

grace notes

The November Newsletter of Grace Lutheran Church

Loving Generously *Putting words into Action!*

The people of Grace are embracing the challenge of *LOVING GENEROUSLY* as we respond to God’s call to “love our neighbors” in very tangible ways during the month of November. During the sermon series and small groups this month, we will study God’s mission of *LOVING GENEROUSLY* ... and then we’ll challenge each other to put words into action by loving our neighbors – both locally and globally.

And so you may ask two simple questions: How do I respond to God’s call of *LOVING GENEROUSLY*? ... and “Who is my neighbor?”

Simple acts of *LOVING GENEROUSLY* with our ‘neighbors’ may involve:

- The young couple next door who will be blessed by your compassionate, listening ear
- The orphaned youth in Rakai, Uganda, who will attend school through our support of RODI
- The starving child in Africa who will receive a meal that you packed at Feed My Starving Children
- The young boy in India who will receive your Operation Christmas Child shoebox filled with gifts
- The local family experiencing homelessness, who will be blessed by you through Family Promise
- The student at Sand Creek who will enjoy a Thanksgiving feast, thanks to your generosity
- The wandering teen in Anoka County, who will be fed by your food donation to Hope 4 Youth

We invite (well, actually challenge) each person of our Grace family to embrace the *LOVING GENEROUSLY* sermon series, to study God’s word and mission, and then put words into action!



NOVEMBER LOVING GENEROUSLY EVENTS

Together, let’s “love our neighbor” through these opportunities:

Nov. 15/16	Hear stories from Rakai Orphans Development Initiative RODI)
Nov. 21 & 22	Pack meals at Feed My Starving Children
Nov. 23	Bring filled Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box to church
Nov. 23 – 30	Serve families experiencing homelessness through Family Promise Ministry
Nov. 22-25	Donate food for Thanksgiving baskets for families at Sand Creek Elementary
Nov. 1 - 30	Bring ‘heat & eat’ food items to Welcome Center, for Hope 4 Youth in Anoka

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Confession Time

Pastor Mark's Remarks

I have a confession to make... I don't know all the names of the people who live on my street! In fact, I don't think I could recognize them all, no matter how many times they drive past my house! And what makes it even harder to confess...I don't live on a big street. There are only 18 homes total! For a pastor who is known for his ability to recall names at church and connect with people, it is humbling to realize I don't have many connections and relationships with the people I live the closest to.



This neighborhood disconnect seems strange to me. When I was a kid, I knew everyone in my much larger neighborhood of 50 to 75 homes! Unlike today, I remember we were better connected and had a closeness so much different than my present neighborhood. Back then we knew everyone's names, both kids and adults. We knew the cars each family drove. We knew each others' pets, and even knew what church they attended. We felt safe and well-connected. When I went out on Halloween to trick and treat, everyone knew who I was. Since my family home had a large front porch on which we played on all the time, it was easy to connect and talk with neighbors as they walked by.

This closeness had its pluses and minuses. The pluses? I felt safe and secure. I felt connected and part of the whole community. I had a place! I felt accepted. The minuses? I couldn't get away with much. If I did something wrong, I knew it would not be long until my parents knew all about it. There were few secrets in our close knit neighborhood.

I sometimes find myself desiring that same connectedness in my neighborhood today, as I realize how little I have. My neighborhood disconnectedness makes it almost impossible to share about the most important thing in my life...God! If I am a Christ-follower who is living his life in praise and thanksgiving for God, who seeks to be a peacemaker, and someone who is to witness to the saving grace found in Jesus Christ, how can I do that effectively to the people around me, if I don't have relationships with them? They will never take me or what I say about God seriously, unless they really know me for who I am.

This is why I'm excited about the November Loving Generously series we have at Grace. I think I need to be challenged and stretched by its basic message: we can't really say we love God unless we also strive to love our neighbors, no matter where they may be....close by, at school or work, in our community, or beyond. I believe this Loving Generously series will teach all of us a whole new kind of generosity - a generosity of relationships!

What is great about this series is that it's not all talk but also includes actions. At the end of the series, we will be asked how we might take some small action steps of building such relationships in simple ways...a dinner or dessert with a neighbor in your home; an invitation to meet someone from school or work for coffee; or some other kind of connection in order to make yourself available to simply love someone generously.

