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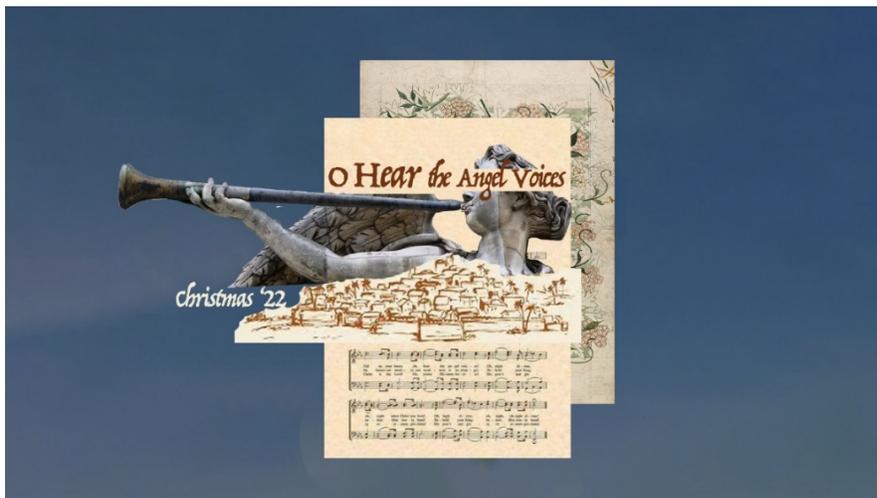
Greetings, Grace Church!

Happy Thanksgiving to you, Grace Church! In keeping with the teaching theme from this past Sunday morning, I am earnestly praying for you, and for Ann and me, that we would offer to the LORD this Thanksgiving, “**gratitude beyond the bounty**” (Romans 8:31-39). From out of the fullness of Jesus may your holiday be blessed with grace upon grace (John 1:16).

This past Sunday evening we had a meaningful Worship and Prayer Evening. A wide cross-section of the church gathered together for a time of “gazing and praising, of being still and interceding.” It was for me personally a deeply encouraging evening. There is something extraordinary about gathering with others, shoulder to shoulder, and going hard after the LORD in worship and prayer. We believe the LORD very personally met with us and He is moving in response to our cries to Him.

This Sunday at Grace

This Sunday we kick off an Advent/Christmas teaching series, “O Hear the Angel Voices.” Angels, according to the Bible, are ministering spirits (Hebrews 1:14). They are messengers bringing messages from God. In the Christmas story, there are multiple occasions when angels came to speak for God. **This Sunday we want to give attention to a message from the LORD through an angel to Zechariah recorded in Luke 1:5-25.** Zechariah and his wife, Elizabeth, were the parents of John the Baptist, that prophet who would “prepare the way for the LORD.” We learn that **the LORD remembered Zechariah’s prayer.** That’s what the angel said to

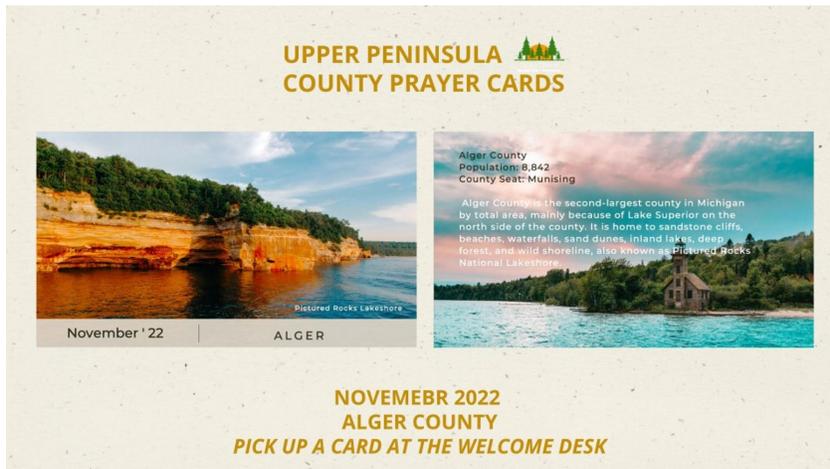


Zechariah. For many of us during challenging seasons of life, we can be vulnerable to wondering if God has forgotten us. When we are feeling forgotten, we can be vulnerable to wondering if prayer even makes a difference. I am trusting that the LORD is going both challenge and encourage us through the story of Zechariah and

Elizabeth. The message is titled, “The LORD Remembers Your Prayer.” Pastor Dave and the worship team are going to lead us in responding to God in worship. The LORD is near, and He is meeting with us as we gather together. Incidentally to parents, there is no Grace Kids this Sunday morning as the volunteers have a Sunday off on this Thanksgiving weekend.

