

# First Sunday in Advent



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church  
December 2, 2012





**830 N. First Ave  
Tucson, AZ 85719**

Worshiping Sunday Morning  
at 7:45 & 10:00

# Welcome to Grace!

**Our mission at Grace** is to teach the inspired and inerrant Word of God, to proclaim that Jesus Christ is the crucified and risen Savior of the world and to nurture believers for lives of Christian service.



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### As We Gather

We welcome you in the name of Jesus Christ, the Lord and the Savior of all mankind. We are delighted that you have chosen to spend this hour of worship with us and pray that your faith will be strengthened and your spirit lifted as we exalt the Lord our God.

### A Prayer Before Worship

O God, compassionate Father and Friend, remember not our sins but rather remember your love and mercy. Relieve our distress and satisfy us with eternal peace through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## A Few Notes About Our Service

### The Order of Worship

God does not restrict us to specific orders of worship. We are free to worship him in many different ways. From ancient times Christians have chosen to use a "liturgy" to guide them in worship. The word "liturgy" means service. Liturgies are orders of worship which provide a solemn setting for songs and expressions of praise, repentance of sins, attentiveness to God's word, public profession of our faith, prayer, and support for his kingdom.

### Dialogue

The Lutheran liturgies contain a series of dialogues between the worship leader and the assembled congregation, and between the congregation and God. The movements of the worship leader are significant; they point the direction of our worship. When the worship leader faces the altar, it signifies that the leader and congregation are speaking to God with prayers or praises. At other times when the leader faces the congregation he is acting as God's spokesman who brings God's word to God's people.

### Advent—A Time to Wait

Sometimes perhaps, but not always. Especially not now at the beginning of a new church year. It's Advent again, that perennial four-week season of the year that Christians set aside to prepare for the coming of the Lord. Advent is a Latin word that means "coming." Coming implies waiting. Advent is an invitation to wait—quietly, patiently, expectantly, joyfully—not only to remember a Savior who has come, but one who will come again.

## MORNING PRAISE FOR ADVENT

*This order of service is based on the historic order for morning praise known as Matins. This contemporary setting is from Christian Worship: New Service Settings.*

### WELCOME

### CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS CHOIR

### Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful

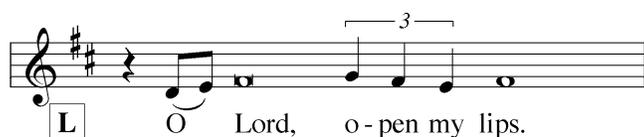
*Oh, come, all ye faithful,  
Joyful and triumphant,  
Oh, come ye, oh, come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come and behold him,  
Born the King of angels.*

*Refrain:  
Oh, come, let us adore him,  
Oh, come, let us adore him,  
Oh, come, let us adore him,  
Christ the Lord.*

### STAND

### RESPONSIVE SENTENCES

L: Leader C: Congregation



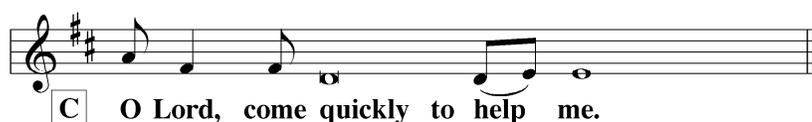
**L** O Lord, o - pen my lips.



**C** And my mouth shall de-clare your praise.



**L** Hasten to save me, O God.



**C** O Lord, come quickly to help me.



**L** Give glory to God, our light and our life.



**C** Come, oh, come, let us wor - ship.

## COME, OH, COME, LET US SING TO THE LORD

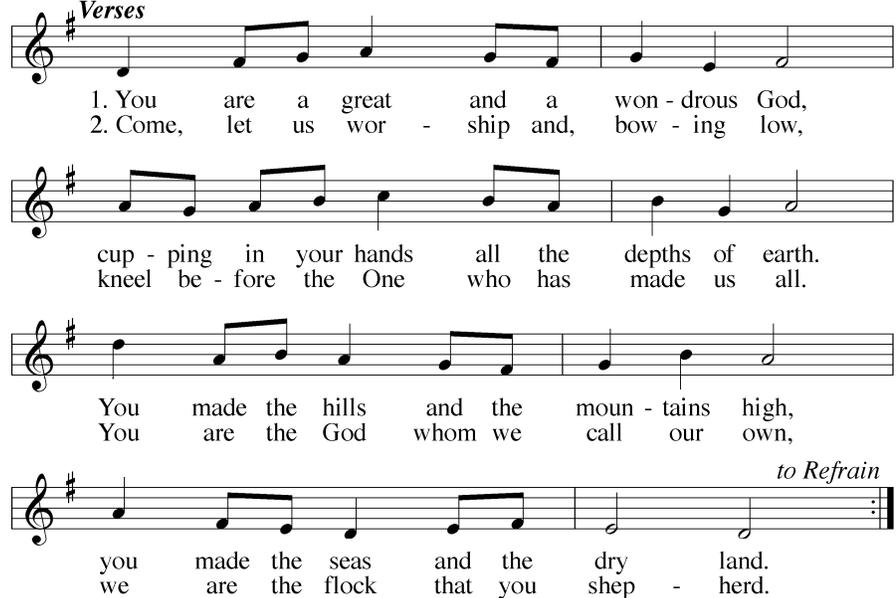
*Congregation sings the refrain and verses.*

