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What if God were to ask you...

*"Will you allow my grace
to move within you?"*

How would you answer? Has there been a time in your life when you have felt God's grace?

Often people do not really understand what it means. We get so bogged down in our own problems, insecurities, imperfections, and even failures, that we fear letting God enter into our vulnerability. Perhaps, we are so sure that we can do everything ourselves, it's to prove to ourselves that we don't need anyone else's help, let alone God's; it's then that we lose sight of just being with God and placing our life's challenges into God's hands.

Sometimes we are just too hard on ourselves and feel undeserving of God's grace, grace that may come in the form of forgiveness if we let it. It may come while acknowledging our need for God so that somehow a prayer is answered, or our grief is assuaged. Maybe we just need to be reminded that God in Christ Jesus has

invited us to walk with him and let him into our hearts, our minds, and our entire being.

He healed the sick and in healing showed grace. He opened the scriptures to all who would listen so that a gracious God of promise would be made visible in him. He invited the undeserving to dine with him and gave them worth. He invited the everyday human into his presence to share whatever he could with them. In his presence no one went hungry, no one thirsted, no one was a failure.

Each time we come to the Lord's Supper we take Christ in, to be present within us as a reminder that we were baptised and tied together with him in life and death. We remember God's promises through him reminding us that there is life after death, hope after every challenge because it is clothed in the love of God for all of God's creation. If we allow God's grace to move within us, relationships might be restored, calm might enter our turmoil, happiness might cause us to praise God and be grateful for the grace that Jesus has shown us.

Let us walk in the light of Christ, which shines through and in us in everything we do and in everything we have the potential to become.

Pastor Rasma



For GRACE is given not because we have done good works, but in order that we may be able to do them.

– SAINT AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO



GRACE is the love that gives, that loves the unlovely and the unlovable. – OSWALD C. HOFFMANN



GRACE comes into the soul, as the morning sun into the world; first a dawning, then a light; and at last the sun in his full and excellent brightness. – THOMAS ADAMS



You must pay for everything in this world one way and another. There is nothing free except the GRACE of God. You cannot earn that or deserve it. – CHARLES PORTIS



If I'm not showing GRACE... have I forgotten the GRACE I've been shown? – JOHN F. MACARTHUR JR.



Your worst days are never so bad that you are beyond the reach of God's GRACE. And your best days are never so good that you are beyond the need of God's GRACE.

– JERRY BRIDGES



GRACE is the voice that calls us to change and then gives us the power to pull it off. – MAX LUCADO



GRACE does not depend on what we have done for God but rather what God has done for us. Ask people what they must do to get to heaven and most reply, "Be good." Jesus' stories contradict that answer. All we must do is cry, "Help!" – PHILIP YANCEY

**FOOD OF
THE MONTH
FOR FEBRUARY**

Canned
Meat/Fish





Keep them open to God; your heart, mind, and soul because the floodgates are open, and the water is out. You just never know when GRACE will seep in. – JOHN M. SHEEHAN



GRACE isn't a little prayer you chant before receiving a meal. It's a way to live. The law tells me how crooked I am. GRACE comes along and straightens me out. – DWIGHT LYMAN MOODY



Abounding sin is the terror of the world, but abounding GRACE is the hope of mankind. – A. W. TOZER



Only those who are truly aware of their sin can truly cherish GRACE. – C.J. MAHANEY



GRACE is available for each of us every day – our spiritual daily bread – but we've got to remember to ask for it with a grateful heart and not worry about whether there will be enough for tomorrow. – SARAH BAN BREATHNACH



That is the mystery of GRACE: it never comes too late. – FRANOIS MAURIAC



GRACE means undeserved kindness. It is the gift of God to man the moment he sees he is unworthy of God's favor. – DWIGHT L. MOODY



What gives me the most hope every day is God's GRACE; knowing that his GRACE is going to give me the strength for whatever I face, knowing that nothing is a surprise to God. – RICK WARREN



I don't need to look good so Jesus can look good; I need to be honest about my colossal spiritual need so he can look all-sufficient. – SAM ALLBERRY



