

THE

LOVEGRAM

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR GRACESPRING CHURCH



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One Last Huddle – A Transition Celebration

When Tristan Hohler became pastor of 1st Covenant Church in January 1977, Jimmy Carter was President-elect, gas was 66 cents a gallon, he and Lenore were expecting their first child – and on Jan. 19, it snowed in Vero Beach for the first time ever. New pastor from Wisconsin? Snow? Coincidence?



As he prepares to hand off leadership of what is now GraceSpring, he and Lenore have three grown daughters and 11 grandchildren. The church has grown, adapted to 21st-Century technology, and is thriving. And Tristan and Lenore are excited to begin the next phase of their lives. Join our long-time “coach” for one last huddle, celebrating 42 years of service and leadership!



L-R: Neal Shappie, Daniel Boling, Stan Boling and Tristan huddle in 2005.

What: Free food, games, entertainment

When: Saturday, Dec. 29, 2-4pm

Where: Riverside Park, large pavilion (look for the bounce house)

Who: Everybody – fun for all ages

Don't forget your **Memories and Messages** for Tristan and Lenore. This is your chance to share with them in writing because **there will be no open-mic opportunities**. Drop your card in one of the new offering boxes by Sunday, Dec. 9, to be included in the album. If you need another note card there are extras at church, or feel free to use your own.



If you'd like to contribute toward a retirement gift, contact Angela Boling. RSVP by text or phone to Angela at **772-532-2129** or email angelaboling@gmail.com



Transition Sunday – December 30, 2018

Erin Strickland watches as Brian plays in the background and Tristan speaks, circa 2005. On Dec. 30, Brian will step forward to accept the mantle of leadership from Tristan. Don't miss this special service.

Coming up at GraceSpring

Dec. 23, 10am – ‘Gathering’ Service
for the whole family to enjoy.



DOLLAR & A DISH

BRING A WRAPPED GIFT:
SPEND NO MORE THAN \$1

BRING A MAIN
DISH TO SHARE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12 AT 6PM

- COME DRESSED IN CHRISTMAS CHEER... AND SWEATERS!
NO APPAREL COMPETITION THIS YEAR.
EVERYONE IN CHRISTMAS APPAREL WILL BE ENTERED IN A DRAWING TO WIN A PRIZE!
- FUN FOR ALL AGES! SEPARATE \$1 WRAPPED GIFT EXCHANGE FOR KIDS

Holiday Remembrance Poinsettias



If you would like to buy a poinsettia to place in the sanctuary this Christmas in memory of a loved one, please fill out the tab on the bulletin. Cost is \$9 each and may be submitted with the tab or to Sherri D'Alessio. Order deadline: Dec. 9.



Important dates to remember:

Dec. 1, 9:30-noon – Rehearsal & pizza lunch
Dec. 23 & 24 – Performances

Thank you!

The outreach offering collected during **Offerfest: Thanks & Pie** totaled \$3,813.
Thank you for your generosity!

Making your list? Checking it twice?

If you're making your Christmas Card list, here are updated addresses for the Lites and Fisher families.

Lites Family

P.O. Box 662
Palmer, AK 99645

Fisher Family

4508 W. 56th Ave.
Hutchinson, KS 67502

December-January Birthdays

December 4	Sara Buchko
December 4	Drew Lindgren
December 6	Cricket Lindgren
December 6	George Wadsworth
December 7	Shannon Bragg
December 7	Leif Mieras
December 8	Jonathan Moyer
December 8	Jean Rose
December 9	Paul Halleran
December 10	Deena Rose
December 11	Bruce Swegan
December 12	MaryAnn Wood
December 14	Caroline Fisher
December 18	Hercule David
December 18	Ethan Malone
December 18	Steffan Malone
December 18	Matthias Turner
December 20	Pat Wadsworth
December 22	Natili Kempf
December 22	Kenneth Lones
December 25	Tristan Hohler
December 26	Bruce Bauslaugh
December 26	Heidi Vaughn
December 27	Megan Malone
December 27	Josiah Shappie
December 28	Luke Lites
January 1	Theo Mokoban
January 3	Eleanor Bisbee
January 3	Ted Kwarchak
January 3	Zachary Musgrove
January 4	Carolynn Lones
January 6	Donald Innes
January 6	Jennifer Innes
January 7	Ian Salvatore

Anniversaries

Dec. 20	Jeff & Kathy Orcutt
Dec. 31	Ken & Diane Strickland
January 1	Rick & Norma Lipfert
January 2	Leif & Katie Mieras
January 3	James & Beth Salvatore