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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2024

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ALTAR GUILD: Judy & Don Blancett

READERS: 9am – Kathy Gatzlaff;

11am – Mary Eichin

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: 9am Dean Gatzlaff;

11am – Paul Schneider, Kathy Van Loo

OFFERING CONTERS: Mark & Priscilla Heidorn,
Janet McPherson

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 the Wenum family.

JOIN US FOR COFFEE AND REFRESHMENTS in the Fellowship Hall between services from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. Hosts this week: Judy & Don Blancett. **This morning, help Buddy Dewar celebrate his 80th Birthday!**

SIGN UP TO HOST SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP HOUR. You may sign up to fully host, or you may sign up to only drop off food and the Fellowship Committee will take care of the rest. Sign up in the Fellowship Hall on the wall next to the kitchen pass-through. Contact Mary Grant if questions, 609-602-0155 or grantmlcic@hotmail.com.

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED next week on Thursday and Friday, November 28 & 29 for the Thanksgiving Holidays. If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor Jenn on her cell phone at 850-800-7197.

ANNOUNCEMENT DEADLINE UPDATE. Due to the Thanksgiving Holidays, the next announcement deadline is Tuesday, December 3, and must be received by 9 a.m. Please email announcements to Lisa at graceluthch@earthlink.net.

2025 FLOWER SIGN-UP CHART IS HERE and is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. Please pick a Sunday to sponsor the chancel flowers. After the second service has ended, you may take them home with you to enjoy. The cost to sponsor the flowers is \$36.

TEXTALK meets each Tuesday, from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m., both in person and via Zoom. Zoom link is emailed on Tuesday morning.

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.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN AN ESCAPE ROOM GROUP ACTIVITY? Sign-up sheet is in the lobby. If you signed up before, please do so again so we have an accurate count. In addition, if you would like to help Mary Grant plan activities or if you have questions, please contact Mary at 609-602-0155 or grantmlcic@hotmail.com.

IMPORANT GIVING / TITHING UPDATE. Per info received during our Fall Congregational Meeting, our current giving / tithing is not sufficient to maintain our current spending plan. So, with the Thanksgiving holidays upon us, let's think about what we are thankful for with our church family and consider using our Thanksgiving tithing envelopes, or any envelope, marking it "For Thanksgiving" to make a donation to the church. Also, please prayerfully consider increasing your regular giving / tithing by 10% so that we can continue to sustain the wonderful works of our church.

ELCA GOOD GIFTS. Just in time for December, the Community Outreach Committee has placed a donation bucket labeled ELCA Good Gifts on the table in the Narthex. You're invited to offer your loose change (or a larger donation, if you wish) to go toward helping our neighbors in need around the world. Donations will be used to purchase chicks (eggs, food, manure), fruit tree saplings (food and seeds), and providing hot meals to the hungry – plus you'll have the chance to tell us where you'd like your donation to go! The goal we've set for this year is \$400. We hope you'll join us in our effort to help our neighbors now and in the long term. Make checks payable to "Grace Lutheran Church" and place "ELCA Good Gifts" (along with your gift designation)" in the memo line.

FIRST FRIDAY is December 6. Everyone is invited to participate in this time of fun and fellowship! We meet on the first Friday each month from 8:30-10:00 a.m. to tackle small projects to spruce up the church grounds. Bring your water bottle, gloves, long sleeves and pants, and bug repellent. If you've got suggestions or concerns about spaces you'd like to see cleaned up, contact Randi Buehner at randibuehner59@gmail.com.

RING IN THE SEASON! Come hear handbell choirs from the Tallahassee Area perform a variety of popular Christmas favorites on Friday, December 6 at 7:00 p.m., First Baptist Church, 108 West College Avenue. **Our Grace Lutheran Handbell Choir will be a participating ensemble this year.**

CHRISTMAS DECORATING at Grace will be Saturday, December 7, from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. The Un-decorating will be Saturday, January 11, 2025 from 9:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. Contact Judy Blancett at djblancett@comcast.net if you have questions.

CHRISTMAS CONNECTION. We have adopted a family of six with four children this year. Cards with specific needs/gifts are hanging on the wire Christmas tree near the water fountain. **Please pick a card and bring back the wrapped presents by Sunday, December 8**, so they can be delivered after late service that day. If all cards are taken and you want to still give something, gift cards to Walmart or Winn Dixie would be helpful as they live in Quincy. Let's share Christ's love with this family this Christmas! If questions, contact Teresa Wooten at woot34@hotmail.com.

THE MEN'S GROUP MEETS every third Monday from 11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Next meeting is December 16.

MANNA ON MERIDIAN. Volunteers are needed! Next Distribution Day is Saturday, December 21. Contact Penny Rusinko at gprusinko@gmail.com or 507-213-7246 with questions or to sign up.

QUILTERS WILL NOT GATHER IN DECEMBER. The next quilting date is Thursday, January 16, 2024, from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

THE WOMEN'S GROUP WILL NOT MEET IN DECEMBER. Next gathering is Tuesday, January 28, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

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:

Leo Goode, Kenya Sarten, Debbie Kinsey, Debra Nelson, Melinda Young, Elisa Casey, Scott Littlefield, Susan Crolla, Martha Manning, Mary Grant, Chris Szymanski, Jamie McDavid, Jim Banks, Nancy Banks, Sydney Martin, Buddy Dewar, Reed Kallestad, Joe McRory, Diane Swan, Virginia Dix, Amanda Littlefield, Kyle Lewis, Walter; Don Buffin and wife; Bev and Eddie Vertuno; Irene and Dan Poole; the family of Ralph Braun, including his wife, Helen Sabin, and his niece, Lory Maddox and family; the family of Normand Manning; the family of John R. Lamont; the family and friends of Mark VanderMeulen.

The people in Israel and in the Gaza Strip, and for 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.