I hope you will make worship a priority during November as

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we take steps to love more generously. I think the message of loving generously is something we all need.

I also pray you will consider sharpening some of your serving skills, and serve in one of our special serving events: Family Promise, Family Table, Operation Christmas Child, Feed My Starving Children Marathon Event, donating food for Hope 4 Youth, or giving food for a family at Sand Creek Elementary School at Thanksgiving. Together God can use the worship series and these serving events to grow us more into people of grace in the heart of Andover and beyond.

Serving In Him,

Pastor Mark

Welcome Kate Morphew



We welcome Kate Morphew as our new Connection & Volunteer Coordinator at Grace. Kate and her husband Bill are busy parents of Joseph (11yrs.) and Grace (8 yrs.). They have been attending Grace for

more than eight years. Kate is involved in a variety of ministries: WOW, the Pastoral Care Team, Altar Guild, and the Women's Ministry Team.

Before she was a busy mother of two, Kate was a Grain Merchandiser for Archer Daniel Midland (ADM) overseeing 13 grain elevators in Bolivia as well as in Minnesota. She is familiar with managing teams and encouraging people to serve!

Kate has a passion for people and loves to connect with them. This will help her as she coordinates deeper connections with visitors and new comers at Grace. We are blessed to have a constant number of people seeking a new church home, and are excited that Kate

Alignment

A Note from Pastor Steve

If you could condense our theme for spiritual formation at Grace this fall into one word, it would be: *alignment*.

The body of Christ is a wonderfully diverse and complex organism. That is very evident here at Grace. We have many different people with many different gifts at Grace. We **are all following the Spirit's leading** to serve the church and the world in many different ways. This is good and this is how it should be.

However, every once in a while it is good to take a body to the chiropractor and get things back

into alignment. That's what we are trying to do through our *Loving Generously* Sermon Series and Small Groups. I am very excited to report that we have small groups meeting in our high school ministry, women's ministry, men's ministry, and on four nights of the week in adult ministries...all studying the same thing for five weeks. That is *alignment*.

I don't think we can underestimate the positive effects this alignment will have on our body. When a skilled chiropractor twists and pops the spine it allows the electrical impulses to flow more freely through the nervous system, and promotes healthy bodily functions. In the same way, I believe this alignment through *Loving Generously* will create spaces of communication throughout our body that will allow the Holy Spirit to move freely in and among us, to prompt us to grow in healthy—and generous—ways.

If you have not joined a small group, it is never too late. Better to join late and get in on what the Spirit is doing, than to never join at all!

Pastor Steve

will help us build a network of connections, friendships, and relationships to those coming to Grace.

In addition to her responsibilities to connect with new comers, Kate will oversee the scheduling, training and enlisting of those who serve in the various weekend worship ministries: ushers, readers, communion servers, etc. If you have any questions about volunteering, please don't hesitate to call her. (763-421-6520)

When she has time, Kate has a variety of interests, including volunteering at school and the Anoka County Historical Society. In her spare time she enjoys reading, gardening, and cooking.

When you have the opportunity, please stop in to the church offices on Tuesday or Friday and welcome Kate! If you need to reach her, you can email her at katem@graceandover.org.



Worship Notes in November



November is a month both rich in meaning and opportunity as we gather for national holidays and significant moments in the church year calendar. In addition, Grace will continue our Loving Generously Worship series which reminds us that loving God comes alive in the ways in which we love others. The following Worship Calendar will help you prepare for a great month of worship.

Nov. 1/2
All Saints
All Services

This is the weekend we remember all the “saints” who have died and join the “great cloud of witnesses” in heaven (Heb. 12:1) It is a joyous time. It is a grieving time. But most of all, it is a time of gratitude for the lives God has given us to funnel and shape us with faith and love. A special banner with names of our loved ones written upon it will be carried into the services. In addition, a Commemoration Prayer will be prayed as we name aloud those who have died.

Nov. 15.16
All Services

As part of our journey to loving generously through a month of serving, we will welcome Richard Mutaawe and Lwondo Johnson at our worship services. Richard and Lwondo are from RODI (Rakia Orphans Development Initiative) located in Uganda, Africa. Grace has a special connection with RODI and has helped build several water containment systems for several past Lent projects.

