



# Grace **ABOUNDS**

January 2022

*A Center of Mission and Ministry - Celebrating and Sharing God's Grace!*



## **FROM OUR PASTOR**

Hi there Grace,

Between continuing education meetings and synod meetings, and just "talking shop" with pastors, I've heard a repeated phrase in those conversations lately:

We are the stories we tell ourselves.

And all of us tell stories all the time. Those stories are trying to make sense of the world around us or the gut feelings inside of us. It's a hu-

man exercise to find meaning and purpose in our day-to-day. It's giving narrative to everything we encounter. Every moment of every day, we are telling stories to ourselves and others. It's just what we do.

Whether it's our political stories, stories we tell each other about the world around us, or the stories we tell to our own selves about ourselves, the stories we choose to tell shape our perspective and our outlook. Those stories can shape our whole life. This is true of our congregation's life and ministry too. The stories we choose to tell in our everyday conversations or our meetings or even in our annual reports can shape everything.

For instance, a story I've been telling in the last two years about our congregation sounds something like: "We have been navigating through the pandemic, and now we are emerging through fits and starts from it." There's a lot of truth in that story, to be sure. However, I also recognize that there are other meaning-making stories that perhaps I have ignored.

There are stories you and I can tell that can give life and inspiration and hope and purpose to our congregation, and there are stories that can rob us of it. All of us have a holy undertaking in the coming year: What stories and meaning-making narratives - grounded in truth - can move us forward with hope, love, and trust in God?

The first story that comes to my mind is "Thank you!" Thank you God, for faithful worshippers, givers, and disciples of Jesus that make Grace their home! Thank you for the stories of healing and restoration! Thank you God for every single resource you have given us that we have at our disposal for your Gospel and ministry and to use as a center of divine love! Thank you God for your constant Word and Sacraments where your Holy Spirit has embraced your people and restored their faith! Thank you God for music! Thank you God for every glimpse of your kingdom through the kindnesses and acts of love and service we have seen! Thank you for every person who continues to step outside their comfort zones to improvise, to serve, to speak, and to work for your Gospel!

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## **January Worship Sundays at 10:30 a.m.**

Holy Communion will be celebrated each Sunday.



Worship in the Sanctuary or watch the livestream on Facebook at Grace Lutheran Church - ELCA.

Face coverings are strongly encouraged for everyone indoors at worship and congregational events.



That last one: everyone who has stepped outside their comfort zone during these last two years...there are a lot of stories of people who did something they're not used to, or who continually do something they're not used to. Thank God for them! Thank God for you! Whether it's all those "flying by the seat of our pants!" moments or wearing an uncomfortable mask, or reaching out to someone you hadn't talked to in a while, or giving in a way you haven't before, thank you and thank God for you!

There's another story, of course. We are the church of Jesus Christ,

and the story of Jesus is the primary story that shapes us. It's the story of God who dwells with us, the story of Christ who gives up divinity to live with and restore humanity. It's the story of death, failure, and ending, only to make way for resurrection and new life and beginning and new creation! It's God's ultimate story for us.

Now \*that\* is a story worth telling each other!

As we look ahead, may we settle in to those life-giving stories, and ask God, "What's the next story you have for us?" As we look ahead, may we tell those stories to each other, and may we live into the story of Jesus, a story that isn't just a story that happened, it's a story that is happening.

*Peace,*

*Pastor Michael*

Contact Pastor Michael by cell phone at 814-321-5927 or by email at [mbprice44@gmail.com](mailto:mbprice44@gmail.com).



