

Ministry Schedule

USHERS: Dave Thoune, Dan Holdridge, Harmon Oosterwyk, Ed Wiegert

GREETERS

1/1 Nancy Wuest, Judy Albert

FIRST IMPRESSIONS: Green Team

1/8 Lorraine Wunrow / Vic & Jean Rose

FIRST IMPRESSIONS: Red Team

PRAYER PARTNERS

1/1 Chuck & Toni Stanley

1/8 Dorothy Cameron, Bonnie Springborn / Jack & Jan Witte

PROJECTION MINISTRY

1/1 Dorothy Cameron

1/8 Noel Skogen / Keith Bestul

CHILDRENS CHURCH *1st Service only*

1/1 no Children's Church

1/8 Traci Soeller, Olivia Vegter

SOUND MINISTRY

1/1 TBD

1/8 Ty Fairbanks

VIDEO MINISTRY

1/1 Dan Milczski, Titus Baumgart

1/8 Chris Skogen, Bryce Vegter

CLOSE BUILDING

1/1 Ed Wiegert

1/8 Greg Fuhrman

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Monday, January 2, 2012

Church office closed

Tuesday, January 3, 2012

9:15am Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, January 4, 2012

6:30am Men's Prayer / Women's Prayer

6:30pm Junior High Youth Group

6:45pm Choir

Thursday, January 5, 2012

9:30am Life Recovery Bible Study

Saturday, January 7

7:30am Men's Group



January 1, 2012

Welcome to *Grace Reformed Church*

January 1, 2012

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

Welcome & Ministry Opportunities

Greeting One Another & Heart Preparation from Zephaniah 3:17

Time of Praise & Worship

Offering Our Gifts & Prayers to God

(Place your prayer requests in the offering plate)

Seeking God through His Word

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

Message: Keep Growing in 2012!

Scripture: 2 Peter 3:17-18 & Hebrews

Responding To God with Our Lives

Reflective Prayer Time

Invitation to Pray with others

God's Promised Blessing from 2 Peter 1:2

Time of Fellowship

Schedule for Today

8:00am Prayer & Fellowship

8:30am Worship Service

9:35am Prayer & Fellowship

9:45am Sunday School for all ages

10:45am Worship Service

Head Pastor & Chief Shepherd, Jesus Christ

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

Rev. Grant Baumgart, Youth & Family Pastor, Cell 948-6373 / 266-5516

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

Linda Drendel, Children's Ministry Coordinator, Cell: 979-4592

Tim Hoeksema, Adult Ministries Guy, Cell 251-2344

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

Office Phone: 920-922-7211, Fax: 920-922-8690

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lindadrendel@yahoo.com; hoeksema.tim@gmail.com; office@grcfdl.org

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 donation of \$2.00/each. DVDs are available for \$4.00/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.

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

- † Adult Ministries
- † Youth Ministries
- † What we believe
- † Meetings
- † Getting Connected

- † Children's Ministries
- † Adult Activities
- † What we value
- † Staff

*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.

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 _____

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

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 Sunday bulletin.
- _____ Please share my prayer request with the women's prayer whisperers.

If you are without a job or seeking one, we would like to know so we can pray for you, encourage you and bear this burden with you.

I am looking for a job _____ (name)

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.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Praise God:

† For who He is; for His grace and mercy † Thank you all for the prayers during my recent surgery on my elbow. Praise God that I am healing and doing much better now. ~ Debra Brown

Bereavement:

We extend Christian sympathy to Ted VandeBerg on the loss of his mother-in-law, **Leone Peterman**. We extend Christian sympathy to Deb Brown on the loss of her brother-in-laws, **Leeland Hoppe** and **August Kollmann**.

Immediate Concerns:

† Please pray for **Jean Titel** as she recovers from surgery and makes decisions about further treatment. † Please pray for **Jean Rose** who broke her leg and is recovering from surgery. † Please pray for **Dale Stahman, Jr.** step-son of Deb Brown, who is battling pneumonia.

