Phillips,
Aletha Whitley



Damien Young,
Todd Steffan,
D.J. Mott

Friends of Congregation
Larry Adair,
Nancy Dieringer,
John Rosnik,
John Lucas,
Joe Erickson,
Stephen Schluender,
George Garcia,
Jane Sinnema,
Murial Erickson,
Wilma Lucas,
Matthew Reed,
Nels Lee



Elder Care will meet on Tuesday, November 3rd at 10:30am in the Parish Hall.

November 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00 S.S. Coffee Hour 10:00 Church All Saint's Day	2 7:00pm Bible Study	3 10:30am Elder Care	4 6:00pm Choir	5 9:00am Ladies of Grace	6 Pastor's Day Off	7
8 9:00 S.S. Coffee Hour 10:00 Church Veteran's Day Service	9 7:00pm Bible Study	10 7:00pm Council	11  VETERANS DAY 8:00am Men's Breakfast 6:00pm Choir	12 11:30am Ladies Lunch Out Great China	13 Pastor's Day Off	14
15 9:00 S.S. Coffee Hour 10:00 Church Stewardship Sunday Pot Luck Christ the King Sunday	16 7:00pm Bible Study	17	18 6:00pm Choir	19 9:00am Ladies of Grace	20 Pastor's Day Off 	21
22 9:00 S.S. Coffee Hour 10:00 Church Pumpkin Pie Sale	23 7:00pm Bible Study	24	25 8:00am Men's Breakfast 6:00pm Choir	26 Office Closed 	27 Pastor's Day Off Office Closed	28
29 9:00 S.S. Coffee Hour 10:00 Church First Sunday Of Advent	30 7:00pm Bible Study					