

Graceline

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noun

noun: Epiphany; noun: epiphany; plural noun: epiphanies

the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles as represented by the Magi (Matthew 2:1–12).

- the festival commemorating the Epiphany on January 6.
- a manifestation of a divine or supernatural being.
- a moment of sudden revelation or insight.

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Pastor David's Message



A New Year, A New Thing!

Glory to God in highest heaven, who unto man His Son hath given; while angels sing with tender mirth, a glad new year to all the earth." Martin Luther

It is the new year, and for many we look at it as a new start or new beginning. We hope that maybe this new year will be better than the next. The bible says nothing really about this annual event. It can be a time to thank God for all of our blessings that he has bestowed upon us. Some churches have special services of thanksgiving and praise, this seems to be not as prevalent since many of us are still recovering from the Christmas celebrations. The new year is a good time like anytime to reflect about repentance, forgiveness, a time to renew and rekindle relationships. I like the passage from *Isaiah 43:18-19a* "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! NIV.

When it comes to resolutions, it is okay to make them to yourself but it is not a good idea to make a vow to God and not keep it. Making vows to God are serious because too often we fail at them. We can make resolutions to ourselves like reading the bible on a daily basis, going to church every Sunday, taking the kids to Sunday School, or inviting someone to church. To help



Grace News



*One king held the frankincense
One king held the myrrh
One king held the purest gold
One King held the HOPE of the World!*
(from the song, "One King" by Borders & Alexander)

Epiphany is already upon us and we are now studying and listening to the life and teachings of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. May our minds, bodies and spirits be restored with hope as we listen to these teachings about Christ from His birth to His death & resurrection and ascension—all of it done to save us from this fallen world. May our new year bring us hope and inspiration to do new things and be good examples of Christ's love for others.

Grace Choir is practicing on Thursdays at 7:00PM and we look forward to hearing anthems from Grace Choir on the 2nd & 4th Sundays. Deni invites everyone who has been thinking about joining choir to finally make the move to come out on Thursday nights at 7:00PM. You won't be disappointed because of all the health, social & spiritual benefits you will receive from singing with the choir. Take a moment to read the following article <https://www.healthline.com/health/benefits-of-singing>, and discover the many benefits. Thank you to Full of Grace who has continued to provide a monthly Call to Worship and who are also leading the hymns on Sundays in the 11:00AM service. Full of Grace continues to provide their music ministry at Brookhaven Care Home and Brent Keith gives a short message with Bible readings and prayers to a very enthusiastic audience. We are very blessed to have this music ministry in our church. It is awesome to hear and see more people in the church during the week and on Sundays. There is no time commitment, just a willingness to serve. **We are looking for help in the following areas: Sound Booth, Greeters, Communion Assistance & Choir.** If there is an area where you would like to help out in the church or in the worship services, please contact the pastor or the office and let us know what you would like to do. If you are still undecided about coming out for Sunday worship, please contact the pastor or the office and let us know what you would

you achieve these things we need to pray for God's help. Prayer could be a new thing to be more involved with this year. Let's face it we all could do better with our prayer life. I notice that many think about heading to the gym or go on a weight loss program. The bible does talk about fasting, if you consider these things please talk to a medical professional. *Proverbs 15:22 "Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed." NIV.*

In conclusion, remember to count your blessings, we often think of the negative events of the past, and we dwell on them too much. Make a list of blessings that you have and thank God for them, when you do you will feel better and appreciate the people and world around you.

May you have a blessed New Year!

In Christ, Pastor David

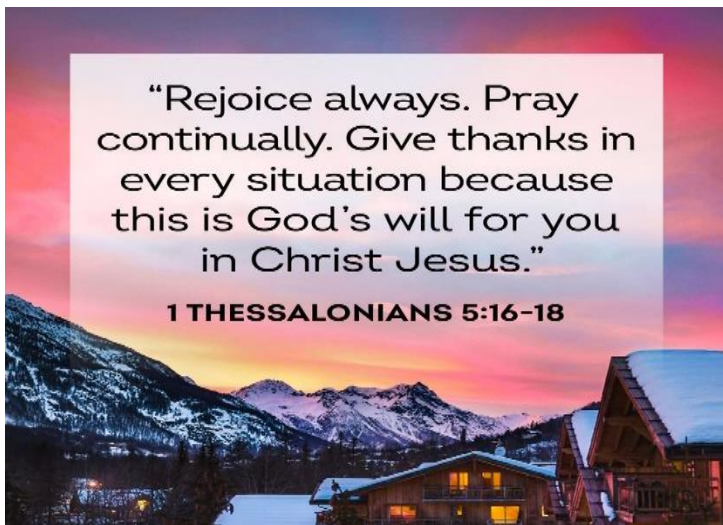
UPCOMING EVENTS

Youth Event- Bowling at the Capri Centre

Saturday, January 27th~7:00-8:00PM
Capri Centre Mall Hwy 97 & Gordon
Drive Please contact Pastor David
Wunderlich by text or phone:
250.317.6502

