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The Newsletter of
HISTORIC GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
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HISTORIC GRACE LUTHERAN'S NEW MISSION STATEMENT:

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PASTOR'S FOCUS...Pastor Christell

What do we have to be thankful for this year at Historic Grace? Have we taken time to sit down and think about that? How should we approach this idea? Let me suggest a possible way of considering all those things we need to be thankful for.

H – aving all those things that allow us to minister to others

I – nteractive ministry

S – ervant opportunities

T – rinity

O – ur church building

R – elationships that God has given us.

I – nvitational ministry

C – hrist our Lord

G – race is a gift from God

R – esplendent worship

A – ttitude of Love

C – hurch home

E – ternity

There is my list. I challenge others to do the same thing with the letters of HISTORIC GRACE. When you have, send them to me, signed or unsigned and we will make these available to the whole congregation in some way. I will figure out how later.

Just take a little time to reflect on what you think our congregation can be thankful for. Your time will be well spent and perhaps refreshing. In this hectic world that is also something to be THANKFUL FOR.

Peace, Pastor Tom Christell

THANK YOU

I appreciate all the cards, gifts and supportive wishes that were sent to me during October—Pastor's Appreciation Month. Thank you all very much. Pastor Tom Christell

THANKSGIVING BASKETS

On Tuesday, November 24, 2015 we will gather at 10:00 am to pack the Thanksgiving Holiday Baskets for McClernand Elementary and Franklin Middle schools. If a few people come at 9:00 am to get everything set up that would be most helpful. We will also need to deliver the baskets to McClernand so a couple of trucks to do that will also be needed. Thank you in advance for helping with this special ministry.

Help make someone's Thanksgiving really something to be thankful for!!

Again this year we will be providing Thanksgiving Holiday baskets to families from McClernand Elementary and Franklin Middle schools. Each basket costs \$45-50 to fill and includes: ham, soup, vegetables, fruit, macaroni and cheese, canned meat, cake mix and frosting, cereal, milk, juice, bread, eggs, pasta and spaghetti sauce, dressing, treats for the children, and other things that become available to us. If you would like to sponsor a basket or half a basket to honor someone or remember someone who is no longer on their earthly journey, please fill out the form. Thank you for helping this special ministry. Your gift will be recorded on your giving statement.

ANNUAL SPRINGFIELD ELCA THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

The Annual Springfield ELCA Thanksgiving Eve Service will be held at Atonement Lutheran Church (the new worshipping community that blended the former Atonement, Faith and Luther Memorial congregations). We will meet Wednesday, November 25, 2015 at 7:00 pm with refreshments following. Pastor Larry Quanbeck will be preaching with Pastor Tom Christell presiding. The offering for that evening has not yet been designated. If you have any questions contact the church office.

ADVENT IS ON THE WAY!

The advent season is just around the corner and we have some special things planned. During advent the children and adults will be learning and growing with the help of the Jesse Tree.

This special lesson focuses on the history of the Bible, Jesus' lineage and how it relates to the Christ child at Christmas and the gift of Jesus to the world.

We are asking members and families to join us each week for Sunday Church school as usual, but beyond that please consider coming to the Wednesday evening supper and devotions, December 2, 9, and 16 beginning at 6:00 pm.

As part of the evening we will be having members and families be a part of the devotional time at 7:00 pm and help with the Jesse Tree symbols and the prayers. We are very excited to get families involved and would like you to consider committing to one Wednesday evening.

There will be a sign up sheet on the white board in the fellowship hall so prayerfully consider joining us.

In addition to Wednesday evening we will be having Jesse Tree time with Mr. George at Sunday School opening, learning the songs and about our symbols.

This will also be our theme for the Children's Sunday School Worship on December 19th at 5:00 pm. Mark your calendars now and help make this a wonderful worship service. There will be a symbol and speaking part for all children, youth and their families in the service and special music. Dinner and our birthday party for Jesus will follow the worship service

From the Desk of Director of Music JB George...