### Refrain



Come, oh, come, let us sing to the Lord,  
let us shout with joy to our sav - ing Rock;  
come, en - ter in with our songs of praise,  
come, en - ter in with thanks - giv - ing.

### Verses



1. You are a great and a won - drous God,  
2. Come, let us wor - ship and, bow - ing low,  
cup - ping in your hands all the depths of earth.  
kneel be - fore the One who has made us all.  
You made the hills and the moun - tains high,  
You are the God whom we call our own,  
you made the seas and the dry land.  
we are the flock that you shep - herd.

*to Refrain*

### BE SEATED

#### FIRST LESSON

“The days are coming,’ declares the LORD, ‘when I will fulfill the gracious promise I made to the house of Israel and to the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David’s line; he will do what

#### Jeremiah 33:14-16

is just and right in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. This is the name by which it will be called: The LORD Our Righteousness.” (NIV)

*The First Lesson is frequently a reading from the Old Testament. It shares a common theme with the Second Lesson (often from one of the epistles) and the Gospel.*

## PSALM 63

*Please join in singing the refrain. Repeat the refrain after the vocalists sing each verse.*

### Refrain



In the morn-ing I will sing, I will  
sing glad songs to you, I will sing glad songs of praise to  
you. I will sing glad songs of praise to you.

1. O God, you are my God; for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory. **Refrain**
2. For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy. **Refrain**
3. On my bed I remember you. On you I muse through the night, for you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast. **Refrain**

## SECOND LESSON

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you again and supply what is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus clear the way for us to come to you.

## 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones. (NIV)

## VERSE OF THE DAY

## Revelation 22:20

**L:** Alleluia. He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Alleluia.

## GOSPEL

Luke 21:25-36

“There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. Men will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” He told them this parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees. When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is near. Even so, when you see these things

happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near. I tell you the truth, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with dissipation, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you unexpectedly like a trap. For it will come upon all those who live on the face of the whole earth. Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.” (NIV)

## HYMN

### Behold, a Branch Is Growing *Christian Worship #47*



1 Be - hold, a Branch is grow - ing Of love - liest form and  
2 I - sa - iah had fore - told it In words of prom - ise  
3 The shep - herds heard the sto - ry Pro - claimed by an - gels  
4 This flow'r, so small and ten - der, With fra - grance fills the

grace, As proph - ets sang, fore - know - ing; It springs from Jes - se's  
sure, And Mar - y's arms en - fold it, A vir - gin meek and  
bright, How Christ, the Lord of glo - ry, Was born on earth this  
air; His bright - ness ends the dark - ness That kept the earth in

race And bears one lit - tle flow'r In midst of  
pure. Through God's e - ter - nal will This child to  
night. To Beth - le - hem they sped And in the  
fear. True God and yet true man, He came to

cold - est win - ter, At deep - est mid - night hour.  
her is giv - en At mid - night calm and still.  
man - ger found him, As an - gel her - alds said.  
save his peo - ple From earth's dark night of sin.

- 5 O Savior, Child of Mary, Who felt our human woes,  
O Savior, King of glory, Who conquered all our foes,  
Bring us at last, we pray, To the bright courts of heaven  
And to the endless day.