When God restores you, you might not see all the changes at once. You'll begin to notice parts of you that were broken are no longer that way. Then one day, you realize you're an entirely different person than you used to be. That's GRACE. – ANDRENA SAWYER



The Good things of life are gotten by strength while the Great things of life are gotten by GRACE. – AWOLUMATE SAMUEL



We are justified, not by giving anything to God, – what we do, – but by receiving from God, what Christ hath done for us. – WILLIAM GURNALL



Amazing GRACE! (how sweet the sound) That sav'd a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind, but now I see. – JOHN NEWTON



Faith is a living, daring confidence in God's GRACE, so sure and certain that a man could stake his life on it a thousand times. – MARTIN LUTHER

COUNCIL/COMMITTEE REPS FOR 2019-2020

CHAIRPERSONS	(C) COUNCIL MEMBER
Council Chair	Ron Heino (C)
Council Vice	Sigrid Engler (C)
Education Committee	Pastor Caune
Finance Committee	Geoff Crewe (C)
Property Committee	Jim Dennis (C)
Seniors Group	Ute Wentzel
Stewardship Committee	Geoff Crewe
Worship & Music	Margaret Crewe
Outreach/Visioning Chair	open
COMMITTEE REPS/LIAISON	
Advertising Coordinator	Nalini Badley
AMMS Liaison	Pastor Caune, Fred Kilian
AMMS Lease Liaison	Gordon Vollmer (C)
Bethel Ministries Liaison	Sigrid Engler
Council Secretary	Pat Bramley (C)
ELW Liaison	Sigrid Engler
Envelope Secretery	Sigrid Engler
Mutual Ministry Liaison	open
Outreach/Visioning Liaison	Gordon Vollmer
Refugee Committee	Denise Dennis
Spiritual Society Liaison	Fred Kilian
Treasurer	Nalini Badley
Worship & Music Liaison	Margaret Fler (C)

TREASURER'S REPORT

DECEMBER 2019	RECEIVED	SPENT	SURPLUS(DEFICIT)
OFFERINGS	\$21,822.91	\$15,683.62	
CHANGE IN INVESTMENT ACCOUNT	453.66		
INTEREST AND DIVIDEND INCOME	4,118.25		
AMMS PARSONAGE RENT	2,575.00		
AMMS FELLOWSHIP HALL RENT	1,500.00		
BETHEL RENT	300.00		
AMMS PARSONAGE UTILITIES	1,620.48		
AMMS FELLOWSHIP HALL UTILITIES	1,071.09		
AMMS SANCTUARY RENTAL	200.00		
LOONIE BIRD	5.00		
HST INCOME	119.30		
REDUCE PREVIOUS MONTHS MEMORIAL	(1,000.00)		
INITIAL OFFERING	10.00		
CURRENT MONTH TOTALS	\$32,795.69	\$15,683.62	\$17,112.07
YEAR TO DATE TOTALS	\$176,791.46	\$163,703.75	\$13,087.71
LESS CHANGE IN INVESTMENT INCOME			(\$10,931.15)
REVISED YEAR TO DATE TOTAL EXCL. PARS. EXP. AND INVEST. INCOME			\$2,156.56

Yours in Christ, Nalini Badley, Treasurer

PS: Some members of the congregation are confused about the line "Less Change in Investment Income" for \$10,931.15. This amount does not mean that shares were sold in 2019. Actually, no shares have been sold since they were donated. This amount is the increase in the Market value of the shares during 2019 (2019 total of 114,561.00 less 2018 total of 103,629.85) obtained from Investor's Edge statements and included in the 2019 Income amount. Since Income is overstated by this amount, it is backed out to reflect the true income for the year.



**ELW —
January 2020 Meeting Review**

A small group of our membership met on January 8th. We reviewed the future of our group and its events for 2020, as well as our finances from the last year.

ELW is pleased to continue financially supporting Epiphany in a variety of efforts, such as the Garden Committee, Altar Guild, Spring and Fall property clean-up, kitchen supplies for meeting refreshments, etc. Consideration will also be given to upcoming roof repairs.

We are pleased to continue to support a number of select charities, assisting the less fortunate in our community and those suffering around the world.