We will welcome the festive, busy seasons of Advent and Christmas soon. Families often have an advent calendar as a way to count the days until Christmas. We will use a similar device for Advent Midweek devotions and Sunday School this year: the Jesse Tree. Seeing Jesse (King David's father) and others leading up to Jesus, we see God's big picture as we look back through the ages. Learning to know these characters from the Bible (and some really were *characters!*), helps us see that God uses each of us too.

God uses each of us in helping proclaim the Good News each week. Even if you aren't a leader up front "Serving the Assembly" as a reader, assisting minister, choir member or other job, you are still helping bear the Gospel when you speak and sing in worship.

"I'll have the Hymn of the Day, please." When I was new to Lutheranism, I thought the "Hymn of the Day" was a funny phrase, like the soup of the day. Actually, it's an old tradition, going back even before the Reformation. Hymns began to be associated with specific days in the church year, and related especially to the Gospel. These were often sung in alternation between choir and congregation. We continue this practice when the choir sings a stanza or there is an organ interpretation of a certain stanza. Some festive settings include instruments. Everyone is a part of that dialog, and the hymn is a part of the proclamation of the Word that goes straight to the heart, as music does so readily.

From the Desk of Director of Music JB George... continued

You can be a part of that in other places, as well. Do you sing hymns at home? Do you sing when you visit a sick friend? How about Christmas caroling? We will go in the afternoon on December 13; please plan to join the fun!

From Hymn of the Day, to Hymn of the Month... I would like to feature a hymn each month, which will be used in worship. It might be useful in your own devotions at home or to share with others. This month, I offer "Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending" (LBW 27). Through November and into Advent, we remember that our King of Kings is in control of all things, and someday will return to make all things new. The text is by the prolific hymn writer Charles Wesley. The tune, HELMSLEY, is by Thomas Olivers, an eighteenth-century shoemaker, who is said to have heard the tune whistled on the street. For a beautiful rendering of this great hymn, try this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jjn3fBTvBjY>. (Or just search YouTube "Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending")

Stewardship: First, We Give of Ourselves

To coincide with our 175th anniversary at Historic Grace Lutheran Church, we will start a new Stewardship Program. This program was designed by Pastor Kurt Nordby for congregations who wish to help members grow in their understanding of stewardship as both a spiritual and discipleship practice. The theme verse for this program is found in 2 Corinthians 8:5. The Apostle Paul in describing the generosity of the Macedonian Christians says:

"...and this, not merely as we expected, they gave themselves first to the Lord..."

It is our hope that this program will promote discussion about Stewardship. It is our goal to help us understand stewardship is not simply a fund raising activity to fulfill a budget. We want to promote a program that is centered in and through God's abundant grace in Christ.

The program will have 3 themes. Appropriately, year one is titled "Giving in Grace". In the next few weeks we will have different members participate in temple talks. The following is a brief outline of the open discussion.

- .. Why is Grace Lutheran Church important in your life?
- .. What mission/activity are you involved in at Grace?
- .. Why do you give your time and talent at Grace?

There will be more information about our Stewardship Program in future "Grace Notes" and church bulletins. We are excited and look forward to learning more about the meaning of Stewardship and the relationship to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

REFORMATION AND ALL SAINTS WEEKEND Oct 31/Nov 1

We will have a Window of Remembrance again for All Saints Weekend October 31 and November 1. Begin thinking about a picture of those loved ones to be placed in church. Please bring those pictures you want displayed to church and place them in the bin in the Fellowship Hall. Also, because of the Reformation, please wear **RED**.

FALL BACK

October 31/November 1 remember to turn back your clocks ONE hour.