Pray for the counties of the Upper Peninsula during 2022

Our first move is in prayer. It is not our only move, but it is our FIRST move. We pray first, and then we obey the “LORD of the harvest” and His prompting in taking next steps. The need is great across the U.P. During 2022, we are praying for each county in the Upper Peninsula. **There are prayer cards at the Welcome Center in the lobby that you could take and put on your refrigerator, or in some prominent place in your home, as a reminder to pray in November for a movement of the LORD in Alger County. Join us during November in praying for a move of God in Alger County. Press on and pray for gospel impact that lifts up Jesus!**



Wreath-Making at the Home of Julie and Jamie Hanson on Saturday and Sunday!

Jamie and Julie Hanson are inviting those who are interested to a time of wreath-making at their home this Saturday and Sunday. On each day, from 10 AM to the end of the day, there will be opportunity to make wreaths and enjoy the company of others who come. Julie asks that you bring a dish to pass. Rings and brush will be provided. Bring your own wreath attachment bows, birds, bulbs, etc. Jamie and Julie live at 10601 S River Lane in Cornell. Their number is 906-384-6448.

Thanksgiving Dinner Served from 11 AM – 3 PM at Grace on Thanksgiving Day!

Please be praying for this opportunity to serve families in the community and families in the Grace Church family. So thankful for the coordination of Todd Belongie in this endeavor. Ann and I look forward to participating and serving With Todd and his team in this Thanksgiving dinner.



ANNUAL MEETING On Sunday, December 4

The '22 budget/ proposed budget for 2023 will be available this Sunday for you to see and look over prior to the annual meeting on December 4. The annual meeting will begin at about 11:30am following the morning worship service.



**ANNUAL
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MEETING**

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**'22 BUDGET AVAILABLE
AT THE OFFICE SUNDAY**

No Grace Kids on Thanksgiving Weekend, November 27

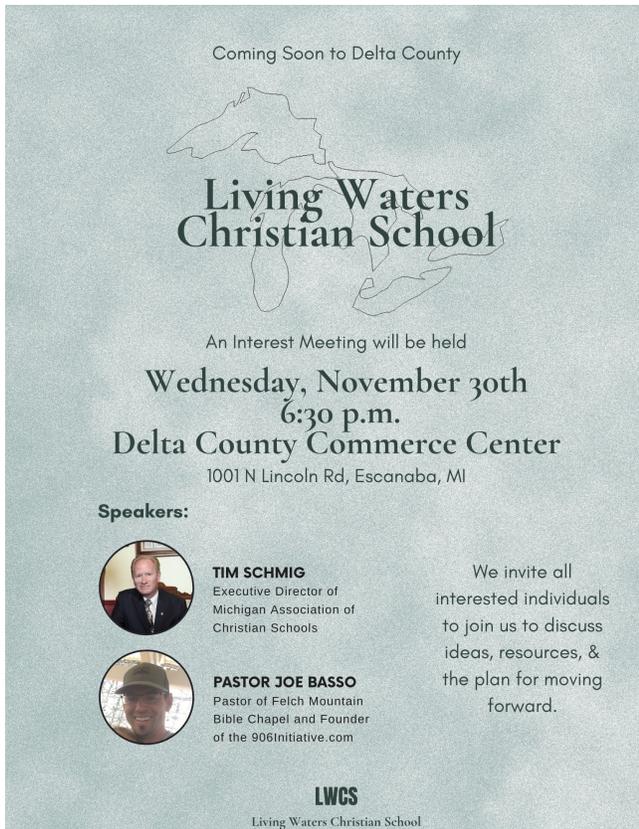
Just a reminder – there is no Grace Kids this Sunday, November 27. On this Thanksgiving weekend, we want to give thanks for the volunteer team who serve so faithfully in our Grace Kids ministry, and in our thanks we want to give them a Sunday where they can catch their breath!

