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Who will win this year's Souper Bowl?

**The food insecure in our community!
That's who!!!**

Most everyone knows that Super Bowl LVI will be played on **Sunday, February 13**. Special Super Bowl parties will take place in warm homes with lots of good food. However, many people are not as fortunate, and some of them live here in Winona. We can do something to help them!

Before and after the worship service, some of our children will be holding big cooking pots. Each pot will have the logo of the teams playing in the Super Bowl. Choose your winning team by placing your can of soup or cash donation in one of the pots.

The soup and cash donations will be brought to Winona Volunteer Services to help families get a good hot meal!

Thank you for participating in this small, but important mission to feed the hungry in our community!

You are invited to wear your favorite football jersey to church on Super Bowl Sunday!



Mark your calendars and plan to attend the
**Annual Meeting of
Grace Presbyterian Church on
Sunday, February 20, 2022.**

We'll share stories of how we have served God in the church and in the world during this past year.

Annual reports will be available on the Usher's Stand on **Sunday, February 13**.

News from Session

Session held its regular meeting in person on Wednesday, January 19, 2022, and approved the following items:

- * To ratify an email vote to have two free-will offerings: one from the Deacons for Eric Heukeshovesn's cousins who lost everything in the fires in Colorado, and one from the Mission Committee for the Confirmation Class to help get supplies for the new refugee family that has come here from Fort McCoy.
- * To pledge \$2,000 to Presbytery for 2022.
- * To pay Isaac Hicks a one-time fee of \$50 for tech support. The monies will come from the office budget.
- * To have the Souper Bowl offering on Sunday, February 13, 2022, with the cash and canned goods collected going to Winona Volunteer Services.
- * To send \$300 from the Special Mission Fund to PDA for those states hit by the December tornadoes.
- * To continue with in-person worship and Sunday School but to discontinue serving treats and coffee afterward. People are welcome to bring their own and stay and visit. This will be revisited at our February meeting.

Jeanette Karjala is

celebrating
80th
birthday
February 21, 2022

Jeanette's friends are inviting you to help her celebrate by putting together a Birthday Card Shower.

Please send your card to:
Jeanette Karjala
651 W Belleview St.
Winona MN 55987

In your card, you might want to include a favorite Bible verse, special thought, or sentiment. All the cards Jeanette receives will be compiled, by her friends, into an 80th Birthday scrapbook.



Hand Made Valentines!

Our Grace Kids will be making Valentine's this month to send to friends in our church who may not be able to attend now. The message sent will remind us of how Jesus first love us, so we should love one another. By sending Valentine's, the Grace Kids will also learn about sharing their love with others.



"even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you."

Psalm 139:12



The Grace Kids
will be singing during worship on
Sunday, February 13.

Look carefully! You may see many singers wearing their favorite football team jersey!

We encourage the congregation to wear their jerseys to this service, too, if they wish!

Pastor's Page

In 1926 by Carter G. Woodson, a noted African American, scholar, educator, and publisher started what was then called "Black History Week." Mr. Woodson chose the 2nd week of February because it marked the birthdays of two men who greatly influenced the population of Black American people – Frederick Douglas, an escaped enslaved person who became one of the primary Black abolitionists in the nation, and President Abraham Lincoln who signed the Emancipation Proclamation. Black History Month / African American Heritage Month was not celebrated until 1976. The month-long celebration began as a way of remembering important people in history who were African American and historical events that grew out of or were shaped by black culture. It was not until January 20, 2006, that Black History Month became a federally recognized, nationwide celebration. Now, the month of February provides the opportunity for all Americans to reflect on the significant and instrumental roles that African Americans have played in the shaping of our history.

So, what are some things that we should learn in Black History Month? Well, the first one is that listing a bunch of facts about it is not really a good way of teaching black culture. Black History Month is about more than George Washington Carver's discovery of alternative pollination methods for Cotton. It is about a story of oppression, liberation, devastation, and triumph. It is far too great a task to teach in one article, or in one week, or in one month. There are several better ways to learn about black history and black culture listed below.

Watch "The Black Church" on PBS, a documentary about the Black Church in America, its origins and influence. It is a wonderful documentary that provides a very real look at the atrocities black and brown people have suffered and the audacious spirit of oppressed people



inspired by the liberating stories found in scripture. <https://www.pbs.org/video/the-black-church-episode1/>

If the long documentary is not your style, try the website entitled "Black History in Two Minutes (or so)." This site features several two-ish minutes videos on a variety of subjects pertaining to Black History. <https://blackhistoryintwominutes.com/>

Listen to some Gospel, Jazz, or Hip Hop music – Not Kidding. One of the best ways to understand another perspective is through song. Music speaks soul to soul; a much more apt way of understanding the fullness of emotion. Suggestions in Gospel: Mahalia Jackson, Kirk Franklin, Yolanda Adams, Sam Cook, Aretha Franklin. Jazz: All of it. Hip Hop: Changes –Tupac, Keep Ya Head Up

-Tupac, The Message- Grandmaster Flash & The Furious Five, Mortal Man (explicit) -Kendrick Lamar, Proud to be Black- Run DMC.