# JANUARY Baptisms

- 1 - Tommy Neel
- 2 - Suzanne Medlock
- 5 - Tim Harmon
- 8 - Jonathan Shealy
- 13 - Riley Eldridge, Anna Kay Singley
- 14 - John Cousins
- 15 - Ronnie Cromer
- 19 - Joshua Nelson, Jacob Nelson, Charlie Nelson
- 21 - Nick Long
- 28 - Richard Mercer, Parker Metts, Elizabeth Warner
- 31 - Mollie Waters



# JANUARY Birthdays

- 1 - Thomas Mewbourn  
Marysue Rivers
- 3 - Kristen Sandor
- 7 - Katie Davenport  
Raelynn Wessinger
- 9 - Kris Lindler
- 13 - Brittany Templeton
- 14 - Jessica Culbreth  
Donna Hawkins
- 17 - Robert Neel, Lee Wessinger
- 18 - Nikki Dominick, Wayne Mitchell
- 21 - Luke Black, Beverly Hawkins,  
Craig Metz
- 23 - Robert Martin
- 26 - Kay Chandler
- 29 - Rev. Al Potter



# JANUARY Anniversaries

- 2 - Jordan and Matthew Jackson (1st)
- 5 - Lisa and Dave Riley (42nd)
- 14 - Walt & Clyna Quattlebaum (55th)
- 29 - Terry and Alice Shaver +  
+ Memorial Anniversary

## Grace Prayer List - Needs and Joys

**Grace Family:** Kathy Brown (*oblation, 1/31*); Terry Shaver (*home*); Richard Amick; Bob Dibble; Everett Crafts; Margaret Kluttz; Wayne Mitchell; Sue Hartman; Faye Hartman; Bob/Heather Harris; Marysue Rivers; Lois Amick; Kenny, Chesney, and McKenna Shealy on the death of Kenny's mother, Joyce Shealy, Dec. 23.

**Residential Care:** Margaret Brackett (*White Oak*); Paula Epting (*White Oak*); Allene Dawkins (*Springfield Place*); Wendy/Michael Riley (*Faith Nursing Home, Florence*).

**College Students:** Casey Dawkins (*Newberry*); Caroline Dominick (*Mary Baldwin, VA*); Zach Frick, Parker Metts, Riley Eldridge (*USC*); Bryce Medlock (*Bluefield College, VA*); Taylor Metz (*MUSC*); Jessica Shealy, Matthew Shealy (*Winthrop*); Caroline Whitlock (*Piedmont*).

**Extended Family:** Family of Judi Wessinger on her death (*Beverly Merck's cousin*); Beverly Smith (*Pastor Michael's aunt*); Alexander Capó (*Roberta Meyers Capó's nephew*).

**Military:** SGT. Anderson Dibble (*Marines/Iraq - Cissie/Bob Dibble's granddaughter*); Everett Crafts V (*Air Force/Guam - Glenda/Everett Craft's grandson*); Walker Eldridge (*Coast Guard/VA*); Caleb Salyers (*US Army Calvary Scout, Ft. Hood, TX - Rev. Al Potter's grandson*).

**Community:** David Jenkins; Violet Wilmot; Dean Rowe; Mary Lawson.

**God's World:** those suffering and under stress due to COVID-19 in the US and across the world; those affected by wildfires, flooding, hurricanes, earthquakes, and tornadoes; military families; homeless; jobless/underemployed; refugees; those suffering due to natural disasters, unrest, and fighting throughout the world; our enemies.

**Online Prayer List is available at [graceluth.org](http://graceluth.org) on the Resource page and is updated as needs become known. Passcode is: 1859.**

**Contact the office by phone (803-364-3331) or email ([gracelutheran2@att.net](mailto:gracelutheran2@att.net)) to add or remove someone from the Prayer List.**



To Congregation of Grace Lutheran Church:  
Thank you to everyone for your condolences, thoughts, prayers, and acts of kindness during the passing of Tony. It is satisfying to know that when we are in need that the community can come together as one to comfort each other. Again thanks.

Love, Dominick Family



### Annual Reports Due Jan. 16

The church office needs year-end annual reports from all church groups, teams, and treasurers by Jan. 16. **Each team chair is responsible for seeing that their team reports are submitted.**



Reports are published in the annual *Grace Yearbook* and serve as a record of the ministries that go on at Grace during the year. Your help is appreciated (and needed) in compiling this important information. We realize reports may be brief again this year due to Covid restrictions, and that's okay. You may want to include a sentence or two about your thoughts for when we are able to resume "normal" activities.