Nov. 21/22
Christ the King
FMSC Serving Weekend
All Services

This weekend marks the end of the church year and our Loving Generous Journey, when we celebrate that Jesus is the King of all things, AND that the best way of loving him is by loving others generously. We have lots to celebrate on our Feed My Starving Children Marathon Serving Weekend. There will be many exciting stories to share, as we give thanks for the opportunity to touch and change the lives of countless hungry children in our world! Come join us with a celebration of special music and message!

Nov. 26
Thanksgiving
Eve 7 p.m.

Our Thanksgiving Eve Service is a special time of testimonies, music, and prayers for the many blessings we have received as a nation, a church, and as families. We are especially excited to welcome Seminarian Kristina Hill (formerly Larson) to preach at

Nov 29/30
1st Advent
All Services

We will welcome Seminarian Corey Lange to lead us into our Advent Season to prepare for Christmas. The theme of worship is: A TIME FOR VISION as we focus on the message of the Old Testament prophet: Habakkuk.

Advent Begins at the End of November



November is also the time in which we begin a new church year with Advent, a four week countdown to prepare for Christmas. It is an important

start to the church year because it reminds us that time is precious and we need plenty of it to welcome Jesus into

our lives...like at Christmas. So often we feel like we've run out of time in the busyness of Christmas preparations. That's why we need Advent, as it invites us to slow down as we prepare to grasp once again, the significance of Christmas. Therefore, our theme centers on time: FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS.

The traditional "feel" of the Advent season can be described as a bit more subdued with special emphasis on preparation, waiting, and self-examination. We resist singing Christmas Carols until just before Christmas. We use an Advent Wreath to focus us on the passage of time instead of putting up the Christmas trees. In Advent we



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hold back from running quickly to Christmas, as we try to experience the long period of time God's people waited for the promise of the Messiah to be born.

Advent Wreath

One of the ways in which we wait and focus on time in our home is through a family Advent Wreath. These wreaths have four candles that invite families to take a few moments of time to connect, share, read a short passage of scripture, and pray together as the candles are lit. It's a *wonderful way* for children to "countdown" the weeks before Christmas. **But more than that, it's a *great way* to build and connect the family for just a moment in the hectic pace of the season.**

At Grace, we offer an Advent Wreath Making Event on Sunday, Nov.30th. We provide you with a kit including candles and evergreens. There is more information about it on page 9 of the Grace Notes. Please remember to bring your own pruning shears or scissors, and also decorations, such as ribbon, pine cones, etc.

Vision Board Notes

The Grace Lutheran Church Vision Board met at the home of Bernard McDowell on Tuesday, October 14th, 2014.

Kristina Hill (formerly Kristina Larson), a current Seminary student who wished to thank the board for a grant given to her, joined us for dinner. Great conversation and food (with sweet tea of course) were enjoyed by all.

After dinner, the board discussed a study, "Can this class become welcoming?"

Important Discussion Points:

- Kate Morphew has accepted a new position as our new Connection/Volunteer Coordinator.
- We are saddened by Cathy Stoll's need to retire from her long ministry of love and food from the Golden Rule Childcare kitchen.
- We are excited for website changes and continued projects that are completed and being worked on.
- We anticipate the journey of unity with the Loving Generously series at the end of this month.

Everyone is Invited!!!
 Retirement Party for Cathy Stoll
 Sunday—November 9th
 11:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.
 Fellowship Hall



Loving Generously....through Family Promise



Grace will host Family Promise guests at our church the week of Nov.

23 – 30. Volunteers will put love into action by providing warm hospitality and safe shelter for families in Anoka County who are experiencing homelessness. Family Promise in Anoka County (FPAC) is a network of 16 local congregations who provide temporary housing to families without homes. Guests are housed at each host congregation for one week on a rotating basis, moving to a new location in the network each week until they are able to become self-sufficient and independent once again.

Put God's love into action ... "Love your neighbor"... through serving with Family Promise!

