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GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 2018

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR MILLER

Each week we gather to celebrate that we have been “saved by grace” (*Ephesians 2:8*). Each year we celebrate the source of our salvation in the Person and Work of Jesus Christ. Namely, we again remember that “*But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons*” (*Galatians 4:4, 5, ESV*). Of course, I’m referring to Christmas but also those weeks leading up to that blessed Birth Day. (Only three this year)



Beginning **Wednesday, December 5 at 7pm** we will again take the opportunity to observe a time of waiting. As we wait/prepare, “**Your King Is Coming**” will serve as our overall theme.

December 5. **Advent Midweek 1: “Jesus: King of Shame”** Zechariah 9:9b; Psalm 25:1–3.

In the season of Advent we pray that Jesus, the Sun of Righteousness, will bring light to the darkening world. We hear with joy the prophetic word “**Your King is coming to you,**” and we embrace the hope that it brings. Through our worship we find enlightenment as we prepare our hearts and lives for the coming of our eternal King. Together we walk in the path of holiness because the King who is coming to us has covered our shame and bids us welcome Him. The season of Advent calls to us to stop, look, and listen for the Lord.

December 12. **Advent Midweek 2: “Jesus: King of Guilt”** Psalm 80.

We look for the coming of the Lord. The Church looks upward and forward until that time “Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest” (*LSB 644:4*). Advent is that “looking forward time” that shares glimpses of that glorious vision of our returning King, the gracious King who comes to take upon Himself our guilt and bring us the gift of forgiveness. Faithfully He promises to renew and restore us to being the crown of His creation. With eager anticipation we look at the Word and at the world prepared to welcome Jesus, our Lord, and rejoice in the wonder of His coming.

December 19 **Advent Midweek 3: “Jesus: King of the Low”** 2 Samuel 7:1–17; Luke 1:26–38

Soon Christmas Eve and Christmas Day will have come and gone for another year. But we will have had another opportunity to celebrate the coming of Jesus, our Emmanuel, the One who comes “with the treasures of His grace to enrich the humble poor” (*LSB 349:3*). By His grace, our coming King enriches us in every way. As we worship, we have one more chance to listen to the special sounds of Advent as we hear them echo in the readings from Scripture, in the

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WORSHIP SERVICES

Traditional Service 9am

Sunday School &
Adult Bible Study at 10:15am

Holy Communion
December 9 & 23

December 24 at 7pm
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE



Join us Monday, December 24th at 7 p.m. for our candlelight Christmas Eve Service. Invite your neighbors and friends for worship during this special time!

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING SUMMARY

The Grace Lutheran Church Board of Directors held their regular meeting on November 13, 2018. The November 18, 2018 Voters' Assembly Meeting agenda and the Staff Appreciation Letter were reviewed.

The Board Chair, Jeannette Bailey, conveyed a letter of thanks received from the Pacific Southwest District for Grace Lutheran's continued financial support.

The names of Pastor Jason Hong and lay voter, Jeannette Bailey were recommended by the Board to represent the congregation for the LCMS Presidential election in June, 2019

Secretary, Linda Taylor

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voices singing the hymns of the season around us, and in our praying together as the redeemed of the Lord in hope await His coming.

Beloved in the Lord, won't you join your brothers and sisters-in-Christ — and me for these extra opportunities for worship. Come for **"Your King is coming to you"**!

See you in church,
--Pastor Miller



MIDWEEK ADVENT SOUP SUPPER AND SERVICE

We will be holding our Midweek Advent suppers and Services on Wednesdays (Dec. 5, 12, 19). The soup-sandwich supper will begin at 6pm with service at 7pm.

Please sign up in the church entryway if you are able to bring a soup, sandwiches, or dessert. Invite a friend to join us!

Offerings from our 3 midweek advent services will go to Veterans of the Cross, a ministry to retired church workers in need of basic necessities, and the Kinde Ethiopia Ministry.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 4 – Harold Buck
- 4 – Susan Martinez
- 4 – Roger Moore
- 5 – Lois Hong
- 6 – Gus Acevedo
- 7 – Pat McCage
- 8 – Bill Hamlin
- 9 – Vincenta Suarez
- 11 – Yvonne Horn
- 12 – Mercy Perez
- 15 – Norma Ard
- 17 – Ann Benninghoff
- 19 – Dorothy Hafliger
- 29 – Elly Polchow



DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 20 – Rob & Terri Little
- 27 – Jason & Lois Hong



A DINNER

FOR THE CONGREGATION

Saturday - December 15 at 12 Noon
In the Fellowship Hall

Tickets are \$10 each - Family of 4 is \$30 -
5 and under free

Last day to purchase tickets is:
Sunday - December 2nd.

No ticket sales the day of the event.

You will enjoy

- Christmas dinner prepared by the Fellowship Committee
- Christmas music to celebrate our Saviors birth
- Great fellowship with our family of faith
 - Gift basket raffle and more

LWML ADVENT LUNCHEON

Ladies please join us!

Saturday, December 1, 2018

10am

in the Fellowship Room



- Bring a White Elephant Gift (wrapped or in a bag)

THE VIRGIN WILL CONCEIVE A CHILD! SHE
WILL GIVE BIRTH TO A SON AND WILL
CALL HIM

IMMANUEL — GOD IS WITH US.

ISAIAH 7:14

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Minutes for November 14, 2018

Present: Ben Benninghoff, Rick Berghoefer,
George Konrad, Colin Pay, Bob Taylor.

Meeting opened at 8:00 am

Old Business:

- Parking lot bid for crack filling, resurfacing, and re-striping was voted and approved.
- Exterminator has exterminated bug population. Situation to be reviewed next February to determine application frequency.

New Business:

- Trustees to have two tables at the Christmas dinner.
- Mirror installed in Pastor's office.

Meeting closed with Lord's Prayer at 8:34 am.

Respectfully submitted,
George Konrad, Secretary

FOR YOUR INFORMATION**Grace Lutheran Endowment Fund**

(managed by The LCMS Foundation): \$9693

Mortgage balance

(owed to Thrivent Financial): \$85,627

***Have a Blessed Christmas***

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6

THOSE WHO SERVE AT GRACE**Van Drivers:**

December - Russ Bailey
January - Rob Little
February - Carl Hester

Greeters:

December – Arlene Dollarhide
Nita Hallmann
January – John and Gail Wright

Ushers:

December – Dave Ehlers
Milt Reed
January – Don McCage
Milt Reed

Altar Guild:

December – Linda Anderson
Gail Wright

Elder Worship Assistant:

December - Roger Ballinger
January - Bill Umland
February - John Wright

Sunday Hospitality:

1st Sunday – Carlos and Mercy Perez
2nd Sunday – Gladys Solvey
Carolyn Modellmog
3rd Sunday – Bob and Linda Taylor
4th Sunday – Rob and Terri Little
5th Sunday – Don and Pat McCage