See the list below for a reminder of those from whom reports are needed:

- |                          |                                   |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Council Chair            | <b>All treasurers, including:</b> |
| Care and Fellowship Team | Current Fund                      |
| Good News Team           | Sunday School                     |
| Community Hope Team      | Building Loan Fund                |
| Lifelong Ed. Team        | Maintenance Fund                  |
| Youth Team               | Comm. Service Fund                |
| Christian School Board   | Scholarship Fund                  |
| Worship Team             | Campership Fund                   |
| Facilities Team/Haggai   | Christian Schools                 |
| Finance Team             | Schools Education Fund            |
| Sunday School            | Family Ministry Fund              |
| Grace Youth              | World Series, One Goal            |
| Women's Bible Study      | Youth                             |
| Lutheran Men             | Leisure Hour                      |
| Financial Secretary      |                                   |

### 2022 Budget Adopted, Officers



At the annual congregation meeting on Dec. 12, Susan Dawkins was elected congregation vice president, and Deborah Ruff was elected congregation secretary. Each of these positions have voice and vote on Council.

At this meeting, the congregation also adopted a 2022 ministry budget of \$152,112. An additional \$56,638 will be needed to meet our Ministry Center Building Loan payments.

At the Dec. 21 Council meeting, the following were elected as Council officers: Deborah Ruff, chair; Susan Dawkins, vice chair; and Cindy Amick, secretary. We give thanks for their willingness to serve in these leadership positions.

### Update Your Info for New PoG

In January, we will be printing a new *People of Grace* Directory. If your information or a family member's information has changed in 2021, please call or email the office or drop off a note by Jan. 16. We want our directory to be as accurate as possible.



Update your contact info!

If you have not been receiving emails from Grace, we likely don't have an accurate email address for you. Please share your email address with us as we often send last minute details about events and reminders by email.

Also, please let us know if you no longer have a home telephone number so we can delete it from your listing. If you would like your cell phone number included in the directory, please let us know that, too. Thank you!



Thank you to everyone who helped with our Advent service project of collecting dish detergent, laundry detergent, and bars of soap for Manna House. We collected 93 bars of soap; 78 bottles of dish detergent; and 5 bottles/bags of laundry detergent.

### January Manna House Item of the Month Canned Soup



Donations can be left in the Manna House box in the narthex. Thank you for supporting Manna House!

**December  
Memorials and Honorariums**  
**Gifts to the Building Loan Fund**

In memory of Rodney Epting by Buck Black  
 In memory of Joe Counts by Charlsie Doolittle  
 In memory of Carleen Fink (*Pastor Eric's mother*) by Beverly Hawkins  
 In memory of all Grace members who have passed to life in the Church Triumphant by Anonymous

**Gifts to the Current Budget Fund**

In honor of choir by Heather and Bob Harris  
 In memory of Janet E. Harmon by Georgie Riley  
 In memory of Beverly and Robert Meyers and Louwilla and Hunter Fellers by Roberta Capó

**Gift to the Bereavement Meal Fund**

In honor of Judy Bedenbaugh by Beverly Hawkins

**Gift to the Campership Fund**

In honor of Papa Edd, Emmett, and Edwina Wicker by Phil and Deborah Ruff

**Gift to the Community Service Fund**

In memory of Trudie Epting by Jenny Braswell

**Gifts to the Front Door Fund**

In memory of Woodrow, Elise, and Roscoe Bedenbaugh by Dwight and Bunny B. Wessinger  
 In memory of Bill Ackerman by Billy Ackerman, Rhonda and Savannah

**Gifts to the Bedenbaugh - Chariker  
Scholarship Fund**

In memory of Earle and Jenny Bedenbaugh  
 By: Jean Bedenbaugh  
 Jan Blackwell

**Gifts to Youth Ministry**

In honor of Tara Stewart for her birthday (12/27) by Lynn and Larry Wessinger  
 In honor of Tara and Greg Stewart on their anniversary (12/23) by Lynn and Larry Wessinger

**Gift to World Series One Goal**

In honor of Steve Bedenbaugh by Dwight and Bunny B. Wessinger



*Youth Carolers gathered for a picture in the Sanctuary before they set out to spread Christmas cheer on Dec. 20. After a pizza lunch and making Christmas cards, youth spent five hours on singing carols for Grace members as well as at Springfield Place and White Oak Manor.*

