

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

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Worship Services

Sunday 10:30 am

Bible Class 9am

Contemporary & Sunday School 4:30 pm

Upcoming:

January 6—Un-decoration: Please join us as we gather to take down the Christmas decorations.

January 8—Outreach Meeting @ 11:30am. Come join us for a discussion about opportunities to connect with our community.

January 15—Family Dinner after 4:30pm service.



Happy New Year!

I hope your Christmas season was filled with the Lord's blessings. I hope you were able to be grateful for the gift of Jesus and the difference His love makes in your life.

We are grateful that God has enabled us to show His love to the first two families we have been able to help at Grace House and the first two individuals in the mother in law suite too. We are also thankful that the current family has found new housing that they will be able to move into soon into the new year. The young lady in the mother in law suite should be moving out by June.

As we look ahead to how to help the next family we have had a number of discussions of how that might look different since we have not been able to identify a new partner to replace Interfaith Coalition as our case manager. We have talked to and worked with several partners to bridge the gap. As far as adjusted ways of utilizing our house, we have considered a refugee family and we have a potential partner that could assist us with that. We can work with the school again to identify a family in need that could benefit from Grace House but whose needs match up with our ability to help even without a partner providing case management. We have talked with the Whatcom County Pregnancy Clinic about having a couple of different moms and their kids share the space and team up for their work and child care needs. We could rent the house to a family who is struggling to find affordable housing in the area but has resources to save up while they are living with us so that they are able to move out after their time with us.

There are many opportunities to help and many challenges to navigate. If you have thoughts to share please let us know. We appreciate all the ways so many in the congregation have helped over the years financially and through other gifts plus the time spent fixing and cleaning and praying for our ministry to those in need. If you would like to

help spruce up the place after the current family moves out, please let Gretel know and she will coordinate what and when.

Blessings to you in the New Year. I look forward to the journey that God has planned for us and trust in His ways and we walk forward in faith, step by step. Peace in Christ to you.

Pastor

J is for Jesus. J is for Joy. J is for January. It's a new year with a new set of sentiments. What I'd like to focus on for the month of January is the Joy we have because of Jesus!

Last year we focused on 365 days of Hope. I'd like to approach this year a little differently. Each month we will look at a different gift we have been given because of our Hope. We will start the year with Joy!

We have been given the gift of joy & it permeates our being. Love came down, lived a perfect life, died a horrible death & rose victorious! Jesus, the embodiment of Love, did all of that for everyone! After He went to Heaven, He sent the Holy Spirit to dwell within us, thus giving us eternal joy! It does not mean we will skate through life with no rough patches. It doesn't mean we won't be sad or mourn. It means that even though we are going through difficulties we have Hope & that Hope produces Joy which gives us a tremendous sense of Peace. Peace that transcends all human understanding!

Joy to me is like the Light that we sing about in, "This Little Light of Mine!" Jesus is in us & He's not going away, because of that we have this radiant Joy! A Joy that shines for all to see! A Joy that comforts other people! A Joy we share with the world. A Joy that Satan cannot take away! That to me is an amazing gift, for which I am eternally grateful!

Here's to a life of Joy!
Mrs. Z



Cleaners Needed!

Weekly - Friday or Saturday evenings.

Let's get excited about our church & our abilities to serve the Lord and His Congregation!

Call Joan 360-220-2510

Grace Budget Draft Summary	2022 Actual Jan—Nov	2022 Budget
Income	191,269	192,159
Expenses	205,071	232,463
Excess Revenue / (Shortfall)	(13,802)	(40,034)

Seeking the story

Angels joyfully announced a special arrival in Bethlehem at Christmas.

Directions: Find the words listed below. Then unscramble the intersecting letters to complete Luke 2:11, NIV.



WORD BANK

- Shepherds
- Child
- Nazareth
- Census
- Baby
- David
- Mary
- Travel
- Town
- Register
- Born
- Night

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“Today in the town of David a _____ has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.”

LUKE 2:11, NIV

Servants	January 1	January 8	January 15	January 22	January 29
ACOLYTES	Caeden	Caeden	Caeden	Caeden	Caeden
ALTAR COMMITTEE	Rika & Rafa	Rika & Rafa	Rika & Rafa	Rika & Rafa	Rika & Rafa
SCRIPTURE READERS	Lenore Onyon	Steve Galbraith	Dan Persse	Kristi Galbraith	April Mouw
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Sandie Miller		Steve Roe		
PIANIST	Janet Mehus	Brent Johnson	Janet Mehus	Brent Johnson	Janet Mehus
ORGANIST	Brent Johnson	Brent Johnson	Brent Johnson	Brent Johnson	Brent Johnson
USHERS					



January

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10:30 Worship w. Communion ————— Pastor Vacation —————	2	3	4	5	6 Un-decorate 6pm	7 MEN'S Bible Study 8 am
8 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Worship 4:30 Contemporary & S.S. 11:30 Outreach Mtg	9 Ladies' Bible Study 7pm	10 Preschool Prep 2pm	11 Music Meeting 2pm	12	13	14
15 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Worship w. Communion 4:30 Contemporary & S.S. Family Dinner	16 MLK Jr. Day	17	18	19	20	21 MEN'S Bible Study 8 am
22 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Worship 4:30 Contemporary & S.S.	23 Ladies' Bible Study 7pm	24	25	26	27	28
29 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Worship w. Communion 4:30 Contemporary	30	31	Emergency Contacts: P.J. Aguirre 360-332-3912 Dick Johnson 360-201-5440 Lenore Onyon 360-510-6396			

BIRTHDAYS

1 Kristi Galbraith
3 Athena Johnson
Kara Hinchey
Eadward Johnson
5 Todd Pomerening
8 Laura Nelson
Beckum Bleazard
10 Delray Carleton
Cynthia Thompson

11 Ruth Chiko
15 Jay Pukaluk
18 Charlene Liebert
19 Shane Thompson
21 Hunter Liebert
Adeline Tucker
22 Carol Delong
23 George Holmes
24 Kelsy Berg

25 Kelley Zuch
Jeremiah Tevelde
28 Richard Johnson
Rick Thompson
31 Cheryl Persse

ANNIVERSARIES

2 Jason & Niki Wildermuth