



**December 22, 2017**

**Greetings friends,**

**We're so proud of our children and youth who took part in the Sunday school Christmas program last Sunday. We have some truly wonderful, hard-working, enthusiastic young people in our church family. What a light each of them is in our lives. God bless each of them in this wonderful season of Hope.**

**May peace be with all of you on this most blessed of holidays.**

**Merry Christmas!**

**This Week at Grace** – This Sunday is Christmas Eve and we will have both a morning worship service and a festival service at 5:00 p.m. Pastor Fred's message on Sunday morning, *God's Dream for Your Life*, is inspired by Galatians 4:4-6; Luke 1:26-45. The Chancel Choir will share "Come

Emmanuel". LeRoy & Priscilla Johnson will serve as Advent Candle lighters. Gloria Sampson is our liturgist this week with Sharene Lykins and Terry Gustason serving as greeters. The Rick and Grace Welke family will be acting as ushers. As always, worship begins at 9:15. Following our morning worship service there will be a time for Coffee and fellowship. There are no Sunday school classes on Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> or 31<sup>st</sup>.

Please join us for our very special Christmas Eve service at 5:00 on Sunday afternoon. We'll be listening to scripture, singing Christmas hymns, enjoying the Chancel Choir's special music and celebrating Communion. As is tradition, the service will conclude with candles being lit as we sing "Silent Night". We hope to see you there!

**We are in need of volunteers to take charge of maintaining our pew racks. It only needs to be done once or twice a month and the duties would include straightening the hymnal, song book and Bible, making sure there are offering envelopes, sharpened pencils and the attendance pads have paper and are in place. If this is something you'd be willing to take on, please let us know in the church office.**

### **In this Season of Giving**

As 2017 nears its end, we are thankful to all who have made pledges or financial gifts to support our Grace Church this year. If you have not yet made a contribution, please consider supporting our mission and ministries as you do your year-end tax planning. All checks for 2017 contributions must be dated by 12/31/17 and received in the office no later than 1/4/18 to be included as donations for 2017.

If you are interested in making a tax advantaged transfer of securities, please contact Dan Webster, who is agent of our account at Reliance State Bank. He notes that this needs to be done as soon as possible.

May you sense God's grace and presence in this holy season.

Grace Finance Committee

**As you pray this week, please remember these friends and hold each up in special prayer:**

Natalie Tryon; Denny Michel; Sara Dappen; Julie Jacobson; Lois Johnson; Sharon Matson; Terry (niece of George Sellers); Norman Patti; Pam Hillis; Cooper Leeman; Taylor family in Africa mission

## News You Can Use

### **Sunday, December 24**

9:15 AM Worship – choir sings

10:15 AM Coffee Fellowship

5:00 PM Candlelight Service

### **Monday, December 25 - *Merry Christmas!***

### **Wednesday, December 27**

NO ACTIVITIES

### **Thursday and Friday, December 28 and 29**

OFFICE CLOSED

### **Sunday, December 31**

9:15 AM Worship

10:15 AM Coffee Fellowship

10:30 AM NO Sunday school

### **Monday, January 1, 2018**

OFFICE CLOSED

**Faithfully,  
Cathy**