CLASSICAL GUITAR AT GRACE

The Springfield Classical Guitar Society, performs several times in Springfield over the next few months. Join us at 8:00 pm on Saturday, November 14th at Grace Lutheran Church, 714 E. Capitol Avenue in downtown Springfield. Tickets are available at the door: \$15 for adults, \$10 for students and seniors. Dr. William Yelverton teaches guitar at Middle Tennessee State University. He has performed on guitar and lute at festivals, competitions, and concerts throughout the United States, Canada, Europe, and Mexico.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Please note there will not be Sunday School, Confirmation or Adult Forum on **November 29th**.

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

Regularly scheduled classes are each week at 9:15 am.

ADULT FORUM

The Adult Forum meets each Sunday morning at 9:30 am. Our study of the movie *7 Days in Utopia* will end soon. The next Adult Forum offering will be a one or two session study and discussion of a black and white film *2081: Harrison Bergeron*. Join as we discover some interesting life lessons that we can apply to our faith.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Sunday Church School Confirmation continues at 9:00 am on Sundays. Chris Venaas, with the help of Cameron Dees, teach the Bible portion as the youth study the New Testament. Weekday classes that will explore Lutheran History and the Catechism will be held every other Wednesday, 7:00-8:30 pm. The schedule is found below. We still need to determine other meeting days. Watch the bulletins for those days.

2015

NOVEMBER 4 & 18

NO CLASSES IN DECEMBER (Please make an effort to attend Mid-Week Advent services)

2016

JANUARY 6 & 20

FEBRUARY 3 (Feb 10 is Ash Wednesday,
we need to find a different time or day in February because of Midweek Lenten)

BROWN BAG BIBLE STUDY

BROWN BAG BIBLE STUDY is held on Thursdays at 12:10 pm.

We continue our exploration of the Acts of the Apostles, as we watch the young church grow and deal with issues, good and not so good, along the way. This continues to be a popular Bible Study group at Historic Grace, so grab your lunch and a friend and join us. Questions, contact Pastor Tom Christell.

YOUTH

Here are some dates and events that are already on the books:

2015

November 8- Canned food drive for Thanksgiving Holiday Food Baskets. Location and time to be announced.

December 6- ANNUAL KIDS' HOLIDAY HAPPENING...will be held on Sunday, December 6th from 12:00-4:00 pm.

This is a service project of our 6th-High School youth. Toddlers - 5th graders can be dropped off at church and the youth, with adult supervision, will watch the children so parents can have a few hours to themselves during this hectic time of year. Those participating will be fed lunch, watch a movie, play games in the gym, do crafts, and finish the day decorating and eating cookies (with plenty of cold milk of course). There is a sign-up sheet on the white board in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign-up your child(ren) and any friends so we know how many to prepare for. Friends are always welcome. Questions call Pastor Tom.

2016

January 8 – All youth Lock-in at church. Times, events, activities etc. to be announced later.

February 7 – All youth bowling, skating or Glow Golf

March 26 & 27 – Youth prep, cook, serve and clean-up for the Easter Breakfast. Proceeds supports the Easter Holiday Baskets.

COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

· The main focus outside regular business of Historic Grace was the approval of the new Active Mission Statement that the Long Range Planning subcommittee worked very hard on. The Church council voted on and agreed unanimously to the following statement:

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We thank the committee of Ed Wollet, Karen Fifer, Phil Galloway, Sharon Knop, Amy Monahan, Denise Behl, Verne Nelson, Jim Hobbs, Pastor Tom for their very hard work and leadership.

· Repairs to the flashing on the roof and replacement of lights on the sides of the choir loft were also approved.

FINANCIAL/ATTENDANCE REPORT

September 2015

Estimate of giving \$27,500
Actually given \$21,297

September 2014

Estimate of giving \$27,500
Actually given \$32,557

Month September 2015

Budget Income \$34,054
Budget Expense \$33,900
Actual Income * \$22,420
Actual Expense \$45,075

Month September 2014

Budget Income \$34,007
Budget Expense \$33,384
Actual Income \$33,253
Actual Expense \$49,844

* Includes offerings plus parking lot income, distributions from Trusts, etc.

