

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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 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

Grace Gazette

November 2012



Operation Christmas Child - Operation Christmas Child demonstrates God's love to hurting children in a tangible way by partnering with churches worldwide to deliver gift-filled shoe boxes and the Good News of Jesus Christ. Last year families at Grace filled shoeboxes with school supplies, toys, and other fun items. There is a display in the Narthex with information and flyers about Operation Christmas Child. Bring your filled boxes to this area between November 4 and 18.

- We are having a *box-filling party* on November 10 from 9 to 10 a.m. Bring extra items that you have collected and together we can fill boxes and pray for the children who will be receiving our gifts. Please call Kim Alwin if you have any questions at 269-7252.

Praise/Celebration Night November 18, 5:30 p.m.



Every year we meet together as a church family to enjoy a meal together and offer up our praises and thanksgiving to our God through a Praise Celebration. **Sign up starts this morning.**



Women's Bible studies update...

- The Wednesday morning group will be starting a 4-week study of Elijah from I Kings 17-19—"The Paths to Promise" Observing the life of Elijah to help us make practical applications in many of life's circumstances. We'll meet 9-11 a.m. Nov 14, 28, Dec, 5, 12, with a Christmas party Dec. 19. All ladies are welcome to join us. Childcare if available.
- Thursday 12:30-2:30 p.m. group is starting a new 11-week study on Nov. 8. "Becoming a Woman of Strength" by Cynthia Heald. When encountering the difficulties and obstacles of life, it is a comfort and blessing to be assured of God's desire to strengthen and equip His children. This Bible study will encourage you to depend upon the strength of the Holy Spirit to commit, wait, seek, pray, serve, and persevere throughout your life.

The first 6 week of **Awana** we have averaged 85 children per night! Thank you to our volunteers who have stepped up. If you would like to join the excitement, contact Bret Adler at 507-202-4500 or bretmadler@gmail.com.

Last Sunday to check the Directory sheets or add your information. The new directories will come out next week. If you haven't had your picture taken, please see Janelle Eaton in the foyer over the next several weeks. Thank you!

Baby Dedication NEXT Sunday during the 2nd worship service. If you would like to take part, fill out the online form and submit a photo of your child **BEFORE** next Wednesday. Thank you.

White Barrel



We collect non-perishable food items year round and periodically deliver the contents to Channel One. Be thinking of this ministry to those in need throughout the year and bring items when you are able.



Coats (& Boots) for Kids

As weather turns colder there are many who find it difficult to purchase warm outer clothing for their children. We are collecting like-new coats and boots for kids. Please do what you are able and bring your donations to the church. A clothing barrel is by the mailboxes.

Prayer Requests - Please submit prayer requests for the Grace prayer chain to Jackie Sahl (jack57rn@aol.com). Reminder: We retain the right to edit prayer requests.

Snow Removal Help

Snow will be flying soon and along with that, the need for help shoveling/blowing the sidewalks. If you are available to help, please contact Joe Lucas (lucasje001@aol.com or call 533-6241). You don't have to be on the Property Commission to help out!

November—Happy Birthday . . .



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| 1—Elisabeth Langseth | 17—Zach Scruggs |
| 2—Kimberly Fischer | 18 - Cassandra McMurdo |
| 2—Kris Olson | 19—Ken Mann |
| 2—Dorothy Saterdalen | 19—Marilyn Uptagrafft |
| 3—Becky Case | 20—Scott Boelman |
| 3—Becky Kidd | 22—Julia Fischer |
| 5—Randy Renken | 22—Christy Miller |
| 5—Lucas Scruggs | 25—Nathan Svoboda |
| 7—Jill Scruggs | 25—Marcia Veldhuis |
| 10 - Alex Hebl | 27—Donna Faupel |
| 11 - Ben Burt | 29 - Maxwell Hoover |
| 13—Nashia Johnson | 30—Kyla Burt |
| 14—Mike Ambrose | 30—Lori Campbell |
| 14—Stephanie Jorde | |
| 14—Carol Raygor | |
| 15—Ron Peterson | |



Anniversaries



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| 1—Jeremy & Brenda Hebl | 19—Paul & Annette Raygor |
| 8—Paul & LuAnn Mittelstadt | 26—Mitch & Katie Bunne |
| 17—Dean & Joyce Jorde | 30—Gary & Liza Neseth |



