



Gracegram

January 2015



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Holy Communion
Every Sunday

Winter

(1st Sunday after Labor Day - May)
Sundays @ 8:00 & 10:45 a.m.

Summer

(June – Labor Day)
Sundays @ 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School in recess

5th Sundays

Sundays @ 10:00am

Advent and Lent

Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m.



Winter

(1st Sunday after Labor Day – May)
9:30 AM

5th Sundays

@ 8:45 AM



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- Choir Accompanists: Marcia Bowman,
Chris Bush
- Bell Choir Leader: Kim Domke
- Organist Emeritus: Donna Buehl

Grace Congregation Council

2013 - 2015

Executive Committee

- President, Mark Bishop
- Vice President, Doug Neeb
- Secretary, Steve Carr



Committee Chairs:

- Lorie Gladyness, Worship
- Tom Peck & Phil Poholski, Property
- Bill Freedlund, Evangelism
- Margaret Wood, Congregational Care
- Youth & Family
- Lorraine Freedlund, Education
- Tim Schoessel, Stewardship
- Sarah Circle
- Diane Neeb, Social Activities

If you have any concerns or questions regarding church affairs contact one of these council members.

FEBRUARY Gracegram Deadline

January 17, 2014

Please submit articles to Stephen Kaiser (SLK) at: ihohrevlis@yahoo.com or the Gracegram mailbox.

Blessings of peace and love !

SLK _____

Important Dates

January Event Committee

	Continue planning for Lent suppers	
	Planning for Healing Service in April	Worship -L. Gladyness
	Planning for Summer Sermon Series	Worship -L. Gladyness

February Event Committee

18	Ash Wednesday	
25	Lenten supper	6:00 pm

March Event Committee

4	Lenten supper & worship	6:00 pm
11	Lenten supper & worship	6:00 pm
18	Lenten supper & worship	6:00 PM
25	Lenten supper & worship	6:00 pm
29	Sunday of the Passion	



Merry Christmas! Happy Epiphany!
 Once again this year the people of Grace Lutheran Church have been a blessing to the wider community beyond our sanctuary through our hat and mitten tree to support our schools, Jesus' Birthday Party collection in support of Green Gables Haven, Barry County Cares Christmas baskets/family adoptions, handbell concert at the Hastings Public Library, Advent Devotional Booklet, and the Holly Trolley evangelism event! Thank you to everyone who gave time, talent, and treasure to support these ministries of caring and evangelism in our community. Our actions to be people who bless our community is a sign of the love of God, inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and makes Jesus known during the Christmas season! Thank you for giving the gift of faith and the gift of yourselves in celebration of the birth of Jesus this Christmas!

Thank you to everyone who blessed our community through Advent suppers, puppet praise ministry, the Christmas play and potluck,



Christmas play and potluck, worship art and indoor decor! It has been a month full of faith, food, fellowship, and fun! Our community is indeed alive in faith, hope, and love!

As we give thanks for the child of God, Jesus Christ, this Christmas and Epiphany, I also give thanks for the brothers and sisters of Jesus here at Grace Lutheran Church!

Your Sister in Christ,
 Pastor Amy

Merry Christmas!

With you I look forward to celebrating the gift of the birth of Jesus the Christ and all that his life, death, and resurrection means for us. Because of Jesus' birth and his holy and sacrificial life, we have been given the best gifts we never even had the chance to ask for: eternal life, forgiveness of sin, adoption into the holy family of God, entrance into the communion of saints [i.e., the Church], the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Thank you to everyone who led and participated in the Christmas play, Jesus' Birthday Party, and potluck on December 14. It was lovely to hear the Christmas story through the voices and song of our youth. What a blessed day it was as we worshipped and fellowshiped together!



Thank you to everyone who made donations to Green Gables Haven in remembrance of the exile of Jesus, Mary & Joseph and the martyrdom of the Holy Infants of Bethlehem [Matthew 2:13-18]. These donations are a blessing to families who are displaced and in need of refuge due to domestic violence.



Adult Sunday School
The Greatest Story: Jesus
 Class Begins on January 11
 Conference Room/Library
 Class Facilitator: Pastor Amy

In this 16-session study, participants will journey through the Gospel narratives - Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John - in this exciting exploration of the life and ministry of Jesus. The accessible, inviting format encourages participants to engage directly with the texts, in turn developing biblical literacy. You may bring your personal Bible to class.



Welcome New Members
 Diane Alleva-Davis 12/21/20014
 Joe Dittmar 12/21/2014



Young Adult Trip to Palestine and Israel
Justice & Peace Pilgrimage
June 4th-14th, 2015!

Laura Gerstl and Meredith Harber, representatives of the *Peace Not Walls* campaign of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, would like to invite young adults (18-30) to apply for the Young Adult Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, June 4-14, 2015. This is an opportunity to travel to Palestine and Israel on an experiential learning trip with other young adults for the purpose of building awareness around issues of justice and peace in the Holy Land. For more information and to apply, visit their blog: <http://justiceandpeace2015.blogspot.com>.

Thank you...

Thank you for the beautiful service provided for Dad's funeral. I'm so glad he got to "thank you" in advance! We also thank Ingrid and Kay for the parts they played. Thanks also to the ladies who provided the luncheon. Your kind expression of sympathy is deeply appreciated and gratefully acknowledged by the family of Dan Kane.