Attendance records (based on weekend attendance)

Attendance for September 2015

2015 AVG. YTD 145 (4 weeks)

Attendance for September 2014

2014 AVG. YTD 124 (4 weeks)

Average attendance year to date this is the total number of worshippers divided by the number of weekends in the year to date. (i.e. Total attendance 800 divided by 6 weekends= 133 members in average attendance).

PRAYERS OF GRACE MINISTRY

"Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere."

Ephesians 6:18 (NLT)

There are a couple of ways to request prayers from the Prayer Chain.

1. Call the church office (522-3965).
2. Email Chris Venaas (cvksos4363@gmail.com), Sara Oehlert (soehlert@aol.com), or Pastor Christell (prchristell@aol.com)

If you want to join the Prayer Chain just let Sara or Chris know and you will be added to the list.

Remember if you have a Spiritual statement you would like to share or something meaningful you have found, place it on the bulletin board with the date on the back and we will leave it up for one month.

PRAYERS STILL NEEDED... for Erica Trinh, the young mother fighting brain cancer. You have the option of going on the internet and seeing updates at www.giveforward.com or the website that Ben Trinh has developed prayforericatrinh.com

Please keep her, her husband Ben and daughter Sarah as well as Mike and Elaine Giovanna and family and friends in your prayers.

Fellowship Events 2015

Please join us whenever possible and support local restaurants, drama performances and events that are going on in Springfield and the surrounding communities along with events here at Grace.

December 2, 9, 16 2015 - Advent Season Wednesday evening Suppers/Devotions

6:00 pm supper prior to 7:00 pm devotions.

December 13, 2015 – Caroling to homebound members, then meet at the Carillon to lead caroling 4:30-5:00 pm with Fellowship to follow at the Wheaton's.

FOOD PANTRY REPORT

Helen Appleton

As Christ fed the multitudes, the mission of the Historical Grace Lutheran Church Food Pantry is to feed the hungry.

In September of 2015, we served 397 families composed of 885 individuals compared to 459 families composed of 1024 individuals in 2014. As our numbers have dropped, the Food Board decided that, once a client is in our system, they are able to return to the Food Pantry every 30 days without getting a new referral. Identification for each family member will still be required. We started this October 5 and we will learn whether this makes it easier for our clients to get the food that they need.

Thank you to the Sweet Adeline's Sound Celebration Chorus who gave a fabulous concert in early October and designated the Food Pantry as the recipients of a share of their profits. I already knew that the group was talented, but had not realized how they add humor to their presentations to make watching them just plain fun!

Our Savior's Lutheran School is having their annual food drive to benefit the Food Pantry in November. They will bring several thousand items to the church about 1:30 pm or soon after on Wednesday, November 25. Extra volunteers are needed to assist with the unloading and sorting. This is an opportunity for students who need service hours to earn some.

Large Brown Grocery Bags Just a reminder... whenever you get your groceries in a paper bag we can use those bags in the food pantry. Because the bags we distribute are very heavy we put one sack inside the other to make them stronger; we use approximately 1,000 bags each month. Many times churches, work groups, schools, clubs, scouts, etc. are willing to save bags for the food pantry.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION...Spiritual Direction is an awakening process of finding God in the present and becoming more Christ like. It's putting one's life in harmony with God's will. Along the way we find that God is in control of our relationship with Him. This is a life's journey which uses the spiritual disciplines of prayer, spiritual readings, discernment and liturgy. It is done with the help of a companion. It can lead us to wholeness in Christ for the sake of others. The goal is to discover God's desire at this stage or season in one's life, or to assist the individual in deepening one's relationship with God. For more information, please contact Tom O'Fallon at 415-6428.

Butter Braids are coming, here are some changes!!!