**Confirmation To Resume**

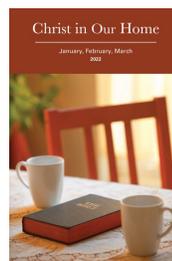
Confirmation Ministry will resume Sunday, Jan. 23 at 4 p.m. at the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in Newberry. *Note the change in location for the spring semester.*



The theme will be *Faith in Life*. Scheduled meeting dates are as follows: Jan. 23; Jan. 30; Feb. 13; Feb. 27; March 13; March 27; April 10; May 1; and May 15. All meetings will be at 4 p.m. at Redeemer.

**Adult Sunday School  
Books, Devotionals**

*Christ in Our Home* devotional books for January - March 2022 are available on the narthex table. Pick up a copy for yourself and one to share with a friend. *Augsburg Adult Bible Studies* Sunday School books for December-February are also on the table.





### Advent Kickoff - Nov. 28

The Care and Fellowship Team sponsored an Advent Kickoff after worship on Sunday, Nov. 28 in the Ministry Center to help us focus on the beginning of the Advent season. Everyone was invited to walk through and view a display of Nativity scenes as well as pick up an Advent devotional and craft kits. The modified event took the place of our traditional Advent Fellowship Night due to the continued presence of Covid in our community. Special thanks to those who shared their Nativities for our display. At left and below are photos of a few folks enjoying the displays and fellowship at the event.



**Lutheran Disaster Response**  
 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
 God's work. Our hands.

### US Tornadoes

After an outbreak of at least 30 tornadoes swept through six states Dec. 10 and Dec. 11, Lutheran Disaster Response is collaborating with the Indiana-Kentucky Synod and other partners in the area to assess the damage and develop an immediate and a long-term response plan. Your gifts to support these response efforts will empower our partners to meet survivors' immediate and long-term needs. Given the extent of the damage, recovery will take years as thousands of homes will need to be rebuilt or repaired. With your support, Lutheran Disaster Response can accompany survivors on the long road to recovery. Your gifts to "U.S. Tornadoes" will be used in full (100%) to help people impacted by the tornadoes until the response is complete.

### Colorado Wildfires

The Marshall Fire ignited on Dec. 30 in Boulder County, Colo. Over 6,200 acres burned quickly, forcing the evacuations of 35,000 people. The fire spread throughout suburban neighborhoods, destroying at least 500 homes. While December wildfires are rare, the severe drought in the western United States created hazardous conditions that allowed the Marshall Fire to spread rapidly. Lutheran Disaster Response is engaging with the Rocky Mountain Synod and Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountains to respond to the impact of the fires. We anticipate that immediate needs will include emotional and spiritual care, temporary shelters, food and other necessities. With local partners, Lutheran Disaster Response will continue to accompany survivors throughout the years of long-term recovery. Your gifts will support wildfire survivors. Gifts to "U.S. Wildfires" will be used in full (100%) to assist those affected by wildfires.

### How To Give to Lutheran Disaster Response

You can give through Grace, marking your check memo line and/or envelope "Lutheran Disaster Response - US Tornadoes or "Lutheran Disaster Response - US Wildfires." Checks or money orders can also be mailed directly to: Lutheran Disaster Response, P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009. Put "US Tornadoes" or "US Wildfires" in the memo line. You may also designate gifts simply to "Lutheran Disaster Response" to be used to immediately respond to disasters in the United States and around the world whenever they might strike. In addition, you can give online at [www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org) or by phone at 800-638-3522.

