



*Grace Presbyterian Church*

*222 E Broadway, Winona*

# *Holiday Fair*

*Saturday, November 12*

*9:00 am to 2:00 pm*

*Books*

*Bakery*

*Cafe*

*Second Hand Shop*

*Handmade Crafts*

*Jewelry*

*Rada Knives*

*My Personalized Pan Fundraiser*

*The Bakery and Café have returned!! Enjoy Take-Out Lunch ~ or Eat In!*



## It's All Happening in November



At the **Holiday Fair**, the youth group of Grace will be taking orders for "That's My Pan" Fundraiser. The profits from this sale will be used for Youth Activities. "That's My Pan" has so

many items, other than pans, that can be personalized. Check out the catalog during the Holiday Fair and you might just find the perfect gift for that one relative who is so hard to buy for!!

Prepay for your items and we'll let you know when the orders arrive!



### John Knox Presbytery Meets at Grace Church

Clergy from the John Knox Presbytery meet quarterly to discuss the business of the Presbytery. Their next meeting will be here at Grace on **Tuesday, November 15**.

This meeting will include lunch for the clergy and we are looking for a couple more volunteers to help out in the kitchen. Please contact Jane Dietrich if you are able to help.



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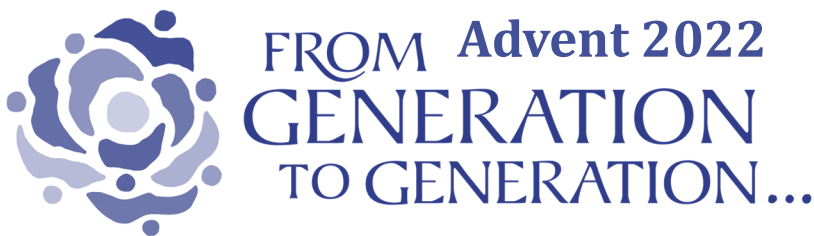
**Thank you for participating!** By faith we know the box we filled will get to the child God has planned. Also, a **big thank you to the generous anonymous person** who paid for shipping on all our boxes! We'll let you know in December how many boxes were filled and shipped!



Pastor Rachel and David will be on vacation on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent, so our annual Advent Event will be held a week early on **Christ the King Sunday, November 20**.

All are invited to this special service, which will include Holy Communion.

Following worship there will be activities for all ages.



Our Advent theme for 2022 is **Generation to Generation**.

We are looking for people to help with the lighting of the Advent Candle. Each week we will need an older adult, a younger adult, a teenager and a child. If you are willing to help out with this, please speak with Pastor Rachel or contact the church office.

This does not need to be families!







# ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING

*Worship*

TUESDAY ~ 7:00 PM  
NOVEMBER 22, 2022


Central Lutheran Church  
259 W Wabasha . Winona . MN

## From the Church Office



The Church Office will publish a new church directory in January, 2023.

If you have moved, changed your phone number or email address, **PLEASE** contact the church office either by phone: 452-4608 or email: [gracechurchwinona@gmail.com](mailto:gracechurchwinona@gmail.com) to let us know the updated information!

### Deacon's Cookies for Shut-ins & College Students

**When?**  
Sunday, November 27

**Where?**  
Grace Church Kitchen

**Why?**  
To encourage our Shut-ins and college students this Christmas

**What?**  
Drop off 2 dozen cookies in the kitchen **BEFORE** the service.

## Pastor's Page

We all know the story of the first Thanksgiving meal. Many of us also know the history of the first settlers and how different the story then becomes. The tradition, however, of gathering friends, family, and strangers together in a meal of gratitude, is a well established and purposeful tradition.

Should we lose the ability to open ourselves up to the concept of finding gratitude and thanksgiving in the blessings that surround us, we would surely be lost in our own apathy. Should we neglect compassion toward the stranger in our midst, unwilling to offer the basic necessities to those in need, we will come to find the generosity we have not endeavored to give will not be given to us in the end.

So, we see that the importance of this impending holiday is much more vast than our blighted history, much more in-depth than grandma's highly guarded recipe for cranberry sauce, and more enlightening than asking the children what they are thankful for. The importance of this holiday is the entering into a time of consideration and gratitude for what we have been given, and what we ourselves can give.

I hope you will take some time this month to read the following poems, one from a contemporary poet, the other from a voice long ago, and enter into a time of consideration and gratitude for the bountiful harvest taking place in your own life.

### *Gratitude*

by Steve Garnaas-Holmes @ Unfolding Light  
([www.unfoldinglight.net](http://www.unfoldinglight.net))

For the bewildering mystery of being alive  
I am grateful!  
For this amazing communion of saints that is  
my body, how it all works—thank you!  
(Even when it is awkward, or ill: gratitude!)

For this stupendous planet, cornucopia of life,  
teeming with beauty and strangeness,  
wrapping me in its flow of giving and receiving:  
thanks!

For the people who have helped shape me,  
given me gifts, walked the road with me—  
even unknowing, even by accident—gratitude!