- 1) The only way to order caramel rolls is to order a package of 3 different rolls (caramel, apple cinnamon, blueberry) for \$29.00.
- 2) You can order a pack of 3 butter braids (cherry, apple, raspberry) for \$29.00.
- 3) You can order a pack of 6 butter braids (apple, raspberry, cinnamon, cream cheese, strawberry cream cheese, blueberry) for \$55.00.
- 4) Individual butter braids are available in cinnamon, cherry, cream cheese, strawberry cream cheese, and blueberry for \$10.00
- 5) Boxes of 40 pre-portioned cookie dough are available in chunky chocolate chip, white choc. with macadamia nuts, snickerdoodle, peanut butter, oatmeal raisin, and M&M candies for \$11.00.
- 6) 2 pizzas of the same variety are available in pepperoni, 4 cheese, sausage and bacon, and BBQ chicken for \$12.00.

An order form for butter braids, cookie dough and pizzas is on the white board in the Fellowship Hall. **The last day to order is November 15.** They will be available for pickup after worship services the weekend of November 21-22, 2015. If anyone is willing to take orders from co-workers please contact Charlotte 546-5573 for an order form.

WELCA

ALLWOMEN of Grace are welcome at the Women's Circle meetings and other WELCA events.

THANK YOU...The WELCA organization and board of Historic Grace Lutheran Church wish to thank the congregation for their outpouring of support for the blanket project. We realized almost \$1,000 to purchase fleece and that was over and above the blankets made by members who purchased their own material. We will be shipping over 50 blankets to Lutheran World Relief on October 31. Information about the blanket project can also be found on the website.

THANK OFFERINGS- Mark 12:41-44 The Widow's Mite

For more than 100 years, Lutheran women have given thanks to God and dollars to mission through Thank offerings. As we collect Thank offerings, we share in a tradition dating back to the early 1800s when Christian women formed "mite" or "cent" societies to fund mission. When others in the church said there was not enough money to carry out these projects, the women believed otherwise. In these societies, each woman collected offerings at home. On occasion, they would gather as we do today to worship and combine their offerings and offer them up with thanks and praise. When Women of the ELCA was formed nearly 30 years ago, we committed to continue this tradition of giving in gratitude for blessings. Each year, in thousands of congregations, Thank offerings are collected and sent to support the life-changing ministries of Women of the ELCA. Together, we do more than we could ever do apart. In gratitude for all God has given to us, and with hope for all that is to come, Historic Grace Lutheran Church will collect their Thank offerings the weekend of November 21st and 22nd.

Please note the following schedule of other WELCA things happening in November

Faith/Grace Circle - November 4th at 12:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. Contact person is Charlotte Blumle.

The WEST CENTRAL FALL CONFERENCE of WELCA

Saturday November 7, 2015

Fall Gathering of West Central Conference at Grace Lutheran Church

"From Bustles to Flappers" a presentation by

Roberta Volkmann 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Learn about Susan Lawrence Dana and the Dana Thomas House. A registration form is on the WELCA Board in the Fellowship Hall. Registration is \$8.00 and includes continental breakfast as well as lunch. Please register by November 2, 2015.

Sewin' Sowers - November 14th from 9:00 am to noon in the basement - Contact person is Charlotte Blumle.

Ruth Circle - Time and place TBA.

408 COOKIES NEEDED FOR HOMEBOUND...WELCA has an annual custom of inviting members to bake cookies for WELCA to deliver to our homebound members for Christmas. Please have your cookies at church by Saturday, December 5, 2015. A free breakfast will be served at 9:00 a.m. and then we will pack cookies. Please sign on reservation sheet in Fellowship Hall if you plan to attend the breakfast. Refer questions to Charlotte Blumle 546-5573.

SEW 'N SOWERS STUFFED ANIMAL PROJECT...We make stuffed animals and donate them to Washington Street Mission, Inner City Mission, American Red Cross and Contact Ministries. If you know any other agency or individuals who would like to have stuffed animals let us know. We meet the second Saturday of every month from 9:00 am– 12 noon. You can come as time permits. Cutting out and sewing can also be done at home. We are also in need of people to deliver the animals. Questions may be referred to Charlotte, 546-5573.

