



January 26, 2018

Greetings friends,

The relatively balmy days we've enjoyed this week are certainly a welcome change from the nasty sub-zero temperatures we experienced earlier this month. Still, it is only January and we have a lot of winter weather to contend with ahead of us. But that's okay, we're lowans, right? I don't know about you, but I was grateful for temperatures that brought us rain rather than snow on Monday. A Minnesota friend reported 16½" on her back deck that day. Goodness!

This Week at Grace –Pastor Fred's message, *Jonah and His Eight Word Sermon*, is inspired by Jonah 3:1-10. The Children's Choir will sing, *Give Me Oil in My Lamp*. Denny Michel is our liturgist this week with Caleb, Denny & Gini Michel serving as greeters. Jim & Alyce Wirth and the Michels will be taking a turn as ushers. Suzi Hess, The Bicklehaupts, Loupees and Martis will serve as Wheel Chair Captains at Bethany Life this Sunday. Worship begins at 9:15 with Coffee Fellowship immediately following. Sunday school and Confirmation classes will meet at 10:30. Please join us!

You're invited to join us on **Sunday, February 11th at 11:45 a.m. for a Valentine Pot-Luck Meal and Games**. We'll hold it at the church in Fellowship Hall. Sign-up sheets will be put on a clipboard and located on the north table just outside the sanctuary in the narthex hallway. The hosts will provide the group games and some "fabulous" prizes. We hope you'll choose to come have a warm, fun time on a cold winter afternoon.

Grace Church is responsible for leading work at the Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry in 2018 (area churches take turns). During announcements this morning, Judy Miller and Sue Bohner (our co-chairs) will share more about what extra help is needed from our church family in terms of volunteer service for 2018. Please plan to get involved with this *Grace Church-wide* project this year.

January 28th Wheelchair Captains are: Hubert & Raejean Bicklehaupt, Dave & Mary Loupee, Mike and Christine Marti Thank you to all who represented Grace Church in this project this month!

As you pray this week, please remember these friends and hold each up in special prayer: George Mackey; Karen Keech; Tim (Becky Barclay's brother); Natalie Tryon; Denny Michel; Julie Jacobson; Sara Dappen; Norman Patti; Pam Hillis; Lois Johnson; Cooper Leeman, Taylors in Africa

News You Can Use

Sunday, January 28

- 9:15 AM Worship – children's choir
- 10:15 AM Coffee Fellowship
- 10:30 AM Sunday school & Confirmation

Monday, January 29

- 5:30 PM Communications

Wednesday, January 24

- 7:00 PM Choir
- 8:00 PM Bells

Sunday, February 4

- 9:15 AM Worship – choir, Communion
- 10:15 AM Coffee Fellowship
- 10:30 AM Sunday school

Faithfully,
Cathy