

December 2009

## GRACE SPOTLIGHTER



# DEATH SENTENCE SERMON

Genesis 3:15

I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

In Genesis 3, God preaches an Advent sermon to Satan. With no cute or clever delivery, God simply preaches the Advent of His Son, Jesus Christ, the woman's offspring and Satan's doom.

God speaks to the essential point which must be resolved. What is to be done about sin and its mastermind?

The Word of God is unambiguous. He makes no concession to demons who stir God's children to transgress His Word. Not for a moment will He endure sin without answer.

Here is God's counter-blow. There will be enmity; there will be hostility because no agreement can exist between darkness and light.

*"For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness? What accord has Christ with Belial? Or what portion does a believer share with an unbeliever? What agreement has the temple of God with idols?" (2 Cor. 6:14b-16a)*

The first Advent sermon was a death sentence. Satan didn't come away bewildered by a wrong impression. God unmistakably set down what He would do and endure to redeem His people.

God's conclusively declared that He would give over His Son, born of a woman, to bear the poison of death for each of us.

There would be fatal conflict between the evil one and the pure beloved Son of the Father. There would be no middle ground.

All Christ-centered preaching is direct address. It is not give and take, negotiable nor elastic. Preaching is divine monologue which, without compromise or concession, proclaims Christ alone as God and Savior.

Ever since this investiture of the Gospel Satan has sought to bleach and neuter Advent. Short of having his crushing defeat annulled, and unable to conquer Christ, the devil haggles for parity, still to make a fight of it. But God preached the conquest of Satan, sin, and death by the coming of Christ. The preaching of Christ in Genesis 3 was not a set-back for Satan. Rather, it was his shattering.

Without Christ's Advent, there would be no life for us, no future and no joy.



I often hear Christians lament how Christ is being taken from Christmas by substitution of "holiday" trees or the safer "seasons greetings." But I believe Satan is far more interested in taking Christ out of Advent and Advent from you.

Christmas is subsequent to Advent. Advent delineates Christmas. Without Advent there is no Christmas. Without Genesis 3 there is no Luke 2. Without the witness of God's incarnate Son to the woman in Eden, there is no Son of God in the woman's womb at Bethlehem. Without God's ultimate first Word there is no ultimate final hope.

God came to our rescue. Genesis 3:15 is the proto-Gospel, the direct antecedent of "good news of great joy that will be for all the people; for unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."

The pulpit is for Christ alone. The mighty Advent sermon of Genesis 3:15 disallows anything other than Christ-incarnate, Christ-sacrificed, and Christ-victorious.

The Son of God has devastated death and sin. He has crushed Satan's head and in so doing borne all the damage of our iniquity Himself. The coming of Christ to have done this for us— to have endured all this for us — this is the incomparable Advent Gospel.

*Pastor Reed*

## PASTOR SEEVER RECEIVES CALL

Directed by the Holy Spirit, Hope Lutheran Church of Bellaire, Michigan, has extended a Divine Call to Pastor Wade Seever.

The Lord gives gifts to His church. Among those gifts are men charged with preaching the Holy Gospel of Christ according to its truth and purity and administering the Holy Sacraments according to Christ's institution.

For the last three years, Pastor Seever has served as Assistant Pastor for Missionary Service in Germany. Now he is being called to another field of service. We pray the Lord to guide his deliberations, and if it is God's will, bring the Seever family safely back to the U. S.

Hope Lutheran Church was established in 1973. Sometimes referred to as Torch Lake, it is roughly midway between Traverse City and Petoskey. Should Pastor Seever be led to accept this Call of the Lord, it would mean leaving Neundettelsau sometime late January for installation near Ash Wednesday. The U.S. Army will relocate the Seever family stateside.

Pastor Seever has desired to return to parish ministry for which he was prepared at Concordia Theological Seminary. We pray for both him and the congregation of Hope, Bellaire.



# Advent

Many things make this time of year so very special. A general lightheartedness and happiness accompany the pre-Christmas season. It is wonderful to be a Christian anticipating the true festival.