Thank you from Kay Howell and all who helped with the funeral luncheon. A few words to say thank you! Some people in the kitchen may have changed during Dan Kane's funeral luncheon and maybe the food also, but the love, fun and friendship has not. It has done our hearts good to know we all learned from the best. Get well soon Irene. Love from all of us who helped in the kitchen that day, cleaned up and contributed food.

The Holly Trolley event was great! There was an excellent turn out of Hastings residents who lined up to eat cookies, drink hot chocolate and ride the trolley. This was definitely a wonderful outreach to the community and also lots of fun. Visitors were provided the Grace Advent booklet along with service times and a list of programs here at Grace. Thank you to the dedicated carolers who provided songs on the trolley and at the main trolley stop. And yes- St Nicholas and Mrs. Claus were there to welcome all. The turnout and support of Grace members will make this an event to look forward to every year. The evangelism team wishes to thank everyone who contributed in any way to this event including an anonymous gift to pay for the Trolley expense with Barry County Transit. Evangelism will meet again on January 12th to continue with upcoming plans.

Education Committee News January 2015

The Christmas/Advent program was enjoyed by all who attended. The children and young adults presented the play “Angels We Have Heard” in an uplifting and meaningful way. You certainly thought you were in Heaven with our choir of angels. The live nativity scene surrounded by animals and angels beautifully portrayed the Christmas story. Congratulations actors in the Christmas play for a wonderful program!

Also a special thank you to the Clapper kids bell choir, Grace adult bell choir and director Kim Domke for playing memorable seasonal music and uplifting spiritual music during the program.

Thank you Paula Allerding for sharing your beautiful voice in singing “Lo, How a Rose” during the play. Peg Newton and Paula also prepared “God’s Children” for their part in the play.

Thank you Kristi Winick for playing the piano for the Christmas program. We appreciate your talent.

Thank you Melissa Patton for baking dozens of cupcakes for the children to decorate after the play. They excitedly decorated their cupcakes and thoroughly enjoyed gobbling them up. The Jesus’ birthday party cake was delicious too. “Happy Birthday Jesus” was sung by all before the potluck lunch.

Thank you parents and grandparents for sharing your talented children with the Grace community.

Thank you Pastor Amy for supporting all aspects of the Christmas program and being there for the children and adults involved.

And a Big THANK YOU to Kim Domke for co-directing the Christmas play this year. I enjoyed being a part of the Christmas play team with Kim and Chris Bush. It took consistent work and commitment to be able to share the talent of God’s children in this year’s Christmas play.

Lorraine Freedlund, Education Chair

January Birthdays

- 1-3 Ted Baker
- 1-3 Robert Bouchey
- 1-3 Frank Moore
- 1-4 Randy Hughes
- 1-4 Diane Alleva-Davis
- 1-6 Jerry Knickerbocker
- 1-6 Pam Converse
- 1-7 Jeannette Ulrich
- 1-8 Dave Lund
- 1-11 Alicia Davis
- 1-11 Avery Gonzalez
- 1-11 Clyde Watson
- 1-13 Carl Schoessel
- 1-13 Rod Bowman
- 1-14 Dollie Larsen
- 1-14 Dean Rounds
- 1-14 Christina Pontius
- 1-16 Jan Weller
- 1-17 Bethany Converse
- 1-18 Mary Kuhlman
- 1-19 Ruth Kane
- 1-20 Rick Duits
- 1-20 Ryann-Lynn Cole
- 1-21 Joe Bowerman
- 1-21 Michael DeLorenzo
- 1-22 Steve Kaiser
- 1-22 Logan Clements
- 1-23 Lacie Hughes
- 1-25 Allison Neeb
- 1-26 Devin Wynn
- 1-27 Garrett Powers
- 1-30 Jane Powers



January Baptisms

1-1 Linda Maupin
1-1 Curt Johnson
1-1 Diane Bouchey
1-3 Robert Bouchey
1-7 Kailyn Wales
1-8 Amber Pontius
1-9 Bill Freelund
1-11 Lyle Proksch
1-11 Donnie Converse
1-11 Connor Wales
1-12 Dakota Henion
1-12 Skyler Henion
1-12 Colleen Moore
1-12 Frank Moore
1-12 Jessie Moore
1-21 Pam Converse
1-24 Cora Cunningham



Wedding Anniversaries

1-5 John & Mary Kleinbrink
1-26 Shirley & John Smith



Memorials

1-1-1992 Florence Speaks
1-3-1998 Charles Kelly
1-4-1988 Don Bowman
1-4-1995 Mary Leary
1-6-1982 Vern Leary
1-6-2008 Donald Haywood
1-9-1989 Frederick Send
1-12-1991 Clarence Curtis
1-14-1991 Vivian Belcher
1-15-2001 Ingartha Swank
1-16-1949 Wayne Beckwith
1-21-1999 Esther Schlachter
1-22-1989 Edward Golnek
1-23-2014 Barb Schultz
1-23-2014 Clinton Raines
1-25-2009 Ken Beckwith
1-29-1984 Charlie Wilson
1-30-1966 Ralph Ehredt

