



November 22, 2017

Greetings friends,

The groceries are bought and the food preparation begins in earnest this afternoon. Since we are traveling on Thursday morning, I'll make a couple things today and a couple things early in the morning. It feels good to spread things out just a bit so everything isn't so hectic at the last minute. The slower pace allows for some personal reflection time and makes the whole process more enjoyable.

Thanksgiving is one of the few holidays that Mark and I don't host in our home. As much as we enjoy welcoming everyone, it is nice to relax and be a guest sometimes, too. We still take a ton of food, but it doesn't matter if the laundry is all caught up or the garage is set up with extra tables for desserts and seating. That is someone else's concern for this holiday. Our biggest concern is that nothing spills in the car during the 90-minute drive!

Wishing everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving and hoping you'll each have a chance to celebrate with beloved family and friends!

This Week at Grace – This Sunday is Christ the King Sunday. Pastor Fred's message this week, "The Sheep and the Goats" is inspired by Matthew 25:31-46. *Jarod Hart is taking organ lessons and will share a song for our special music this week.* Claudia Pauk is our liturgist this week with Owen & Gloria Sampson and Craig & Savannah Jensen serving as greeters. Dale & Lynn Henricks, Andrea Jensen and Kurt Carlson will be acting as ushers. As always, worship begins at 9:15. You're invited to Fellowship Hall after worship for snacks and conversation. Sunday school begins at 10:30. Please join us!

Meals on Wheels – **Nov. 27** Henricks; **Nov. 28** Michel **Nov 29** Loupee; **Nov. 30** Loupee; Please remember to pick up meals on north side of church between 10:45 and 10:50. Thank you all who represented Grace Church and delivered Meals on Wheels throughout this month of November.

Thank you to everyone who has turned in their pledge card! If you haven't yet turned in your bright green pledge card for 2018, please do so at your earliest convenience. You may place it in the offering plate on Sunday morning or drop it by the office, or mail it in. We look forward to hearing from you soon. Thank you!

With only four teams, G.R.A.C.E. Teams share the month of December to give us balance the rest of the year. We're having a difficult time filling the greeting and ushering responsibilities for the two services on December 24th. We have one greeter for the morning service - we need at least one more greeter and 4 ushers. For the 5:00 Candle light service, we need two more ushers to assist with Communion. Please call or email the office if you would be willing to help us fill these 7 slots. Thank you!

Well everyone it's been a long summer and I finished chemo on Oct. 17th. The other day we were at University of Iowa Hospital for a CT-scan and I want to thank my Lord and Savior for walking this journey with me. It was the best day of my life as the C-scan showed NO more Cancer.

This has been a journey I couldn't have taken without all of your prayers, cards and well wishes. I want all of you to know that prayers are and do get answered.

This was a great Thanksgiving gift and Betty & I wish you all a great Thanksgiving.

Thank you all.

Ray Hults

As you pray this week, please remember these friends and hold each up in special prayer:
Natalie Tryon; Sara Dappen; Marjorie Gookin; Denny Michel; Sharene Lykins; Julie Jacobson;
Sharon Matson; Norman Patti; Pam Hillis; Jeanne Hohneke; Ray Hults; Lois Johnson; Al Rau;;
Cooper Leeman; Taylor family in Africa mission

News You Can Use

Sunday, November 26

9:15 AM Worship

10:15 AM Coffee Fellowship

10:30 AM Sunday school

Monday, November 27

5:30 PM Finance

7:00 PM Council

Wednesday, November 29

7:00 PM Choir

8:00 PM Bells

Sunday, December 3 – First Sunday of Advent

9:15 AM Worship - Communion

10:15 AM Hanging of the Greens

10:30 AM Sunday school Christmas program practice

**Faithfully,
Cathy**

