



Tuesday, January 13, 2025

Dear Grace,

As we're already deep into the new year, I pray you continue to see and savor signs of the **light of Jesus Christ** around you—light that shines in the darkness and brings peace, hope, joy, and love. **May you let that light shine through you**—at home, school, work, at the gym, in your car and neighborhood and all the other spaces!

I am so grateful for you and the gift it is to be your pastor. You've welcomed me with love as you share your lives with me. I cherish learning your stories and witnessing God at work within you. And I celebrate all the ways you say yes to God working within us!

In 2025, we...

- **Welcomed 11 new members** into the life of our church!
- **Celebrated 2 adult baptisms and made promises to 4 kids at their baptisms!**
- **Launched a year-long Confirmation class** with 6 students—**4 youth and 2 adults!**
- **Established weekly Bible study** with 12 regular attendees—we call this the “sermon laboratory” as the group helps shape the upcoming Sunday sermon!



- **Revived Sunday School** with an average of 15 attendees including adults and youth—and **revived Youth Group** with 14 youth connecting.
- **Blessed 35 children and youth** through June's Vacation Bible School.
- **Served 1,733 neighbors** through our community ministries including Blessing Bags, Fall Festival, Grace Food Pantry, Kids Meals, and Love Park.

- **Empowered 144 church members and community members to serve through our community ministries.**



- **Gathered folks of all ages for community life and faith formation through Bells, Choir, Grace Weekday School Monday Chapel and Friday Spirit Day, Lunch Bunch (formerly known as Senior Luncheon), Messy Church, United Women in Faith.**
- **Welcomed over 20 groups into the life of our community as partners who gather on campus weekly (and some daily!)—they contribute to Grace’s neighborhood ministry as stewards and tenants.**
- **Finished 2025 financially strong**—while we’re still closing out the books, it’s looking like we ended the year with ~\$87K surplus! This is due to your faithful giving, our thriving dayschool, new community partner tenants, and keeping expenses low. We paid 100% of our apportionments, retired ~\$40K of our debt, and celebrated 4 new pledged givers and 54 new givers joining Grace’s generosity movement!

Grace, look at God! And look at you! What a joy it is to walk alongside you as you lean into God’s goodness and abundance—you’re making it known to one another and to our neighbors. I can’t wait to see what the Spirit does through you in 2026. You’ll find your contribution statement attached. Please reach out to our Business and Facility Manager Christina Memmer (info@graceintheheights.org) with any questions.

In Christ—and with you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the name 'Hannah'.

Pastor Hannah