Long Term Concerns:

† Please continue to pray for Dan Luedke's brother-in-law, **Todd Becker**, who has finished treatment for Poems Syndrome. † Please pray for **Margie Gundelach** who is battling colon cancer. ▪ Please pray for **Marlene Ellefson** as she experiences more strength and complete healing ▪ Please pray for **Nancy Hoffman** who is undergoing weekly kidney dialysis. ▪ Please pray for Pastor Barry's nephew, **Brandon**, who continues to seek healing from encephalitis. ▪ Please pray for **Janet Rubritus**, mother of Judy Dick, who suffered a stroke. ▪ Please pray for **Joe & Sue Clow's** home to sell. ▪ Please pray for Noel Skogen sister **Corinne** and Dad, **Marv**, who are battling cancer. ▪ Please pray for **Jonathan Foster**, son of Jim Foster, who faces challenges. ▪ Please pray for **Albert Riemersma** who is receiving treatment for lung cancer.

National/Regional Missionaries:

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

Global Missionaries:

Ric & Bobbie Bekius (Brazil)
Doug Leonard (Middle East)
Caleb & Joanna Swart (Ethiopia)
Wayne & Miho Jansen (Japan)
Rowland Jr. & Jane Van Es
North African Missionaries

Nursing Home/Senior Needs:

Hazel Bell (GranCare)
LaVern Riel (Prairie Ridge)
Susan Merkt (Barrett House)

Jim & Dorothy VandeBerg (Walnut Grove)
Margaret Pennings (Lutheran Home)
Charles Kikkert (All About Life)

Military:

Alex Skogen
Austin Knebel
Dustin Meyers
Read DelPonte
Ryan Merrill
Trevor Burns

Andrew Chadwick
Brian Beuten
Ezra Swanson
Rob Vande Zande
Tommy Flynn
William Goodacre

Ashley Zorn
Chad Eiring
Micah Swanson
Robert Heidel
Trent Perkins

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

Prayer Opportunities

- 8:00am Sundays- Prayer Room—praying for the first service.
- 10:30am Sundays- Prayer Room—praying for the second service and for those needing prayer.
- 6:30am- Wednesdays, Men's Prayer- Prayer Room / Women's Prayer - Drendel home
- 8:30am & 10:45am- Prayer Room—praying during the worship service.
- Prayer Walking—during the week
- Corporate Prayer event--once a month

You are God, ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, abundant in kindness. *Nehemiah 9:17*
Let the new year be a year of growth and harvest!

- *growing in our walk with Jesus- staying close to Him*
- *growing in the Word of God-deepening in understanding*
- *growing in faith, prayer, and boldness in giving*
- *growing in loving, serving and helping those we can*

There is nothing too great for us to expect since we have so great a Savior and Lord!



Announcements / Ministry Opportunities

New Adult Sunday School Classes Starting January 8th at 9:45am in the Fireside Room. *Gospel in Life* For more information please contact Tim Hoeksema or check out: http://timothykeller.com/study/gospel_in_life/ Also being offered during this time is Crown Financial facilitated by Dan Holdridge. These classes are open to all adults. Sign up at the Info Center.

2012 Offering Envelopes are in the mailboxes. If you had envelopes last year, you will receive them again this year. If you had envelopes last year and do not have a mailbox, check at the Info Center. If you would like to have 2012 Offering envelopes call the church office at 922-7211.

Sunday School classes will not meet on January 1. **Seek Week** is January 8-14.

Name Tags: Did you sign up to wear a name tag on Sunday mornings? You will find yours at the Information Center. If you have not signed up and would like to wear one, there is a sign-up sheet at the Info Center.

Garage Ministry is suspended until January 8th, 2012. Enjoy the holidays and we'll see you next year. **Please see Keith Bestul (920) 918-9617 for more information.**

The 2012 No Regrets Men's Conference will be February 4th from 8:30am. until 4:00pm.. The featured speaker will be Tony Evans. There will be live worship, breakout seminars with a wide variety of topics and speakers and of course lunch. The cost this year is \$25.00 per person. GRC will be organizing a trip to Christ the Rock Church in Menasha for this conference. If you are interested please sign up at the Info Center. Any questions can be directed to Keith Bestul, phone number (920) 918-9617

The **Monday Evening Women's Bible Study** meets every two weeks at 6:30 in the fireside room. They will not be a meeting on January 2nd. January meeting dates are January 16th and 30th. They will be wrapping up their study of Beth Moore's *So Long Insecurity*. Please contact Alisa Roberts at 322.0874 if you are interested.

