



Grace at a Glance

Advent I - Hope

Joel 2:12-13, 28-29

Sunday, December 1, 2024



Scripture Joel 2:12-13, 28-29

¹² "Even now," declares the LORD,
"return to me with all your heart,
with fasting and weeping and mourning."

¹³ Rend your heart
and not your garments.
Return to the LORD your God,
for he is gracious and compassionate,
slow to anger and abounding in love,
and he relents from sending calamity.

²⁸ "And afterward,
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your old men will dream dreams,
your young men will see visions.

²⁹ Even on my servants, both men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God,

Help us trust in you when we encounter challenges that seem impossible. Grant us the strength to stand firm in your truth, and be our refuge in times of adversity. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



QR direct link to 'Give' feature on Grace website!

DECEMBER MISSION OF THE MONTH

The Mission of the month for December at Grace is Second Stork. Second Stork provides families in need with essential newborn care items to give their baby a safe and healthy start.

Welcoming a newborn into the world should be a joyous and hopeful time! The reality is that many new parents are financially stretched, anxious and unprepared to bring their baby home from the hospital. Often, they don't have the basic supplies to keep the baby safe and healthy those first few weeks of life. By basic, they mean a safe place to sleep, an adequate supply of diapers and wet wipes, newborn clothing and blankets. Second Stork can bridge an approximate 2 week gap from the time newborn is discharged from the hospital to when family support or social services become available. Second Stork believes every baby should have a safe and healthy beginning.

Please prayerfully consider making a donation to this wonderful organization who reaches out to the newest of God's children and their families to ensure that they have the items necessary to get a healthy and safe start in life. Please use your blue multi-purpose envelope, mark mission of the month and place in the offering or mail to the church office. Checks should be made payable to Grace. Thank you.

This Sunday we worship at 9:30 am in the Sanctuary.

Confidential Prayer Link: <https://forms.gle/oCUEbVJ6CkmdD3nB6>

We have established a confidential prayer email that we have added to our website which can be used by anyone wishing for prayers. This can be made available to just the pastor, the pastor and the prayer chain, OR the pastor, the prayer chain, and the congregation as you choose. Please feel free to test it out. This is just one more way you can access our pastor and/or the prayer team.

We have a dedicated free phone line which you can call in and listen to the livestreaming worship services. So if you don't have a computer or would rather just listen, call in on 1-(833) 579 - 2830. We are working on improving the quality of this experience. Please pass this number to your friends without computers.

We will continue to post recordings of the services each week on our website and Facebook page. Stay tuned for more information as we go forward. We pray for everyone to stay safe and healthy.

Your giving is very important to continuing our missions as always. You can give electronically using the give button on the website (www.gracelutheranstpaul.fyi), mail it in to the church (1730 Old Hudson Road, St. Paul 55106) or place in the offering at worship on Sunday.

The office hours are M-Thurs, 9:30-1:30. Feel free to call the church (651-774-9617) with any questions, prayers, or requests for help.

Upcoming: The Giving Tree will be up on December 1st - Take ornaments and return items by December 15th.
Toy Drive for Merrick Food Shelf Bin is in Good Shepherd Lounge until December 8th.

November 26th Ecumenical Thanksgiving service at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church at 1390 Larpenteur Ave.

December 1st - Advent Potluck after worship!

Sound & Video System - The upgrade in the Tower rooms is complete and the new system in the Sanctuary has been installed!! The Special Gifts and Memorials Committee has given a donation of \$10,000 toward the funding as well as another \$5000 in matching funds for any incoming donations. We are currently at \$22,415.00 including the SGM gifts. Please label any gifts for the Sound System so that they get to the right place. Thank you!!



Monday, November 25 – Sunday, December 1, 2024

Monday, November 25 10-1 Memorial Service for Jim Dyrhaug

Tuesday, November 26 7:00 pm Ecumenical Thanksgiving Worship at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church at 1390 Larpenteur Ave E

Wednesday, November 27 10-12 Coffee and Conversation

Sunday, December 1 **9:30 am Worship- Advent I**
Live streamed and recorded

Phone in line 1-(833) 579 -2830

10:30 am Advent Potluck & S.S.

Sunday School question of the week -

You get a few weeks off as the Sunday School is preparing for the Christmas program the second Sunday in December and will not have Sunday School the rest of December. See you in January!

Construction and Traffic updates!

The Gold Line is progressing which affects our parking lot with construction and also the traffic pattern in the area. Since the east entrance to the lot has been drastically narrowed, consider using the other driveway (to the west of the church) to enter. When the project is complete we will make alterations as necessary to the east entrance.

The bridge across 94 on White Bear is now open again as are the accompanying entrance and exit ramps!! And Old Hudson Road between McKnight and Ruth is now open again.

There are still several detours on many of the streets in the area due to repaving of streets, construction, etc. so we aren't back to usual yet, but getting there.

Thanks for your patience!!

Church Chuckles

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Thanks to Allen

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WHILE SHEPHERDS DECKED THEIR FLOCKS BY NIGHT