



January 17, 2019

Greetings friends,

Well, snow has decided to take part in the winter season after all. With a few inches falling last weekend and more expected this weekend, a more familiar Iowa winter landscape has arrived. I think many of us have been perfectly happy not to deal with snow and ice for about a month. Still, when we're tucked safely inside our warm homes, it sure is pretty to look at from the window! Blessings and thanks to those who remove the ice and snow from our roads and sidewalks. We appreciate your efforts to make our outside wintertime mobility a little less treacherous!

We've been working on February plans in the office lately. Here is what is in store for our Sundays in February:

February 3rd – Communion, Chancel Choir sings

February 10th – Scout Sunday, Bell Choir plays

February 17th – RSHS Choir will sing as part of our worship service

February 24th – Monthly Brunch, Kids play bells

Whew! It's going to be a wonderful month of special activities. Also, our church will host the local Kiwanis group for their Charter Dinner on Friday, February 15th. This will be a fundraising opportunity like our Scandinavian Days social & sandwich line (but on a much smaller scale). The Missions Committee is spearheading the event. Please be ready to say "yes" if called to help provide/prepare food or serve for this special event.

This Week at Grace, Pastor is using John 2:1-11 as inspiration for his message - "A Love to the Heavens". The Chancel Choir will sing, *A Place in the Valley*. Greeters on Sunday are Craig & Savannah Jensen, LeRoy & Priscilla Johnson. Those serving as ushers include Kevin & Linda Larson and Brent & Jody Larson. Suzy Hess, Dave & Mary Loupee and Mike & Christine Marti will usher wheelchair bound residents to worship at Bethany Life. Terry Gustason will serve as our liturgist this week. Worship begins at 9:15 with Brunch following at 10:15. Sunday school classes meet at 10:30. Please join us!

Brunch this week will be Baked French Toast. Members of Team L will be our hosts along with our regulars, Sharla, Cheryl and Gini. Our mission focus will be announced at worship this Sunday.

An updated listing of our G.R.A.C.E. Teams is posted on the church bulletin board at the south end of the narthex hallway.

All reports and articles you'd like to have shared in the monthly Grace Church Visitor are due into the office by this Sunday, January 20th. Thank you!

A reminder that books and publications in our library (located in the narthex) are available for you to take home to read and enjoy. We do ask that you return them in a timely fashion so that others may have a turn to read them too!

As you pray this week, please remember these friends and hold each up in special prayer:
Family of Arris Richardson; Emmerson Kahl; Lois Johnson; Beverly Tesdall (Brett & Laila's infant daughter); Caitlin McNamara Blaylock; Marlys Janvrin; Tracy Matson; Helen Caruth; Renee Menz; Sara Dappen; Velda Frette; George Sellers; Garry Gerjets; Joan Cooney; Pat Skowronski; Jackie Royer; Cooper Leeman; Taylor family in Africa

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Sunday, January 20

- 8:15 AM Missions
- 9:15 AM Worship
- 10:15 AM Brunch
- 10:30 AM Sunday school – “Living Faithfully” study

Wednesday, January 23

- 5:00 PM Kids’ Bells
- 5:30 PM Living Faithfully
- 7:00 PM Choir
- 8:00 PM Bells

Thursday, January 24

- 7:00 PM Living Faithfully

Sunday, January 27

- 9:15 AM Worship – Kids’ Bells
- 10:15 AM Coffee Fellowship
- 10:30 AM Sunday school – “Living Faithfully” study!

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**Faithfully,
Cathy**