Read one of the following books:

For Adults: *Dear Church* by Lenny Duncan, *The Hate You Give* by Angie Thomas, *The New Jim Crow* by Michelle Alexander, *The Souls of Black Folk* by W.E.B Du Boise, or *Born a Crime* by Trevor Noah.

For Kids: *Henry's Freedom Box: A True Story from the Underground Railroad* by Ellen Lavine, *This Jazz Man* by Karen Ehrhardt, *Follow the Drinking Gourd* by Jeanette Winter, *What Color Is My World?* By Kareem Abdul Jabbar, or *The Watsons Go to Birmingham – 1963* by Christopher Paul Curtis

Watch any of the following movies:

ADULTS: *12 Years a Slave*, *Fences*, *Glory*, *Loving*, *Selma*, *Just Mercy*, *Barbershop*, *The Hate You Give*, *The United States V.S. Billie Holliday*, *Do the Right Thing*.

KIDS and Family: *March On! The Day My Brother Martin Changed the World*, *The Color of Friendship*, *Hidden Figures*, *Black Panther*, *Ruby Bridges*, *Remember the Titans*, *Woodlawn*.

Remember, this is not just a one-month opportunity to learn about *the other*. Black History is *OUR* history; and our history is what forms our future – weather we decide to learn from it or not.

News from Deacons

**March
IS
Minnesota
FoodShare
month!**

Donate your food or monetary gifts from
February 28, 2022 through
April 11, 2022.

More information will be included in the March issue of Grace Press.

Introducing to our 2021 Confirmands



Meet
Ella Schantzen

Ella is the daughter of Henry and Chris. She has two younger brothers, Will and Andrew.

She is 14 years old and in the 8th grade at Bluffview Montessori School. She loves to read.

During Confirmation this year, she hopes to learn more “stuff from the Bible.”

Her toothbrush is blue!

Saying “Thank You”



A very special thank you for the Advent calendar, which I really enjoyed reading each day until the birth of Jesus. I so appreciate the nice cards I have received from the Deacons and the colorful and creative pictures from the Grace Sunday School children. You have been so kind and good to me.

Thank you so much. Jeanne Nelson

Thank you so much to the Deacons for the Gift Card to HyVee. It is so appreciated!! Thank you, too, for all the others who remember Jack and I at Christmas. What a joy it is to be part of the family of Grace Church!

Cheri & Jack Looman

Happy Birthday to:

Kathy Weiner	February 3
Ron Dietrich	February 13
Mark Engstler	February 16
Daniel Mrkvicka	February 16
Andrew Schantzen	February 19
Jeanette Karjala	February 21
Kathy Weitschat	February 21
Steve Thiele	February 25

Happy Anniversary to:

Walt & Dorothy Gilbertson	February 4
Jerry & Mary Lowery	February 14
Steve & Candi Kohner	February 28

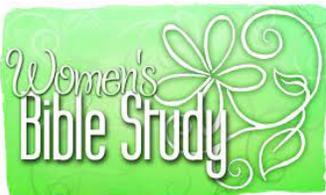
We hope you enjoy seeing who is celebrating a birthday or an anniversary. This list uses the best information we have at the time. Please let us know if we missed your special day, and we will update our list!

Church Landscaping Project ~ Coming Spring 2022

Our Landscaping project will finally begin this spring! Cyrus Landscaping will come install a square patio with two sidewalks leading up to it. The sidewalks will form an A-frame to match our church architecture. After the frame work is set in our own volunteers will install three benches made by our friend Gene Berg, and focus on the foliage we would like to plant.

We can't do this with out your help! If you would like to make a donation to the Landscaping project please write out a check to the church with "*Landscaping Project*" in the memo line. We will also take donations of plant or foliage after the crew has finished installing the patio. It would be an honor to have a part of your garden here at the church. Last, but never least, if you are willing and able to help our volunteers with planting or installing please talk with Ron, David, or Pastor Rachel.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS!



who would like to join them.

An Ecumenical group of ladies meets each Monday morning from 9:00 until 11:00 for Bible study. This group is open to all women



AA - "Keep Coming Back" Group uses Grace Church for their meetings:

- ◆ Monday - Friday at Noon
- ◆ Tuesday & Thursday at 5:00 pm
- ◆ Saturday at 7:00 pm

March Newsletter deadline is February 15

Please submit your articles to Lori by Noon!
Contact her at loriglover@yahoo.com
(NOTE new email address!)

Thank you!



NA - Narcotics Anonymous uses Grace Church for their meetings:

- ◆ Monday at 7:00 pm
- ◆ Friday at 7:00 pm

community, and world.
deed with our family,
same in thought, word, and
God, we are called to do the
unconditionally loved by
Because we are

Mission

Thank God!

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Sunday Worship

10:30 am

Fellowship Time

11:30 am

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