It has been mentioned before that our membership is dwindling, based on age and ability. Because of this, we have reluctantly decided to reduce the number of events usually held throughout the year. We will not be having the Strawberry Social and Applefest this year. We will, however, again host an Annual Bazaar, which has always had such an enthusiastic response in the community, as well as the attendance of so many friends, social groups of friends and family, who come to enjoy this very special event at Epiphany.

Lastly, with the reduction of events, it will not be necessary to have regular, monthly meetings. We do, however, invite new members and new ideas, and will convene for special meetings as necessary.

Sigrid Engler, for ELW



We held our meeting on January 7th, with 16 seniors attending.

Gordon Vollmer from the Visioning Committee was our guest. Gordon filled us in on the options our congregation is facing in the near future.

We all had a good laugh by guessing who was shown on our pictures at the ages between 5-10 years old.

All enjoyed coffee and cake.

Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday February 4th at 1:30 pm (weather permitting). **Ute Wentzel**

FEBRUARY days are a marketing gimmick; love happens every day.
— RANDEEP HOODA

In the coldest FEBRUARY, as in every other month in every other year, the best thing to hold on to in this world is each other. — LINDA ELLERBEE



If you wish to provide flowers for the altar, please let the Altar Guild member for that Sunday know.



ALTAR GUILD

1st Sunday of the Month
Ute Wentzel • 416-439-7996

2nd Sunday of the Month
Josie Tedes • 416-283-0895

3rd Sunday of the Month
Paulette Correia • polly222001@yahoo.ca

4th Sunday of the Month
Hildegard Kinder • 416-283-1836

5th Sunday of the Month
Erika Haebe • 416-266-8660

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PLEASE NOTE: **Sundays at 1:30 PM** — Bethel Holiness Pentecostal Apostolic Ministries will hold their worship services in Epiphany's Sanctuary.

SUNDAY

MONDAY

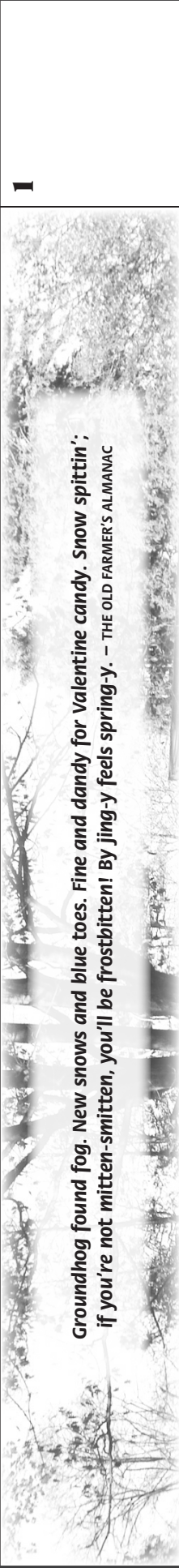
TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



Groundhog found fog. New snows and blue toes. Fine and dandy for Valentine candy. Snow spittin'; if you're not mitten-smitten, you'll be frostbitten! By jing-y feels spring-y. — THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

2 Presentation of Our Lord WHITE 9 AM German Communion Service 10:30 AM English Communion Service Pulpit Exchange: Pastor Peter Lisinski (Pastor Rasma is at First Lutheran)	3	4 1:30 PM —Seniors Meeting	5 11AM -2PM Church Office	6	7 10-11:30 AM —Bible Class	8
9 5 Epiphany GREEN 10 AM Joint Communion Service Followed by our Visioning information discussion led by Karen Bierland, consultant to the Eastern Synod	10 7 PM —Visioning Meeting	11	12 11AM -2PM Church Office	13	14	15
16 6 Epiphany GREEN 9 AM German Service 10:30 AM English Service	17	18	19	20 7:15 PM —Council Meeting	21 10-11:30 AM —Bible Class	22
23 Transfiguration of Our Lord WHITE 9 AM Joint Service Followed by ANNUAL MEETING Please bring your copy of the Annual Report	24	25	26 Ash Wednesday 7:30 PM PURPLE Communion Service	27	28 Collate Morningstar	29
Mar 1 1 Lent PURPLE 9 AM German Communion Service 10:30 AM English Communion Service	2	3	4 11AM -2PM Church Office	5	6	7