At this time of year our eyes and ears delight in the sights, colors and sounds around us. Noses—perhaps slightly frost bitten—welcome those aromas we all enjoy and associate with Christmas. But it is Jesus who is the joy of a believer's heart.

One might think all the sensory good things of Decem-

## Mid-Week Services

**December 2, 7:00 pm**

**December 7, 7:00 pm**

**December 15, 7:00 pm**

## PROMISES TO THE PATRIARCHS ARE ADVENT PREPARATION



In special midweek services planned for Wednesdays during the month of December, we as members of Grace prepare our hearts to welcome properly the Christ of God. The Old Testament was truly a time of Advent. The Old Testament is full of promises. A common question on the minds of believers from the beginning of time was, "When will the promised Messiah arrive?" Even Eve hoped the day had come in the birth of her first born. The patriarchs yearned to see that day.

We are told in the Bible, "Concerning this salvation, the prophets, who spoke of the grace that was to come to you, searched intently and with the greatest care, trying to find out the time and circumstances to which the Spirit of Christ in them was pointing when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow" (1 Peter 1:10-11), and that even angels long to look into these things.

Therefore it is fitting that during this Advent, 2009, we meditate on the promises given to the patriarchs Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Please set aside worship time on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. for brief services of evening prayer as you prepare for Christmas.



The 26th Annual Auburn Area  
**Community Christmas Sing-A-Long**  
will be held here at Grace  
Sunday, December 3rd, starting at 5:30 p.m.

This is not a worship service, but a community gathering for singing the music of the season and taking time with friends and neighbors.

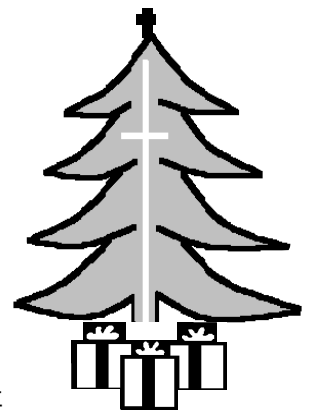
A community choir is always a special feature. This is an enjoyable event with refreshments and conversation following. You are welcome at no charge. We are also thankful to those who might contribute cookies for the after-concert fellowship.

Grace is hosting the events also in recognition that this is the fiftieth years of our Lutheran ministry here in Auburn.

## Sharing Tree

Thank you to all those who have again "adopted" gifts from the Sharing Tree in the Narthex which has contained requests for Bay County residents in need this year.

Along with our material gifts, we will once again be providing a Portals of Prayer for each family that will tell them about the most important gift – Jesus. In addition we will provide an invitation to worship with us at Grace that lists our holiday worship times.



# FUTURE STRIDES FOR GRACE SCHOOL

A special meeting of the Voters' Assembly will be held Sunday, December 6 at 9:15 a.m.

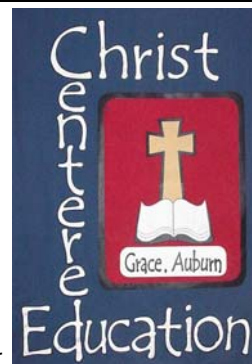
As we celebrate the 50th anniversary of Grace School and recall the hundreds of boys and girls who have been blessed as students of our Christ-centered school, we need your wisdom and participation in shaping the future of Grace parochial education.

Our Christian parents and church members have considered Lutheran education indispensable for teaching children the saving faith and providing here unparalleled primary school education. Preparation for life and the educational foundation received at Grace is invaluable.

But this also means communication and collaboration is essential as the next chapter of our school is undertaken. The Board for Elementary Education is out front in shaping proactive plans. A special

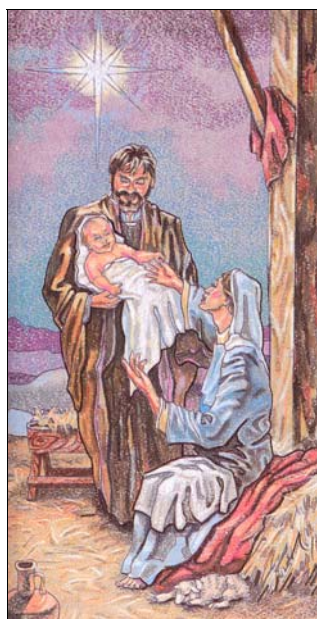
meeting, Dec. 6, will further advance various recommendations from the board. We have wonderful children, outstanding teachers and committed parents as well as a history of consistent congregational support. That support is still essential as we consider staffing, enrollment, financing, and facility factors. We thank God for our school, its strengths, and a continued positive spirit. The Voters' Assembly has one agenda; consideration of the Board proposals and final adoption of the 2010 Budget.

