

The Lamplighter

Grace Lutheran Church



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Our Mission

Pastor Hendricks

Share the hope of Jesus with a world in need of hope.

Our Vision

To be a congregation of people who will live under the authority of Jesus Christ and worship Him in joy and expectation, "search the Scriptures" in order to be a disciple of Jesus Christ, maturing in faith and growing in courageous service. Who will witness to the love of God in Jesus Christ to one another and to our unbelieving world; use their spiritual gifts to edify one another, and share love and compassion to the world around them.



The ultimate Hope we pray everyone discovers is JESUS CHRIST. He is the only One who can restore our relationship with the God who created us. The only One who can walk us through heavens gate and say "this one's with me". The only One who can really hold us when everything around us falls to the ground. The only Hope that changes everything!

Here at Grace Lutheran Church, we believe that a professed faith in Jesus Christ assures one's salvation and fellowship in His Christian Church. The next question is: "Where do I become a participating disciple of His Church?" Or "Where do I use the talents and gifts He has given me?" We welcome your exploration to discover if Grace Lutheran Church is that church.

This isn't about Grace Lutheran Church. This isn't about "religion". This is about relationships and community and fulfilling a purpose God has given His people. Life is a journey. It's an adventure and it's meant to be exciting and rewarding. May God bless your exploration of Grace; our mission, our ministries and His life changing message.

Our Ministry

Grace-filled, ministering with resurrection power and serving with expectation.

Acts 23:6

Really-oriented, sharing the love of Christ, organized around the great commission.

Acts 1:8

Always-focused, all matter to God, and we seek to unite people with Christ.

Acts 2:44

Christ-centered in the world.

Acts 17:1-10

Eternally-driven, measured by purpose with a sense of urgency.

Acts 20:24

Lent begins with the purpose of making and maturing disciples.

See you in church,

Pastor Larry Hendricks

Cookies for College Kids

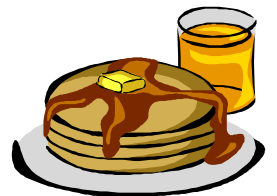
Diane Whalon

Cookies for College Kids will be Sunday, February 12. Please give your students' name and address to Diane Whalon or drop this information to the church office. To all you wonderful bakers at Grace ... Please bake cookies and put them in sandwich baggies for our college students. We will be packing cookies February 12 after church. Any cookie tins or containers you have would also be appreciated. Please leave them in the kitchen or give to Diane Whalon. Thank you for all your support in this yummy treat for our students!!

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Fred Neebe

The Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper is February 21, 2012 from 5 to 7 p.m. Tricia Stange and Gert Rosa will be our leaders again this year. The Lutheran Laymen's League New York State Fair Bible Booth will be supported with the free will offering. Mark your calendars now for this excellent supper with fellowship and real Maple Syrup.



LWML Zone News

Audrey Schneider - Pres. CNYS Zone

Your District Board will be meeting in Lancaster on February 24 and 25. Meetings will take place at the site of the District convention June 8-12, 2012. Your Zone Vice President, Marti Clark, will represent us since I am still in Florida. If you have any concerns or other items you would like addressed, please e-mail her. We look forward to all the information she will be able to share with us and I thank her for attending for me. Ruth Mueller will be attending to represent the Mission Grants Committee.

As of January 14 we have no young woman to represent us at the convention. Please let me know immediately if you would like to attend. All expenses will be paid by the District.

Registration forms for the June convention were included in the Winter Link. Each Society can send two delegates and are allowed two votes. Perhaps your Society can have a fundraiser to help with their expenses. I will be attending as your President.

Sorry, my article for the Winter Link was not included due to a computer glitch. Thanks to all who gave me information to include. I'll try again for the Spring issue. I will soon be asking for updates on activities of your Society.

Are you considering running for an office for our Zone? We need to elect a President, Vice President and Counselor at our Summer Celebration at Zion, Owego. Suanne Hendricks, your Secretary, and Susan Miller, your Treasurer, will continue their 2 year terms to expire in 2013.

All Society Presidents have copies of the "Call For Workers" form. Ask her for yours and fill it out and mail it. Men and women will be needed for this National Convention to be held in Pittsburgh June 27-30, 2013. HELP, HELP, HELP. Many hands will lighten the load.