Deadline for Bulletin/Gazette

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

November Schedules

Nursery

9:00 Service

11:00 Service

Nov. 4 Lesson 10	Claire Langseth Nathan & Amy Svoboda	Beth & Mike Hettich Katie Scruggs
Nov. 11 Lesson 11	Mitch & Katie Bunne Hannah Blomquist	Rachael & Brad Reeser Chloe Kidd
Nov. 18 Lesson 12	Jody & Lydia Fryer Kris Saterdalen	Lori Campbell, Jessalyn Jobes Emily Scruggs
November 18—Praise Night—Cummins Family		
Nov. 25 Lesson 13	Jackie Sahl Stacy Dube Maria Raygor	Kristen Osborne Daynee Orte Sophie Scruggs

Ushers

9:00 Service

11:00 Service

Nov. 4	Trevor Wiles, Tim Voigt	Nathan Svoboda, Ron Peterson
Nov. 11	Jesse Cummins, Terry Sahl	Phil Orte, Ron Peterson
Nov. 18	Ken Smidt, John Lanzel	Joe Lucas, Larry Smith
Nov. 25	Al Foster, John Lanzel	Mitch Bunne, Joe Lucas

Greeters

9:00 Service

11:00 Service

Nov. 4	Greg & Janelle Eaton	Russ & Becky Kidd
Nov. 11	Randy & Vicki Renken	Bob & Diana Royston
Nov. 18	Randy & Peggy Merry	Steve & Laura Jobes
Nov. 25	Jim & Carol Youdas	Fred & Carole Roberts

Custodial

Gym/Kitchen - Ambrose

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

Nursery & Nursery Bathroom—Harker

Unisex Bathroom—Boelman

This Week ~

Operation Christmas Shoe Box
Kickoff!

TODAY—Haiti information mtg

Tuesday -

9A ~Staff meeting
3P ~Ladies' Precept study
7P ~Worship Comm. mtg

Wednesday -

9A ~Ladies' Bible study
3:30P ~Jr. High youth
6P ~Bible Quiz practice
6:30P ~Awana
6:30P ~Men's Bible study
6:30P ~Women's Bible study
7P ~Sr. High youth

Thursday -

7:30A ~Men's Bible study
12:30P ~Ladies' Bible study
7P ~Property Comm. mtg

Biblical Stewardship

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

October 21 Attendance
Sunday School 155
Worship services 159, 158
October 14 figures
Weekly Budget \$7,437
Rec'd 6,204
Year-to-date Budget \$309,255
Rec'd 325,001

Register online NOW for
the Turkey Day 5K. Join
us Thanksgiving morning
for a walk/jog/run!



NURSERY Help Needed—Thankfully, our nursery need continues to grow & we need your help. Teens and adults, male or female, volunteers would be appreciated! Please see Claire Langseth (email claire.langseth@gmail.com or call 763-458-7550) if you are willing to help. Thank you.

Prayer Corner

Grace Church families to pray for this week:

Eric & Julie Reiland (*Ally, Madelyn*)

Randy & Vicki Renken (*Amy*)

Rob & Lauri Rester (*Brecken, Eilise*)

Missions Focus: Mission Aviation Fellowship
Garth & Jody Pederson family

November 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 7:30A Men's Bible 12:30P Ladies' Bible 7P Property Comm.	2	3
4 9A Worship Service 10A SS 11A Worship (Baby Dedication) 6:30P NAMI in K	5	6 9A Staff mtg	7 9A Ladies' Bible 3:30P Middle school 6P Bible Quiz 6:30P Awana 6:30P Ladies' Bible 6:30P Men's Bible 7P Sr. Hi youth	8 7:30A Men's Bible 12:30P Ladies' Bible	9 No school	10 9-10A Christmas Shoebox Packing Party
11 9A Worship Service 10A SS 11A Worship Poinsettia Deadline	12	13 9A Staff mtg 4:30P Elder 6:30P Deacon	14 9A Ladies' Bible 3:30P Middle school 6P Bible Quiz 6:30P Awana 6:30P Ladies' Bible 6:30P Men's Bible 7P Sr. Hi youth	15 7:30A Men's Bible 12:30P Ladies' Bible	16 No school	17
18 Christmas Shoebox Deadline 9A Worship Service 10A SS 11A Worship 5:30P Praise Night	19	20 9A Staff mtg	21 NO school Youth lock in	22 Thanksgiving TurkeyDay 5K	23	24
25 Pastor Grams gone 9A Worship Service No SS 11A Worship Service	26	27 9A Staff mtg 4:30P Elder 7P Worship	28 9A Ladies' Bible 3:30P Middle school 5:30P Poinsettia Pickup 6P Bible Quiz 6:30P Awana 6:30P Ladies' Bible 6:30P Men's Bible 7P Sr. Hi youth	29 7:30A Men's Bible 12:30P Ladies' Bible	30	

Andrew & Claire @ rebound

Pastor Grams gone