Thank you for keeping this in your prayers.



## Advent Matins

During this penitential season of Advent, morning Matins are conducted each weekday (M-F). Each morning until Christmas, there will be a service at Grace at 6 a.m. Lessons and a brief devotion are part of the worship. The services serve as a time to pray for the congregation, church at large, and world. A signal to indicate a service in progress will be illumination of the porch light at the church entrance. For those unable to attend, please expand your own daily devotional life in the Word and prayer.



*From the Grace Staff and Faculty,  
God bless your joy in receiving God's greatest Gift.  
We pray a blessed Christmas to all our Grace Church and School Family*



In celebration of 125 years of blessings, the Michigan District has established three initiatives:

- Intentional Mission Development: \$5,000,000
- Recruiting and Deploying Professional Church Worker Students: \$5,000,000
- Partnering with LCMS World Mission: \$3,000,000

The **Future is Now** in partnership with **Fan into Flame** provides opportunity for congregations and members of the Michigan District to bestow a thank offering for the blessings received from our Lord. Each of us should rise to these continuing challenges, and make a difference for the future that can only happen through shared purpose and common goals.

Through this joint effort, we hope to:

- Add Missionaries in the field
- Provide funding for new ministry starts, leadership training centers, and new schools
- Build new seminary facilities
- Respond to opportunities and emergencies

The Michigan District is honored to be able to help reach the lost throughout the world as we work to share the gospel with the lost throughout our District. Our prayer is that each individual, congregation, or church group will help make a difference that can only happen through shared purpose, common goals and commitment to growing Christ's Kingdom.

## GOD BLESSES US WITH CREATIVE MINDS – HELP YOUR CHILDREN USE THEM

by Peter Fredrich, Principal

The story of David and Goliath is a wonderful illustration of God-given talent and creativity. David was a good shot. He did not develop that talent by sitting on the couch playing sling-shot video games. It was developed by spending countless hours in the field with the responsibility of protecting the family livelihood. He no doubt practiced his aim over and over until, with God's blessing, he gained both skill and confidence. When he came face to face with a problem, David did not hesitate. He did not use the method recommended by his king, but instead used his skill and a handful of stones. He did this while his older brothers and the rest of the soldiers stood around with long faces. I am sure that many among the ranks had the skills to do what David did, but God chose to bless David with the faith and creativity to solve the Goliath problem.

Gifts, abilities, and talents are from our Creator. God does not bestow these gifts carelessly, be they athletic, academic, personal, or artistic. He gives His children gifts to use to accomplish His goals for His kingdom. As parents, it is in the best interests of our children to pay attention to the development of talent and creativity. Creativity is an important skill. Let's debunk a few myths that surround creativity and talent:

### Myth # 1: YOU EITHER GOT IT OR YOU DON'T

Research in creativity has not revealed a specific talent or thinking process related to creativity. There is no reason to believe in a creativity gene that allows some people to do great things. Rather, it appears that creativity is developed and fostered. God gives us talents, but some of us bury them and some of us use them. We can develop in any child the ability to be creative. While we may be born with strengths that can lead to talent, talent actually develops over time and with any hours of practice. Children who have opportunity and encouragement to practice a talent will also develop creativity in the use of their talent.