Here's a list of various volunteer opportunities for our Family Promise Host week of Nov. 23-30:

- Prepare an evening meal for 16 people, one evening

- Serve dinner and clean up the kitchen (5 - 7:30 pm one evening)
- Provide overnight security at the church (8:30pm – 7 am one night) **You'll get to sleep!**
- Be an Evening Host - chat with guests, play games, help with homework, etc. (5 – 9 pm)
- Set up and take down beds
- Donate food supplies for Host Week – i.e. milk, juice, bread or gas cards
- Drive the van to transport guests (6 am or 4:30 pm)

Please sign up to serve with Family Promise on the blue opportunity pages in worship, or please contact Jeannie Hellmann, jeannieh@graceandover.org or 763 421-6520, ext. 122

Mission Opportunities

Loving Generously....through Hope 4 Youth



All during the month of November at Grace, we will be collecting 'heat & eat' food items for the Hope 4 Youth center in Anoka, to support any local young person experiencing homelessness.

Please bring your donations of non-perishable 'heat & eat' food items to the Welcome Center by Sunday, Nov. 30. Suggested foods would be Hormel Compleats, Chili or Stew in a cup, Macaroni & Cheese single servings

in a cup (just add water and microwave), etc.

Hope 4 Youth is an outreach ministry that has an uncompromising vision for all youth to feel safe, valued, and supported, while reaching their full potential. This begins with meeting their basic needs and leads to giving them the tools to thrive.

THANKS for donating food items for Hope 4 Youth as we strive to put God's love into action for youth experiencing homelessness. For more information, please contact Jan Anderson 763 712-7415, jmanders79@gmail.com or visit www.hope4youthmn.org

Loving Generously....through Operation Christmas Child



Demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children around the world this holiday season! Please join the all-church effort this November as individuals, families, and small groups fill shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Please return the filled shoe boxes to the church lobby

by Sunday, November 23.

Through the efforts of Samaritan's Purse Ministry, millions of children in over 130 countries have received these gift-

filled shoe boxes. Each child is blessed by simple gifts such as crayons, writing paper, coloring books, harmonicas, jump ropes, toothbrush and hair combs. The boxes serve as reminders that there is a God who loves each child and He sent his best gift, Jesus, to be our Savior.

Please return the filled shoe boxes to the church lobby by Sunday, November 23. Shoe boxes will be available at the Welcome Center, or you may use any shoe box or similar size container. For more information, please contact Dawn Perra 763 370-4869, dawnperra@gmail.com

Loving Generously...through Feed My Starving Children

Our Goal = 700 Volunteers to pack 100,000 MEALS on Nov. 21 & 22



Grace volunteers will be cooking up a storm (well, actually, packing meals like crazy) on Nov. 21 & 22 at Feed My Starving Children!

Invite your friends, co-workers, neighbors and family members to join in this incredible 'marathon' effort of putting love into action!

The challenge is on ... Grace volunteers hope to pack over 100,000 meals to feed God's starving kids around the world! We have reserved the weekend of Nov.21 and 22 – two shifts on Friday night and 3 shifts on Saturday – to serve at Feed My Starving Children. Won't you plan to join us?

Here are the shifts available to pack meals:

Friday, Nov. 21	6 – 7:30 p; 8 – 9:30 p
Sat. Nov. 22	9 – 11 a; 11:30 a-1:30 p; 2 – 4 p

Start saving your pennies, and quarters and dollars to donate to FMSC. Invite your friends and family to join this packing frenzy

Register online at fmsc.org or contact the church office 763 421-6520

Loving Generously...through Grace 2 Haiti



TWO mission trips to Haiti are being planned:

An Adult Mission Team will serve in Haiti, January 2 – 9, 2015.

An Intergenerational Mission Team will travel to Haiti, January 17 – 24, 2015.

Experience and express your faith in new ways by joining a mission team to be the hands and feet of Jesus, as we build relationships and homes in Haiti. We invite you to join not only the emotional and physical adventure, but the spiritual journey as well. (Plus the weather will definitely be warmer in Haiti than Minnesota next January)

Please pray . . . Please ask questions . . . Please consider this opportunity to grow and serve.

- Greg & Lori Ackerson will lead the Adult team in early January. Please contact Greg, grega@apex-co.us or Lori, lori.ackerson@allina.com, 763 390-7890
- Chrissy Petersen and Emma Leger will lead the Intergenerational team, Jan. 17-24. Please contact Chrissy Petersen, chrissypetersen621@gmail.com, 763 234-5155 or Emma Leger, emma@legermn.com, 612 889-6916

Mission Opportunities

A Different Way to Give to Grace!!!

