

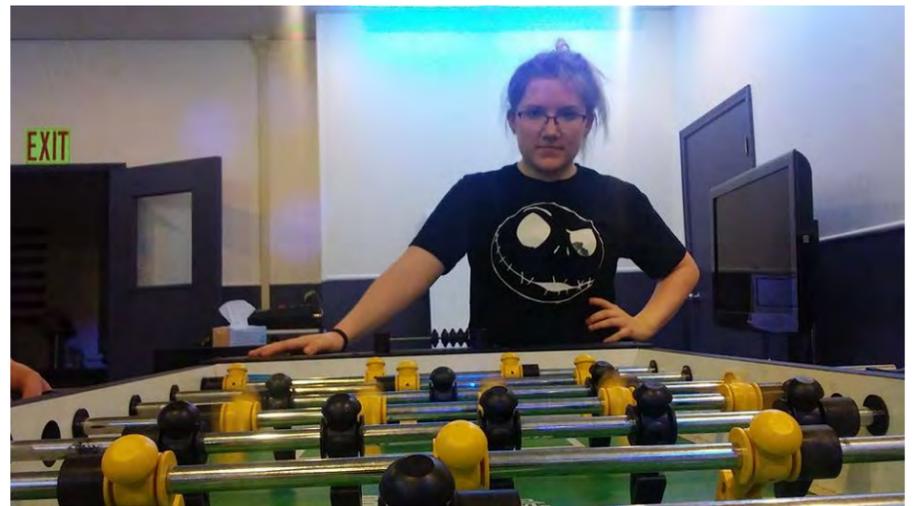
# November's Grace



WHAM! is a youth ministry that is open to all 6th through 12th graders. We run on Thursday nights between 6:30pm and 8:00pm. We have a lesson, play games, and have fellowship and food. I would like to say thank you to everyone who has helped this ministry in some way. Either by donating food and drink, plates, cups, napkins or even your thoughts and prayers.

Without your help and support this ministry could not happen. We are very grateful for everything that our Grace Family has done to help support their youth. I know youth ministry is not always a clean ministry. I would like to invite everyone to come down and check out this program, because these youth are our future. Thank you and God bless.

***Brandon Baney***



# September GwG Updates

- ◇ United Way Grant completed and turned in.
  - Thank you for all of your help gathering documentation for the application!
- ◇ We hired a new staff Staci Peats for the one-year-old room. She is excited to start on the 19<sup>th</sup> of October. We are looking to hire 2 or 3 more staff to add consistency and avoid Keelan and Laci both working in classrooms every day (due to call offs).
- ◇ Our new CDA student Tori Moonan has started, and we are happy to have retained Desiree Alcock as helper during school hours.
- ◇ DHS was here. Our facility had few changes to be made. Files and changes need fixed and faxed to pass by the end of October. (**Plan Of Corrections**).
- ◇ We got 3 new students signed up to start part time in October.



**Our kids loved cooking with apples and pumpkin this month!  
We also took advantage of the great weather!**

## December-January Newsletter

The **December and January newsletters will be combined into one newsletter again this year.** Please note that the deadline for articles about church activities during that time is **Monday, November 20th.**



# Pastor's Pause

In Matt 28:19-20 Jesus gives us the Great Commission:

*“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.”*

This is our commission to reach those who don't know Jesus. In my message on Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, I talked about sharing our faith by keeping in mind the following words: Care, Dare, Share, and Prayer. Let's take one more look at it.

**Care.** We need to have a true heart for the lost. We need to remember that *“Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.”* 1 John 5:12

**Dare.** We dare to tell the Good News that people are saved by their faith in Christ Jesus. *“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”* John 3:16

**Share.** We share in other's burdens and befriend unbelievers.

**Prayer.** We pray that God would soften unbelievers' hearts so that they are ready to receive Jesus as their Savior.

Together we can make a difference in this unbelieving world if we follow these straightforward guidelines. Go and tell them about Jesus!

**Blessings!**  
**Pastor Patrick**



## Operation Christmas Child

On November 9 at 6:00pm in the Community Life Center there will be a FREE soup and sandwich meal for the congregation, Growing with Grace families and CLC families before we pack the shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. At 6:30 p.m., we will break into groups to pack the boxes for children ages 2 to 4, 5-9 or 10-14. For a list of items to donate, check the display in the Welcome Center. Questions? See Pastor, Mary Paterniti or Jackie Streb.



*Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul  
and with all your mind and with all your strength. (Mark 12:30 NIV)*

## **BIRTHDAYS**

**Birthdays not  
published on-line.**



While shopping for vacation clothes, a husband and wife passed a display of bathing suits. It had been years since she had even considered buying a swimsuit, so she asked her husband's advice.

"What do you think?" she asked. "Should I get a bikini or an all-in-one?"

"Better get a bikini," he replied. "You'd never get it all in one."

He's still in intensive care.

## **ALTAR COMMITTEE**

**Jackie Streb &  
Kathie Holden**

## **ALTAR FLOWERS**

Nov. 5 -  
Nov. 12 -  
Nov. 19 -  
Nov. 26 -

## **MEMORIALS**

### In Memory of

**Jane Burns  
Midge Steva**

**Patrick McCarthy  
Elizabeth Loudermilk**

### Sent by

**Evelyn Tyler  
Bruce & Chris Schuessler  
Jim & Sharon Long  
Jackie Streb  
Pastor Art & Hailie Cox  
Wally & Vicki Sander  
Ken & Karen Rakieski  
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Sarah Lanier**

### **A Prayer for a Grateful Heart**

One thing I seek; Lord, please impart  
Just one thing more: A grateful heart.