TWISTED STITCHERS

November 3rd - The Twisted Stitchers will meet on Tuesday, November 3rd at 7:00 pm at Cathy McGuire's house.

Thank You's

- The Community Ministry Committee would like to thank everyone who contributed gently used children's books to McClernand School. We collected **837** wonderful books and the staff was thrilled with our donation. Our efforts were truly blessed by God. Thank you!
- The Fellowship Hall Remodeling Committee would like to thank the following for their wonderful support in helping us meet our recent remodeling goals. We could never have completed the project without your expertise, prayers, financial support and lending a hand when we needed it. Thank you, from the bottom of our hearts. *Pam Schlicht, Art Carlson, Jack Wheaton, Sharon Knop, Donna Thannen, and Debbie Rigg*

Thank you to:

- The staff: Pastor Tom, Kim, David and JB. You were the most challenged during the renovation and we appreciated your flexibility and patience.
 - The church council for their direction and validation concerning our plans.
 - The congregation for their vote of support.
 - David Squires Sr. for painting the stalls in the women's bathroom.
 - Dick Smith for his carpentry work.
 - Matthew Blade, Kyle Gietl, Daniel Heidorn, and Andrew Thannen for your work on the stairway.
 - Cameron and Connor Dees for help with boxes.
 - The Schlicht family for their financial support.
 - The former Lola Marbold, whose memorial fund was dedicated to this project.
 - Bill Hansen, David Taylor, Jean Neptune and Holly Hansen for the coffee cart in the kitchenette.
 - Mary Plymire and Anna Mae Handshy for the new lamps.
 - Benanti Painting and Papering.
 - Wiley Office Furniture.
 - House to a Home Window Interiors.
 - Patterson Commercial Flooring Inc.
 - Joe Lee Electrical Services for all their work throughout.
 - Bacon and Van Buskirk Glass for the sliding office window.
- Many thanks to Mary Plymire who takes time out of her busy schedule to bring me communion. I appreciate this very much. She lifts my spirits and is lovely to visit with. Thanks much to Charlotte Blumle, too, who has brought me church flowers several times. The flowers are beautiful and brighten my apartment. I also want to thank Curt Benanti for visiting me. He brings much joy to my life and I couldn't manage without him. Thank you, Curt! Pastor Tom, you are the greatest! Sincerely, Helen Moore

- A BIG THANK YOU to all those who came for the Chili Cook-off and for the Fellowship committee and Allison Klint for their leadership. It was a fantastic afternoon. Congrats to all the winners!
- I would like to once again thank my 2015 Ruth Circle Secret Pal for all the special surprise gifts that have come my way. When I opened the latest box, I found a darling Friendship Angel and a suede-bound book entitled "Jesus Calling." All the gifts I have received I will always treasure, and I can't wait to find out just who my special friend is!! You warm my heart!!! Norma (Browning) Gordon
- A Great Big Thank You to Charlotte Blumle for brightening our day with a delivery of the altar flowers, provided by Lyn Kennedy October 11, in honor of her parents. The mixture of fall blooms was gorgeous and hopefully they will last quite awhile. It's always such a thoughtful gift when we receive some from time-to-time. Thanks, again, to you both!
Roger and Norma (Browning) Gordon