**“A Prophet’s Perspective”**

- ◇ 12/2 – Jeremiah’s Righteous Branch
- ◇ 12/9 – Malachi’s Messenger
- ◇ 12/16 – Nehemiah’s Revival
- ◇ 12/23 – Micah’s Peace

STAND

**SONG OF ZECHARIAH**



1. Now bless the God of Is - ra - el, Who comes in love and  
 2. Re - mem - ber - ing the cov - e - nant, God res - cues us from  
 3. In ten - der mer - cy God will send The Day - spring from on



pow'r, Who rais - es from the roy - al house De -  
 fear, That we might serve in ho - li - ness And  
 high, Our ris - ing sun, the light of life For



liv - 'rance in this hour. Through ho - ly proph - ets  
 peace from year to year; And you, my child, shall  
 those who sit and sigh. God comes to guide our



God has sworn To free us from a - larm, To  
 go be - fore To preach, to proph - e - sy, That  
 way to peace That death shall reign no more, Sing



1., 2.  
 save us from the heav - y hand Of all who wish us harm.  
 all may know the ten - der love, The grace of God most high.



3.  
 prais - es to the Ho - ly One! O wor - ship and a - dore!

BE SEATED



If you prefer, use your smart phone to give online by scanning this QR code.

## OFFERING

Members of Grace respond to their Savior's love with offerings that are given joyfully, generously, regularly, and in a way that is proportionate to how the Lord has blessed them. Their cheerful gifts support the mission and ministry of our congregation. If you are a guest today, please know that we do not expect you to contribute to our congregation's work. However, if you would like to give an offering to the Lord in response to his love to you, we are happy to receive it and put it to work in God's kingdom.

Please fill out the Friendship Register located in the red folder at the end of the row and pass it along. Thank You!

## STAND

### LORD, HAVE MERCY

*Kyrie*

**L** In the morn - ing, O Lord, I call to you;  
 be mer - ci - ful to me and hear my prayer.

**C** Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have  
 mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christians stand for congregational prayer showing the freedom of God's children to come boldly into his presence. The Christian theologian Augustine (400 AD) adds, "We pray standing...as a sign of the Resurrection."

## PRAYERS

**L:** Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

**L:** Eternal Father, throughout the centuries you repeated and reaffirmed your promise to send the offspring of the woman to crush the serpent's head. Through your prophets of old, you continually directed the eyes of your people to the advent of their Savior. As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our King, use your mighty Word to shatter our pride and to rouse us from spiritual slumber and apathy. Fill us instead with the joy and peace of the forgiveness of sins through Jesus Christ your Son. Direct our eyes both to the manger and to the skies, where we will see Jesus coming again in glory.

**C:** **Come, Lord Jesus! Amen.**

*Special prayers may be included here.*

**L:** O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

**C:** Amen.

### LORD'S PRAYER

**C:** Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

*Matthew 6 and Luke 11 record how Jesus taught his disciples to pray. We use his example prayer as part of our public worship, trusting that he will hear and answer our prayers.*



**L** Let us praise the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

### BLESSING



**L** The Lord bless and keep you.



**C** A - men.



**L** The Lord's face ev - er shine up - on you.



**C** A - men.



**L** The Lord grant you peace for all your days.



**C** A - men.

BE SEATED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN

Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes

Christian Worship #12

1 Hark the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, The Sav - ior  
 2 He comes the cap - tives to re - lease, In Sa - tan's  
 3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, The bleed - ing  
 4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, Your wel - come

prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart pre -  
 pris - on held. The gates of brass be -  
 soul to cure, And with the trea - sures  
 shall pro - claim, And heav'n's e - ter - nal

pare a throne And ev - 'ry voice a song.  
 fore him burst; The i - ron fet - ters yield.  
 of his grace To en - rich the hum - ble poor.  
 arch - es ring With your be - lov - ed name.

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

- Worship Leader ..... Pastor Colin Rieke
- Accompanist ..... Teri Guenther
- Vocalists ..... Pastor Rieke & Sue Sargent
- Christmas for Kids Director ..... Kristin Rieke
- Sound Technician ..... Jason Watson & Christian Watson

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**Service**

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## Grace-Vail Announcements and Upcoming Events

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### *Read Ahead for Next Sunday:*

Malachi 3:1-4  
I Corinthians 4:1-5  
Luke 3:1-6

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### **You are invited**

Thank you for joining us in worship this morning. We invited you to join us for a time of “meet and greet” after the service. Enjoy some coffee and cookies while you get to know those worshipping with you this morning.

### **Help with Take-Down and Clean-Up**

If you have extra time following the service and would like to help break down the worship area and put equipment away, it would be appreciated. The more hands we have helping, the faster it gets done. Please speak with Pastor Rieke or Jason Watson (the guy working the sound table) if you have questions.

### **Nursery Available**

Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” Therefore, we welcome children in our worship service. If, however, you feel the need to calm or feed your young children, we do have a nursery available. Follow the signs through the south entrance doors to find it.

