

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS

USHERS: Rick Wrzesinske, Keith Bestul, Dan Springborn, Vern Jurgens

GREETERS

12/27 Bill & Saloah Hageman / Dan & Tracy Roggentine

FIRST IMPRESSIONS: Yellow Team

1/03 Bernie & Doris VandeStreek / Nancy Wuest, Arline Wisse

FIRST IMPRESSIONS: Orange Team

PRAYER PARTNERS

12/27 Jack & Jan Witte, Tony & Ginny Ferdinand

1/03 Greg & Robin Fuhrman / Chuck & Tony Stanley

COMPUTER MINISTRY

12/27 Darrell Gundlach / Laura Streeter

1/03 Darrell Gundelach / Josh Schaalma

VIDEO MINISTRY

12/27 Dan Milczski / Tony Brockman

1/03 Jenny Petrie / Tony Brockman

NURSERY

12/27 need volunteers

1/03 need volunteers

CLOSE BUILDING

12/27 Rick Titel

1/03 Tony Ferdinand

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 28, 2009

10:00am Care & Counseling Meeting

6:30pm Elders Meeting

Tuesday, December 29, 2009

9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, December 30, 2009

6:30am Men's Prayer Meeting

6:30am Women's Prayer Meeting / Bishop Home

Thursday, December 31, 2009

Church office closed

Friday, January 1, 2010

Happy New Year *Church office closed*



December 27, 2009

Welcome to Grace Reformed Church

December 27, 2009

To Our Newcomers:

We are so glad you've chosen to spend some of your precious time with us. You are our honored guest. We desire to help you connect with God and with others in the Grace Church family. Help us get to know you and your family by filling out the Welcome Card in your bulletin. We want you to know that God loves you and He is the only one who can meet your deepest needs.

God's Invitation For You To Worship Him!

Time of Praise & Worship *(Colossians 3:12-14)*

Welcome & Preparing to Worship

Welcoming Each Other

Time of Praise & Worship

Offering Our Gifts to God & His Purposes

(Place your prayer requests in the offering plate)

Celebrating Communion Together

Seeking God through His Word

(Children age 4-6 years released for Children's Church-1st Service only)

Message: Reflecting Trust & Grace in our Relationships

Scripture: Colossians 3:1-14 (13) p.1167

Responding To God with Our Lives

Invitation to go to the Prayer Room

Closing Song: "You Are My All In All"

(Parents, you may get your children from the nursery)

Time of Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall

SCHEDULE FOR TODAY

8:15am prayer & fellowship

9:00am Worship Service

9:30am Children's Church

10:15am Coffee Fellowship

10:30am Worship Service

10:30am Sunday School

Head Pastor & Chief Shepherd, Jesus Christ

Rev. Barry Vegter, Teaching Pastor, Home: 924-6861 Cell 948-5702

Rev. Grant Baumgart, Youth & Family Pastor, Home: 922-1362 Cell 948-6373

Dave Davenport, Care Ministry Elder, Home: 922-6998 Cell: 960-1431

Rev. Howie Vande Guchte, Seniors Ministry Pastor, Home: 922-1100

Elder on Call: 948-9262 (Friday – Sunday)

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Welcome Visitors!

- After the service, please come to the Information Center so we can meet you and hear how we can be of any help to you and your family.
- To get the most out of your time with us: Our monthly newsletter, "Words of Grace", will help to acquaint you with the ministry and activities of Grace Church. We invite you to take a copy from the Information Center.
- Please do not feel obligated to participate in the offering. As our guest, we only ask that you fill out the Welcome Card.
- Prayer Room Opportunity: If at any time during the service you need to pray alone or with someone because of what God is speaking to you about, please obey God and go to the prayer room (located downstairs).

Special Needs

- **Please Note:** There is equipment available for the hearing impaired. If you desire to use this equipment, please check at the sound booth.
- Large print Bibles are available at the Information Center. Large print song sheets are available with the Ushers.
- CDs of the Worship services are available for a suggested donation of \$2.00/each. Please place your order at the Information Center. Copies can be picked up the following Sunday at the Information Center.

Bread Basket Ministry

Our Bread Basket Ministry is designed to show Christ's love through collecting food (non-perishables, canned goods, paper products, etc.) from our Church family and distributing it to our own Church members, and other people/organizations within our community as needed. Donations can be dropped off at the Information Center.

Nursery Service

We are excited for you and your children to worship God together. Yet, we know it takes time to train young ones in this important activity. Please don't be embarrassed if your child is not perfectly still. A staffed nursery for infants and toddlers during the worship service is available if you desire to use it. If you need directions to the nurseries, you can ask one of the ushers or stop by the Information Center.