Minnesota Boundary Waters Canoe Area Experience Summer 2016

We have all heard the stories of Pastor Tom's giant Northern Pike in the Boundary Waters Wilderness Canoe Area. Several of us were even there when it happened. I know that was an unbelievable trip and would love to do it again. Are you interested in spending some time in the bush canoeing, fishing, and exploring the Northwood's premiere wilderness next summer? Several men have indicated an interest in a wilderness experience in late July early August 2016. This would primarily be an adult backcountry experience involving canoeing, portaging, exploring and wilderness camping. Group size is limited to 9 people and 4 boats. However, it would be possible to have multiple crews that would travel independently. If there is interest, we may even be able to include some lodge time for folks interested in a less wilderness experience. This adventure would be in part a way for many of us to honor our friends Alan and Ted who are now in the Church Triumphant and who were with us last time. If you are interested (just interested, not a commitment), there will be a sign-up sheet in church. We will schedule a meeting once we have a handle on the number of folks who are interested. Ideally, we will need to arrange our permits by Mid January. Any questions or suggestions would be appreciated. Feel free to ask Randy Heidorn (217-725-0546) or Pastor Tom.

HALLOWEEN CANDY...if you have Halloween Candy left over, we can always give it to our Food Pantry clients. You may place it in a designated shelf above the coat rack in the Fellowship Hall.

STOCKING STUFFERS...Stuffed animals made by the Sew 'N Sowers are always available in Fellowship Hall. This time of the year many are made out of fabric with a Christmas theme. Suggested donation is \$3 or \$5 depending on the size of the animal. All proceeds go to the Food Pantry.

REMEMBERING PASTOR SCOTT HATFIELD

Patti and I just recently attended the untimely funeral of Pastor Scott Hatfield who spent 3 years of his ministry as pastor at Grace. It was a wonderful celebration of Life and Resurrection with tears and laughter. One thing the family would like is your memories, whatever they are, of Pastor Scott, his time here and his ministry to you and your family. If you would please write down your thoughts and forward them to me, email, snail mail, or hand mail, I will make sure the Hatfield family will get them. These are especially important because they will be shared with Pastor Scott's grandchildren. If you have any questions just contact me, Pastor Christell 725-3965.

50+ Lunch Bunch is still looking for cooks

Would you be willing to prepare the main dish for 30 people once a year? 50+ lunch bunch pays for all the ingredients and they prepare the vegetable, salad and dessert. Cooks in the past have made things such as lasagna, meat loaf, stew, etc. Please contact Charlotte Blumle, 546-5573 if you are interested.

50+ Lunch Bunch for NOVEMBER

We will meet for a Thanksgiving turkey dinner, Sunday, November 15, immediately following the 10:30 worship service. Cost: \$3.50.

Please sign up on reservation sheet in Fellowship Hall.

Deadline for reservations is Sunday, November 8.

\$250...may be available for a project you are working on this year, e.g. Animal Protective League, scouts, school supplies, Grace Food Pantry, etc. If Thrivent approves your application for funds, you will receive a credit card for \$250 to purchase advertising, supplies, etc. For further information contact Charlotte Blumle, 546-5573.

GRIEF DISCUSSION...Have you lost a loved one this year, 3 years ago, 10 years ago? Would you like to meet with others who have experienced the loss of a loved one? On Sunday November 8, immediately following 10:30 am worship service, anyone who would like to meet in the lower level with others who have experienced grief are welcome. There will be no leader or agenda. Attendees can discuss whatever they want. Maybe you have special questions you want to ask the group. Maybe you've experienced something very helpful and you are willing to share it. The group can then decide if, when and where they meet again. If the group would like to have help in providing resources at another meeting they could let pastor know. A light lunch of cheesy vegetable soup and pie will be served. So we know how much food to prepare please indicate your attendance on the white board in the Fellowship hall. Non-members are also welcome. There is no cost. Any questions or suggestions for this meeting may be directed to Pastor Tom. The group will decide how long the meeting will last.

YOUR HEALTH NEWS

Parish Nurse...Diana Weyhenmeyer

These tips come from a weekly newsletter I receive from Dr. Zimmerman per email. I thought with the holidays around the corner these might be some reminders to help relieve some stress. He calls these foundations of emotional intelligence. I've hit the highlights on his points.

Financial Health

- Live beneath your means.

