



Grace Lutheran Church
Living God's Grace
and Sharing the Faith



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LOOK AT WHAT'S HAPPENING FOR THE NEW YEAR AT GRACE!



PANCAKE BREAKFAST
7:30 A.M.
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP
8:30 A.M.
EDUCATION HOUR
9:45 AM
TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
11:00 A.M.
Church Office Hours
8:00 AM – 4:30PM (M-F)



Grace Lutheran's
Annual
Congregational Meeting
Will Be Held on
Sunday, January 25th
Please have all
year-end committee
reports emailed to
gloria@graceinthecity.com
by January 16, 2009

The deadline to place an article
in the monthly newsletter is on
the **20th** of every month.
Email articles to:
gloria@graceinthecity.com



Tuesdays—7:00 P.M.
PRAISE BAND REHEARSAL

Wednesdays -5:30 P.M.
G.L.O.W.—All Ages

Thursdays—5:30 P.M.
GRACE CHIMERS
6:30 P.M.

6:30 P.M.
CHOIR PRACTICE

6:30 P.M.
COFIRMATION CLASS
YEAR 1 & 2

Saturdays—8:00 A.M.
BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Third Thursday of each
month 9:30 A.M.—North
Room
BIBLICAL EQUIPPING CLASS

Third Saturday of each Month
5:00 P.M. —OFFSITE
GRACE CINEMA CLUB

Fourth Friday of each Month
9:30 A.M.—NORTH ROOM



**GRACE
BOOK
CLUB**

Events
This Month!

Jan 7—5:30 P.M.
G.L.O.W RESUMES

Jan. 8—9:30 A.M.
WELCA GENERAL MTG

Jan. 11—8:30 A.M. &
11:00 A.M. Services
BAPTISM REUNION

Jan 13—6:45 P.M.
MINISTRY NIGHT

Jan. 15—9:30 A.M.
WELCA BIBLE STUDY

Jan. 17—5:00 P.M.
CINEMA CLUB

Jan. 19 MARTIN
LUTHER KING DAY—
Youth Parking Lot Fundraiser—
OFFICE CLOSED

Jan. 24—9:30 A.M.



Hospitality Corner

Christmas came early for the Hospitality Ministry this year in the form of a new "Welcome Cart." Pete Boshen was the mastermind behind the generous gift. One day I had asked Pete if he could dream up what a new cart for us would look like? Since our existing one was becoming too small and outdated. Pete being the craftsman that he is preceded to take out his trusty tape measure and started taking measurements and asking a few questions; should it have handles on it and did we need drawers? Stuff like that. With some help from his good friend Fred (providing the wheels). The cart started taking form. Needless to say how surprised we all were just a few weeks later when Pete brought the beautifully crafted new one down to Grace. This cart not only has handles for steering the cart and a wide counter space for all the "Fair Trade Coffee" that we will be selling. The other thing that needs to be said is that Pete provided ALL materials and labor free of charge. I personally feel that this gift was also a labor of love. We want to give a heartfelt "Thanks" to our friend Pete Boshen. Without him and all of his craftsmanship would never have made this cart a reality. So come by and see out wonderful new cart and holiday gift baskets now on sale featuring our very own "Fair Trade Coffee."

Serving In Christ, Phyllis Schilling

Upcoming Youth Opportunities



Thursday , January 8th—Confirmation resumes—6:30PM

Monday, January 19th —Youth Serve— Martin Luther King Event at Hance Park-Parking Lot Fundraiser

Sunday, January 25th – “Grace Youth Alive” – Fun, food, fellowship and learning with St Andrew Youth. Movie – “*Prince Caspian*” - 4:00PM-8:00PM

Sunday, February 1st - ELCA World Hunger Service Project - “*Souper Bowl of Caring*”



DON'T MISS THIS! **Congregation Meeting January 25th**

Mark Sunday, January 25th on your calendar and then plan on coming to the Congregation Meeting and potluck at 12:15PM in Hope Hall on that day. This is an important meeting to see where we've been in 2008 and talk about where we hope to go in 2009. Bring a salad, vegetable, or dessert dish to share and we will provide the meat and rolls.

See you there!



Thank You For Making WILBUR'S CHRISTMAS EMPHASIS A HUGE SUCCESS!

Three refugee families had a wonderful Christmas thanks to the WELCA ladies, and many other individuals who purchased clothing, toys, food, and gift cards to give these recent arrivals in the USA a wonderful Christmas. Many others brought a huge quantity of toys and clothing in for Wilbur. All the toys and clothing were very much appreciated by the working poor families who received help this year from ICM (Interfaith Cooperative Ministries).

Your generosity overwhelms me.

WILBUR thanks you for caring for those who have so little.



Unleash the “Souper Power” of Caring!

Share your caring spirit with thousands of others across the world on “Souper Bowl” Weekend. Every dollar dropped in the soup pots that our youth will have available at the end of each service helps people in need feel the power of God's love. That's something to cheer about!!! All funds collected on “Souper Bowl” Sunday at Grace will be sent to the ELCA World Hunger Fund. In 2008, over \$10, 245,000 was raised by youth groups and organizations across the country and our Grace youth and you were one of those groups.

*Souper Bowl of Caring, February 1, 2009
Noisy and quiet offerings gladly accepted!*

THANK YOU!

A HUGE THANK YOU to all the Sunday School teachers, parents, Rick, Phyllis, and crew (set designers), Chris Kontz (sound specialist), Siri Lichte (Music director), and Dana Day, Andrea Sigala, and Phyllis (Music Directors) for their part in making the program a big success. But we especially want to thank all our Grace children and youth who worked so hard to learn songs and lines for this year's musical - “*Away in a Manger*”, their Christmas gift to God and the people of Grace.



Join us for the Celebration January 11, 2009

There will be a “Baptism Reunion” for all the children and adults who were baptized during 2008 at Grace Lutheran Church. Please come and help these recently baptized “children of God” celebrate their baptisms at this special Milestone Event on January 11th, the Sunday that we celebrate as “The Baptism of Our Lord”. What better time to remember our own baptisms than on this special Sunday each year!

" Grace Youth Alive " At Christmas

"Away In A Manger"
Christmas Program



"Advent Family of Faith Craft Night"



"Grace Youth Serve"

250 Gift bags packed
and handed out to our
homeless neighbors



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