

## 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
Associate Pastor	Andrew Langseth
Elder	Lincoln Harker
Elder	Roy Gisler
Elder	Steve Jobs
Elder	Paul Raygor

### Deacons

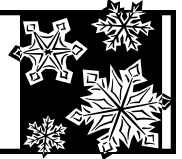
Christian Education	Scott Campbell
Ministries	Connie Hayes
Missions	James Fryer
Outreach	Gary Kadansky
Properties	Joe Lucas
Worship	Pastor Langseth
Treasurer	Kevin Gisler
Financial Sec.	Gary Hoover

### Coordinators

AWANA	Bret Adler
Nursery	Claire Langseth, Amy Svoboda
Prayer Chain	Jackie Sahl
Sunday School	Brian Alwin

# Grace Gazette

January 2012



## Adult Sunday Classes

Classes will resume January 8

- A completion of the Book of Hebrews led by Johannes Veldhuis meeting in Room K
- FaithBuilders is continuing Bill Hybels' study on Character with Bret Adler in the Hospitality Room.
- HomeBuilders is studying John Piper's Why We Believe the Bible led by Fryers and Clarks meeting in the Overflow Room.
- Biblical Worldview Fundamentals Overview led by Wayne Voigt—location TBD.

## Potluck & Annual Congregational Meeting Sun., Jan. 29.

We will have a potluck meal following the morning service and then hold our business meeting. Please bring potluck items to share (hotdish and either a salad or dessert). This is for anyone who attends Grace, not just for voting members. The agenda, ballot, proposed budget, and annual report will be available in mid-late January. (**Board Members ~ Please have your reports to Leisha soon. Either hard copy or email.**)



## Student Ministries

Important Upcoming Dates:

- Jan. 29—Meeting for parents/students regarding Nationals
- Feb. 12—Valentine Dinner Theatre
- April 27-29—District Blitz 2012 in Rochester. Information packets are coming out soon!

**LIBRARY USE**—Please remember to check out ALL materials from the library—books, video, DVD, study materials.

**Prayer Chain:** If you have a prayer request that you would like placed on the prayer chain, send it to Jackie Sahl at Jack57rn@aol.com  
We reserve the right to edit all requests.

## 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.

**Leisha** is in Tues. AM, Wed. PM, and Friday AM.

## 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 a.m. Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.  
Dr. John E. Grams, Senior Pastor Andrew Langseth, Pastor of Worship/Youth  
Email: john@grace-free.org Email: andrew@grace-free.org

## Attention Women

- Wednesday **Ladies' Prayer** @ 8 a.m. will resume **Jan. 4**
- **Tuesday 3 p.m. Jan 10.** Precept study on Abraham "Becoming a Friend of the Faithful God." Contact Ellen Voigt, 202-4991.
- **Wednesday 9 a.m. Bible** study will resume **Jan. 4.** The Terminal Conditilon—6-week session using Scriptures & The Toted Woman. Marcia Veldhuis, facilitator. Childcare is available.
- **Thursday 12:30 p.m. group** resumes **Jan. 5** and will be starting the NEXT study as cited above. Contact: Susan Gisler, 533-6573.
- **Moms in Step resumes Jan. 9 at 6 p.m.** This is a ministry for moms with kids up through high school age. Time for exercise, fellowship and Bible study. We'll meet from 6—8:15 p.m. on Jan. 9 through Feb. 20. Questions? Contact Katie Bunne, 272-4235.

**ATTENTION MEN & Women: Wednesday night Group starts** Jan. 4, 6:30 p.m. We'll be studying NEXT: What the Bible Says About the Afterlife. Bible study using the book *One Minute After You Die*. Led by Pastor & Renae Grams. (We're having a joint group with the women.)

## Opportunities to Help

**Cleaning** - Consider being added to the list of volunteers to help clean the church. We do not have paid custodial staff and rely on you, the congregation, for assistance. Contact Joe Lucas (533-6241) for details or contact the office.

**NURSERY Help Needed**— Teens and adults, male/ female. Contact Claire Langseth (763-458-7550).

**Snow!** We need help shoveling/blowing the sidewalks. Contact Joe Lucas at 533-6241.

**Your donation of new toys** & items can help the Awana Store. In completing sections in handbooks, clubbers earn Awana Bucks to spend at the "store." See John Lanzel for ideas.

**Volunteer @ Supernight** (adults – see announcement)

**YOUTH Snacks** – sign up in foyer to bring youth group snacks.

**BABY DEDICATIONS** We will be having baby dedications during the morning worship services on **January 22 (Sanctity of Human Life Sunday) AND Mother's Day** in May. If you would like your child dedicated, please contact Pastor Grams or fill out the online form under the resources tab at [www.grace-free.org](http://www.grace-free.org).