Did you know that you can give to Grace Lutheran Church every time you shop at Amazon.com? Yes! You shop. Amazon gives. It's an amazing opportunity where Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to Grace or any other charitable organization of your choose.

The average yearly amount people spend on Amazon is about \$200. The amount Amazon will give is then \$1.00. Imagine if 500 people at Grace chose our church as the recipient of the Amazonsmile program the result would be \$500.00! That could make a difference in financing mission at our church!

What is AmazonSmile? It is the same Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same service.

Support your charitable organization by starting your shopping at smile.amazon.com. The link is: <http://smile.amazon.com/>. Type in Grace Lutheran Church of Andover, MN in the charitable organization and select it. You will be forwarded to Amazon where you can begin to shop. It's that easy!



YOU'RE INVITED to participate in...

The Promise of Light by Joel Raney

A musical celebration of God's gift of eternal light! Traditional Christmas carols masterfully blended with original music that tells the timeless story of the birth of Christ -- the light of the world.

Want to Deepen Your Christmas Celebration? Love to Sing Christmas Carols? Ever think about joining a choir for a short period of time?

If your answer to one of the above questions is "YES!" we invite you to join us during Advent and Christmas as we prepare meaningful music to celebrate Jesus' birth. One of the best parts of Christmas is the beautiful and rich heritage of music that moves our hearts and helps us experience the wonderful story of Bethlehem. We invite anyone who has a few extra hours, a love of singing, and a desire to tell the Christmas story in song to join us.

This year, we're offering three special ways in which you can share in our Advent and Christmas music ministry.

Sunday Morning Worship at 8 & 9
Dec. 7 & 14

Please join us in singing during the regular traditional worship services. Rehearsals are held on Wednesdays from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. We will be singing some beautiful and

familiar Advent carols such as *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*, as well as some wonderful anthems including John Helgen's *Sing Soft to this Expectant Earth*.

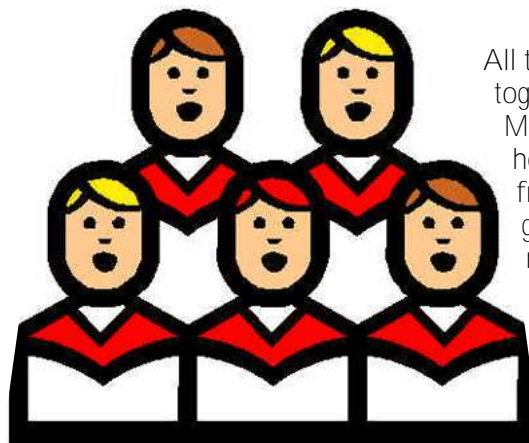
Advent Choral Celebration at all Sunday Services – Dec. 20 & 21.

All the music ensembles at Grace join together in an Advent & Christmas Musical Celebration. Rehearsals will be held on Saturday mornings Dec. 13 & 20 from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. All the groups will be singing a beautiful new musical by Joel Raney entitled *The Promise of Light* as well as other Christmas favorites.

Christmas Eve
Song Prelude and Service
Dec. 24 at 11:00 p.m.

On Christmas Eve we will gather for a sacred hour of singing beloved Christmas Carols in candle light, share in Holy Communion and prayer, and celebrate the birth of Jesus. The Adult Choir will present some of beautiful music that will move your heart. Rehearsals will take place on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:30 pm and Saturday mornings, Dec. 13 & 20 from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Please join us for this special musical opportunity. (for additional information, please email Jonathan Orwig at jonathano@graceandover.org) You will truly make a difference in our Advent and Christmas celebrations!



Music Ministry

I want to thank everyone for their prayers. I also want to thank Mary Jo and Pastor Gene for coming to visit. And a special thank you to Jean Griffin and the Prayer Shawl Team for my prayer shawl. My hip surgery went well. My pain is gone!

Thanks again,
Judy Jorgenson

Thank You!! Thank You!!!

