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Grace Notes

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Luke 1.46–55

And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed,
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.

His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
He has brought down the powerful from their thrones
and lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things
and sent the rich away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

Advent seems to be two things at the same time for me. I want it quiet and peaceful, like a candlelit window in a snowy town. No consumerism, just the romantic ideals of a winter season. But the story at the center of Advent is anything but peaceful. When Mary sings the Magnificat, she's not performing a lullaby, she is announcing a revolution.

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We can't forget that Mary is a teenage girl, likely poor and definitely unknown. But, here she sings about God overturning systems, lifting the lowly, filling the hungry, and calling ordinary people to expect more than the world says is possible.

Mary didn't step into her calling because it was convenient. Nothing about her situation made sense. God's invitation arrived at the worst possible time, carrying all the wrong implications for her reputation, her relationships, her future. And yet she still said, "Let it be with me according to your word." Her courage was rooted in trust that God shows up precisely where life is messy, surprising, and inconvenient.

Most of us like the idea of using God's gifts given to us when it fits neatly into our schedules or matches our strengths. But Mary reminds us that God's call rarely waits for perfect timing. Sometimes it interrupts. Sometimes it asks something that feels risky. Sometimes it reveals a truth about the world that we'd rather not see. When we look at the world it's easy to see that some of us are lifted up and others are sent away empty handed. Life isn't fair, and yet...God remains, God gets closer, so close hope grows inside her.

And that, friends, is the good news. When God calls us into the unconventional, it is always toward hope, not fear. The Magnificat teaches us that hope is not wishful thinking. Hope is active. Hope is the willingness to step into the unknown because God is already there. Hope looks like choosing generosity when it's easier to guard what we have. Hope looks like showing up for someone who needs us even when our time is stretched thin. Hope looks like trusting that God is still turning the world toward justice even when we can't see the whole picture yet.

This Advent at Grace, my prayer is that we learn from Mary's boldness. That we practice living with expectation that God is not done with us. Pay attention to where God is stirring new things in our congregation, in our families, in our community, and, dare I say it, inside our own tired hearts. When those callings feel a little too big or a little too inconvenient (and they will), we remember Mary's voice ringing through the centuries, singing about God who turns the world upside down through everyday people willing to say yes.

With hope this season,
Shane



Music

From Christkindlmarkt to Garfield Ave: A Look at Christmas Traditions

Wooden stalls in a town square, the smell of roasted nuts and mulled wine, lights strung across old buildings: that's what many of us picture when we think of a German Christmas market. Underneath the German words and medieval architecture, though, the heart of the Christkindlmarkt isn't so different from what happens every December right at home. People still gather in the dark; we share food and drink, music, and each other's company. This month, instead of a traditional reflection, let's take a little Christmas field trip across centuries and continents, and see how it all brings us back to Garfield Avenue.

The story of the Christkindlmarkt starts long ago, in 1296. Duke Albrecht I of Austria granted the citizens of Vienna the right to hold a "December market" so they could stock up on supplies for winter. It wasn't really about Christmas yet; it was about getting through the cold. Over the next few centuries, similar winter markets popped up across the German-speaking world. By 1434, Dresden was hosting what would become its famous Striezelmarkt, named after the word Strüzel or Stroczel, a type of cake sold there. It is regarded as the oldest Christmas market in Germany.

Nuremberg's beloved Christkindlesmarkt traces its roots to the early 1500s, with the first written mention appearing in 1678. These markets gradually shifted from purely practical shopping to something more seasonal and celebratory. Advent became the time when town squares filled with stalls selling not just meat and bread, but toys, ornaments, sweets, and special holiday foods. Germany is also widely credited with popularizing the Christmas tree, so when you bring the evergreen into your home, real or fake, you're participating in a tradition that grew up alongside those markets.

Of course, these markets didn't stay in Europe. Today, there are thousands of Christmas markets across Germany and many more around the world inspired by them. Even in Minnesota, with deep German and Scandinavian roots, we can find similar markets. For example, in Waconia, MN, there is a full-on German-style event: open-air stalls, traditional foods, Glühwein, visits from St. Nicholas, reindeer, children's lantern parades, and more. The "MN Christmas Market" is a traveling holiday market that rotates between cities like St. Paul, Cottage Grove, and Red Wing (where I went to high school). Local makers are featured,

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and the market donates a portion of sales to support small businesses and charitable causes.