### Myth # 2: CREATIVITY IS ONLY GOOD FOR THE FINE ARTS

We think of artists, musicians, writ-

ers, and dancers as being creative. When you take a good look at the creative process, you realize it's about solving problems. It might be the problem of filling a blank canvas, composing a transition for a musical theme, or writing a great opening paragraph, but a problem is found and solved. Problem solving is a skill that applies to anything: How do we get the ball past the goalie? How can I put my opponent in checkmate? How can I solve this math problem? What is the theme of this book? How can I get friends to join this club? How can I get my allowance to last all week? Learning how to observe, make lists, brainstorm solutions, evaluate possibilities, and try new things are all problem-solving skills that can, and do, transfer to other situations.

### Myth # 3: CREATIVITY CAN BE TAUGHT

Unfortunately, there is no lesson plan for creating creative children. Developing creativity takes work, practice, and time. It takes interactions with other people and activities that allow for trial and error. Developing creativity is a constant and long-term work-in-progress. But, as with David, the development of creativity can enhance any talent and learning process.

### Myth # 4: CREATIVITY IS A LEAP OF INSIGHT

Many of the organizations or methods that claim to teach creativity have it as a goal to promote an "aha" moment, a leap of insight, or out-of-the-box thinking. There is no evidence, however, to believe there is a connection between these kinds of activities and the development of creativity. In fact, the study of the creative processes of extraordinary individuals supports the idea that creativity is a complex combination of thinking processes—a process made up of practice, perseverance, trial and error, and the time needed to do these things.

When David showed up at the battlefield to check on his brothers, he immediately saw the prob-

lem. He considered his own talents and the tools he had, and then he devised a solution to the problem. Armed with a handful of stones and a strong God-given faith, he creatively solved the problem. However, this wonderful event did not just happen. God began to prepare David from a very early age. David's life and childhood gave him the time, tools, and motivation to develop his talent and creativity. The shepherd David had many hours of problem-solving practice as he tended sheep. God showed him how to develop his talents, and, through this, blessed him with confidence. This same blessing awaits your children as they develop their God-given gifts.

Our second mid-quarter ends Friday, December 4. All students will receive their progress reports with the memo on December 8. They should be signed and returned to school.

The Children's Bazaar, Hollyland Mall, will be on December 8<sup>th</sup> in the morning. Various area vendors will be offering a variety of Christmas gifts at a reasonable price. All items will sell for not more than \$5.00. Volunteers from the Ladies of Grace will wrap all gifts. Please, do not send checks with your children; sorry, but only cash is accepted by the vendors. Students from Trinity, Monitor, have been invited to Grace to shop as well.

The Children's Christmas Program will be held in the church on December 20 beginning at 7:00. The program will begin with an optional student recital. The presentation is titled "Ring out the Good News."

Classes will end at the completion of the regular school day on Tuesday, December 22 for the beginning of our Christmas Break. Classes resume on Monday, January 4, 2010.

On behalf of our students and faculty, may we wish you all the blessings of Christmas. Our Savior is born! May God's gift of salvation in Christ fill you with peace and joy as you witness His love and the greatest gift of all – Jesus!

# The Best Holiday Provisions Are Love And Forgiveness.

## Junior High Highlights

Algebra basically uses letters and other symbols to represent unknown numbers and applies arithmetical operations to them. Seventh grade math will soon begin a unit on algebra. They will work with algebraic expressions and equations. They are all looking forward to it and I know they can hardly wait. The eighth grade, well into algebra, continues to work with equations that have the variable on both sides of the equal sign. This also includes various challenging word problems. Religion for the month of December will focus on all the preparations needed for our annual Christmas program presented December 20 titled "Ring out the Good News". The students have presented their first oral book report in language. This presentation, given in front of the

class, helps eliminate one of the greatest fears of most people, public speaking. Our travels throughout American history have brought us to a very sad time in our past, the Civil War. As neighbor fought against neighbor, family against family, the highest casualties in history were inflicted simply because when a soldier was killed on either side, it was an American. After the war ended, the nation was faced with the challenges of rebuilding the war-torn South and bringing the two parts of the country together. Scientists group plants as either vascular – those with

water and food-conducting cells in their stems or as nonvascular – those without the transportation cells. Vascular plants are further divided into those that produce spores or those that make seeds. The world of plants is the current focus of our life science studies.



