

## Our Purpose

The purpose of this organization, under the authority of Christ, is to fulfill His command to make disciples of men, women, and children within the church, the community, the country, and the continents.

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, it shall seek to bring glory to God the Father, as we obey Christ in the areas of prayer, study of God's inerrant Word, sharing the gospel, encouragement and fellowship among believers, and worship.

## Our Vision

We will become a caring fellowship committed to corporately and personally introducing others to Jesus Christ and helping one another to grow in a relationship with Him.

### Elders

Lead Pastor	Dr. John E. Grams	533-4704
Associate Pastor	Andrew Langseth	533-4704
Elder	Lincoln Harker	533-4541
Elder	Roy Gisler	533-7724
Elder	Steve Jobes	533-8759
Elder	Paul Raygor	533-6658

### Deacons

Christian Education Ministries	Scott Campbell	421-5126
Missions	James Fryer	533-7808
Outreach	Gary Kadansky	533-6290
Properties	Ken Smidt	378-5371
Worship	Pastor Langseth	533-4704
Treasurer	Kevin Gisler	533-6573
Financial Sec.	Gary Hoover	378-4541

### Coordinators

Nursery	Claire Langseth	763-458-7550
Prayer Chain	Jackie Sahl	533-6107
Sunday School		

## Office Hours

Staff meetings are Tuesday mornings 9-10 (no phone calls please)

**Pastor Grams'** study hours are each morning, Wed. afternoons, and Thurs. afternoons from 3-5 p.m., he is available for calls and appointments during the other hours. He is not in on FRIDAYS.

**Pastor Langseth** is not in the office on FRIDAYS.

## GRACE EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

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 (507) 533-4704 Email: info@grace-free.org  
 Web site: www.grace-free.org

*"To Know Christ and to Make Him Known"*

Sunday School at 9:10a.m. Worship Services at 9 & 11 a.m.  
 Dr. John E. Grams, Senior Pastor Andrew Langseth, Pastor of Worship & Youth  
 Email: John@grace-free.org Email: Andrew@grace-free.org

# Grace Gazette

December 2012 & January 2013



## Advent Sermon Series:

### "How Do You Spell Christmas? J-E-S-U-S!"

Dec. 2—Jesus, the Suffering Servant

Dec. 9—Jesus, the Son of God

Dec. 16—Jesus, the Savior

Dec. 23—Jesus, the Messiah

Dec. 24, 6:30P—Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Each Sunday ...Special music and drama presentations.

Don't Miss It!

**NOTE: NO Sunday school December 23 and 30.**

## Drive Through Live Nativity Here at Grace!

Several area churches are joining together to present a DRIVE-THRU NATIVITY. Come out to witness the Christmas story on Saturday, Dec. 15, between 6 and 8 p.m.



## GRACE 101—Winter Session Sundays 10-10:50A

This group will review the doctrinal statements of Grace Church as well as our history and community culture.

This is an ideal seminar for anyone who may be new to the church or who wants to know more about what we teach and why. If you are new to Grace within the last year or two you will find this seminary extremely helpful and informative. Led by the leadership team of Grace.

**AWANA Sparks & T&T Clubbers**—Grand Prix cars go on sale this week! \$5 each including instructions. Pick yours up today!

**Moms in Step**—Ministry for moms with kids thru high school. We meet Mondays from 6-8:15 p.m. for exercise followed by a parenting study. Join us for the next session when we will work through the book "Boundaries With Kids" by Henry Cloud and John Townsend. Next session starts January 7!

**Snow? Snow! Snow?** We will need help shoveling/blowing the sidewalks. If you would like to help, contact Joe Lucas at 533-6241. ALSO **Winter Parking** Please don't park next to the curbs when it snows in order for snowplows to have complete access. Thank you.

**New Women's Bible Studies**

**Wednesdays at 9 a.m. AND 6:30 p.m.** Childcare is available. **Beginning January 2. Walking by Faith: Lessons Learned in the Dark** by Jennifer Rothschild, a 7-week DVD study in which Jennifer shares how God has used her physical blindness to give her spiritual vision—teaching women to walk by faith and trust Him when the way seems dark. Join us for a time of prayer, fellowship, and studying God's word together.

**NURSERY Help Needed**—Teens and adults— male or female—volunteers would be appreciated! Please contact Claire Langseth (763-458-7550) if you are willing to help.

Did you see the "**Faces of Grace**" wall in the entry? If we are missing your picture, please see Janelle Eaton or Leisha Kadansky to have a picture taken, or send a jpg picture to the office (leisha@grace-free.org) or bring a 4x6 picture (we can't return your picture).