I'd like Albert Lea to have a Christmas market. To me, they evoke a nostalgic feeling, like a Hallmark movie. The cast of characters includes the twinkling lights of a decorated town center, the glistening, recently fallen snow with the extra-reflective top layer from the brisk, cold air, and all the fragrances wafting around. From some brief searches, what I can find in and around Albert Lea definitely sounds like all the right ingredients for a Christmas market square. For example, there's the Holiday Bazaar, Lights in the Village, the Live Nativity drive-thru, and The Big Freeze. Different names, different details, but they all sound like a way to survive the winter by spending time together with people in the community.

Let's take a brief look at Grace's history. Grace was officially formed in 1946. The very first worship service took place on November 17, 1946, in the drafting room of the REA office in the basement of the Security Bank building downtown. Less than a month later, on December 8, the congregation was already holding two services to make room for about 230 people. To draw a similarity to the "December markets" in 1296, Grace's early members were "stocking up" for winter—not on supplies, but on worship, community, and hope—until a permanent church home could be built. Imagine that first Christmas season at Grace: folding chairs, concrete walls, maybe a borrowed Christmas tree, and carols echoing in a rented basement instead of a sanctuary.

By 1947, Grace had purchased land on Garfield Ave. and was worshipping in a Quonset-style structure—a semi-cylindrical metal building that looked more like a garage than a church. The first service in the Quonset was in October, and the dedication in November drew an estimated 450 people. That Advent and Christmas, members decorated the church with greens and light, and children put on Christmas programs under the curved metal roof.

The current church building grew out of a 1953 groundbreaking. By October 1954, Grace was worshipping in the new sanctuary, just in time for a Christmas of carols and candlelight in a more permanent home. In August 1966, lightning struck the church during a storm and started a fire that badly damaged the sanctuary. For a while, worship moved to other spaces, and Christmas had to be celebrated in improvised settings again.

If you fast-forward to Grace this December, you'll see the same patterns, just with different details. Our members participate in caroling, make and eat mass amounts of lefse, witness the large reflective star hanging during the Christmas Eve services, and attend the Sunday School Christmas Program.

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Music

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We start to see the same heartbeat in and out of church: people gather in the dark, we shine our lights, we share food and stories, and we remember that we're not alone. As we head into Advent, maybe that's the invitation for us at Grace: to notice how we are part of this long, beautiful chain of people who have always gathered in winter to look for light. From a basement in 1946 to a star-lit sanctuary in 2025, may this season find you warmed by the light of Christ and the light of others, whether you're standing in a crowded Christkindlmarkt, driving down a street laden with homes adorned by Christmas lights, or in humble awe as witness to the glow of a small light.

~Aaron

Visitation

Opening Our Hearts and Hands to Our Church Family

I was a little apprehensive about doing home visits, but I decided to give it a try. Wow! What a blessing it has been! Every visit has been worth every minute. Seeing people's faces light up when we come warms your heart. They open their homes and welcome you in with such grace.

I truly believe God is with us on every visit. If we can bring companionship and comfort, reminding someone they are not forgotten, we have done a good deed. What I have come to realize is that these visits bless me just as much, if not more, than we bless them. In those quiet moments, God shows up. He softens hearts, opens doors, and reminds us that we are connected through His love.

For those who feel hesitant to volunteer or meet someone new, I want to encourage you: don't be afraid. You don't have to have the perfect words or a grand plan. Just showing up with an open heart is enough. These visitations are not just acts of service, they are sacred encounters. Through them, God works in both directions: comforting loneliness and transforming the hearts of those who go.

Let's be open to the ways God wants to use us and bless us in these moments.

Thought for the Day:

A perverse person spreads strife, and a whisper separates close friends.

—Proverbs 16:28

Amen,

Deb Attig



Church Council Minutes

November 11, 2025

Present at meeting: Pastor Shane Koepke, Doreen Pontow, Philip Lonneman, Gerry Vogt, Jerry Dahl, Markey Samp, Erica Samp, Dave Drommerhausen, Robert Jacobson, Jennifer Zoller

Opening Devotions: Given by Erica Samp, centered on Joshua 1:9, encouraging strength and courage, especially during uncertain and challenging times, with a reminder of God's presence. Prayer focused on trust in God's guidance.