For what I can do, and the faith to do it, thank you!  
For light (so splendid!) and sound (how wonderful!)  
for how gravity works no matter what (wow!),  
for the sense of touch (and humor): thank you!  
For music in the world and in my heart, gratitude!  
For all my struggles (for if I am wrestling, I do so  
with angels)—I am grateful.  
For the lives of people I miss, dear ones even now  
on the threshold of death, gratitude.  
For the little green frogs in my yard, and  
the great blue heron who wants to eat them:  
thank you!  
For your absolutely consistent grace, your delight in it  
all, your love beyond imagining, I thank you!  
I ask only for the gift of undying gratitude,  
in all things—welcome or not, pleasant or hard—  
in all things, in every moment: gratitude.

Thank you, thank you, thank you.

### *The Harvest Moon*

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (1807-1882)

It is the Harvest Moon! On gilded vanes  
and roofs of villages, on woodland crests  
and their aerial neighborhoods of nests  
deserted, on the curtained window-panes  
of rooms where children sleep, on country lanes  
and harvest-fields, its mystic splendor rests!  
Gone are the birds that were our summer guests,  
with the last sheaves return the laboring wains!  
All things are symbols: the external shows  
of Nature have their image in the mind,  
as flowers and fruits and falling of the leaves;  
the song-birds leave us at the summer's close,  
only the empty nests are left behind,  
and piping's of the quail among the sheaves.





## Sunday School News



*"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience."*

*Colossians 3:12*

### ***Christmas Program Rehearsal***

Kids, age 4-18, are invited to come to church on **Saturday, December 17** from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. to practice.

***This year we will be keeping with our Generation to Generational theme.***

***There will be parts for adults as well as the children!***

It will be presented on Sunday, December 18 at 10:30 a.m. as part of our worship service. Be sure to be in attendance if possible, and bring friends, neighbors, and family! This will support the youth and adults in the program plus show our Praise, Glory and Thanks to our Lord Jesus.

The Grace Kids' will be singing on Sunday, December 18! It will make the Christmas Pageant even more special! Don't miss it!



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A final count of our boxes will be reported in the December issue of Grace Press.



## News from Session

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

- \* To take a special offering Sunday, November 20 to go to Presbytery for Giving Tuesday.
- \* To spend up to \$500 from the Capital Improvement Fund to purchase a new water softener.
- \* To have the Christmas Eve offering go to Hope Harbor.
- \* To approve the following slate of officers presented by the Nominating Committee: Elders Class of 2025, Kjersti Anderson, Nancy Dornfeld, and Pam Lica; Deacons Class of 2025, Candi Kohner and one vacancy.
- \* To approve the following two people for at-large members of the Nominating Committee for the Class of 2023: Derek MacAskill and Ann Lubinski
- \* To accept Jennifer MacAskill to continue as Treasurer and Jane Dietrich to continue as Assistant Treasurer
- \* To have Kjersti Anderson, Jennifer MacAskill, and Chris Schantzen serve as the Budget Committee.

Pam Lica, Clerk



## Happy Birthday!

Caiden Mrkvicka	November 3
Simon Engstler	November 6
Kollin Foss	November 7
Brent Dornfeld	November 8
Larry Johnson	November 11
Janet Nustad	November 11
Brady Rinn-Foss	November 22
Howard Rockwell	November 24
Kathy Mrkvicka	November 27



## Happy Anniversary!

Mark & Kjersti Anderson	November 29
Rob & Tori Schultz	November 30

***Please let us know if we missed your birthday or anniversary and accept our apology. It was not our intent to leave you out.***





# November 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 10:30 Bell Practice 4:30 - CE	2 5 - Fellowship/ Fundraising/ Worship	3	4	5
6 9 - Sunday School 10:30 - Worship 11:30 - Fellowship	7	8 10:30 Bell Practice	9 5 - Deacons	10	11	12 9 - 2 Holiday Fair & Youth Fundraiser
13 9 - Sunday School 10:30 - Worship w/ OCC Dedication 11:30 - Fellowship	14	15 9 - Presbytery Meeting	16	17	18	19
20 9 - Sunday School 10:30 - Worship w/ Holy Communion 11:30 - Advent Event	21	22 10:30 Bell Practice 7 - Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service @ Central Lutheran	23	24 Thanksgiving Day Office Closed	25 Office Closed	26
27 9 - Sunday School 10:30 - Worship 11:30 - Fellowship  Deacons Cookies for Shut-ins Day!	28	29 10:30 Bell Practice	30	Pastor Rachel & David to Danville - Back on Tuesday		



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

**Mission**

*Thank God!*

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**Office Hours**

9:00 am - 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday - Thursday

8:00 am - 1:00 p.m.

Friday

**Sunday Morning**

**Sunday School**

9:00 am

**Sunday Worship**

10:30 am

**Fellowship Time**

11:30 am

**Minister**

Rev. Rachel Rosendahl

**Office Administrator**

Cheri Looman

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Various

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Ron Dietrich

Rena Dornfeld

Nancy Dornfeld

Pam Lica

Jennifer MacAskill

Chris Schantzen

**Board of Deacons**

2022: Candi Kohner, David Rosendahl

2023: O. J. Jacobson, Jeanette Karjala

2024: Kathy Rosendahl; Tori Schultz