

PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT READING

Congregational Chorus

You have drawn near that we might draw near
Love and compassion that drives out all fear

You have drawn near that I might draw near
You've opened the heavens and met all of us right here.

OPENING HYMN

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

SONGS OF WORSHIP & PRAISE

Children dismissed for Nursery

PASTORAL PRAYER

Celebrate Recovery

Celebrate Recovery is a biblical and balanced program that helps us overcome our hurts, hang-ups, and habits. It is based on the actual words of Jesus rather than psychological theory.

MESSAGE

The Heart of Our Church

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

BENEDICTION

Please join us for cookies in the foyer following the service

SERMON NOTES

How Can We Pray For You?

If you would like prayer for anything please fill out a prayer card, which will be available in the pews, and place it in the box in the foyer under the t.v. or email your request to prayer@grandmaraisfree.church

Choir Practice

Would you like to join a mens and women's choral ensemble to bring special music to the Sunday evening Christmas Eve service on December 24th? Your vocally gifted visiting relatives can be drafted as well!

If interested, contact Bruce Dahlman by call or text at 218 940 9575 before Monday December 18th.

Special thanks to costume designs: E. Niemeier, L. Waterhouse & K. Nelson

Weekly Events

Tuesday 11:15 – 12:15 **High School Lunch** at Patten’s
See Andrea for permission slip.

Wednesday 5:45 – 8:15 pm **Youth Group**
7:00 pm **Adult Prayer** in the Foyer

Thursday **Celebrate Recovery** 5:30 pm Dinner 6:10 pm
Large Group 7:00 pm Men’s & Women’s Small Group

Christmas Eve, Sunday December 24

No Sunday School
Worship Service at 10:30 am
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 5:00 pm
Cookies will be served after.

Church Council Meeting

Sunday January 7, following the service there will be a church council meeting for all Elders, Deacons & Deaconesses. Lunch will be served.
Annual Meeting will be January 28, following the service.

Happy Birthday, what a gift you are to our church
Mark Glasnapp 12/19, Nick Niemeyer 12/19, GV Silence 12/19, Dawn Sjogren 12/20, Wally Sjogren 12/21

	<u>December 17</u>	<u>December 24</u>	<u>December 31</u>
Ushers	Harsdorf Pszwaro	Dahlman T. Dean	Seim Martinson
Sonshine Club			
Nursery	Cathy	This could be you!	
Missions	CR/Laky	Okontoe/Laky	

Advent Week #3 bulletin artwork: John Collier’s *The Annunciation* (2000)

Symbolism includes:

- Mary holds a book as a symbol of her piety and the lily is a symbol of her purity
- The dove perched in the background is the symbol of the Holy Spirit
- While using these familiar elements, Collier retells the story for our present day: Mary is a young schoolgirl with a ponytail, still in her uniform, and she lives in a suburban neighborhood. Her shoes are untied, depicting her youthful play. At the same time, she looks squarely at the angel and Collier portrays her as a figure of strength, steadfastness, and faith. She looks squarely at the angel, who in contrast bows reverently before her, paying homage to God’s grace manifest in his lowly handmaid.

Our church is currently seeking a new Lead Pastor to replace Pastor Dave. The Church Profile & Job Description can be found at <https://www.grandmaraisfree.church/church-profile-job-description/>

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Grand Marais Evangelical Free Church
9:15 Christian Education Hour
10:30 am Worship Service & Sonshine Club
December 17, 2023