Council Highlights - January 22, 2012

Gary Kratochvil

- In thankfulness, the Treasurer reported that the Grace Budget met for 2-11 due to the generous giving made during the Christmas Season and to the unusually mild, year-end weather. Our outstanding debt is approximately \$7500 (Church Organ) and \$49,412 (Church Roof). The 2012 Budget was amended to reduce an \$800 shortfall (\$200 from guest musicians and \$600 from utilities).
- Accepted into membership by transfer: Hayden and Jane Hendrickson.
- \$500 earmarked from Thrivent Choice for Grace's Turban Project for 2012.
- The Church Council elected Gary Kratochvil as delegate and Nathan Walz as alternate delegate for the LCMS Eastern District Convention on June 15/16, 2012.



Special Council meeting to be held January 29 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss TCN process.

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, Southern Tier Chapter

Fred Neebe

Significant changes have taken place in the distribution of "Care Abounds" money for the 15 churches in our Chapter.

- In 2011, we received \$9480. In 2012, we will only receive \$6037. This will not be totally available in January (only 25%) and the remainder in April. Less money represents less ability to supplement our community's needs.
- Also, Care Abounds money can be used for congregational needs if requested and approved by the chapter and is available.

Trustees

Fred Neebe

Two of the heavier-weight tables are being reduced from our inventory and are available free to you. The tables measure 8 feet long. See Trustees Ken Elliott or Fred Neebe for identification of the tables.



February Birthdays

Anita Matich

The following Grace members will be celebrating their birthdays this month. If we have missed your birthday, or incorrectly reported your birthday, please call or email the church office with the information. Happy Birthday!!

Sharon Camp	February 1
Lindsey Jurgensen	February 7
Eric Pike	February 10
Jon Walz	February 13
Tom Brown	February 18
Adriana Heitner	February 26
Jeff Schultz	February 26
Susan Miller	February 27
John Solack	February 28

Thrivent Choice Donations

Fred Neebe

Our thanks to the 21 members of Grace and friends who have participated in the Thrivent Choice program by designating the credit available in their account to Grace Projects and Preschool. We are off to a good start in 2012 by receiving \$309 for the Roof Fund and \$18 for the Preschool. In 2011 Grace received \$3208 for the Roof Fund and \$1012 for the Preschool. If you have not done so, take 5 minutes and call 1-800-847-4836 to designate your funds.

The Present

Charlie Zingerline

This past Christmas, I bought myself a \$2 present on the clearance counter of a local store. It didn't cost very much. But it is priceless to me.

I hooked my present up to the USB port on my computer. The color of my present slowly changes from red to green to blue and various shades between these three. When the present is glowing red, the red ribbon lights up red. With any other color, the bow on the top is just dark.

In the clip on the top, I added a little Jesus fish.

Why is this present priceless? Because Jesus is priceless. It reminds me that all of us glow from the Holy Spirit inside. Yes, we change colors as the Spirit enables us to glow in different ways for the different needs of the world around us. Sometimes the bow on us glows brightly, sometimes less bright. But as long as we stay plugged into the

Source, we will glow! Without the Source – the Father, Son and Holy Spirit – we go dark. When the other Christmas ornaments were put away, my Present stayed on top of my computer. For I need His presence with me always.



**CHOW FEBRUARY
NEEDS**

**Heart-Healthy
Foods**

Calendar

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

February 2012

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Sunday 7:30 AM "The Lutheran Hour" WINR 680 ----- Remember: Mites collected the first Sunday of each month

This Month's Worship Assistants

(As of the publication date. Changes will have been made and blanks filled in. Check the Sunday's bulletin or the sign-up sheets for any changes.)

<i>Day of Month</i>	5	12	19	22	26	
Acolytes	Peter Fett Avery Townsend	Brandon Bender Joy Miller	Eric Dean Mark Strum		Morgan Franklin Kaitlyn Kubeli	
Counters	Denise French Shane Taylor	Mark Larson Joel Miller	Elizabeth Campanella Gary Stange		Dennis Bender John Lukach	
Greeters	The Miller's					
Ushers						
Communion Setup	Jackie Kratochvil		Jackie Kratochvil			
Communion Cleanup	Jackie Kratochvil		Jackie Kratochvil			
Communion Linens	Gert Rosa					
Readers	Youth	Jackie Kratochvil				
Elders	Doug Barnhart	Walt Zevotek	John Miller		Don Sutherland	
Coffee Hour	The Miller's				Pie Social	

Many opportunities to Serve !