



## ADVENT BRUNCH

The Women of Grace's annual Advent Luncheon is Saturday, December 7th at 11:00 AM. Tickets for the Brunch and program are \$5.00. Please purchase your tickets by November 27th. Tickets may be purchased in the office or from any Circle Member.

## NEW LIFE CENTER

The New Life Center Christmas gift box is in the Narthex. A list of items needed for the male residents is attached to the box.

## CHILDLIKE FAITH

One Sunday, a retired professor heard his pastor invite children to come to the chancel steps for a message. As the children walked forward, so did the professor. As the children sat on the steps, so did he.

The pastor wasn't surprised. Knowing that the congregation would be curious, he mentioned receiving a call from the professor a few days earlier. The professor said he'd recently read again how Jesus called a child to stand before him and then told the crowd, "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 18:3, NRSV)

May we all have such a childlike faith.

Lord, you are our refuge and strength. Help us be humble in your presence and discover your desire for each of our lives.

## FIRST MILE MISSION

First Mile Mission Giving begins in all UM Churches with Apportionments: 'A Portion Meant' for mission. Grace's 1st Mile Mission Giving Goal is \$20,813 or \$104.07 each member. Generous givers are already **Paving The Way** to meeting that goal, with \$7,264.02 given to date: about 35% of our goal.

## DONUTS



Donuts will be made on Wednesday, November 20th beginning at 6:00 AM. This will be the last time to order donuts until sometime in 2014. Please place your orders with Judy Anderson, 236-0183, or the office, 233-1857. Donuts are to be picked up by 9:00 AM. The last day to order is Wednesday, November 18th

## CONTRIBUTIONS

All contributions must be received in the office by Noon, on December 31, 2013 to be counted as a 2013 contribution. All contributions received after that date will be counted as a 2014 contribution.

## REPORTS



Church Conference Reports are **NOW** due in the office.

## LYDIA CIRCLE

Lydia Circle will meet on Thursday, November 21st at the home of Diana Stead, 3507 20th Street South, Fargo.