### **Scrip Now Available Here at Vail!**

Do you spend money? Of course you do. Do you buy groceries, go out to eat, buy gifts, gas for your vehicle, travel? We all do. If you already spend the money, why not have a percentage of it donated to Christian education or our congregation at no additional cost to you? Does it sound too good to be true? There is a way to do it and it is called **Scrip!** The Arizona Lutheran Academy (ALA) Scrip Program was set up to raise money for ALA and other Arizona WELS schools and churches and is used by many of our churches all over the state. How does it work? You buy gift cards from our Scrip representatives for the stores, restaurants, hotels, or airlines at which you want to shop. Use the cards to make your purchases. It's that easy! The hardest part is remembering to do it and knowing what you want in advance. Our scrip reps try to make it easy for you. They have lists available for you to choose your retailers. They have many cards on hand and have them available each Sunday or you can meet up with them during the week. They will work with you to help you get what you want. Grace has three Scrip Representatives. Vic & Lois Thornton and Debbie Koehler sell at our University site and **Jen Watson sells at our Vail site.** We are all trying to make our money go farther and we are not asking you to spend extra money. Plan ahead, use Scrip and help raise money for Christian Education and our congregation. If you have questions please ask!

# Grace-University Announcements and Upcoming Events



## Koiné CDs

CDs by the WELS musical group Koiné are being sold as a fundraiser for Redeemer Lutheran School. There are six CD choices, including their brand new Christmas CD, each available for \$15. If you would like to order a CD or to get more information, please see Lucas Guenther or the other Redeemer students that will be in the Courtyard after worship or speak to Pastor Kassulke. Today is the last day we will be taking orders.

## In-Betweeners' White Elephant Party

The In-Betweeners will have a White Elephant Christmas party this Friday, December 7 at 5:00 PM at the clubhouse of Cinda Drescher & Geri DeRosa (the clubhouse is at the end of the street just south of their home, 5716 N. Camino De Las Estrellas). There is also parking at the end of the next street, Camino Noche. The meat and beverages will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share and a wrapped White Elephant gift. If you have questions call Cinda or Geri at 615-6059. *This is a once a year social activity that is open to all adults.*

## Christmas for Kids

Christmas for Kids is this Saturday, December 8 from 9:30 AM-1:00 PM at Grace-University. Registration forms can be found online at [www.GraceTucsonWELS.com/c4k](http://www.GraceTucsonWELS.com/c4k) and on the table in the Fellowship Hall.

## Christian Fellowship Group Christmas Potluck

The Christian Fellowship Group will hold their annual Potluck Christmas Party at Jo Davis' home (1899 W. Camelot) on Saturday, December 8 at noon. Dorothy Kaiser is co-hostess. Following the meal Christmas carols will be sung. **Please RSVP by December 6 to Jo (624-9156) or Dorothy (622-3159) if you plan to attend.** *The Christian Fellowship Group provides people 55 and older with an opportunity to enjoy the company of others on a very informal basis.*



## Advent Services and Suppers

Midweek Advent Services will be held on December 5, 12 and 19 at Grace-University at 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM. *Advent Through the Fathers' Eyes* is our theme as we consider the Savior's coming into the world through the eyes of God the Father and Jesus' earthly father, Joseph. These services are designed to help us prepare our hearts for the celebration of our Savior's birth on Christmas.

You are invited to join your brothers and sisters in Christ for supper at 6:00 PM in the fellowship hall prior to each of these services. We need volunteers to host the meals on December 12 and 19 (individuals, families, groups, or any combination). There are information sheets in the Fellowship Hall which explain how to host one of these meals. Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall or call the church office if you would like to serve in this way.

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# This Week at Grace (12/2/12 - 12/9/12)

## Grace—University

## Grace—Vail

### TODAY

Worship Services/Communion ..... 7:45 & 10:00a  
 Coffee Fellowship following both services .....  
 Children's Sunday School ..... 8:45a  
 Youth Confirmation Class ..... 8:45a  
 Lifeliners (High School Group): *Bible Study* ..... 9:00a  
 Adult Bible Study:  
 • *The Life of Christ: Jesus' Miracles* (Fellowship Hall)..... 9:00a  
 WELS TCM Bible Study: *Eegee's & an Epistle*..... 7:00p

### Monday

English as a Second Language Classes ..... 6:30p

### Tuesday

Handbell Practice ..... 5:30p  
 English as a Second Language Classes ..... 6:30p

### Wednesday

Midweek Advent Worship ..... 10:00a  
 Wind Ensemble ..... 5:00p  
 Advent Supper in Fellowship Hall ..... 6:00p  
 Midweek Advent Worship ..... 7:00p

