

# Grace Evangelical Church

Welcome to our Family

December 17, 2017

*There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever.*

Revelation 22:5

## This Morning: "The New Paradise"

Senior Pastor: Darrell Jones                      Administrative Pastor: Chris Olson  
 Counseling/Care Pastor: Dennis Jennings    Young Adult/Families Pastor: Ken Maxey  
 Senior Ministries Pastor: Dave Ernst              Children's Pastor: Dan Blakely  
 Discipleship Pastor: Jason Davis                  Youth Pastor: Nick Pierce  
 Worship Leaders: Phil Magana & Jeremy Sharp

### THIS WEEK

**Sunday**    7:30am .....Pre-Service Prayer in Room 206  
               8:00am .....Worship Service and Children's Sunday School  
               9:30am .....Worship Service and Children's Church  
               9:40am .....Adult Sunday School  
               10:55am .....Adult and Youth Sunday School  
               11:00am .....Worship Service and Children's Sunday School  
               6:00pm .....High 5 Children's Christmas Program

**Monday**    6:30pm .....Amazing Grace Cancer Care Meeting at Grace

**Wednesday** 6:30pm .....NO Children's and Youth Ministry at Grace  
               6:45pm .....Caroling at Krug (meet at DQ on the avenue)  
               7:00pm .....RENEWAL Christmas Party at Grace

**Thursday** 12:00pm .....Prayer in the Library  
               5:00pm .....Nursing Home Ministry at LaVerna  
               6:30pm .....Prayer in the ReSet Room

**Friday**    6:00am .....Early Morning Prayer by the Fireplace  
               .....Church Office Closes at 1:00pm

### POINSETTIAS

Thank you for filling the sanctuary with the beautiful poinsettias given in memory of your loved ones. If you purchased a poinsettia plant, you may take it home with you after the Candlelight Communion Service on Christmas Eve.

### MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM GRACE

Enjoy the 2018 scripture calendar, available in the lobby today, as our gift to you. (One per family, please.)

## GRACE FAMILY CHRISTMAS



Our High 5 Children's Ministry will be presenting this year's Grace Family Christmas Program, "Christmas Mahalo," **TONIGHT at 6:00pm, in the sanctuary.** Mahalo is Hawaiian for *thank you*. The children will take you to a warmer climate as we express our gratitude for the gift of our Savior. Please join us!



**Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Morning Worship 8:00am; 9:30am; 11:00am**  
(Sunday School Classes will not meet)

### **10:00pm Candlelight Communion Service**

Come celebrate the Birth of the King with worship, praise, and Holy Communion amid the soft glow of candlelight in the sanctuary. Please be aware, no nursery or childcare is being provided for the 10pm service.

### CAROLING AT HOLIDAY PARK

Join us for Grace Family Caroling at Krug – **Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>** – Everyone is invited to meet at the DQ on the avenue at 6:45pm carpool to the Nativity Scene and sing Christmas carols till 8:00pm. We will have cookies and hot chocolate for all who brave the cold! Please note that there will be NO Children's High 5 or Youth ReSet Midweek meetings at the church this coming Wednesday night or on December 27<sup>th</sup>.

### RENEWAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

The college-age students and young adults will meet **Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00 to 9:00pm**, at Grace for their annual Christmas party. This year's theme is "Dress as a Christmas Celebrity." Join us for a wonderful night of fellowship and food. For more info, contact Pastor Ken.

### NURSING HOME MINISTRY

We will be singing Christmas Carols to the residents of LaVerna in St Joseph on **Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, from 5:00 to 7:00pm**. Join our choir and come to show the love of Jesus to our neighbors.

## **NEW YEAR'S EVE AT GRACE**

**Sunday evening, December 31<sup>st</sup>**, we invite you to start your New Year's Eve celebrations by asking the Lord to be part of them. For an hour or so, starting at **6:00pm**, we will be holding a prayer and communion service at the church. We encourage everyone to join us as we come together and pray for a spiritual awakening in the body of Christ for 2018. We will spend time praying for personal needs and interceding for others, asking for forgiveness and repentance, as well as worshipping the Lord and spending time in personal communion with Him. Following this prayer time, we encourage you to spend the rest of your evening celebrating as you wish with friends and family. But at 11:45pm, Pastor Darrell would like to join your party and spend the last few minutes of 2017 praying with you. Please join him on **Facebook at 11:45pm** by *liking Grace Evangelical Church*, and let's pray in the New Year together!

## **MARRIAGE GETAWAY**

We have four seasonal Marriage Getaways planned for 2018. Registration is closed for the Winter Getaway, but the Spring Getaway is open now. It will be held **April 24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018, at Lied Lodge**, in Nebraska City, Nebraska. The cost per couple is \$335, with \$100 deposit due by February 1<sup>st</sup>. If you are interested in this trip, pick up a brochure at the information desk. Fill out the registration page and return it to the church office or you may register online.

## **MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS**

The Scholarship Committee is now accepting applications from Grace college students for the Spring 2018 semester. If you are a new applicant, forms and scholarship guidelines are available at the church Information Desk. For *returning students*, please bring a copy of your current grades to the church office or email them to [susan@graceontheweb.org](mailto:susan@graceontheweb.org). Grades and scholarship applications are due to the by **January 14<sup>TH</sup>**. Our Memorial Scholarship Fund is supported by memorial gifts and special donations, as well as Sunday school offerings. If you would like to give to this Fund, please mark your gift, *Scholarship Fund*.

## **TECHNICAL ISSUES**

If you have tried to call the church and not been able to get through or had a crazy screeching noise, we apologize. Our phone system is showing its age. We are currently looking to upgrade it, but it will take a few weeks. We appreciate your patience and apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused you.