Praise/Prayer Requests

Please give a brief description of your prayer request(s) and/or praise report(s). Completed sheets can be placed in the offering plate.

Name _____

Date: ____/____/____

Please share this information with:
(Please choose one)

- _____ Please share my prayer request only with the Pastor.
_____ Please share with the prayer team through email.
_____ Please include in the Words of Grace.
_____ Please include in the Sunday bulletin.

(*Please include your name if you want praise/prayer request in bulletin, Words of Grace or email.)

If you are having surgery or another procedure would you like someone to pray with you before hand? _____

When _____ Where _____

Where will the surgery / procedure be taking place?

Would you like to participate in our meal ministry? _____

* Please NOTE updates are greatly appreciated if a prayer request will be printed for any length of time.

Welcome Card

Grace Reformed Church welcomes all that are worshiping here today. The following information will allow us to get to know you better and provide a way for us to communicate with you. We ask that you fill out this card and bring it to the Information Center after service today. *If you are a first time visitor, bring this completed card to the Information Center and pick up a gift we have for you.*

Today's Date: _____

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home Phone: _____

Email: _____

Family Members attending with you (relationship):

How did you hear about Grace Reformed Church?

IN THE GIFT BAG YOU WILL FIND INFORMATION ABOUT

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| † Adult Ministries | † Children's Ministries |
| † Youth Ministries | † Adult Activities |
| † Heritage Preschool | † What we believe |
| † What we value | † Meetings |
| † Staff | † Getting Connected |

If you would like further information please contact the church office at 922.7211

Thank you for worshiping with us today!

Someone will be in contact with you soon.

Prayer Requests

Praise God

† For who He is!

Immediate Concerns:

•Please pray for **Cathy Jones**, cousin of Debbie Booher, who was diagnosed with liver cancer. •Please pray for **Cherie VandeZande** as she recovers from surgery. Please pray for **Eugene Maxey**, Carol Welsch Woehlke's brother-in-law, who was diagnosed with terminal lung cancer this past week. •Please pray for **Rosemary Byers**, sister of Kathy Hamilton who is learning to live with diabetes. • Pray for **Victoria Vegter** as she heals from ankle surgery •Pray for all those who are unemployed and seeking.

Long Term Concerns:

•Please pray for **Steve Bolda** who is receiving treatment for cancer. Praise God that he will receive the new gene therapy treatment. • Please pray for **Nancy Hoffman** who needs prayer for strength and recovery. Please pray for **Marlene Ellefson** who underwent surgery to remove a tumor on her pancreas. •Please pray for **Susan Moore**, mother of Yvette Moore, who is receiving treatments for breast cancer • Please pray for Mary Ritzema's mother who is undergoing chemo treatment. • Please pray for **Judy Brechlin**, mother of Kim Sabel, who was diagnosed with lung cancer. • Please pray for Pastor Barry's nephew, **Brandon**, who continues to seek healing from encephalitis and is waiting for God's healing. • Please pray for **Owen Ahern** who is battling cancer. •Please pray for **Pat McLean**, niece of Jill Vande Berg, who is ill with diabetes complications and MS. • Please pray for **Kay Mullins** who was diagnosed with breast cancer and leukemia. Please pray for Noel Skogen's sister, **Corinne** who is undergoing treatment for breast cancer. • Please pray for **Janet Rubritus**, mother of Judy Dick, who suffered a stroke.

National/Regional Missionaries:

Colleen & Ryan Naidl (Campus Crusades)
Mark & Diane Brown (Campus Crusades)
FDL Campus Life/ Youth for Christ
FDL Habitat for Humanity
FDL Connect Ministry
Missionary Aviation Support Association
Jerry Wallendal (Fresh Start)
Johnnie Bates (Camp of the Woods)
Rev. Ron Cassie (East Gate Ministries)

Global Missionaries:

Ric & Bobbie Bekius (Brazil)
Doug Leonard (Middle East)
Caleb & Joanna Swart (Ethiopia)
Wayne & Miho Jansen (Japan)
Rowland Jr. & Jane Van Es (Africa)
Ron & Margie Sanford
Justin & Janelle Kaiser

Nursing Home/Senior Needs:

Hazel Bell (Lutheran Home)
Jim & Dorothy VandeBerg (Walnut Grove)
Margaret Pennings (Lutheran Home)

Ed & Joyce Wuest (Grancare)
LaVern Riel (Prairie Ridge)
Susan Merkt (American House)

Military:

John Tynan	Kory Bestul	Kyle Bestul
Todd Olig	Zack Heeringa	Steven Wilcox
Robert Henry	Read DelPonte	Joshua Bledsoe
Ryan Merrill	Justin Nelson	Trevor Burns

Pray for the safety and protection of all those serving our country, in the military. Pray that the soldiers and their families will experience joy and peace in the midst of uncertainties they face.