## Gledhill Gators

Grace, mercy, and peace to each of you from God our Father. Great things abound from room 4! We are having so much fun, it should be illegal! We've had a really exciting month to share. We walked down to the Auburn library to do research on the genesis of Auburn. Who were the first documented settlers to the area? What were the streets first called? What were the first schools, houses, businesses, etc. I was constantly being beckoned, "Mr. Gledhill, Mr. Gledhill – did you know.....?!" It was fun to see the students getting excited finding out about their hometown.

I also had the honor and privilege to lead a chapel service with my class. I decided to go with the theme of *burdens and leaving them at the cross*. I had each of my students come up with a 'burden on their heart' written on a dry-erase board. Some were personal and applicable. Then they set them down along the floor and went to their seats. As I continued with the message, one-by-one they returned to their 'burden' and brought it back to their seats with them. This tied in because we all too often bring our cares and our burdens to God in

prayer – but we don't leave them. We 'take them back'. The students then returned with them, and placed them in a pile – this time, at the foot of the cross. We closed the message with a beautiful song entitled *Cast All My Cares*. The words were very appropriate:  
*I cast all my cares upon you.  
I lay all of my burdens down at your feet.  
And anytime I don't know what to do;*

*I will cast all my cares upon you.*  
We have been drilling the levels of government, branches, and responsibilities in Social Studies. We've had funny pop-quizzes, baseball games, and pass-the-ball speed rounds. This kind of information – especially in Social Studies – can tend to be uneventful. Students grasp so much more when it's enthusiastic and different.

All we're dealing with is a bunch of trash in Science. Literally. We're studying landfills, decomposition, recycling, environmental repercussions, and all sorts of other dirty aspects of afore mentioned. Still waiting for Science Kits. \*sigh\*

We closed off another

unit in Religion. The students took the whole journey of Moses, and have moved to his protégé, Joshua. They also followed Samuel's life and into King Saul. Their inquisitive minds never cease to amaze me. They always want to know "what happens next" whether it's in the next reading or not. I tell them Revelation forbids me from extrapolating any more than what is written.

We bid the rest of this week adieu for a restful break and a celebration with family and friends to give our Lord and creator thanks for the bounty that He gives each and every one of us. Blessings.



2nd Half of First Quarter AR Winners

## Miss Rudick's Class

We have just celebrated Thanksgiving and are looking forward to Christmas. Our Advent devotions this year are from a book entitled "Countdown to Christmas". It uses different pictures to help the children learn about the true meaning of Christmas. Our devotions begin Nov. 30 and continue through Epiphany.

In Religion we have been studying God's plan for Gideon, Ruth and Naomi, and Samuel. We are currently working on a book that tells of the different ways we can serve God at home, in school, and in our community.

In science we are studying and observing all types of living things. We are learning about the different types of animals, how they are alike and different, and the ways they all move.

In social studies we are talking about the roles of different people in different groups. We are also learning about the basic needs of all people.

In math the kindergarten students are learning to identify patterns. They also continue to practice identifying and writing their numbers. 1<sup>st</sup> grade students are learning more about place value, money values, and telling time. 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students are working more with basic geometry and multiplication concepts.

In reading the kindergarten students are beginning to learn some very basic words that they see frequently. They are also learning to identify sequences. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students continue to practice concepts such as context clues and sequencing.

We have also begun practice



## Hard at Work

for our Christmas Program entitled "Ring Out the Good News". We hope you will be able to join us on December 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. to remember the true meaning of Christmas.

We pray God's blessings on all of you throughout this holiday season.

## Gloria in Excelsis Deo!

The ladies of our congregation gather each December to celebrate the birth of our Savior. This year we will meet on December 8, at 6:00 p.m. in the school library for dinner, fellowship, carols, and reflection on God's wonderful gift. Our hosts for the evening will provide the meat, drinks, and table service and all others are asked to bring a dish to pass.

