

December 2021



News from Pastor Heather

As we once again come upon "the most wonderful time of the year", I wanted to take this opportunity to share some words of encouragement. This year, we are confronted with the real possibility that some of the gifts our children or grandchildren want may be on a ship off the coast of California! There seems to be an interruption in the supply

chain, and while there is most likely much blame to go around for the situation, it's still a situation! Someone has rightfully observed that we may have to get back to celebrating Christmas for what it's really all about, which is Jesus Christ! Whether or not the situation is resolved in time for Christmas is anyone's guess, but wouldn't it be great if Jesus came more into focus this year and beyond? While the world has always needed Jesus, it seems that it has become more evident lately than ever before. I would encourage you to make room for Christ in all you do this Christmas Season. For example, if you don't share the Christmas story on Christmas Day, why not carve out some time to do so and then invite His presence into your celebration time. On behalf of all the leadership here at Grace and our families, I would like to wish you a wonderful Christmas season.

> Keeping Christ in Christmas, Pastor Heather

Our Newly Elected Consistory Members









Jeff Frick Elder

Elaine Martin Elder

Brian Gort Deacon

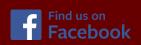
Elaine Martin and Brian Gort have served in years past and we are thankful for their renewed commitment to serve another 3 years. Jeff Frick is new to our Consistory and will be officially ordained in January.

> We also give thanks to our returning **Consistory members:**

Larry Kleymeer, Pat Ter Beek **Elders:**

Deacons: Beth Kubiak, Lorie Norden, Luke Nordlund

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DECEMBER **EVENTS**

SUNDAY, DEC. 5 10:00 AM WORSHIP TOWN HALL MEETING 6:00—8:00 PM ROOTED

SATURDAY, DEC. 11 10:00 AM WYOMING CHRISTMAS PARADE (MISSION OUTREACH & ROOTED PARTICIPATING)

10:30 AM MISSIONARY **OUTREACH LUNCH AT** HEARTSIDE BACK PACK GIVEAWAY

SUNDAY, DEC. 12 10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE Professions of Faith Celebrated 6:00—8:00 PM ROOTED

MONDAY, DEC. 13 6:00 PM JINGLE JAM LIGHT SHOW

SUNDAY, DEC. 19 10:00 am FAMILY WORSHIP SAC LUNCH AFTER **CHURCH** 6:00—8:00 PM ROOTED 7:00 PM SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY

> FRIDAY, DEC. 24 7:00 PM **CHRISTMAS EVE** CANDLE LIGHT **SERVICE**

SUNDAY, DEC. 26 10:00 AM WORSHIP (No Discovery Kidz)

DECEMBER ACTIVITIES FOR THE FAMILY



MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, 5:00

Join us for an unforgettable Christmas experience complete with dinner, fun, games, music, and lights!

Heartside Backpack Giveaway

On Saturday, December 11 we will go downtown to Heartside along with Brian and Mary Neal to serve a warm lunch to the homeless. This month we will be able to bless them with backpacks filled with personal hygiene items and other necessities that they may need during these cold months. If you would like to serve this month, meet at the Neal's home at 10:30 am.





Christmas Eve Service 7pm

Pastor Heather and our worship team will be leading a candlelight service on Christmas Eve. Bring the family for an evening to celebrate the birth of Jesus.



"And she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them." Luke 2:7