Open Forum: None

Approval of Today's agenda

Motion made by: Robert Jacobson

Seconded by: Gerry Vogt
Approved

Review of Last Months Minutes

Motion made by: Jerry Dahl

Seconded by: Jennifer Zoller
Approved

Financial Report: Ten months completed in the fiscal year; recent gain of about \$4,000, mainly due to \$12,000 in CD interest. Projected to be approximately \$29,000 short of covering expenses through giving by year-end, but November and December are typically stronger financially. Current available balance is \$200,000. Year-to-date savings mainly from reduced payroll spending. All staff will receive annual spend figures for next year's budget planning. Financial report approved by vote.

Motion made by: Robert Jacobson

Seconded by: Gerry Vogt
Approved

Food for Backpacks: Program is busy; recent truckloads delivered, logistics managed for various schools. Updated offerings going over well. NHS students assist with distribution. Suggestion: update and improve information sheet sent home, including an option to donate; maintain consistency with forms across schools. School social workers continue efforts to increase family participation.

Old business:

Kitchen Campaign: About \$16,000 raised so far; total goal is \$170,000. Fundraising brochures and commitment cards printed and mailed this week. Fundraising progress will be displayed via a thermometer graphic.

New/other business: None

Lead Pastor's Report Pastor Shane:

Combined Thanksgiving Eve worship with First Lutheran Church planned at Grace on 11/26; request for pie donations and servers.

The assistant to the bishop attended a recent class, discussing refugees and immigrant journeys, with context on political approaches to immigration.

Kits with snacks, devotions, and a personal note sent to Class of 2025 graduates to maintain connection.

Forums:

Pastor Shane's First Bible Class with 3rd & 4th grade families went well (11/9).

New Member Orientation with Pastor Shane on 11/16 .

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Forums (continued):

Part Two of "Stone Theologians" with Milt Ost on 11/16. Books available for sale: signed \$50 / unsigned \$10, with proceeds going to Kitchen Remodel fund.

Committee Reports:

Altar guild: None

Building and grounds: Sound baffles will be installed in the Chapel to reduce echo.

Call Committee: Call committee recommends a young, vibrant, female deacon as candidate for full-time associate pastor opening. [Clarification provided: A deacon has almost identical theological training to a pastor, but does not perform communion or baptism.] She has experience in youth and family ministry and received positive feedback from both youth and call committee members. Candidate lives in Owatonna and plans to commute. Council moves to send the call committee's recommendation to a congregational vote, tentatively scheduled for the first Sunday in December, pending the candidate's final acceptance. New hire's likely start date would be early January.

Education: Christmas Program written by Aaron Bartz. Practices have begun and will run through December. The program will be during worship on 12/21.

On 11/8 eight youth & two leaders participated in 'Feed My Starving Children' and there was positive feedback; noted higher-than-expected cost for lunch and arcade afterwards, but high engagement and adherence to no phone policy.

Events coming up are Youth-led Worship service on 11/16, Friendsgiving Potluck, on 11/16, Lefse-making on 11/22; several congregation members will be helping/teaching, Cookie-baking on 12/13, and Christmas Caroling @ Thorne Crest, 12/17

Library: Pastor Shane will purchase a mobile book cart for kids' books.

Mission team: None

Music: None

Usher: None

Visitation Group: None

Round Table:

Negatives from congregants: One member dislikes new quilted altar panels because it is difficult to see the image of the cross, though they are still considered pretty.

Positives from congregants: Youth and parents expressed enjoyment and engagement at recent events.

Tasks for next council meeting: None

Prayer Intercessions: Specific prayers requested for family and friends who are dealing with health concerns and healing, veterans and their families, those experiencing grief, and youth leading worship. The Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting time and date: December 9, 2025, 6:30pm

Adjournment: 7:18 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Zoller (sub. for Adele Rosnow)
Grace Lutheran Church Council Secretary



Grace Prays

Prayers of Healing

For Greg Henderson

For Siglind Kleih, daughter-in-law of
Gerhard & Irmi Kleih

For Betty Anderson

For Alden Helleksen

Prayers of Joy

We rejoice as **William Boyum** is baptized
into Christ. Keep him in Your care and fill
him with lasting joy.

We give thanks for the Call Committee's
discernment. Bless the candidate and
our congregation as we move ahead.

Prayers for those Grieving

For **Mike & Pat Levisen** on the death of
Mike's daughter, Beth Stahl

GRACE PRAYS: We are honored to pray with
and for you. To keep our list current, names
(shared with permission) remain for two weeks
and may be renewed. Please contact the church
office to add or remove a name. Thank you.