The Grace Church Directory Committee would like to thank all of you for your help in making our photo sessions successful. In the three weeks of photo taking, we were able to take pictures of 274 families! Photos ordered will be sent to families within about 3 weeks. Free 8x10's will be sent to church and we will contact people when they arrive. The directory should be available by January. Thanks so much to all the ladies who hosted the directory table, to the office staff for answering so many questions, and to Jonathan for his expertise with the online scheduling. Again, thank you!

Dear Friends at Grace:
I'm so thankful for all of your prayers and positive wishes as I faced back surgery. They provided me with a sense of calm, knowing that everything would work out as it should, according to God's plan.

Gina Trousil

Youth Ministry News and Notes

Keeping You Informed About Ministry for Grace Youth

Mission Trip Information

Details for our two mission trips for next summer are now posted on the Mission Trips page.

Please look over our opportunities for your son/daughter to grow and serve with us next July!

There will be separate meetings to outline our plans and discuss any questions you have prior to the registration deadline.

If you cannot attend, please contact **Tom Baker ASAP**....space is limited for both adventures!

Washington DC High School Adventure July 3-11:

Info. meeting is Sunday, November 9 at 4:30pm. (we will be done at 5pm for SEAG). Registration deadline is Sunday, November 30th.

Milwaukee Adventure
7th – 9th graders - July 18-25

Info. meeting is Wednesday, November 12 at 7:30pm. (last half hour of Parent University/ Catechism small group night). Registration deadline is Wednesday, November 19th.

Parent University November 12

Hey parents of middle schoolers! Our next Parent University is scheduled

for **November 12**.

Drop your kids off for their small group at 6:30 and then get together with other parents while we wait.

We will meet until 7:30 and then Tom Baker will have a meeting for any 7th and 8th grade parents who would like more information about the [summer mission trip](#) to Milwaukee.



Parent University

is a great chance to connect with what your students are learning in Catechism, connect with other parents, and deepen your own faith in the process.

Okoboji for Catechism Students

November 14-16

Each fall we take a group of middle school students and leaders to Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp in Iowa for a Recharge weekend. It is a wonderful time of fun, food, worship, and solid Biblical teaching. The registration deadline is past but please pray for our students as they travel on November 14-16.

Your Story So Far: Planet Wisdom 2014 is December 5 & 6

PW is a gathering of students for a great mix of teaching, worship, laughter,, and fun, as we get away to grow together and **discover our part in God's unfolding story**. This year it happens at Grace Church in Eden Prairie on Friday night and Saturday, December 5th and 6th. We will leave Grace at 4pm, and stop for dinner on our way to the event. We will stay overnight in Eden Prairie at a hotel and will return home on Saturday around 5:30pm.

Cost is \$95 and you will need money for 2 meals. Pick up a registration form here or at Dojo, and register by Sunday, November 16th.



Youth Ministry

Don't Forget...

Advent Wreath Making Event
Sunday, November 30th 5:00 p.m.

Come join us for a potluck dinner and wreath making event in Fellowship Hall. Bring an item to share for dinner, clippers and any items to decorate your wreath. Please email Jessie Crooks for more information. JessieRCrooks@gmail.com, call the church office (763-421-6520) or sign up on the blue *Opportunities* in the weekly bulletins.

Rockin' Kids Wednesday
Evening Club

Parents, please keep the following dates in mind as you plan for the next couple of months.

Dates to Remember:

Nov 9 - RKBC sings in Worship

Nov 26- No RKBC

Dec 10- Christmas Party and last RKBC of 2014

Jan 7 - RKBC winter quarter begins



SONday School News

Parents, please keep the following dates in mind when SONday School will NOT MEET during the holidays!!

Dates to Remember:

Nov 29/30 - No SONday School

Dec 20/21 - No SONday School

Dec. 27/28 No SONday School

Birthday Offering

Our Birthday Offering this year will be going to Heifer International to purchase flocks of chicks. \$20 can buy a flock of chicks which could be 10 to 50 chicks. Our offering total for October is \$19.50!

Did you know that a good hen can lay 200 eggs a year? Birthday offerings will be taken the 2nd -5th weeks of the month in Large Group. Kids can bring their money from home on those weeks and be recognized, receive a sticker and a birthday pencils.

Family Worship

Weekend - Dec. 7th

Children will begin in Worship Services with their families and then be dismissed to SONday School after the Children's Sermon.

SONday School Christmas Program

Sun. Dec. 14 at 2 p.m.

