

Activities

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

- Monday** - Office Closed
 7:00 p.m. - Christmas Eve Service
Tuesday - Christmas Day - Office Closed
Wednesday
Thursday
 7:00 p.m. - Authenticity Practice, Sanctuary
Friday
Saturday
 8:00 a.m. - **Men's Basketball**, Intersection

ADVANCED NOTICE

- Sunday, December 30 - Installation of new Elders & Deacons
 Thursday, January 3 - 7:00 p.m. - Classis Prayer Teams, Fireside Room
 Saturday, January 5 - 8:30 a.m. - Prayer Facilitators Meeting, deBoers Cafe'
 Sunday, January 6 - Prayer Exchange
 Sunday, January 6 - 4:00 p.m. - Staff Relations Meeting, Room #116
 Sunday, January 6 - 7:30 p.m. - High School Leaders Meeting, Intersection
 Sunday, January 6 - Watoto Choir, Free Will Offering, Potluck, Church, Fellowship Rm.
 Thursday, January 10 - 6:00 p.m. - Elders & Deacons Meeting
 Thursday, January 10 - 7:00 p.m. - Consistory Meeting
 Friday, January 11 - 10:00 p.m. - Middle School Laser Tag - All Nighter, back at 7:00 a.m.
 Sunday, January 20 - 11:00 a.m. - Luncheon for 1st or 2nd Time Visitors, Fireside Room

Elders and Deacons Serving on Consistory - 2007

- Elders:** Beukema, Mike - Vice President - 07
 Brown, Kel - 09
 Bruins, John - 09
 Crawford, Jayne - 09
 Prince, Ed - 08
 Redder, Lloyd - Clerk - 08
 Shumaker, Roger - 08
 Tubergan, Dewey - 07
- Deacons:** Bleeker, Mark - Chairman of the Deacons - 09
 Bredeweg, Ed - 08
 Brown, Joyce - Treasurer - 07
 Kiekintveld, Ron - 08
 Lynema, Todd - 07
 Prince, Wilma -
Assistant Treasurer - 08
 Russell, Josh - 09
 Zoerman, Dave - 09

Grace Community Church Morning Order of Worship

- Prelude
 Welcome & Announcements Brian Crawford
Children's Worship dismissed 3 yrs. - 2nd grade
 Special Music Grace Church Choir
 Call to Worship "Do You Hear What I Hear"
 Lighting of the Advent Candle
 *Songs of Praise & Worship "Hark, The Herald Angels Sing" #133
 "Angels We Have Heard On High" #132
 "That's Why We Praise Him"

- Prayer of Praise
Baptism of Cynthia Parker, Clifton Hatter, Marquise Hatter
Parents: Matthew & Cynthia Parker
 Presentation of our Tithes & Offerings
 Offertory "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"
(Those who desire healing prayer, please come forward during the offering)
 Prayer of Healing / Prayers of the People / Prayer Pages
Sermon Series: "Advent Is..."
 God's Word for Us Luke 2:8-20 (pg. #1591)
 Good News "CELEBRATION"
 Prayer of Invitation
 Invitation to Prayer Room
 *The Lord's Prayer
 *Response "Joy To The World"

* Feel free to stand, sit, kneel, bow, dance... worship however the Spirit leads.

Message: Pastor Aaron Anderson

Ushers This Week:

Norm Leestma, Ed Prince, Josh Russell

Ushers Next Week: December 30

Carmen De Roos, Joyce Brown, Dave Young

Nursery Attendants During Worship This Week:

a.m.: Diane Kooiker, Tycen Kooiker, Jayne Crawford, Travis Rosendahl

Nursery Attendants During Worship Next Week: December 30

a.m.: Judy Bareman, Tammy Beukema, Danielle Crozier

GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH MINISTRY STAFF

- Aaron Anderson - Pastor
 Rev. Red Faber - Pastor of Emeritus
 Amy Russell - Director of Education
 Lisa Crozier - Director of Music
 Kathy Bruins - Prayer Leader
- Brian Crawford - Director of Student Ministries
 Brenda Kolean - Secretary
 Bob & Lois VanderZwaag - Custodians
 Dave Zoerman - Kid's Hope Director

Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday
8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. & 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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Sunday, December 23, 2007

Mission Statement

To Share the Good News of Salvation in Christ Jesus,
 Pray and Show God's Love"

MORNING WORSHIP

9:30 A.M.

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Sermon Series: "Advent Is..."

Luke 2:8-20 (pg. #1591)
 "CELEBRATION"

Message: Pastor Aaron Anderson

Authenticity

EVENING WORSHIP

6:00 P.M.

Call to Worship/Opening Prayer
 Songs of Praise & Worship
 Prayer Requests

Luke 2:1-7 (pg. #1590)
 "A LITTLE TOWN, A LITTLE BABY"

Message: Pastor Aaron Anderson

Song Leader: Lisa Crozier
Acapella

"THE YEAR OF THE BIBLE READING"

- Sunday, December 23: Zechariah 1, 2 / Psalm 146, 147
 Monday, December 24: Zechariah 3, 4 / Revelation 17
 Tuesday, December 25: Zechariah 5, 6 / Revelation 18
 Wednesday, December 26: Zechariah 7, 8 / Revelation 19
 Thursday, December 27: Zechariah 9, 10 / Psalm 148
 Friday, December 28: Zechariah 11, 12 / Revelation 20
 Saturday, December 29: Zechariah 13, 14 / Revelation 21

Welcome Visitors

We welcome you to Grace and thank you for worshipping with us. We are a church of people who love the Lord and welcome all of God's people no matter where they are in their spiritual journey. All visitors are invited to join us on the third Sunday of the month for a free meal after the worship service. We are excited to meet you!