PASTORAL CARE

To assist the pastor in providing pastoral care for
those hospitalized or homebound, please notify the
pastor of pending surgeries, overnight hospital
stays, or individuals who would like a home visit.

Please call 507-373-6496

December

(Remember to pray for our Grace family on these dates.)

1. Carroll & Mavis Hanson
2. Brady Wehrenberg
3. Carlyn Tufte
4. Jeff & Lori Miller
5. Matt & Angie Moller
Maggie, Judd, Greta & Cleo
6. Mary Harriman
7. Virginia Sorenson
8. Bernice Moreau
9. Leah Larson, Maddie
10. Arthur & Erica Wright, Myla & Everly
11. Gail Rasmussen & Marc
12. Todd & Heather Earl
Brendan, Peyton & Jordyn
13. William & Patricia Searles
14. Kevin Tufte & Stacy Stauss
15. William & Cathie Chapek,
Sean, Seth & Samantha
16. William & Sue Barber
17. Gary & Judy Fischer
18. Michelle Love, Brooke & Tenley
19. Judy Hall
20. Carol Roberts
21. Alexis Hovey & Zayden
22. Kittie Hanson
23. Rev. John & Joan Holt
24. Julie Sternhagen
25. Sharon Brua
26. Don & Diann King
27. Nikki Schumaker, Brody & Logan
28. Robert & Muriel Hoeg
29. Charlene Meyer
30. Mary Tufte
31. John Wipplinger



December

Caring and Sharing

Chairperson: Jane Smith

Denise & Paul Andersen

Debbie & Tom Baas

Gerri & Kenn Breamer

Charlotte & Dale Elvebak

Patricia & Ron Holtan

Nicole & Matthew Johnson

Dianne & Eugene Knudtson

Teresa & Joel Matheson

Betty & Ron Mathews

Charlene Meyer

LaDonna Nelson

Tonia & Darin Palmer

Keli & Andy Petersen

Barbara & Lowell Peterson

Lynn & Blake Stadheim

Kimberly Stevens

Tina & Tony Strom

Tiffany & Robert Syverson

Lanae & Larry Thorstad

Carlyn Tufte



STUDY OPPORTUNITIES for Adults at Grace

We invite you to join any of our regular Bible study groups at Grace Lutheran.

Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study

10:00-11:00 am

This study for women offers fellowship and great discussion.

Thursday Morning Bible Study

7:30-8:30 am

Consider joining this group for an opportunity for good discussion and good fellowship.

Grace WELCA Women's Circles

Mary Circle (meets every 1st Monday/5:00 pm)

New members are always welcome! Call the church office, 373-6496, for more information.

Caring & Sharing

Please consider signing up for co-chair. You can choose a month that works for you.

We are in need of co-chairs for the month of **December.**

The sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

Thank you to Becky Tennis Hanson for chairing November! We're grateful to all who helped or provided food. There's still time to sign up as a co-chair, your support makes a difference!

Pastoral Act November

Baptism for **William Boyum**, son of Parker & Jenna Boyum



Gifts of Love

Backpack Food Program

In Memory Of:

Terry Gilbertson (brother of Sue Barber and Lanae Thorstad) given by Robert & Muriel Hoeg

Donnie & Pat Johnson given by Debbie Christensen

Terry Gilbertson (brother of Sue Barber & Lanae Thorstad) given by Dexter & Janet Henschel

Terry Gilbertson (brother of Sue Barber & Lanae Thorstad) given by Ona Meyer

Gift Given By:

Kent Jasperson

First Lutheran Church, Glenville

Dale & Dorothy Baldwin

Ball Scholarship

In Honor of:

Olivia Moore given by Bob Ball & Laura McKibben

Building Fund

Gift Given By:

Kent Jasperson

Food Shelf

Gift Given By:

Dale & Dorothy Baldwin

Kitchen Remodeling Fund

In Memory of:

Steve Kuester given by William & Sue Barber

Mary Claassen (Pastor Shane's grandmother) given by the Grace Lutheran staff

In Thanksgiving of:

Our children & grandchildren given by William & Sue Barber

In Honor of:

Pastor Milt Ost's 90th birthday given by Kenn & Gerri Breamer

Pastor Milt Ost's 90th birthday given by Mike & Karen Hendrickson

Pastor Milt Ost's 90th birthday given by Wayne & Sharon Jahnke

Pastor Milt Ost's 90th birthday given by Kent Jasperson

Pastor Milt Ost's 90th birthday given by Carlyn Tufte

Gift Given by:

Dennis & Sandra Fredrickson

Gerhard & Irmgard Kleih

Martin Luther

In Honor of:

Pastor Ost's 90th birthday given by Virginia Sorenson

Music Ministry

In Memory of:

Loved ones given by Mary Harriman



Gifts of Love

Parish Nurse

In Memory of:

Loved ones given by Mary Harriman

Prayer Garden

In Memory Of:

Donnie & Pat Johnson given by Debbie Christensen

Loved ones given by Mary Harriman

Terry Gilbertson given by Kent Jasperson

Gift Given By:

Greg & Marsha Smith

Undesignated

In Honor of:

Milt Ost's 90th birthday given by James & Judy Munyer

Youth

In Memory of:

Loved ones given by Mary Harriman

PLEASE NOTE that any additional "Gifts of Love" recorded by the church office after November 16, 2025 will appear in the next issue. If you have given a gift and your name has not been recorded, please call 507-373-6496.

Generosity at Grace

**October
2025**

Average
Attendance
in person was:
146 per worship

Giving
\$48,463.94

Expenses
-\$45,445.54

**Year to Date
Giving vs
Expenses:**
\$447,619.47
- \$472,258.67
-\$24,639.20

Thanks for your attendance In Person or Live Streaming as we continue to be the church apart and together.

The Finance Ministry Team and Church Council appreciate your generous support. Your faithful Stewardship is essential for us to continue to support our ministries at Grace Lutheran.

FAIR TRADE COFFEE

We will be selling coffee before our worship service on Sunday, December 7, 2025.



Remember your Coins for Sunday's Noisy Offering!



Announcements

Several items
have been left
behind at church.

Please take a
moment to check
and see if anything
belongs to you.



Library Corner

Are you hungry for some "Chicken Soup"? Check out
our collection of Chicken Soup for the Soul* book
series. Each book provides a collection of
heartwarming and motivational true stories.

The other featured book this month is the "Church
Suppers"* cookbook which contains 722 recipes from
churches across the country.

*These books are located on the bookshelves in the Narthex.

DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR

Christmas

Please sign up in the narthex!

Dates available to decorate are

November 28th & 29th

choose a time that will work best for you!



December 7th

10 AM
Sanctuary

CONGREGATIONAL Meeting

During this meeting we will learn about
our candidate and have time to answer
your questions!

We will also vote on whether to approve
the candidate to serve as our new
Associate Minister.

Poinsettia Plants

Purchase a poinsettia & share it with the
Grace congregation for Christmas.

Only 20 plants are available for \$13 each.

Please have your orders in by

Wednesday, December 17.

The forms can be found in the narthex or the office!

Please return form & payment to the office/drop in the mail slot or send in the mail.

Service of

Hope & Healing



Grace Lutheran Church

918 Garfield Ave, Albert Lea, MN

Wednesday **17** December

6:30 PM

Announcements

Christmas is brighter when shared!

CAROLS OF KINDNESS

 Wednesday, December 17th  4:45 PM

 Meet by the couches next to the office!

We will meet at Grace and walk over to Thorne Crest.

Afterwards, please stay for supper in Fellowship Hall!



Scan the QR code to sign up or go to:

<https://gracelutheranchurch2.flocknote.com/signup/234692>



6th-12th Graders

Baking Spirits Bright

 Saturday, December 13th

 Kitchen

 9 AM-Noon

We'll make a mix of **no-bake cookies** and **decorate pre-baked sugar cookies**.

(please bring ingredients for the recipe you chose)

We'll also have snacks and a movie playing in Fellowship Hall.

A sign-up will be available to help avoid duplicates.

The cookies will be served after the Christmas Program December 21st!

A signup sheet is in the narthex or you can scan the QR code or go to:

<https://gracelutheranchurch2.flocknote.com/signup/234888>



Chew & Chat



Available this year!

Help feed our youth before confirmation.
You pick the meal!



• December 10th

Scan the QR code to sign up to prepare & serve a meal or go to:

<https://gracelutheranchurch2.flocknote.com/signup/221589>

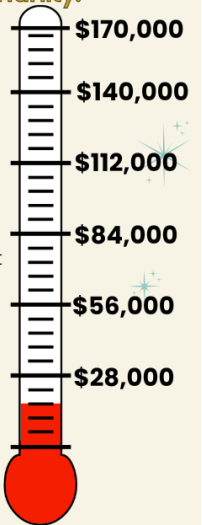


Grace Lutheran Church

Open Doors. Warm Ovens:

Make room. Make meals. Make community.