Our Christmas Play this year is The Surprising Christmas Pageant. Our play tells the story of the Birth of Christ told with humor, mystery, and awe!



Dates to remember:
Rehearsals

- Sat. Dec 6 9-10:15 a.m. This rehearsal is for children with speaking and non-speaking parts only.
- Sat. Dec 13 9-10:15 a.m. This rehearsal is for the entire SONday School Program
- Sun. Dec 14 2 p.m. (Please have children here by 1:40)

1st and 2nd grade children will be shepherds and angels in the Surprising Christmas Pageant. They only need to attend rehearsal on Dec. 13.

Preschool and Kindergarten children will rehearse during their Large Groups. Information about songs and finger plays will come home in November.

Help will be needed for serving refreshments following the Christmas Program, creating our sets and props. If you can help, please contact Monica Allen or Kim DeVries.

"Grace Lutheran Children's Ministry"

"Like" our Facebook page and keep up with everything happening in Children's Ministry here at Grace

You and families will find:

- Weekly lesson reviews for families
- Newsletters from SONday School
- Updates from Rockin' Kids Bible Club
- Latest events happening in Children's Ministry

Make Connections with New Members

We want to welcome our newest members of Grace Lutheran Church who recently joined on Reformation Weekend. (October 26/27) Let us give a warm welcome to:

Mark & Sarah Anderson, Sam

Mark, Sarah and Sam worship at the 5 p.m. service. Sam is sophomore at Andover High. Their address is:

14569 Killdeer St NW
Andover, MN 55304-3433

Aaron & Heather Braasch, Emily

Aaron, Heather, and Emily attend the 10:30 service. Emily is in 6th grade Catechism.

Their address is:
2121 N Ferry St Apt 1
Anoka, MN 55303-6749

Ernie & Ruth Bedor

Ernie and Ruth worship at the 8 worship service. Their address is:
15330 Rose St NW
Andover, MN 55304-3028

Mark & Mary Dauman, Alayna & Ben

Mark, and Mary attend the 9 worship service while Alayna is in the 1st grade and Ben is in 3rd grade SONday School classes.

Their address is:
3915 152nd Ln NW

Andover, MN 55304-2952

Gary & Tami Hedlund

Gary and Tami attend the 10:30 worship service. Their address is:

15325 Tungsten St NW
Ramsey, MN 55303-5735

Bob & Ginny Hutchison

Bob and Ginny attend the 8 worship service. Their address is:

13772 Marigold St NW
Andover, MN 55304-3697

Justin Klunk & Michele Hamling, Camron & Mena

Justin and Michele attend the 10:30 worship service. Camron is 9 and is in the 4th grade and Mena is 7 and is in the 2nd grade SONday School classes.

Their address is:
13939 Vale St NW
Andover, MN 55304-4079

Todd & Jillian Newlin, Connor & Ronan

Todd and Jillian, Conner (4 yrs. old) and Ronan (2 yrs. old) attend the 10:30 worship service.

Their address is:
14290 Dysprosium St NW
Ramsey, MN 55303-4683

Thanks for your work...

We want to thank those who worked so hard to make the gardens, lawns, and facilities so beautiful and welcoming to all those who come to Grace.

Lawn Mowers

- Stan & Bev Graf
- Jim & Tony Moe
- Tom & Mary Taillefer
- Bobby, Beth, Sam & Mitchell Petersen
- Grant, Logan, Blake, & Shane Rademacher
- Dave Trapp
- Dick Thompson
- Robert Starks
- Derek Smith

Garden Ministry

- Don Hiltner
- Michelle & Mike Healy
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LOVING GENEROUSLY

What did Jesus mean when He said, “Love your neighbor as yourself?” Have you ever stopped to consider that loving God and loving one another are insurable? God loves us, and our response to His love is to love those around us, but are we to only love those like ourselves?

In the coming weeks, we hope to address some of these questions as we begin a new series entitled Loving Generously. This series is a continuation of the Living Generously series we did last year, and continues the story of the Donovan family as they learn what it means to love generously. Each week we will see a glimpse of their journey as they take risks, experience suffering and joy, and find themselves transformed by the call to love others like Christ loves us. You won't want to miss a single Sunday!

Continuing in November at all services!