"Rejoice always. Pray continually. Give thanks in every situation because this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18



like to do. If you are still undecided about coming out for Sunday worship, please consider it, we miss seeing you!

Grace Choir Practice is on Thursdays at 7:00PM. If you have any questions call Deni Skutshek 250.801.9098 or the church office 250.769.5685.

Full of Grace is the singing group leading the 11:00AM worship hymns and who perform an anthem in the 11:00AM service once a month. We could use a bass singer so if you love singing and can sing the bass-line, please contact Miriam in the office at 250.769.5685.

Men's Breakfast Second Saturday of each month 8:30AM in the Fellowship Hall unless otherwise notified.

Online Services We continue to record one Sunday worship service each week, and our sound booth team makes it ready for viewing on Sunday afternoon. Here is a quick link to Vimeo so that you may watch it in the afternoon: [Grace Videos on Vimeo](#). If you have provided the Church Office with an email address, the video link will be sent to you on Sunday or Monday. If you do not receive it in your email box, it might have gone into Junk Mail or spam folder.

Special Occasions Are you celebrating a milestone birthday or anniversary and would like to share your happy day in a picture that we could include in our monthly newsletter, please send it to info@gracelutheranelowna.com with a brief description of the momentous occasion.



CAMPUS MINISTRY BOARD MEMBERS AT THE RECENT OPEN HOUSE



REACH OUT TO REV DR TODD STATHAM OR CURTIS MELIEFSTE BY EMAIL OR TEXT (LISTED AT THE BOTTOM OF THE PAGE). PLEASE SUPPORT THE WORK OF CURTIS AND TODD BY DONATING THROUGH OUR WEBSITE CRCcampusokanagan.ca.

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One of the big accomplishments of the past few years has been to help secure a space on campus for students to use for prayer, discussion and Bible studies. It took several years of advocacy to convince UBC to provide a room. At first this room had no plan or purpose – it was simply a room with a scattering of chairs and Muslim prayer mats piled on the floor. But persistence by myself and other faith leaders on campus has yielded fruit. The University committed substantial funds to renovate the space, and the “Spirituality & Multifaith Space” officially opened this November. Along with coat racks and resource shelves (e.g. for Bibles), the room can be divided in half to allow groups to use it simultaneously.



We thank God for all this, especially as it has come about at a time when religious rights often feel in peril. As the coordinating chaplain of the new Multifaith Chaplaincy at UBCO, one of my responsibilities is oversight for the Space. It's so encouraging to see it booked full, but I'm quick to point out to administration that (as grateful as we are) we need more spaces on campus where students of faith—Christian, Muslim, Jewish, Buddhist, or Baha'i— can gather to talk, learn and pray. So we continue to pray and petition for a actual Multifaith Centre to emerge at UBCO... with this new space a first step in the right direction!



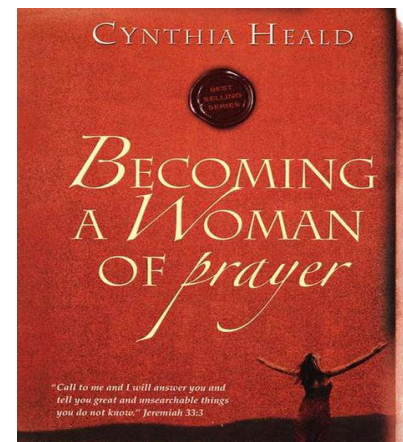
COMPASSION CORNER

Pray for everyone in our church family who mourns including the Orsten, Ruff and Fenson families. Pray for those needing prayer at home, including Jim Szabo, Robert Shopland, Ted Schoepp, Louise Shopland, Nedra Schuler, Gerald Schuler, Penny Pfahl, Emily Hughes (Deni Skutshek's mother), Fran Schmidt, Joan Ulmer, Coco Heebner, Brenda Heise, Helene Hack, Lorraine Wentland and Ferne Sather. **Come to me, all who are weary and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Matthew 11:28**



Zoom Bible Study Resumes Monday at 7PM

Topic: We will continue our discussion on the life of Jesus at Mark 14:53 which records the trial of Jesus. But why didn't Jesus defend himself? Contact Jim Statham for a Zoom invitation.



