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| |  | | --- | | Grace Notes – december 2, 2016 |  |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Grace Notes** | | **Gracious Savior Church**  **Sunday Worship - 9:30am**  Worship at corner of Hwy 6 and Lake Creek Ave.  Sunday School at 9:15am – Nursery is lovingly staffed.  Adult Bible Study – 10:30am    Gracious Savior Church is located at 33520 Hwy 6 on the corner of Hwy 6 and Lake Creek Ave. We are just 1 mile west of the Edwards stoplight on Hwy 6.  For more info visit us online at: [www.gracioussavior.org](http://www.gracioussavior.org) | | |  |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | | // |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  |  | **Pastor’s Note**  Dear Friends,  We are in the Church season of Advent. Advent is a time of preparing our hearts to receive Jesus. Advent is a time of repentance. Advent is a time of waiting for our Savior. Advent is a time of patience.  And waiting is horrible. How many of you purposefully pick the longest line when checking out of the grocery store? How many of you enjoy sitting in another winter traffic jam? How many of you *love* waiting at the DMV?  It’s a microwave world, baby, and you’re living in it. We want our food hot in minutes, our lines short, and our inconveniences eliminated. Anything that causes delay also causes stress because time is money. And I don’t have any more time.  And God says, “Wait.” Waiting is hard. It’s hard to wait for God’s healing. It’s hard to wait for God’s providing. It’s hard to wait for God’s victory over death.  Here’s the challenge of every follower of Jesus – we know that God’s complete healing, complete provision, complete victory is on its way. But it’s hard to wait when you are hurting. It’s hard to wait when you are scared. It’s hard to wait when you are mourning.  And God says, “Just a little longer.” I don’t why. I want my answers and I want them now…yesterday would have been better.  But I have learned that in the waiting God is growing me. I do not grow at the end of the journey. I grow in the middle. I grow when the answers are not there and the ending is uncertain. I learn trust and, by God’s grace, I learn to wait.  The great thing about the resurrection is that I know how the story ends. I know how my story ends and the ending is good. It is the resurrection that makes the waiting possible. In this way all of our life is really a season of Advent.  May God bless your Advent season and your waiting.  Stuck in Traffic,  Pastor Jason  P.S. If you miss a Sunday and want to catch up in the sermon series or just want to review the message, you can check it out in iTunes at: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/gracious-savior-churchs-podcast/id897614540>  or online at: <http://gracioussaviorchurch.buzzsprout.com/> | |  |  |  | |  |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | | // |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  |  | **Children’s Ministry**    **Service Opportunity**  We have officially adopted Adler Pierre as a Sunday School. Adler is 5 years old. He is from Haiti. He lives with his Mom and likes marbles and soccer. All the money from our donuts go to Adler. If you have thought about adopting a Compassion International child and just couldn’t afford it, this is a great opportunity. We can all pitch in to help Adler. Please pray for Adler and his Mom. | |  |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | | // |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  |  | **Middle School Confirmation**  Middle School Confirmation meets on the First and Third Wednesdays of every month from 6:30-8:00pm. Our next gathering will be Wednesday, December 7th. See you there! | |  |  |  | |  |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | | // |  |  | | --- | | **Christmas Eve Worship – 5pm & 7pm**  Please join us to celebrate Jesus’ birth on Christmas Eve at 5pm and 7pm.  *There will be no worship service on Sunday, Christmas Day. Please celebrate Jesus’ birth with your family and friends.*  **Senior Christmas Presents**  We are partnering with Bev Christiansan and 4 Eagle Senior Care to provide Care Baskets for seniors in our community. We will be assembling the baskets after worship on December 17th. Please bring:   * Soups * Canned Fruit & Vegetables * Healthy Snack food * Wrapped candies * Socks (Fun socks are encouraged) * Toothbrushes/Toothpaste * Hand lotion   We will also have cards available to buy presents for kids in our community as well. Pick one up this Sunday! | | **Women’s Bible Study**  Women’s Bible Studyis taking a break during December. Stay tuned for the new study in January. |  |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | | // |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Upcoming Events**   * **Sunday Morning Discipleship 101 –** Every Sunday – 10:30am * **Middle School Confirmation** – Wednesday, December 7 – 6:30pm * **Church Council** – Thursday, December 8 – 5:30pm * **Bible Walkers** – Thursday, December 8 – 6:00pm * **Senior Baskets Assembly** – Sunday, December 17 – 10:30am * **Christmas Eve ­**– Saturday, December 24 – 5:00pm & 7:00pm * **Christmas Day** – Sunday, December 25 – No Worship Service * **New Year’s Day –**Sunday, January 1 – 9:30am | |  |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | | // |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Prayer Praises & Requests**   * Family of Nate Picklo who passed away. * Allie Armstrong whose friend has cancer. He is 18yrs old. * Jan Kleinhardt’s brother has cancer. * Gail whose husband passed away. * Shelley Martel’s Mom who has cancer. * Dan Schaub’s daughter * Emma Lawler’s Mom recovering from surgery. * Bill Bevan recovering from an infection after surgery. * Terrianne Richards who has cancer. * Max, Marilyn Karn’s brother, struggling with dementia and Parkinson’s disease. * Woman going through a challenging time. * Sharon Sumner who has Lou Gehrig’s disease. * Thanksgiving for birthdays for: Dan Schuab. | | | | | |  | | --- | |  | |  |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | | // |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Serving in God’s House This Sunday**  Elder: Tom Kleinhardt  Ushers: Shelly & Dan  Reader: Karen Eyrich  Sunday School: Natalie & Janie | |  |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  |  | [http://gracioussavior.org/marketTheme/version19/img/facebook.png](https://facebook.com/) | |