In lieu of a gift exchange, we will be accepting monetary donations to be used for Angel Food Ministries. This is a non-profit, non-denominational organization dedicated to providing food relief and financial support to communities throughout the U.S. Angel food is available in a quantity that can fit into a medium sized box at \$30 per unit. Generally, one unit of food assists the feeding of a family of four for about one week or a single senior citizen for almost a month. St. Paul, Frankenlust is one of the host sites, so our gifts will be used through them to purchase these units and distribute them to families in our area.

Also, remember to bring your mite offerings. Our Michigan District LWML mission projects are in crucial need of these funds to make possible the completion of these projects.

So...put December 8, 6:00 p.m. on your calendar. You can let Rosie Taglauer, Sue Reed, Ruth Wegener, or Mary Dengel know if you are able to attend. Bring a friend, if you wish, and enjoy the evening with your sisters from Grace.



## Pointsettias

We are now taking orders for poinsettias for the Christmas season.

This year we are offering a 7" pot with 2 plants in it for \$18.50. You will have your choice of red, pink or white plants. Please state your color preference on your order envelope. There is a box on the ushers table for your order and payment.

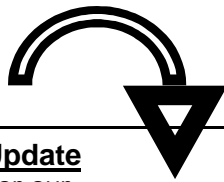


## Grace Anniversary Cookbooks



Our cookbooks have arrived, if you have not picked yours up please do so. These cook books are chuck full of wonderful recipes that many of us have eaten over the years. We do have a few extra cookbooks for sale if you did not order but would like to purchase one please call the church office at 662-6161. The cost is \$12.00 and they would make great Christmas gifts.

# Notices



## Last Call Directory Address Update

We are working on an update for our phone/address directory. Please let the office know if there has been a change of phone, address or e-mail so that we may be as current as possible. This would also include children that have moved into other areas or new addresses. Any questions please call the office at 662-6161..

## Anniversary DVD's for Sale

We have had an outside business reproduce the September 27 anniversary program on DVD. If anyone is interested in purchasing one for \$10, please inform either someone on the anniversary committee or the church secretary.

## Boar's Head Festival

The tread of Beefeaters will sound again at the 25th annual presentation of the Boar's Head Christmas Festival at Bethlehem, Saginaw. The Festival will be presented four times beginning Thursday, December 3 and Saturday, December 5 at 7:30 p. m., and Sunday, December 6 at 4:00 and 7:30 p. m. Each festival is preceded with special choral and instrumental music. The Festival gradually unfolds with singers and players, Sprites, waits, and common folk as they gather with the lord of the manor for a yuletide celebration. Gradually, it transforms into the story of Jesus' birth in Bethlehem. For information, call 755.1144.

## 13th Annual Living Nativity

Come and learn about the greatest gift of all at the living nativity at Immanuel, Frankentrost. Join us as we travel to the ancient town of Bethlehem to pay our taxes and be counted in the Roman census. During our visit we will hear the shepherds talk about the angels' proclamation. Listen to the prophet talk of signs and wonders. Enjoy the city alive with activity and no room at the inn. We will also try to avoid the anger of the Roman soldiers and tax collectors, and see the baby asleep in the manger. Questions call 989-754-0929.

## SAVE THE DATE! Island Paradise

- the 7th annual VLHS Benefit Dinner & Auction is going to be on Saturday, February 27, 2010 at Apple Mountain Conference Center. The past 6 auctions have netted us over \$190,000 which has been applied to various school improvements including the 21st Century Classroom Initiative, busses, student aid, teacher training & more! Thank you for your past support of VLHS! We could use your help - we are asking for items to be donated and put up for bid (merchandise, tickets, services, vacation homes, etc.) There are also opportunities to participate by way of Prayer, advertising, sponsorship, or attending! Click on our auction link [www.vlhs.com](http://www.vlhs.com) and get more information and check out our often-updated list of items. Watch your bulletin and/or church message board for ticket/donation fliers. For further information or questions, you may call Valley Lutheran at 790-1676, Beth (Lambert) Kaul 989-754-5918 [kaulfarm@airadv.net](mailto:kaulfarm@airadv.net).

## Youth Grace Christmas Ornaments

In early November we elected our officers for the 2009-2010 year.