## January—Happy Birthday . .



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



## Anniversaries



- 7—Scott & Barbara Fischer  
15—Fred & Carol Roberts  
25—George & Rose Plank



## Deadline for Bulletin/Gazette

Bulletin—Wednesday afternoon of each week  
Grace Gazette—By the 25th of each month

# January Schedules

## Nursery



- 1—Lori Campbell, Emily Scruggs, Amy Svoboda, Nathan Svoboda, Katie Scruggs, Sophie Scruggs
- 8—Tricia Lanzel, Joan Lucas, Claire Langseth, Jackie Sahl, Ira Raygor, Maria Raygor
- 15—Heather Saterdalen, Rachel Blomquist, Dawn Clark, Katie Bunne, Grace Myhre, Noelle Adler
- 22—Irma Fredrickson, Steph Jorde, Brenda Hebl, Kris Saterdalen , Beth Hettich, Mike Hettich
- 29—Rachael Reeser, Hannah Blomquist, Heidi Owen, Jason Owen, Stacy Dube, Ira Raygor

## Custodial

- Entry/Narthex/N&S halls—Golley
- Gym & Kitchen (alternate) - Kadansky
- Men's Bathrooms—G. Hoover
- Women's Bathrooms—Krause
- Nursery floor & bathroom—Lanzel

## Greeters

- 1—Randy & Vicki Renken
- 8—Jim & Jody Fryer
- 15—Bob & Diana Royston
- 22—Gary & Liza Neseth
- 29—Jim & Carol Youdas



## Ushers

- 1—Russ Hayes, Joe Lucas
- 8—Dean Hiscocks, Terry Sahl
- 15—Larry Smith, Mitch Bunne
- 22—Jim Youdas, Phil Orte
- 29—Tim Voigt, Ron Peterson

**Attention Students & Parents/Adults!** Tickets are now on sale for **Supernight 2012!** This 28th annual all-night event for high school and middle school students will be held Friday and Saturday, February 24 and 25. Supernight, sponsored by Rochester Area Youth for Christ, includes activities at the Rochester Athletic club, Recreation Center, Recreation Lanes and Colonial Lanes. Student tickets are \$28 and are available at Christian Book & Gift (815 N Broadway) in Rochester or by mail (PO Box 1164, Rochester, 55903). More details about Supernight can be found at [www.rochesterareayfc.org](http://www.rochesterareayfc.org) or call YFC at 288-4567. We also need parents/adults to **volunteer** who are willing to stay up all night. Call Gary Kadansky at 251-9926. Thank you!

**Winter Parking** Property Commission is asking us not to park next to the curbs when it snows in order for snowplows to have complete access to snow removal. Thank you.

**NAMI Family to Family Support Group monthly meeting TONIGHT** at 6:30PM in Room K. This is for caregivers and family members of people living with brain disorders to provide hope in their loved one's recovery. Questions: Contact Bonnie Lutzi, 273-4248.

## Biblical Stewardship

*Giving of our time, treasure, talents!*

Attendance December 25, 2011

Worship ~ 207

December 18 Figures

Weekly Budget .....\$7,437  
 Rec'd ..... 10,222  
 Year-to-date Budget .....\$379,306  
 Rec'd ..... 374,120

## THIS WEEK

**Tonight -**

6:30P ~NAMI meeting

**Monday—Offices Closed**

**Tuesday -**

9A ~Staff meeting

**Wednesday -**

8A ~Ladies' Prayer time

9A ~Ladies' Bible study

3:30P ~Middle School youth

6P ~Bible Quiz

6:30P ~Awana Clubs

6:30P ~Men's/Women's study

7P ~Sr. High Youth

**Thursday -**

7:30A ~Men's Bible study

12:30P ~Ladies' Bible study

7P ~Property Commission

**Friday -**

6P ~Midwest Baptist in Gym

7P ~Bible study group @ Smid's

# January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 NO SS</p> <p>6:30P NAMI in K</p>	<p>2 (No School) Church Offices Closed</p>	<p>3 9A Staff mtg</p>	<p>4 8A Ladies' Prayer 9A Ladies' Bible st. 3:30P Middle school 6P Bible Quiz 6:30P Awana 6:30P Men's/Women's st. 7P Sr. Hi youth</p>	<p>5 7:30P Men's Bible 12:30P Ladies' Bible</p> <p>7P Property Comm.</p>	<p>6</p> <p>6-9P Midwest Bapt in gym 7P Smidt group</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>9 6p Moms in Step 6:30P Scouts in K</p>	<p>10 9A Staff mtg  3P Precept study  4:30P Elder 6:30P Deacon</p>	<p>11 8A Ladies' Prayer 9A Ladies' Bible st. 3:30P Middle school 6P Bible Quiz 6:30P Awana 6:30P Men's/Women's st 7P Sr. Hi youth</p>	<p>12 7:30P Men's Bible 12:30P Ladies' Bible</p>	<p>13  6-9P Midwest Bapt In gym 7P Smidt group</p>	<p>14  Sr.Hi Youth Hoops Hysteria @ NW</p>
<p>15</p>	<p>16 (No school)  6p Moms in Step</p>	<p>17 9A Staff mtg  3P Precept study</p>	<p>18 8A Ladies' Prayer 9A Ladies' Bible st. 3:30P Middle school 6P Bible Quiz 6:30P Awana 6:30P Men's/Women's st. 7P Sr. Hi youth</p>	<p>Midwinter conference—Pastor Grams gone</p>		<p>20  6-9P Midwest Bapt In gym 7P Smidt group</p>
<p>22 Sanc. Of Life Day Baby Dedications</p>	<p>23  6p Moms in Step</p>	<p>24 9A Staff mtg  3P Precept study 4:30P Elder</p>	<p>25 (Early Release) 8A Ladies' Prayer 9A Ladies' Bible st. 1P Middle school 6P Bible Quiz 6:30P Awana leader mtg 7P Sr. Hi youth</p>	<p>26 7:30P Men's Bible 12:30P Ladies' Bible</p>	<p>27  6-9P Midwest Bapt In gym 7P Smidt group</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29 11:30A Parent's mtg (re : National Conf.) 11:45—Church Potluck 12:30—Annual meeting</p>	<p>30 (No school)  6p Moms in Step</p>	<p>31 9A Staff mtg  3P Precept study  7P Worship</p>				