- Updated cabinetry and countertops
- A height-adjustable stainless-steel work and meeting table
- New lighting and electrical panel upgrades
- A commercial gas stovetop, ovens with warming features
- Ice maker
- Fresh paint in the kitchen and new flooring in the basement hallways
- Removal of asbestos in older flooring
- Improved airflow and air conditioning in the chapel, kitchen, and youth room



Every gift is matched up to \$35,000!

Christmas Eve

Worship times:

3 pm, 5 pm,
& 11 pm

The Church Cookbook!



- December's theme: Christmas Cookies
- January's theme: Main Dishes

- Please place your recipe in the basket in the narthex **OR**
- Email it to Jenny at connect@gracealbertlea.org **OR**
- Visit www.gracealbertlea.org/contact-us to send your recipe



Please include your name with the recipe that you submit!



Announcements

Grace Lutheran Confirmation Class of 2025



Front row: Dylan Bakkedahl, Cleo Moller, Tyler Citurs, Thomas Hanson

Back row: Pastor Shane, Ryker Paulson, Aurora Helms, Holden Whelan
Bryxlie Paulson, Kyra Sigman

Gracious God,

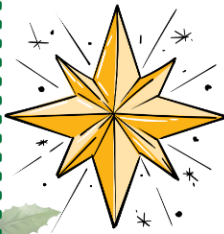
Bless our confirmation students as they learn, grow, and deepen their faith. Guide their questions, strengthen their spirits, and surround them with your love. May they continue to walk in your light and discover the joy of following Jesus.

Amen.



December 2025



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1  1:30 pm SAIL 2:00 pm Grief Share 5:00 pm Mary Circle	2 9:00 am Staff Meeting 10:00 am Women's Bible Study	3 9:00 am Quilting 5:45-6:15 pm Chew & Chat 6:00 pm Bell Choir 6:30 pm 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation 7:00 pm Adult Choir	4 7:30 am Early Morning Bible Study 1:30 pm SAIL	5 Building and Office Closed	6 Building and Office Closed	
7 8:30 am Fair-Trade Coffee 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Coffee Fellowship 10:00 am Adult Forum 10:00 am Sunday School	8 1:30 pm SAIL	9 9:00 am Staff Meeting 10:00 am Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm Council Meeting	10 10:00 am Thorne Crest Communion 5:45-6:15 pm Chew & Chat 6:00 pm Bell Choir 6:30 pm 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation 7:00 pm Adult Choir	11 7:30 am Early Morning Bible Study 1:30 pm SAIL	12 Building and Office Closed	
14 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Coffee Fellowship 10:00 am Sunday School	15 Newsletter Deadline 1:30 pm SAIL	16 9:00 am Staff Meeting 10:00 am Women's Bible Study	17 Poinsettia Order Deadline 9:00 am Quilting 4:45 pm Caroling at Thorne Crest 6:30 pm Confirmation Party 6:30 pm Hope & Healing Service	18 7:30 am Early Morning Bible Study 9:00 am Grace Notes Mail Prep 1:30 pm SAIL	19 Building and Office Closed	
21 9:00 am Worship including the Sunday School Christmas Program 10:00 am Coffee Fellowship	22 1:30 pm SAIL	23 9:00 am Staff Meeting 10:00 am Women's Bible Study	24 Christmas Eve 3:00 pm Worship 5:00 pm Worship 11:00 pm Candlelight Worship	25 Building and Office Closed	26 Building and Office Closed	
28 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Coffee Fellowship	29 1:30 pm SAIL	30 9:00 am Staff Meeting 10:00 am Women's Bible Study	31 NO Chew & Chat NO 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation NO Bell Choir NO Adult Choir			

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Worship Schedule



Sunday Worship Service

Time: 9:00 am

Options: In person and online

Watch: Facebook (facebook.com/gracealbertlea)
YouTube (youtube.com/@gracealbertlea)



Sign up for updates from
Grace Lutheran. Receive
announcements via text
or email. Scan QR code to
sign up for FlockNote!

Sunday School

Time: 10:00 am

Confirmation

Chew & Chat: Serving from 5:45 - 6:15 pm Wednesdays
7th & 8th Grade: Wednesdays, 6:30 pm