Whole Woman Conference Olive Tree Ministries is hosting the Whole Woman Conference at the Heidel House January 28-29, 2012. Speakers will be Rhea Briscoe & Mike Mastaw. Janette Stone will critique the book "You Can Trust God" along with participating in a session of question & answer time with Mike. Nate Lehner is leading us in worship and a concert. We are blessed to have Kathy Krestra on keyboard. Please look at our website www.janetestone.com.

Please check your mailbox for an informational letter from Pastor Barry about "Seek Week 2012".

GRC Ministry Leaders: The GRC Annual Leadership Seminar will be Saturday, January 21 at 9:00am. Please look for a letter in the mail in the coming week with more details. There is a sign-up sheet at the Info Center for those who will be attending.

Prayer Vigil - Saturday, January 14 from Noon to 8:00PM. Please sign up at the Info Center for a 1/2 hour time slot. Don't miss the opportunity to be a part of this important prayer time.

Zephaniah 3:17 (ESV)

¹⁷ The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.

2 Peter 3:17-18 (ESV)

¹⁷ You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, take care that you are not carried away with the error of lawless people and lose your own stability. ¹⁸ But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

2 Peter 1:2

May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

QUESTION of The DAY To Discuss With Others...

"What areas of my life have I become complacent about that I need to depend on God to help me change in 2012?"

Date: _____

Message Theme: _____

Bible Passages: _____

"Faith comes from hearing the Word of God."

(Romans 10:17)—Am I ready to act on what I hear today in faith and dependency? LORD, live in and

through me as I apply what you reveal to me today!

(Galatians 2:20) "I have been crucified with Christ & it is no longer I who live but Christ who lives in me..."

Notes about what I am reading and hearing today:

Questions I have about what I am reading and hearing today that I need to seek answers to?

Some Interpretive Questions To Ask ... (Be Specific)

1. What does this teach me about God?
2. What does this teach me about me?
3. What does this teach me about others?
4. What does this teach me about my everyday life?
5. How is God asking me to trust Him to live this out?
6. Who will you tell about what you have learned?

S.P.A.C.E.P.E.T.S. Questions for application ideas:

Sin to confess? _____

Promise to claim? _____

Attitude to change? _____

Command to obey? _____

Example to follow? _____

Prayer to pray? _____

Error to Avoid? _____

Truth to believe? _____

Something to thank God for? _____

Relationship Applications:

With God: _____

With other people: _____

My Application Prayer: _____

"Seek Week" Information January 8-15, 2012

Theme for the week is **"Are you experiencing God thorough prayer?-- How Everything Changes When You Seek God's Face."** The Sanctuary/Auditorium will be open throughout the week for you to come and pray. Consider fasting from food, outside influences, and anything that can be a tempting substitute for God. Prayer Gatherings from Sunday, January 8--Thursday, January 12 at 6:30 P.M. Prayer Guide for Friday, January 13--Saturday, January 14 to be used in your home or small group.

Dear Grace Family,

Our theme for 2012 is: "God Changes Us As We Join Him In His Work!" To begin this journey together in 2012, the Leadership Team at GRC invites you to participate in "Seek Week" January 8-15. Many of us are discouraged when it comes to our prayer lives--I get it--I am right with you. Instead of a genuine encounter with God, prayer is little more than a grocery list of requests. What God desires for us to experience with Him through prayer is not simply reducing prayer to asking God to change things but a powerful relationship that changes us!

The Bible's diagnosis of our barriers to experiencing God in our prayer life are many times a matter of what we are focusing on. Are we just seeking God's "hand" and not seeking His "face?" Seeking His face moves us to a relationship with Him instead of a Genie in a bottle that responds to our rubbing of the prayer lamp. So how do you truly connect with God through prayer? During our "Seek Week" this year we want to encounter God and change the way we look at prayer and how we pray. We will pray together and focus on the following areas of change as it relates to prayer:

- > Change from seeking God's hand to seeking His face. (Jan 8)
- > Change from a heart of worry to a life of worship. (Jan 9)
- > Change from a struggle with fear to an experience of freedom. (Jan 10)
- > Change from feelings of isolation to the power of intimacy. (Jan 11)
- > Change from a sense of indifference to a lifestyle of impact. (Jan 12)

I hope you are coming to "Seek Week" this year with a heart of expectation and longing to encounter God. Look for the "Seek Week 2012" letter that will be in your mailbox and at the information center in the lobby. I am praying for you...

Love,
Pastor Barry