**Serving in January**

**Assisting Ministers**

- 2 - Melodie Waters
- 9 - Emmett Wicker
- 16 - Teresa Cooper
- 23 - Kelly Whitlock
- 30 - Ronnie Cromer



**Altar Flowers**

- 2 - Poinsettias and Trees
- 9 - Epiphany Trees
- 16 - Epiphany Trees
- 23 - Epiphany Trees
- 30 -

**Communion Assistant**  
Cindy Amick

**Communion Clean Up**  
Emmett Wicker

**Ushers:**

Nathan Shealy (head), Deborah Ruff,  
Phil Ruff, Camryn Shealy

**Greeters**

Deborah Ruff, Camryn Shealy

**Offering Tabulators**

Deborah Ruff (head), Phil Ruff,  
Camryn Shealy, Nathan Shealy

**Front Sign**

Deborah and Phil Ruff  
Camryn Shealy

**Altar Guild**

Deborah and Phil Ruff, Camryn Shealy

**Pew Rack Helper**

Nancy Derrick



**Transition Team:**

Susan Dawkins, Johnny Merck, Mike Shealy, Mike Whitlock, Pastor Michael

**Altar Flower, Lamp Sign Up**

The 2022 Altar Flower and Sanctuary Lamp Chart is posted on the narthex board. Sign up on the chart or contact the church office by phone or email to reserve your special dates. These dates will be published in the 2022 Yearbook.



**SANCTUARY LAMP SPONSORS**



During the month of January, the Sanctuary Lamp burns to the glory of God and in remembrance of the January birthdays of my niece Alice Shaver and my husband John by Judy Bedenbaugh.

*For honorary or memorial information to be included in the newsletter and bulletin, information and \$30 donation should be received by the office by the last Sunday of the month prior to the month you sponsor.*

**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**

	Sanctuary	* Online	Total
12/5	59	16	75
12/12	62	14	76
12/19	84	30	114
12/24 (4:00)	52	6	58
12/24(10:30)	56	16	72
12/26	39	16	55

\* Total Online viewers = Peak views x 2 per SC Synod instructions.

**Sunday School ATTENDANCE**

12/5	9
12/12	9
12/19	10
12/26	5

Children's and youth class attendance was not recorded for the month of December.



**Our Offerings for**

**December**

*Through Dec. 31*

**MINISTRY BUDGET** *Our Monthly Need: \$12,447*

Given during month .....	\$29,142.60
Given year-to-date .....	\$144,270.61
Goal through Dec. 31 .....	\$149,368.00

**BUILDING LOAN FUND** *Our Monthly Need: \$4,720*

Given during month .....	\$33,968.00
Fundraisers year-to-date .....	\$00.00
Given year-to-date <i>(includes fundraisers)</i> ..	\$83,572.00
Required through Dec. 31 .....	\$56,638.00

**MAINTENANCE/UPKEEP FUND**

Given during month .....	\$1,790.00
Given year-to-date .....	\$11,680.00

**FRONT DOOR FUND**

Given during month .....	\$1,100.00
Given year-to-date .....	\$3,625.00
Fund Balance, Dec. 31 .....	\$11,365.00

**PARSONAGE FUND**

Given during month .....	\$00.00
Given year-to-date .....	\$130.00
Fund Balance, Dec. 31 .....	\$4,144.00

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Given during month .....	\$105.60
Given year-to-date .....	\$400.15

**SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Given during month .....	\$390.00
Given year-to-date .....	\$1,205.00

**CAMPERSHIP FUND**

Given during month .....	\$190.00
Given year-to-date .....	\$930.00

**COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND**

Community Assistance .....	\$60.00
Given year-to-date .....	\$820.00
Bookbag Food Ministry .....	\$00.00
Given year-to-date .....	\$80.00
Thanksgiving Meal .....	\$00.00
Given year-to-date .....	\$835.00
Total Funds year-to-date .....	\$1,735.00

**SPECIAL 2021 OFFERINGS**

Christian Schools .....	\$14,653.66
Estate of Trudie Epting <i>(Maint. Fund)</i> ..	\$5,000.00
Bereavement Meal Fund .....	\$1,901.00
Lutheran Disaster Response <i>(US Tornadoes)</i> ..	\$810.00
Lutheran Disaster Response .....	\$600.00
World Series, One Goal .....	\$500.00
Lenten Offering <i>(SCLRC)</i> .....	\$490.00
ELCA World Hunger .....	\$400.00

<b>Update</b>	<b>MINISTRY BUDGET</b>
	Needed Thru Dec. 31: \$149,368 Given thru Dec. 31: \$144,271 <b>Amount Behind Goal: \$ 5,097</b>
	<b>BUILDING LOAN</b>
	Required Thru Dec. 31: \$56,638 Given thru Dec. 31: \$83,572 <b>Amount Above Goal: \$26,934</b>

**Advent/Christmas Offering**

As of Dec. 31, Grace received \$330 for our 2021 Advent/Christmas offering for Restoration Chapel at Kinard Manor Recovery Center in Greenwood. Thank you to everyone who made a donation to our annual Advent/Christmas offering to help others.