How vain are words of gratitude  
Without a thankful attitude.

So give me this, dear Lord, I pray,  
A grateful heart on Thanksgiving Day;  
That I may keep with heart sincere  
Thanksgiving Day throughout the year.

Women's Bible Study - A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23  
**TEMPORARY change of meeting dates: Thursday,  
November 9 & 30 and December 14 - 10:30am in Grace's  
Social Hall.** Join us on our journey to know our Lord.

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS  
AT 2:00AM ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5  
REMEMBER TO SET YOUR CLOCKS  
BACK ONE HOUR  
BEFORE RETIRING ON  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4**



## Council Meeting

Church Council meeting is **TUESDAY, November 14th at 7:00pm** in the Social Hall. Please remember that the Congregation is always welcome to attend the monthly Council Meetings! There is also a suggestion box in the Welcome Center.



## Please remember our shut-ins

Pastor and the deacons try to ensure that each person gets visitation and Communion at least once a month. **BUT**, a card, a phone call or a brief visit brightens the day for our brothers and sisters who can no longer attend services regularly. Cards and a list of our shut-ins are available in the Social Hall.

**Mary Winner**  
175 Constitution Ave.  
368-7838

**Sara Christjohn**  
Ecumenical Home-Rm. 201  
100 St. Francis Dr.

**Dan Denning**  
Bradford Manor  
50 Langmaid Lane

## Gifts of Grace Gift Cards

Have you heard about our Gifts of Grace Gift Card Program? Are you taking part in all the excitement? This program allows you to give back to the Growing with Grace Christian Preschool **without spending any more money than you currently do**. No kidding! By using same-as-cash gift cards to make your normal purchases, you do not need to spend any extra money, **AND** Growing with Grace earns a percentage from every purchase you make! The secret is to plan ahead for **future purchases at hundreds of merchants nationwide**. A complete list of participating merchants, as well as Gift Card Order Forms can be found in the Welcome Center.

Gifts of Grace Card orders are placed on the first Sunday of each month and are delivered to the church later that same week. Each and every family is invited to take a few minutes and review the **HUGE** list of participating merchants. The more families that participate, the more revenue we can earn! Below is a list of things to begin thinking about as the busy holiday seasons quickly approach. **Don't delay as the next card order will be placed on November 5th**. If you plan on doing some "Black Friday" shopping, now is the time to get your order turned in. We will make sure you have your cards by Thanksgiving.

### Same-as-cash gift cards can be used for....

- Weekly groceries for your family
  - Thanksgiving Dinner
  - Food for the Grace Family Shut-ins
  - Gifts for those on your shopping list
  - Christmas Eve/Day Dinner
  - New Years Eve Celebrations
  - Care packages for children/grandchildren who attend college or live out of town
- Don't forget that these cards are also great gifts!



Thank you to each and every one of you for taking part in this exciting opportunity!



## *Advent / Christmas Schedule*

*December 6*

*Family Christmas Pot Luck  
Decorating the Church & Packing Shut-in Boxes  
6:00pm*

*December 13 & 20*

*6:00pm Pot Luck Dinner  
7:00pm Worship Service*

*December 23*

*5:15pm Service*

*December 24*

*10:00am Service  
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service  
7:00pm  
(NO Services on Christmas Day)*

*December 30*

*5:15pm Service*

*December 31*

*9:00am & 11:15 am Services  
New Year's Eve Service  
5:15pm*

## Ministry Moments

For the month of November we would like to highlight the Altar Committee and the individuals within that group for the wonderful job that they do each and every week for our church.



The people in this group led by **Kathie Holden** are responsible for making sure the altar and church are decorated with all of the appropriate banners and paraments for that particular week of the church calendar. They make sure request for flowers by families to honor or celebrate a special date are taken care of. Each week these volunteers come in and set up and tear down the things needed for all to be able to take communion.

These members make things flow so smoothly on a Sunday for **Pastor Patrick**: **Shirley Presher, Charlotte Reinhardt, Kathie Holden, Kathy Verbocy, Stacia Roggenbaum, Michele Evers, Vicki Sander, Nancy Allen, Amber Mays, Virginia Randolph, Dar Buccolini, Laura Keesler, Karen Rakieski, Lynda Krakat, and Dana DiBlasi**. Take time to thank these people for the wonderful job they do each week. If you think you may be interested in helping in this ministry please contact **Kathie**. As with all things within the church your help is always welcome!



**A Blast From the Past! Several young adults came to visit Crosswalk on Friday, October 13th. Patrick and Tori were among the first kids to visit the Community Life Center the day we opened our doors to the community in September 2003. What a blessing!**  
**Pictured from left: Shaina, Brandon, Menton, Roy, Patrick, Tori and DJ.**



**Church Office Hours:**

**Monday thru Friday - 7:30am to 1:30pm**



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**CURRENT AND  
UPCOMING EVENTS  
AT GRACE  
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**November 5**

*Daylight Saving Time  
Ends at 2:00am*

**November 9**

*Soup & Sandwich Meal  
& Packing Christmas  
Child Boxes - 6:00pm*

**November 23 & 24**

*Thanksgiving Holiday  
Church Office,  
GwG & CLC Closed*

**Join Us For Worship!**

**Friday**

6:30pm Crosswalk

Youth Worship

**Saturday**

5:15pm Praise Team

**Sunday**

9:00am Praise Team

11:15am Blended

**Family Education**

10:15am



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