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SUNDAY, January 26, 2025

MINISTERS: All the people of God

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ALTAR GUILD: Melinda Young

READERS: 9am – Nick Gandy;

11am – Kathy Sanguinet

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: 9am Janet McPherson;

11am – Marilyn Harper, Abi Hudson

OFFERING COUNTERS: Debra & Jim Nelsen,
George Ohlin

GREETERS: Mary Grant, Dean & Kathy Gatzlaff,
Marilyn Harper, Maria Heidorn, Priscilla Heidorn

USHERS: Dean Gatzlaff, Sue Homant, Brent
Kallestad, Kathy Van Loo, George Ohlin

A/V TEAM: Sara Allen, Elisa Casey, Dr. Leslie
Heffner, Penny Rusinko

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE OFFER TWO WORSHIP SERVICES ON SUNDAYS, a 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service and an 11:00 a.m. Traditional Service.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given by Pastor Jenn and Rob, in memory of loved ones.

JOIN US IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL between the services for refreshments and fellowship from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. Hosted this week by the Fellowship Committee.

HOSTS ARE NEEDED FOR SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP HOUR. Sign up in the Fellowship Hall. There are two options, either fully host a Sunday, or sign up to only drop off food and the Fellowship Committee will take care of the rest. Contact Mary Grant if questions, 609-602-0155 or grantmlcic@hotmail.com. **Note: If you leave a food or drink donation, please leave your name so we know who provided it.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS DEADLINE. Announcements are due in the Church Office by 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday. Please email announcements to Lisa at graceluthch@earthlink.net.

THE 2025 FLOWER CHART is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. Sign up to host chancel flowers. Cost is \$36 per arrangement. After the second service ends you may take them home to enjoy.

2024 GIVING STATEMENTS are available in the lobby. Please be sure to take yours home.

2025 OFFERING ENVELOPES. For those that use offering envelopes, please pick them up in the lobby. **Your envelope number may have changed effective January 1, 2025.** Be sure to write in your name on your envelope each week to ensure your offering is correctly credited during this transition. If you were not assigned envelopes but would like a box, email Lisa in the church office at graceluthch@earthlink.net.

SIGN UP IN THE LOBBY, COME WITH US TO AN FSU WOMEN'S BASKETBALL GAME! We will have a brown bag lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the 11:00 a.m. service on Sunday, February 9, and then head to the Tucker Center for an afternoon of ACC Basketball. The FSU Seminoles Women's Basketball team meets the NC State Wolfpack (ranked in top 25) at 2:00 p.m. It promises to be an exciting game! We will purchase General Admission tickets and sit in Section 109, which is above the entrance where the FSU team enters and exits the court. For more info, please contact Nick Gandy at ngandyman@yahoo.com and as always, Go Noles!

WOMEN'S GROUP GATHERS on fourth Tuesdays. We will gather next on Tuesday, January 28, from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

THANK YOU to all who participated in our ELCA Good Gifts Fundraiser this past Advent & Christmas season. We raised \$120 that has been designated to buy honey bees for communities in need around the world. These bees help to support families as well as healthy bee populations. They provide honey to eat and beeswax to be transformed into handcrafted soaps/candles. This donation will allow 6 families to start a small business selling their products. The bees also boost crop growth on the farms, pollinating plants everywhere they go. Thank you again for your generosity!

TEXTALK is Tuesday from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Join us in person or online via Zoom. An email will be sent with this week's link, for those planning to join us online.

MANNA ON MERIDIAN. Volunteers are needed! Next Distribution Day is February 15. Contact Penny Rusinko at gprusinko@gmail.com or 507-213-7246 with questions or to sign up.

MEN'S GROUP MEETS every third Monday from 11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Next meeting is February 17.

QUILTERS meet on third Thursdays. Next meeting is February 20, 2024, from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

IF YOU NOTICE anything that needs to be replaced or fixed, please let your church council president Randi Buehner, or property committee members Elisa Casey or Peggy Stevens know.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer requests should be sent to Lisa in the church office for inclusion on this list. All requests run for four weeks at a time. If a name should continue to be on the list after that time, please contact Lisa again to continue the request for another four weeks. Thank you!

This week at Grace, please remember in prayer:

Bishop Brenda Bos, Tim Shuba, Jim Moyers, Lissette Fernandez, Dave Grant, Danny Swan, Debbie Kinsey, Debra Nelson, Melinda Young, Scott Littlefield, Susan Crolla, Martha Manning, Chris Szymanski, Jamie McDavid, Jim Banks, Nancy Banks, Buddy Dewar, Reed Kallestad, Joe McRory, Diane Swan, Virginia Dix, Amanda Littlefield, Kyle Lewis; Bev and Eddie Vertuno; Irene and Dan Poole; Maria Eckard and family.

All those impacted by climate change – especially those experiencing severe cold weather, and those impacted by the fires in southern California; the people in Israel and in the Gaza Strip – in thanksgiving for the current cease fire, and that a way may be found for a more permanent peace throughout the Middle East; the people of Cuba; the people of Haiti; the people of Ukraine; the people of Grace Lutheran Church and our Congregational Council; St. Stephen Lutheran Church and Pastor Tom Holdcraft; the Florida-Bahamas Synod and our Bishop, Pedro Suarez; the ELCA and our Presiding Bishop, Elizabeth Eaton.

Please also lift up:

All the nations of the world and their leaders, that your wisdom, justice and peace may guide their actions; victims of gun violence; victims of hate crimes. The sick, suffering and dying; the homeless and the hungry; military personnel and their families; first responders; those who are incarcerated; all those whose needs are known only to God.