**2022 Offering Envelopes**



Offering Envelopes for 2022 are available on a table in the narthex. If you would like a box and don't see one with your name, please let Julie Shealy know.

**Alternative Designation Forms** are available in the adult envelope boxes and on the envelope table for those who would prefer a portion of their offering not be forwarded to the ELCA. **A new form must be completed every year.** Turn in completed forms with your first gift of 2022.

Grace also has an electronic giving option. Scan the QR Code or visit our website to get started.



**SPECIAL 2021 OFFERINGS – continued**

Advent Offering <i>(Restoration Chapel)</i> ....	\$330.00
Youth .....	\$325.00
Poinsettias .....	\$280.00
ELCA Good Gifts .....	\$250.00
Lutheran Disaster Response <i>(Ida)</i> ..	\$250.00
Youth <i>(Thrivent)</i> .....	\$210.00
Pentecost Geraniums .....	\$196.00
Manna House <i>(Christian Schools)</i> ..	\$167.00
Sydney Shealy Memorial Gift .....	\$150.00
Lutheran Disaster Response <i>(Haiti)</i> ..	\$150.00
ELCA World Hunger .....	\$100.00
Lutheran Family Services .....	\$100.00

## December 21 Council Meeting

Congregation Council met Tuesday, Dec. 21 at 7 p.m. in the Ministry Center with social distancing with the option of Zoom and phone. Present were Pastor Michael, Susan Dawkins, Cindy Amick, Chop Cooper, Beverly Hawkins, Johnny Merck, Ronnie Cromer, Chad Frick, Wayne Mitchell, and Lynn Wessinger. Newly elected council members present: Deborah Ruff (congregation secretary); Nathan Shealy, Candace Frick, Brad Waters, and Allie Waters. Excused: Mike Whitlock.

Council and the Transition Team still strongly encourage wearing masks indoors for worship. Council decided that seating in the sanctuary will be open and no longer be restricted to where hymnals are placed on the pews.

Elected as Council Officers for 2022 were Deborah Ruff, chair; Susan Dawkins, vice chair; and Cindy Amick, secretary.

Council scheduled the annual January retreat for Saturday, Jan. 22, 2022, from 10 a.m. to noon.

**Annual  
Council Retreat  
Saturday, Jan. 22  
10 a.m. - Noon**

Council approved a request for membership of James and Christina (Galardi) Henricks.

Council Ministry Team Assignments/Chairs for 2022: Care and Fellowship Team – Beverly Hawkins, Lisa Farr; Christian Schools – Susan Dawkins, Lynn Wessinger, Chop Cooper, Pastor Michael (Sarah Eargle, chair); Community Hope – Wayne Mitchell; Facilities – Chop Cooper, Brad Waters (Walt Quattlebaum, chair); Finance – Ronnie Cromer, Chad Frick Candace Frick (Steve Stubbs, chair); Good News – Beverly Hawkins (chair); Nathan Shealy; Lifelong Education – Cindy Amick, Pastor Michael; Worship Team – Pastor Michael, Deborah Ruff (co-chair) (Emmett Wicker, co-chair); Youth Ministry – Pastor Michael, Lynn Wessinger (co-chair), (Lora Price, co-chair).

Will be reaching out to individuals to ask them to chair or co-chair Care and Fellowship, Lifelong Education, and Community Hope teams as well as contact RC Mercer.

Council agreed to re-appoint the current Choir Director/Organist and Fund Treasurers, pending these individuals being contacted to see if they are willing to continue to serve.