**Pizza Ranch Fundraiser** for the Haiti Mission Trip is scheduled for Monday, December 17. Take a break from the Christmas baking and go out to eat!

In order to comply with IRS regulations, tithes and offerings must be received or postmarked by December 31 in order to be credited for 2012. Financial gifts received or postmarked after December 31 will be credited to the year 2013 offering.  
 NOTE: If anyone would like a current update regarding your year-to-date giving to General Fund, contact Gary Hoover.

# Happy Birthday ..



## December

- 1—Carol Harker
- 1 - Elsie Jobes
- 2—Veronica Cummins
- 3—Nick Johnson
- 3—Lowell Saterdalen
- 3—Shelby Snipes
- 4—Stephanie Fossum
- 5—Pam Anderson
- 5—Joy Mann
- 6—Gary Neseth
- 7—Taylor Mittelstadt
- 7—Eric Myhre
- 7—Phil Orte
- 9—Roy Gisler
- 9—Michael Toth
- 10—Bret Adler
- 10—Aaron Clark
- 10—Jackie Sahl
- 11—Dwight Parker
- 13—William Gisler
- 13—Dawn Hopkins
- 13—Rose Plank
- 14—John Heppner
- 14—Linda Platz
- 14—Lily Reeser
- 15—AJ Fischer

- 16—Kevin Clark
- 16—Kylie Ramaker
- 17—Jeff Blomquist
- 17—Hunter Zoeller
- 19 - Rachael Burt
- 19—Louisa Jobes
- 19—Madelyn Miller
- 20—Marlene Durscher
- 20—Mickie Tusetth
- 25—Bill Mestad
- 25—Fred Roberts
- 25—John Thompson
- 27—Sean Golley
- 27—Jason Owen
- 27—Julie Papenfus
- 27—Madelyn Reiland
- 28—Amanda Svoboda
- 30—Kaydn Davis
- 30—Michelle Krause
- 30—Ranee Rasmussen
- 30—Kaitlyn Schultz
- 31—Tim Ambrose
- 31—Carol Gisler

## January

- 4—Michael Orte
- 5—Russ Hayes
- 7—Anna Cummins
- 9—Gary Boyum
- 10—Emma Zoeller
- 12—Ben jamin Hettich
- 14—Rob Golley
- 14—Al Mahlum
- 15—Carter Rasmussen
- 17—Jeremy Krause
- 17—Joel Raygor
- 19—Joe Ambrose
- 20—Nathan Goette
- 23—Tanner Hanson
- 23—Lincoln Harker
- 26—Isaiah Scruggs
- 27—Brian Platz
- 29—Brett Bernard
- 31—Sophia Hettich

## December Anniversaries

- 13 - Dick & Marilyn Uptagrafft
- 27—John & Pat Heppner
- 25—Heber & Elizabeth Urtecho
- 23—Mike & Linda Ambrose
- 29 - Al & Eunice Mahlum
- 31—Dwight & Jen Parker

## January Anniversaries

- 4—Bob & Doris Jensen
- 7—Scott & Barbara Fischer
- 15—Fred & Carole Roberts
- 25—George & Rose Plank



## December Schedules (January not available)

### Nursery 9:00 Service

### 11:00 Service

<b>Dec. 2 Lesson 1</b>	Claire Langseth, Katie Scruggs, Grace Myhre	Brenda Hebl, Connie Hayes, Sarah Blomquist
<b>Dec. 9 Lesson 2</b>	Dawn & Steve Hopkins Anya Raygor	Sharon Preuss, Joan Lucas, Sophie Scruggs
<b>Dec. 16 Lesson 3</b>	Irma Fredrickson, Dawn Clark Rachel Blomquist	Heidi & Jason Owen Rachael Reeser
<b>Dec. 23 Lesson 4</b>	Lisa Hoover, Betty Peterson, Maria Raygor	Dwight & Amy Luhmann Emily Scruggs
<b>Dec. 24—Christmas Eve—Lanzel Family</b>		
<b>Dec. 30 Lesson 5</b>	Lori Campbell Jessalyn Jobes Sam Knutson	Beth & Mike Hettich Chloe Kidd

### Custodial for December

Gym/Kitchen - Orte

Men's / Women's Bathrooms (by WC)—Sahl

Nursery & Nursery Bathroom—Eaton

### Custodial for January

Kitchen - Hovda

Men's / Women's Bathrooms (by WC)—Youdas

Nursery & Nursery Bathroom—Papenfus

### Deadline for Bulletin/Gazette

Bulletin—Wednesday afternoon of each week

Grace Gazette—By the 25th of each month

(NOTE: There will NOT be a separate January Gazette.)