Mental Health

- Take alone time every day.
- For fast-acting relief, try slowing down. (This one I need to be reminded of a lot!)
- Take one day at a time. There's always enough worry for one day without taking on more.

Spiritual Health

- There are no shortcuts to any place worth going.
- Keep a folder of your favorite Scriptures on hand and read them.
- Every night before bed, think of one more thing you're grateful for that you've never been grateful for before.
- To avoid sickness, eat less. To prolong life, worry less. (I really like this one!)
- Eat right. Respect your body. You're going to live in it the rest of your life.

Personal-Professional Growth

- Don't go through life; grow through life.
- Remember you aren't your past. You are your potential.
- Keep on learning. Learn something new every day. (I think there is always something to learn!)

Time Management

- Time flies, but remember, you are the navigator.
- Do something today that will simplify and unclutter your life.
- Enjoy simple things.
- Don't count the days; make the days count.
- Laugh. Laugh some more. He who laughs, lasts.

Relationship Management

- To belittle is to be little.
- The best way to get even is to forget.
- They serve themselves best when they serve others. (I think this is very true!)
- Be kind to unkind people. They probably need it the most.
- A successful marriage isn't finding the right person. It's being the right person.
- People may not remember exactly what you did, or what you said, but they will always remember how you made them feel.

In Christ's love, Diana

***REMEMBER TO HAVE YOUR BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKED
THE THIRD WEEKEND OF EACH MONTH!***

CERTIFICATES OF INSURANCE...The insurance company that covers Historic Grace has asked to request Certificates of Insurance from all staff and members who use their personal vehicles for church business. When using your vehicle for church business your private insurance is the primary coverage for any, God forbid, accidents. Those volunteers who should provide this certificate would include: persons who pick up food for the food pantry, either from the Food Bank or from other stores, persons who might transport youth or adults for church activities, person delivering flowers after worship, lay communion ministers, etc.

EVENT POSTERS...If you know of any places where we can display posters about events at Grace contact Charlotte, 546-5573.

Cookbook Update...We will have a cookbook available September 2016 for our 175th anniversary. We are still actively collecting recipes from every Grace family in this anniversary book. The committee will meet November 8.

SOME THANKSGIVING IDEAS...

1. Make leaf cutouts and have guests at your Thanksgiving dinner write personal words of thanks on them.
2. Arrange those cutouts as a centerpiece.
3. OR...during November have a see through container for family or guests to drop in cutouts or pieces of paper on which they have written what they are thankful for, read those at your Thanksgiving dinner.

CALL A VETERAN...November 11 and thank him or her for their service to our country.

COUNCIL MEMBERS AND THE COMMITTEES THEY REPRESENT

Administration/Finance	Tom Appleton
Christian Education	Denise Behl, Chris Venaas
Community Ministry	Jean Scherer
Evangelism	Claudia Cross, Jim Hobbs, Ed Wollet
Fellowship	Denise Behl
Long Range Planning	Ed Wollet
Mutual Ministry	Tom Appleton
Parish Life	Bill Hansen
Public Relations	Marilyn Dees
Property	Jack Wheaton
Stewardship	Jean Scherer, Jim Turner
Worship & Music	Carolyn Nelson, Chris Venaas
Youth	Cameron Dees

REMINDER: Committee chairs and/or secretaries please stop at the work room every week so that you can sign off on transactions vouchers. Thank you for giving your time.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

September-May

Saturday 5:00 pm / Sunday 8:00 am and 10:30 am

June-August

Saturday 5:00 pm / Sunday 9:15 am

Our church is ACCESSIBLE for wheelchairs
and a Listening Device system is available.

A nursery area is available at all worship services.

Please call the church office for any information.

Mon-Fri 9:00-5:00...522-3965 (voice mail available); Fax...522-5841

The **Food Pantry** operating schedule is:

Mon, Tues, Thu 11:00-2:30, Wed 11:00-1:00...522-9707

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