



Grace Notes

GIFT OF GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH



Upcoming Events

January

Saturday 6th Church Cleaning 8:30 AM
Sunday 14th Council Meeting
Sunday 21st Annual Meeting

February

Saturday 3rd Church Cleaning 8:30 AM
Friday 9th Lifetouch Pictures 2 – 8 PM
Saturday 10th Lifetouch Pictures 11AM – 6 PM
Sunday 11th Council Meeting

Church Services

Every Sunday at 10:00 AM

*Fellowship services follow in the
Lutheran Center*

Past Events

Craft Fair

A big "Thank You" to all the members and friends of the congregation, who helped plan, organize, volunteer, and donate their time and talents to the Third Annual Holiday Craft Fair and bake sale on 12-16-17 at the Lutheran Center. We had a total of 21 vendors participate in the craft fair. We had two raffles that made a total of \$104 and the vendor's fee was a total of \$440. The total made on the craft fair was over \$621. ELCA Good Gifts will receive \$150 from the money raised at this craft fair. What a huge success!

Christmas Parade

The parade went really well, a great big thank you to everyone involved in the parade. Special thanks to Jerry for organizing it.

Farewell Potluck for Pastor Mike

Despite the sad reason, we had lots of good food and good friends there.

Best Wishes in all your future endeavors Pastor Mike!

Like and follow us on Facebook

If you want to catch up on what is going on, you can like us at our Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/giftofgracefernley/>

Christian Growth and Education

Bible Studies

Monday Nights 6:30—8:00 at the home of Bob and Verl-Lee Ely

Council Meetings

Scheduled for the second Sunday of each month after the 10AM service, held in the Lutheran Center. Everyone is welcome to attend to learn about the church business

Food Pantry

Gift of Grace supports the Food Pantry of Fernley, giving donations on the first Sunday of each month. Collection baskets are in the sanctuary for your donations all month. No donations will be turned away, however each month the Food Pantry does have specific requests

Prayer Chain

Please talk to Verl-Lee Ely on 775-575-2933 to be added to the Prayer Chain, or if you have any questions about it

Congregation Photos

Friday February 9th, and Saturday February 10th, Lifetouch will be here taking pictures of all members of the congregation to update the church directory

Lifetouch will be here on Friday February 9th from 2pm to 8pm and Saturday February 10th from 11am to 6pm

Please save these dates on your calendar

Members will receive a new updated Church directory. This is at no cost to you, unless you would like to purchase additional pictures

To sign up, go to this website and reserve a spot <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/y866x9jg>

Sunshine Committee

The Sunshine Committee needs your assistance, to better serve the Church family. Our Committee is responsible to reaching out by issuing get well cards, and thinking of you cards (to those who we haven't seen for a while)

Letting us know, we can be sure to reach out to our Church Community

Letting our community know that Gift of Grace Lutheran Church truly cares about our Congregation.

Phone 575-7109

Sincerely

Virginia Krause

Chairman

Mission Statement

LIVE in God's Gift of Grace
WORK to make disciples of Christ
SERVE the needs of others in the world

1-1-2018

Presidents Letter

Hello congregation. I would like to thank each and every one of you for being part of Gift of Grace Lutheran Church and making it a very successful year. I'm thankful to say that we achieved most of our activity goals that we planned to do throughout 2017. The three craft fairs and bake sale, the yard sale and the Reformation 500 dinner brought in necessary income for the church.

Other activities such as making Easter baskets for the youth and children of the congregation, Relay for Life, Mother's Day Luncheon, Father's Day BBQ, Fourth of July Parade, back to school picnic and school supply drive, Ace's Baseball game, God's Work Our Hands, Grandparents luncheon, peanut butter drive, Trick or Treat at City Hall, movie night, joint service with the Catholics, turkey drive, Christmas parade, and helping families in need at Christmas would not have been successful with out the help of those who volunteered their time and talent or the use of their Thrivent card(s).

Now with a new year upon us we need to work on 1 year, 3 year, 5 year and long term goals that the DEM of the synod has required us to do in order to renew our license as a synodical worshipping community of the ELCA. In order to do this we need to work together and not against each. This of course will take a bit of time but we must due this as a TEAM and not as individuals with our own agendas.

I would encourage each person in the congregation to come up with ideas, suggestions or goals for the future that the church council and the congregation can talk about with each other. We need to be one and make Gift of Grace Lutheran Church succeed for future members who want to make us part of their family. I believe that this will make us stronger as a church and that we can build off ideas and suggestions offered by others.

Marcie Vallejo - President