Ladies Bible Study Resumes on Wednesday at 9:30AM
Topic: Becoming a Woman of Prayer

Congregational Life

Christian Education

Sundays - Sunday School – 10:15AM. Please meet Marilyn in the Quiet Room.

Mondays - Bible Study at 7:00PM via ZOOM. Email Jim for an invitation at: jhwstatham@shaw.ca

Wednesdays - Ladies Bible Study at 9:30AM

Thursdays - Choir practice at 7:00PM. Choir will sing an anthem at the 2nd & 4th Sunday service at 11:00AM.

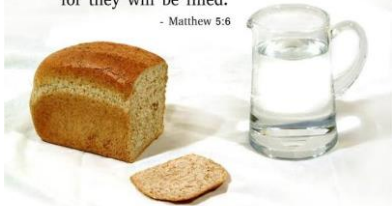
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Serving Others

Volunteer at the Kelowna Gospel Mission
251 Leon Ave, Kelowna, BC

On the 4th Tuesday of every month a team from Grace Lutheran goes to the Kelowna Gospel Mission. They help in the kitchen with lunch preparation and serving. If you would like to serve in this way, please contact Corinn Lutz at 250.869.8092 or by email: timcorlutz@gmail.com

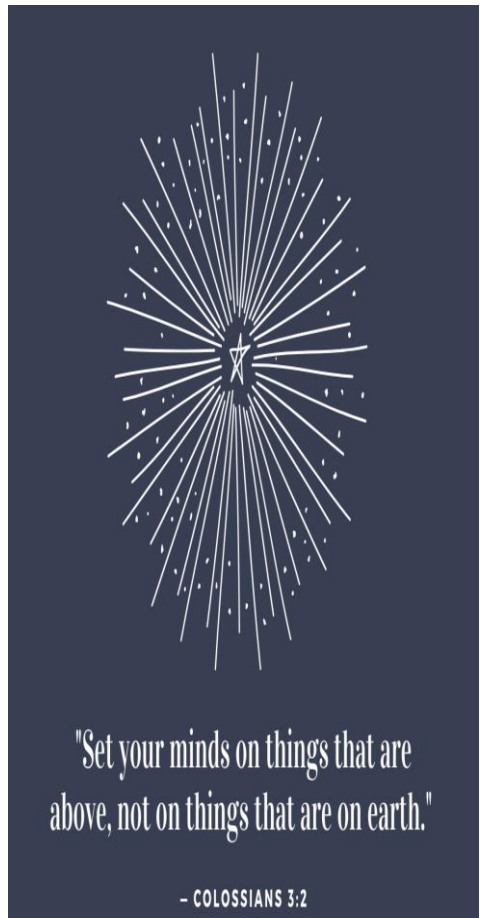
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
- Matthew 5:6



Grace Dine & Chat

Are you interested in meeting more people from Grace Lutheran Church and enjoying Christian fellowship and good food? Grace singles & couples are invited out after church on the 3rd Sunday of each month for lunch and discussion at one of our local restaurants. Contact Karen Arend at: arendek@shaw.ca.

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2 Tim 1:6
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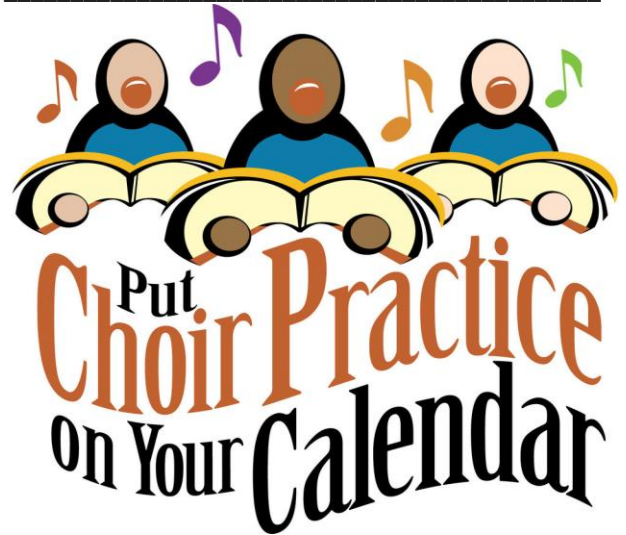