Men's Breakfast on Saturday morning, November 26

Great time of fellowship and connection and learning for men!!



An Informational Meeting for a New Christian School Coming to Delta County



Plans are in motion for a new Christian School coming to Delta County. It would be a shared and cooperative non-denominational venture among Christian parents and interested Christians across the county who would like to see an alternative educational option. There is an informational meeting this coming Wednesday evening, November 30, at 6:30 PM, at the Delta County Commerce Center in Escanaba.

A Special “Women of Grace Event” on Sunday evening, December 4, from 6:30 – 9:00 PM!

Our Women of Grace ministry team is hosting a very special Christmas event titled, “Crowning Christ as KING: Revisiting Heaven Rules.” Back in September the ‘Women of Grace’ ministry hosted a simulcast of the True Woman ’22 Conference titled, “Heaven Rules.” It was a very impactful conference of meaningful worship and dynamic teaching. At this special Christmas event on December 4, girls 12 and older and women of all ages are invited for a special evening with Christmas music and two powerful messages from Nancy Demoss Wolgemuth. The messages are being replayed from that excellent fall conference the ‘Women of Grace’ hosted.

The ‘Women of Grace’ leadership team writes: *‘We hope to celebrate together the timeless and timely rule of Jesus with you!’*

“Born Thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever,
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.”

12 / 04

6:30 / 9PM

Crowning Christ
as King REVISITING HEAVEN RULES

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A WOMEN OF GRACE EVENT
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The flyer features a light beige background. In the top left corner, the date '12 / 04' is written in a simple font. In the top right corner, the time '6:30 / 9PM' is displayed. The main title 'Crowning Christ as King' is written in a mix of gold and brown fonts, with 'as King' in a cursive script. Below this, 'REVISITING HEAVEN RULES' is written in a smaller, gold, sans-serif font. The central graphic consists of three overlapping, slanted rectangular panels in shades of blue and purple, each containing a landscape scene with a tree and a field. The words 'HEAVEN' and 'RULES' are overlaid on these panels in white, sans-serif capital letters. At the bottom, the text 'A WOMEN OF GRACE EVENT' and 'WORSHIP | THE WORD | COOKIES & FELLOWSHIP' is written in a small, grey, sans-serif font.

Upcoming Best Agers Event (a group 50 and over meeting together for fellowship)

This is an opportunity for fellowship for those in the church who are 50 and over. It is going to take place in the gym at Grace Church Tuesday evening, December 6. Feel free to invite friends!



Sunday evening, December 11 – A Children’s Musical Presentation!

We are pleased to announce a special Christmas children’s musical that will be presented on Sunday evening, December 11, in the auditorium. Come to support kids from Grace, and to be ministered to as they take the lead in this special presentation.



DART Training and Learning Opportunity

Our Domestic Abuse Response Team (DART) is hosting an evening of learning and training on Thursday evening, December 8 in the youth room. Detective Sam Pouliot, the son of our Greta and Will Pouliot, is going to be the special guest. Sam is going to be sharing from his perspective in law enforcement about the sobering reality of domestic abuse. Because we as followers of Jesus are intent on being good neighbors, and out of a desire to have a better understanding of the dynamics and effects of abuse so that we can minister more effectively to those who have been abused, and also to abusers, we have opportunity to hear from someone in law enforcement about the reality of abuse and how it affects individuals and families.



Ongoing Corporate PRAYER opportunities!

- **Thursday mornings at 7 AM** - We plan to pray together for an hour from 7 – 8 AM. Personally, I relish the opportunity to facilitate this prayer time. **(We are going to meet on Thanksgiving morning for those who are interested!)**
- **A Sunday morning prayer time from 9:15-9:45** in Room 204 is focused on looking to God for His empowering of the ministry on Sunday mornings – in the worship time, in Grace Kids, and for special needs in the church family.

Christmas at Grace



Happy Thanksgiving, Grace Church! You are loved -

For Jesus,
Pastor Tim