Below is a collage of pictures taken of our float entry for the Modesto annual Celebration of Lights parade held on December 7. It was a wonderful way to kick off our 100 year anniversary celebration of Grace Lutheran Church. We thank you for approving our request for a Community Outreach Mini Grant. It was what made this outreach to the community possible. In addition to the float, many of our congregation walked the parade route and handed out 1000 candy canes attached to a card with the story of the candy cane and an invitation to join us in worship.

We were blessed to have many volunteers of all ages from our congregation participate in the planning and in the actual parade. Many of us were able to connect one on one with parade spectators. Several of whom had attended Grace in the past and our presence was a reminder to them that we are still here and welcoming. We hope to be able to participate in the annual 4th of July parade as another visual outreach to our friends and neighbors in Modesto. Importantly we feel this is a good way to reach young families who may be looking for a church home.