# Student Ministries

- Dec. 5 Early Release—Middle School
- Dec. 12—Combined Youth @7P
- Dec. 15—Live Drive-Through Nativity
- Dec. 19—Normal Groups
- Dec. 26—NO Youth Groups
- Dec. 27—LOCK In

### THIS WEEK

#### Monday -

Early Childhood Screening 7A-5P

#### Tuesday -

Early Childhood Screening 7A-3P

Staff meeting 9 A

Ladies' Precept study 3P

#### Wednesday -

Ladies' Prayer 8 A

Ladies' Bible study 9 A

Middle School youth 1P

Bible Quiz practice 6 P

Awana 6:30P

Ladies' Bible study 6:30P

High School youth 7 P

#### Thursday -

Men's Bible study 7:30A

Ladies' Bible study 12:30P

School in Gym 3-7:30P

Property Commission 7 P

**Knitters & Crocheters:** We are looking for preemie-sized baby caps for the Minneapolis Children's Hospital and a ministry in Africa. Call Carol Harker at 533-4541, for patterns.

**Travelers:** Your extra motel soaps, lotions, shampoos can be put to good use in third world countries by Medical Relief. Put items in the collection box at information center. (Carol Harker, 533-4541.)

**Thank You** Many thanks to everyone who helped in any way to make our Praise Night dinner a huge success. We had a great turn out and a good time of fellowship.

## Biblical Stewardship

*Giving of our time, treasure, and talents!*

Attendance November 25

Sunday school ~ 0 Worship ~ 187, 151

November 18 Figures

Weekly Budget .....	\$7,363
Rec'd .....	10,907
Month-to-date budget .....	\$346,295
Rec'd .....	367,295

# December 2012 through January 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 Lord's Supper 9A Worship Service 10A SS 11A Worship	3 7A-5P Early Childhood screening	4 7A-3P Early Child. 9A Staff mtg 3P Ladies' Precept	5 8A Ladies' Prayer 9A Ladies' Bible St. 1PMiddle school 6P Bible Quiz 6:30P Awana 6:30P Ladies Bible 7P Sr. Hi youth	6 7:30A Men's Bible 12:30P Ladies' Bible 3-7:30P School/ gym 7P Property Comm.	7	8 9-30A Moms in Step Cookie
9 9A Worship Service 10A SS 11A Worship	10	11 9A Staff mtg 3P Ladies' Precept 4:30P Elder 6:30P Deacon	12 8A Ladies' Prayer 9A Ladies' Bible st. 6P Bible Quiz 6:30P Awana 6:30P Ladies Bible 7P ALL YOUTH	13 7:30A Men's Bible 12:30P Ladies' Bible 3-7:30P School/ gym	14	15 6-8P Live Drive Thru Nativity @Grace
16 9A Worship Service 10A SS 11A Worship	17 4-8P Haiti Pizza Ranch fundraiser 6-8:30P Bunne Day-care in Gym 6:30P Scouts in Rm K	18 9A Staff mtg 3P Ladies' Precept	19 8A Ladies' Prayer 9A Ladies' BS Christmas Party 3:30P Middle school 6P Bible Quiz 6:30P Awana 6:30P Ladies Bible 7P Sr. Hi youth	20 7:30A Men's Bible 12:30P Ladies' Bible 3-7:30P School/ gym	21 Early release	22
23 <b>NO SS</b> 9A Worship Service 11A Worship	24 Christmas Eve service	25	26	27 <b>Pastor Grams gone</b> Youth Lock in	28	29
30 <b>NO SS</b> 9A Worship Service 11A Worship Jeff Blomquist guest speaker	31	1 New Year's Day	2 8A Ladies' Prayer 9A Ladies' Bible 3:30P Jr. High 6P Bible Quiz 6:30P AWANA 6:30P Ladies' Bible 7P Sr. High	3 7:30A Men's Bible 12:30P Ladies' Bible 7P Property mtg	4	5 10-11:30A Moms Play Date
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20 Baby Dedication Sanctity of Life	21 No school 6P Moms in Step	22 9A Staff 3P Precept 3-7:30P School in gym	23 8A Ladies' Prayer 9A Ladies' Bible 3:30P Jr. High 6P Bible Quiz 6:30P AWANA LEADER 7P Sr. High	24 7:30A Men's Bible 12:30P Ladies' Bible 3-7:30P School in gym	25	26
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