GRACE COFFEE SOCIAL

People of Grace are encouraged and welcome to join us in the Fellowship Hall on Sundays between 10:10-10:50AM for coffee, a snack and fellowship with other Grace members. This is a great opportunity to reach out and meet with one another. We chose this time slot in order for people from both services to attend. If you would like to help out with the coffee, minimal setup and cleanup is involved, so please contact Erika Burt for more information at 250.768.5912.

Council Meeting

January 23rd at 7:00PM



New Year's Prayer

Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Psalm 23:6

Jesus Loves ME!

The Bible tells me so!

Remember to come to Sunday School at
10:15AM! See You There!



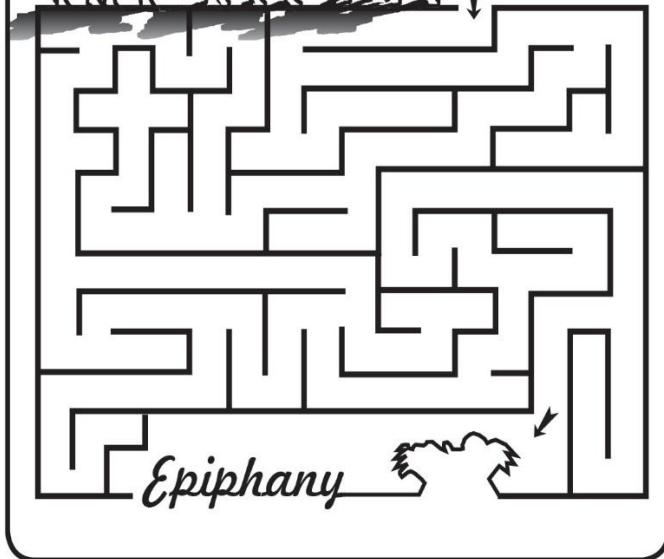
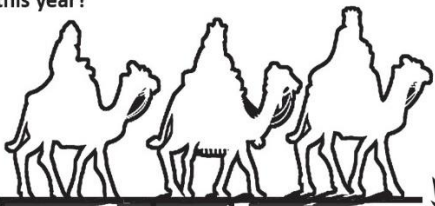
Epiphany Word Search

(Horizontal + vertical word searches)



Epiphany, Mt 2:1-12

Three wise men were searching for Jesus. They traveled from very far away to meet him. They followed a star and finally found him in Bethlehem. They adored him and gave him special gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. What gift would you like to give to Jesus this year?



Words to find:


- JANUARY
- EPIPHANY
- CAMEL
- GOLD
- MYRRH
- FRANKINCENSE
- STAR
- WISEMEN
- BALTHASAR
- GASPAR
- MELCHIOR
- KING
- NIGHT
- MAGI
- BETHLEHEM

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MARY MacARTHUR

JANUARY 2024 – Grace Lutheran Church

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Baptism of Our Lord 10:30AM Combined Service 11:30AM Congregational Meeting 11:45AM Lunch	7:00PM Zoom Bible Study with Jim Statham		9:30AM Ladies Bible Study with Lilias Statham	7:00PM Choir Practice		8:30AM Men's Breakfast 1:00PM Emmaus Finnish Service 1:00PM 4-H Fireside Rm
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Epiphany 2 9:00AM Contemporary 10:10AM Coffee Social Fellowship Hall 10:15AM Sunday School 11:00AM Traditional	7:00PM Zoom Bible Study with Jim Statham		9:30AM Ladies Bible Study with Lilias Statham 2:00PM Brookhaven Chapel FOG	7:00PM Choir Practice		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Epiphany 3 9:00AM Contemporary 10:15AM Sunday School 11:00AM Traditional w/Holy Communion	7:00PM Zoom Bible Study with Jim Statham	7:00PM Council Meeting	9:30AM Ladies Bible Study with Lilias Statham	7:00PM Choir Practice		1:00PM 4-H Fireside Rm 7:00PM Youth Bowling Event at Capri
28	29	30	31			
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