President-Shaun Ruff  
Vice President-Kevin Feinauer  
Treasurer-Jessica Ruff  
Secretary-Elise Varner

The youth ornament sale is progressing nicely. We only have approximately 40 left to sell and they are going fast, have you signed up on the poster in the Narthex? The commemorative Christmas ornaments to celebrate Grace's 50th anniversary are a limited edition

and will be delivered in December. They are only \$10. If you have questions please see Linda Varner or Karla Weiss

We have sent in our registration for the National Youth Gathering in July 2010.

Grace will be represented by 10 youth and 3 adult chaperones. Our planning is underway and we do have a date for our auction. Please mark Sunday, April 11 on your calendars! We are looking forward to a great evening of fun and fellowship. Start those craft projects now....

Our Christmas party will be held on Saturday, December 5th following the nativity walk. We will start the evening at meeting at Grace and leaving promptly at 5:15 pm for Immanuel, Frankentrost. Following the walk we will meet at Weiss' home for a soup supper, gift exchange (limit \$5) and fun. Please bring either a 2 liter pop, chips, or dessert.

Keep your eye open for our pastie sale to be held in January. These are great to keep in the freezer for easy supper ideas.



## Anniversary Albums

We have completed the distribution of the anniversary albums to all our members and have plenty left. If anyone wishes to purchase additional albums for \$5.00 each, you can see one of the anniversary committee members or the church secretary.



Sunday      Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday      Saturday

# December

## Grace Church Calendar

6	7	8	9	10	11	12
8:00 (H.C.) & 10:30 Worship 9:15 Voters Assembly 5:30 Auburn Area Sing- A-Long at Grace	7:30 Men's Bible Study	School Hollyland Mall 7:00 Ladies of Grace Christmas Party 7:30 School Board	6:30 am Men's Bible Study 7:00 Advent Worship 8:00 Senior Choir	7:00 pm Jr. Confirmation		8:00 Women's Bible Study
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
8:00 (H.C.) & 10:30 Worship 9:30 Sunday School 7:00 pm Children's Christmas Program	7:30 Men's Bible Study		6:30 am Men's Bible Study <b>CHRISTMAS BREAK</b>	7:00 pm & 11:00 pm Christmas Eve Services	9:00 am Christmas Morning Service	8:00 Women's Bible Study
27	28	29	30	31		
8:00 & 10:30 (H.C.) Worship	7:00 Executive Board		6:30 am Men's Bible Study 7:00 Midweek Worship	7:00 pm New Year's Eve Service		

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## ***December Birthdays & Anniversaries***

### *BIRTHDAYS*

3 Thomas Prah, 4 Kathryn Battle, 4 Robert Krystosek, 4 Drew Schmidt, 4 Kerry Storey, 5 Margaret Barber, 6 James Feinauer, 6 James Webb, 8 Roy Hayward Jr., 8 Russell Pickelman, 8 Jacob Schmidt, 8 Barbara Vennix, 11 Laurretta Friebe, 11 Emily Gray, 11 Christopher Lewicki, 12 Aaron Bauer, 12 Bethany Weiss, 13 Jordan Hakes, 13 Robert Lee, 14 Taylor Bickham, 16 Carol Bickham, 18 Zachary Horneber, 20 Jessica Pyle, 21 Amy Bickham, 21 Brian Keidel, 21 Steven VanTol, 22 Ashly Kraatz, 22 Emily Kraatz, 22 Cindy Smith, 23 Kyle Rauschenberger, 24 Rita Reiss, 24 Justin Varner, 24 Ruth Wegener, 25 Alexis Vance, 26 Barbara Gonyea, 26 Brian Keidel, 26 Irene Taglauer, 27 Tracy Storey, 28 Dallas Eichman, 28 Cameron Morford, 30 Allyse Fiebke

### *ANNIVERSARIES*

5 Jeffrey & Barbara Vennix, 10 Mark & Pamela Horneber, 10 Ronald & Carol Mularz, 22 Mark & Doreen Hetzner, 28 Allen & Edyth Ousterhout, 31 Elmer & Irene Taglauer