### Thursday

Women's Bible Study: *Philippians* ..... 9:00a  
 Worship Choir ..... 6:30p  
 Grow in Grace Class (Conference Room in Office) ..... 7:30p

### Friday

In-Betweeners' Christmas Party ..... 5:00p  
 Grace Iron Men at Clicks Billiards ..... 7:00p

### Saturday

Christmas for Kids at Grace-University ..... 9:30a-1:00p  
 Christian Fellowship Christmas Party at Jo Davis' ..... 12:00p

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Bible Study & Discussion ..... 9:00a  
 Sunday School ..... 9:00a  
 Worship Service/Communion ..... 10:00a  
 "Meet & Greet" Fellowship ..... after worship

### Monday

Bible Study at Vail Golf Club: *Book of Acts* ..... 9:30a

### Thursday

Financial Peace University at Cottonwood Elem ..... 7:00p

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### Christmas Cantata

Sunday, December 16 at 7:00 PM the Grace Worship Choir will present "Shout the Good News!" This work shares the Christmas message in Scripture and song. Join us in the Grace Fellowship Hall for a lasagna dinner at 5:00 PM before the concert. Dinner is served until about 6:30 PM. The concert will begin at 7:00 in the Church. You are invited to contribute to a freewill offering. The offering will be used to offset the cost of the dinner and of this and future musical performances. There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall and on the Grace-Vail welcome table for anyone who would like to help with various aspects of the dinner.

### Grace Iron Men

The newly formed men's group for men of Grace who are 21 and older met for the first time in November for Gridiron Monday to watch Monday night football together. Our second event will take place this Friday, December 7 at Click's Billiards, 3325 N. First Avenue. No need to RSVP, just show up and shoot some pool—we'll be looking for you from 7 PM on! Bring some cash for pool and food and drinks if you want them. Grace Iron Men will be meeting about once per month on various days of the week for fellowship events and Bible studies. You can help us decide what we we'll do in the coming months!



## HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### Midweek Advent Services

Wednesday, December 5, 12, 19  
at 10:00 AM & 7:00 PM  
with a supper at 6:00 PM.

### Christmas Day Festival Worship

Tuesday, December 25 at 10:00 AM at  
both Grace-University and Grace-Vail.

### Christmas Eve Children's Service

Monday, December 24 at 7:00 PM at  
Grace-University. No service at Grace-Vail.

### New Year's Eve Worship

Monday, December 31 at 7:00 PM at  
Grace-University. No service at Grace-Vail.

### Zanotti Christmas Party

Members of Grace are invited to the home of Shirley & Tony Zanotti (7847 E. Jack Oak Road) on Friday, December 14 at 5:30 PM for a Christmas party. Food and drinks will be provided. **Please RSVP by December 11 to the Zanottis (722-7036).**

### Worship CD Copies

Worship CDs will no longer be made automatically, but by request. If you would like a copy of this morning's worship service, please ask the sound technician for one following the 10:00 AM service. It only takes a few minutes to copy and you're welcome to wait for it. Printed copies of the sermon can still be found under the glass display case in the entryway. You can also find videos of our services, sermons copies, and worship folders online at [www.GraceTucsonWels.com](http://www.GraceTucsonWels.com).

### Thank You's

Bob Rentschler would like to thank everyone for their prayers and cards during his recent back surgery and recovery.

Pete & Terry Kosanke and family would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, and visits during Pete's 63 days in the hospital and care facility. Pete is again hospitalized and he requests your continued prayers.

### New Cards in the Fellowship Hall

There are new cards and Christmas card boxes available for purchase on the south wall of the Fellowship Hall. Feel free to stop by and check them out! If you have any questions please contact Lisa Lenius at 308-4266.

## Tuition Tax Credit

Students from Grace at Redeemer Lutheran School and Arizona Lutheran Academy have received over \$24,000 this year in tuition tax credit awards. You can help support Lutheran education and receive a credit on your Arizona state income taxes (up to \$503 per person and up to your income tax liability). Donations made to the HELP Scholarship Foundation before the end of the year will be awarded to students in early spring. Please make use of this program if you are able to do so. If you have any questions, please speak to Stephanie Weinstein (623-3759) or one of the pastors. **Pick up a flyer and a donation form brochure in the Fellowship Hall.** New this year, if you have further tax liability, you may be able to donate an additional \$500 per person to the "Plus" scholarship program and receive a dollar-for-dollar tax credit. Donations to HELP may be recommended for one of the students from Grace.

Grace currently supports 11 of our active members who are students enrolled at Redeemer and 6 at ALA.