Prayer Opportunities at GRC

- 8:15 A.M. Sundays- Prayer Room—pray for the first service.
- 10:05 A.M. Sundays- Prayer Room—pray for the second service and for those needing prayer.
- 6:30am- Wednesdays, Men's Prayer- Prayer Room
- 6:30 AM Wednesdays, Women's Prayer-Home of Sue Bishop
- 9:00 A.M. & 10:30 A.M. Prayer Room—pray during the worship service.
- 6:00 P.M. on Monday Nights Prayer Room—pray for the leadership teams while they meet.
- Prayer Walking—during the week
- Prayer Vigil in the sanctuary—one Saturday a month from Noon until Midnight

Not one thing has failed of all the good things which the Lord your God spoke concerning you. All have come to pass.

~ Joshua 23:14

Packaged in the person of Jesus is every gift we will ever need to fulfill every longing we may ever have. It will take a lifetime to unwrap the essentials for our present, and an eternity to unfold the glories for our future.

But start now. Start by letting your heart embrace promises for today and the New Year just ahead. Open His Word and feast on the prospects His eternal covenant opens up to us.

Ministry Opportunities

General:

♥ "Seek Week 2010" (Prayer Week) will be January 10-17. Look for more information in mailboxes, Words of Grace and the Info Center.

♥ The Visitation Team will be meeting on Monday 12/28 at 2:00 P.M. in the Fireside Room. Anyone interested in being involved in a visitation ministry to shut-ins or nursing home residents is welcome to join us. Contact persons: Dave Thoune 922-1035
Pastor Howie V. 922-1100

♥ Letters have been mailed to all GRC Ministry Leaders for the upcoming Ministry Leaders Gathering on January 9, 2010. If you did not receive a letter and feel that you should attend the gathering, please contact Pastor Barry at 948-5702.

♥ **VBS Planning Time is Here Again!** Please join us on January 30 at Elmbrook Church in Milwaukee for Curriculum Review. We will be leaving Fond du Lac at 6:30am. ANYONE who is involved in VBS or would like to be involved is welcome to attend. Call Fran Trewin @ 583.4308 if you have questions or would like to attend.

♥ There are a variety of "Care Notes", which focus on helping people through grief, available at the GRC Info Center.

Adults:

Adult Sunday School ~ Come and join us for a great experience every Sunday @ 10:30am • **Men's Study** – meets in lower level choir room – an opportunity for men to grow in their relationship with God and other men
ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS "ONE MONTH TO LIVE" by Pastor Kerry and Chris Shook THIS CLASS WILL BEGIN ON DEC 6th @ 10:45 IN THE FIREPLACE ROOM This study will challenge each of us with one central question. If you knew you only had one month to live, what would you do to make what's left of your life really matter? With eye-opening insights and soul-inspiring truths, this study will challenge all of us to embrace our mortality and to empower each of us to live each day to the fullest.

Mission & Evangelism:

THE GIVING TREE: The shopping is done and the gifts are wrapped. The food packages are assembled. Teams will be delivering the spirit of Christmas this week. Thank you to everyone who helped with this major event. Your time, talents and generosity are greatly appreciated. God bless you!

Women's Ministry:

The Bagels and Books will be reading the book WHO DO I TALK TO? by Neta Jackson in January. In February we plan to read a book by LYNN AUSTIN entitled A WOMAN'S PLACE. This might be something you would like to put on your Christmas list. MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Young Adults:

The FUSE Christmas party will be held on January 2 at Dine-n-Bowl in Mt. Calvary. It will be a fun time of all-you-can eat pizza and soda and two hours of unlimited bowling. The cost is only \$9.95 per person. We will bowl from 6-8 p.m. Meet at the Soellers' house to carpool promptly at 5:30. All are invited back to the Soellers' for Christmas cookies and desserts. Please call Traci Soeller at 517-0616 to RSVP or for more information. We will not be having the regular FUSE meeting on Dec. 26 due to the holiday.

Youth:

- No **High School** meeting on Sunday, December 27 (Christmas Break)
- **Jr. High** youth will be having our **Sundae Celebration and \$1 Gift Exchange on Wednesday, Dec. 30.** There will be a prize for the most original/innovative gift.
- The High School youth are heading to **Dare 2 Share** in Chicago on March 19-20

Sunday School classes and AWANA will not meet today, or January 3. Please enjoy the Christmas season with family and friends and we will see you back on January 10.

Children's Church will meet today.

Jesus is the reason for the season!