Kid's Hope

Story of the Week - A story from our own school. One day after meeting with their student, the mentor was called aside by the teacher. The teacher said: "I want you to go back and tell Grace Church thank you! Because of their generosity, one of my students now has a pair of boots for the winter!"

Christmas Vacation for Pine Creek - Christmas vacation starts on December 24 and goes through January 2. School resumes on Thursday, January 3, 2008.

Fundraiser - When shopping online for Christmas gifts this holiday season don't forget about our new fundraiser at: www.supportthisministry.com/graceofholland. If you have any questions about the website, please talk to Dave Zoerman.

Thank You

Thank you to the Deacons for waxing the floor in the basement. A special thank you to Bob Rozema for getting us started and to Paul De Roos for keeping us going.

Thank you to all the High School students and leaders who participated in delivering Christmas Cards to our shut-ins.

Thank you so much to everyone who participated in or helped out with the Christmas Program. It was such a blessing!

Thank you for the box of goodies. It was fun to receive such a treat at college. I really appreciated all the thoughts and prayers that went into it. Emily Rosendahl

Thank you to the "House of Prayer" team for their lovely Christmas gift! What a pleasure it is for me to see God working mightily through your prayers. You are such a blessing to me! I thank God for you all! Merry Christmas! Kathy Bruins

A huge thank you to Lloyd Redder for filling in for me so I could go on vacation.
... Brenda

NURSERY SCHEDULE

January 6: Deb Dykema, Danielle Crozier, Joan Breuker, Tori Zoerman
January 13: Pam Dykema, Brynn Kooiker, Barb DeFeyter, Rita Gorter
January 20: Glenda Grassmid, Andrea Rosendahl, Beth Bloemers, Brittani Redder
January 27: Sandy BJORUM, Judy Bareman, Natasha Beukema

Educational Ministries

Christmas Break Schedule - For Sunday School and Wednesday Night - There will be no Sunday School December 23 – January 6. Children's Worship Students will be going down just during the worship service on the 23rd.

We will not be having Wednesday night activities on December 26 or January 2nd.

Children's Worship Helpers Needed - For the New Year! There is a new sign-up sheet on the ledge for Children's Worship. Please take a moment and sign-up to help for a Sunday or two!

Join Us For Sunday School

There are some great new options for our High Schoolers and Adults to choose from as well as classes for kids 3 year olds through middle school.

Children's Worship - (3 years old – 2nd Grade) will be dismissed during the worship service and all other classes begin at 11:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome! Sunday School is dismissed at 11:55 a.m.

Join Us Every Wednesday Night - Starting with dinner at 6:00 p.m. at the Intersection and classes from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. There is something for everyone with Kid's Club, God's Girls, Boy's Club, the women's Friendship Circle quilting group, and women's and men's Bible study. Bring the whole family for a night of fun!

Student Ministries

High School AMPED Leaders Meeting - Will be meeting the 1st Sunday of each month at the Intersection at 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday "After School " Hours - Will not be meeting this week Tuesday, December 25th (Christmas Day). Also there will not be Tuesday "After School" hours on January 2nd. We will meet again on January 9th. Have a wonderful Christmas and a great New Year.

Middle School Youth Group - There will not be Middle School Youth Group on Wednesday, December 26th or January 2nd. We will meet again on January 9th. Have a wonderful Christmas and a great New Year.

AMPED High School Youth Group - There will not be High School Youth Group today or next Sunday the 30th. Have a wonderful Christmas and a great New Year.

General Info

2007 Budget Update - We are truly blessed here at Grace. Please keep Grace Community Church in your prayers. Offerings needed per week: **\$6,249.00**. Offering, December 16, 2007: **\$4,904.00** - Year to Date +/- : (- **\$20,632.85**)

Our Christmas Eve Offering - Will be divided between the Holland Rescue Mission and The Lakeshore Pregnancy Center this year.

2008 Offering Envelopes - Offering envelopes are available on the table in the Narthex.

Nursery for Christmas Eve - We will have someone in the Nursery for the Christmas Eve service. If anyone else can help out, please contact Deb Dykema at 399-4063.

Extra Pig-in-the-Blankets - If you are interested in purchasing more Pig-in-the-Blankets, we have about 60 dozen left. They are \$7.00 a dozen. Please pay Marion Hoeve

The Friendship Quilt Group - Will not be meeting on Wednesday, December 26, 2007. Anyone interested in a short quilt shopping trip to Grand Rapids on New Year's day should contact Joyce or Joan.

Thank-you to everyone who has offered to host groups of children from the Watoto Children's Choir! We have enough homes and the hotel rooms are paid for - way to go Grace! Remember to sign up for the potluck that will be held after the concert on January 6. The sign-up just gives us an idea as to how many tables and chairs should be set up. Also, remember to tell your family and friends about this great opportunity to be blessed and be a blessing. Thanks! Kristi

Holland Chorale Auditions - The Holland Chorale will be holding limited winter auditions for experienced singers for all voicing except soprano. The auditions are scheduled for Thursday, January 3, 2008. Those interested may contact the Chorale manager, Jayne Philipps, for an appointment by calling 616.494.0256 ext. *814 or by email at jayne@hollandchorale.org.