Council approved Pastor Michael’s request that \$13,000 of his salary be considered his housing designation.

Chop Cooper shared that the boiler was inspected, and a CO2 monitor has been installed.

Pastor Michael is leading a virtual Epiphany evening prayer service on Jan. 6 at 7 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting will be the January Retreat on Jan. 22 from 10 to noon.

Shepherding concerns were shared, and the meeting was adjourned with prayer.

*From Minutes by Cindy Amick, Council Secretary*

### November Financial Reports

	<u>Balance, 11/1</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Disbursed</u>	<u>Balance, 11/30</u>	<u>Additional Information</u>
Current/Budget Fund	\$38,025.15	\$16,386.82	\$15,031.34	\$39,380.63*	\$10,885.51 CD
Building Loan Fund	\$34,012.57	\$ 3,376.00	\$ 4,719.85	\$32,668.72	(\$275,799 balance owed)
Maintenance Fund	\$10,989.35	\$ 355.19	\$ 687.96	\$10,656.58**	n/a
Sunday School Account	\$ 3,059.63	\$ 131.00	\$ 179.34	\$ 3,011.29	n/a
Christian Schools Account	\$ 8,170.32	\$ 5,710.92	\$ 6,865.23	\$ 7,016.01	n/a
Schools Educational Fund	\$ 4,622.01	\$ 456.00	\$ 456.00	\$ 4,622.01	n/a

\* Current Fund Balance does not include designated monies for the LED Bulb Fund (\$534.37); Sound System Fund (\$335.39); Bereavement Meal Fund (\$1,369.63); or Sydney Shealy Memorial Gift (\$4,800) contained within the Current Fund Checking Account. \*\*Maintenance Fund balance does not include Parsonage Fund (\$4,144) or Front Door Fund (\$10,265) contained within the Maintenance Fund Checking Account.

# January 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>30</b> <i>4th Sunday after Epiphany</i>  Sunday School - 9:30 Worship - 10:30 a.m. <i>In-person and online</i>	<b>31</b>					<b>1</b>
<b>2</b> <i>2nd Sunday of Christmas</i>  Sunday School - 9:30 Worship - 10:30 a.m. <i>In-person and online</i>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <i>Regular Office Hours Resume</i>	<b>5</b>  Adult Choir - 7:30 p.m.	<b>6</b> <i>Epiphany</i>  Newsletter Team - 9 a.m.  Virtual Epiphany Service - 7 p.m.	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> <i>Baptism of Our Lord</i>  Sunday School - 9:30 Worship - 10:30 a.m. <i>In-person and online</i>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>  Adult Choir - 7:30 p.m.	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> <i>2nd Sunday after Epiphany</i>  Sunday School - 9:30 Worship - 10:30 a.m. <i>In-person and online</i>	<b>17</b>  <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>  Adult Choir - 7:30 p.m.	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>  Council Retreat - 10 a.m. to noon
<b>23</b> <i>3rd Sunday after Epiphany</i>  Sunday School - 9:30 Worship - 10:30 a.m. <i>In-person and online</i>  Confirmation - 4 p.m. at Redeemer	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>  Newsletter Team - 9 a.m. (Ministry Center)	<b>26</b>  Adult Choir - 7:30 p.m.	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>  <i>See Top Line for Jan. 30 and 31</i>



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Pastor: The Rev. Michael Price

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## January Highlights



**Due Jan. 16**

**Year-End Reports From  
Ministry Team Chairs,  
Fund Treasurers and  
Other Leaders**

**Also Telephone, Mail,  
Email Updates**



**Council Retreat**

**Saturday, Jan. 22**

**10 a.m. - Noon**

### Confirmation Ministry

**Jan. 23**

**at 4 p.m.**

Lutheran Church  
of the Redeemer  
Newberry

Confirmation Class



### Worship With Us



**All services livestreamed on  
Grace's Facebook page.**

## Looking Ahead

**Shrove  
Tuesday  
March 1**



**SHROVE  
TUESDAY**



**Ash  
Wednesday  
March 2**



**First Sunday in Lent  
March 6**