

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR JANUARY 2024



*Teach the Truth of the
Word for the Glory of God*

A Letter From The Pastor

BY DIRK JENSEN

With the passing of another year and the arrival of the new, there is always reason to be hopeful and optimistic. During this season, many of us think back on the previous year and make plans for the next. But for Christians, the gospel's redemptive power is the bedrock upon which we build our outlook on fresh starts rather than empty resolves.

The hope of salvation and restoration is central to the gospel, which makes it so beautiful. A new creature is everyone who is in Christ, as stated in 2 Corinthians 5:17. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." The new year is a powerful symbol of the redemption we have received as a result of our trust in Jesus Christ.

As we begin this next phase, let us focus on the gospel and its transformative potential. The gospel does more than just bring us back into right standing with God; it also gives us the chance to grow and change throughout time. In Romans 12:2, we are urged not to conform to the patterns of this world but to be transformed by the renewing of our minds. A deeper knowledge of God's plan for our lives is the end result of this Christ-centered rebirth.

Every day, we work as a community to put the gospel into action. In everything we do and say, may the truth found in God's Word guide us. We pray that Christ's love will flood our lives to

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the fullest, setting off a chain reaction that will reach far beyond the boundaries of our church and into the neighborhoods where we live.

Every one of us has the chance to become closer to Christ in the coming year. We should resolve to increase our time spent praying, reading the Bible, and being thankful. By doing so, we set ourselves up to receive the many blessings of a strong relationship with our Savior, which include joy and peace.

Let us face the challenges of the new year with courage and the knowledge that we have each

other's support as we venture into the unknown. At all times, Christ is right there with us, directing and assisting us. Our lives should be a demonstration of how the gospel may change people's hearts and minds, and our actions should mirror the hope we have in Him.

I pray that the Grace Lutheran family experiences many blessings, love, and growth in the coming year. Let us, as a community, welcome the fresh starts that Christ provides and work to leave an indelible mark for His glory.

Blessings in Christ,
Pastor Dirk

Mission Outreach

Our November giving disbursements were paid out in December to the following:

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| 1. Northwoods Community Food Shelf | \$500 |
| 2. New Life Resource Center | \$250 |
| 3. Senior Resource Center | \$250 |
| 4. Gas Cards | \$100 |
| 5. Stone Lake Food Shelf | \$300 |
| 6. Northwoods Mom Co | \$200 |

Mission Outreach meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month.

Health Concerns:

Kathy Ahlgren, Virginia & Maurice Murray, Lim Perfecto, Dawn, Holly, Rebecca, George, Bill Schleusner, Skinny Roehl, Jim Thoreson, Cheryl (Turnbull) Hills, Rosie Anderson, Sharron Probyn, Jodi Waggoner, Bev Overmyer, Mary Ann Sebek, Ryan Sebek, Don Milne, Dee Dee Goodnow, Norma Enerson, Herb Kieffer

If you would like to be taken off of the prayer list, please let the office know.

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES

Tuesday's
with Pastor Dirk
7:00 - 8:00 AM

Wednesday's with Danielle
9:00-10:00 PM

Thursday's
Disciple's Bible Study
9:30 - 10:30 AM

Thursday's Holy Spirit
Bible Study
9:00-10:30 AM

Bible Study with Sue
Thursdays, 4:00-5:00pm

Couple's Bible Study
Thursdays
5-6pm dinner, 6-7pm study

****Please check the calendar for specific dates and time changes.****

Volunteer Schedule

1/7/24

Worship Coordinator: Carol Mestelle

Greeters: Gary & Phyllis Hennen

Ushers: Chris Larsen & Kurt Messner

Acolyte:

Reader: Clare Kreyer

Communion Assistants: Phyllis Hennen, Jackie Strand & Kari Aderman

Money Counters: Shari Nathan & Dana Carothers

Altar Guild: Irma Gesche

Fellowship Treats: Lois Lund & Lorraine Lichttenegger

1/14/24

Worship Coordinator: Lynn Syverson

Greeters: Kathy Bergum

Ushers: 2 needed

Acolyte: Cade Hamilton

Reader: Cade or Weston Hamilton

Communion Assistants: Jean Lutz & 2 needed

Money Counters: Chris Larsen & Jackie Strand

Altar Guild: Lynn Syverson

Fellowship Treats: Shari Nathan & Laura Zeigle

1/21/24

Worship Coordinator: Jackie Strand

Greeters: Donna Yackel

Ushers: DJ Aderman & needed

Acolyte:

Reader: needed

Communion Assistants: Jean Lutz, Jackie Strand & needed

Money Counters: Gary Gustafson & needed

Altar Guild: Darlene Dennis

Fellowship Treats: Karen Gustafson & Kari Aderman

1/28/24

Worship Coordinator: Karen Jensen

Greeters: needed

Ushers: 2 needed

Acolyte:

Reader: Clare Kreyer

Communion Assistants: 3 needed

Money Counters: Jackie Strand & needed

Altar Guild: Kari Aderman

Fellowship Treats: Joe & Clare Kreyer and Cheryl Larsen

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Sunday School

Sunday School will meet at 10:15 am, following the worship service for school age children.

G.L.O.W.

(Grace Lutheran On Wednesdays)

All children 4 years-5th grade are invited to learn about God's love. They meet weekly, during the school year, from 3:40-5:00pm.

Confirmation

Confirmation classes are held on Wednesday afternoons for kids in 6th-8th grades, from 4:00-5:00pm.

Vacation Bible School

The first week of August, all GLOW age children are invited to participate in a week long adventure, learning about God. Please go to our website for details on upcoming dates & times. Please check out the bulletin board for pictures of the fun had this year!

Hayward Community Schools Educational Foundation Scholarships Available



Graduates of HHS, currently attending a 2 or 4 year post-secondary institution may apply for a Hayward Community Schools Educational Foundation Scholarship applicable to next year's school expenses. Applications will be considered from students who have completed at least one semester of courses and have a cumulative GPA of 2.75 or better. Applications can be obtained from the HHS guidance office or on-line by going to www.hayward.k12.wi.us. On this page you can download the application. Applications should be submitted to the HHS Guidance Office by April 1st. A copy of a transcript through 1st semester of this school year must be included with the application. Questions can be directed to Kathy Pachal, HCSEF secretary. 715-296-2327 or kathypachal23@gmail.com.



Dear Friends, here are our figures from the beginning of the new fiscal year.

Based on our giving history and budget:

Budgeted amount
\$120,384
Total rec'd since July 1
\$117,605
Total Expenses to date
\$109,274

Calendar

January 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	1 New Year's Day 9:15 am Broad Strokes	2	3	4 9:30 am The Disciples Bible Study 9:00 am Holy Spirit Bible Study	5	6
7 9:00 am Worship Service 10:15 am Sunday School	8 9:15 am Broad Strokes	9 7:00 am Bible Study 9:30 am Mission Outreach	10 9:00 AM Bible Study with Danielle 3:40-5:00pm GLOW 4:00-6:00pm Confirmation	11 9:30 am The Disciples Bible Study 9:00 am Holy Spirit Bible Study 4:00 pm Bible Study with Sue	12	13
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In January:

- A New Member class will be held following the worship service on January 14th.

If you would like to add something to the monthly newsletter, please see Pastor Dirk or Amy.

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**PASTORS
OFFICE**

Pastor Dirk's Office Hours:
8:00-12:00, Monday-Thursday