



Good News of Grace



December 2019

Grace Lutheran Church
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“Reaching out to all people as Disciples of Christ, we serve God, proclaim our faith and care for all creation.”

December Highlights

December 1 - Advent Season Begins

Christmas Worship schedule

December 15 - Christmas Program
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December 24—Christmas Eve

Join us for a festive and lively family-friendly Eucharist service at **4pm** complete with candlelight.

Join us at **6pm** for a festival worship service also with communion and candlelight.

December 25—Christmas Day

Join us for a lively Eucharist service at **10am**



A Note from Pastor Bill

Well, here we are already. My last newsletter article of 2019. It continues to amaze me how fast the years go. Time is an amazing thing. And when you think about it, time is the only thing we ever truly have.

I remember reading an article that shared the idea that money is just a representation of time. You receive a paycheck for time spent on the job. Gifts of money also represent time people have spent earning that money. It also

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Worship and Education

Worship Schedule:

Sunday - 9am

Tuesday Devotional - 12:10pm



Education

Faith Formation - Sundays 10:15am

Bible Study - Thursday 12pm

Grace's Welcome Statement

Grace Lutheran Church is a religious community that celebrates the gifts of God that empower us to engage in the struggles of life, to care for each other, and to serve Christ where we work and live. Grace is a “Reconciling in Christ” congregation, which means we welcome the participation of people of all ages, races, ethnic backgrounds, sexual orientations, gender identities, education backgrounds, and economic conditions – all who want to join us in serving God, proclaiming our faith, and caring for all creation.

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News and Notes

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suggested that a chair does not take up space as much as it takes up time. When you place a chair in the corner of the room is not taking up space as much as it is taking up time where something else could have been placed in that spot. I know this is all kind of philosophical.

Time is valuable. From the beginning of creation all God has ever wanted was to spend time with people. From Eve and Adam in the garden to the tabernacle in the wilderness to the temple. God has always desired time with people.

Enter Jesus. Jesus - God is with us - Emmanuel. God's desire to be with people was so strong He even took on human form to spend time with us in our human experience. Jesus lived with us, cried with us, celebrated with us, and walked with us. Jesus spent time teaching us what it meant to be in a relationship with the Holy One. Jesus was a man of time.

During this holiday season we will think a lot about time. Do we have enough time to shop? Are we going to have enough time to visit all the people we want to visit? But, more importantly we need to ask ourselves are we going to make time to spend with God in prayer...in worship.

We have a lot of services this month and each one of them will give you the opportunity to spend time with God. Please plan your holiday celebrations to include time for worship. This is the most valuable thing we can give to God. Time building our connection with the one who has given us so much. And when we do that we are blessed with the building of connections with each other.



Master Singers of Milwaukee

Share the magic of the holiday season with the Master Singers of Milwaukee and the choirs of Muskego High School and Port Washington High School. Old favorites and hidden gems will be performed. Experience the lively acoustics of St. Joseph Chapel when you join in a carol sing-along.



The 'Unto Us a Child is Born' performances will be held on December 14 and 15 as follows:

Saturday, December 14, 2019 at 5:00 pm

St. Joseph Chapel

1501 S. Layton Blvd., Milwaukee, WI

Sunday, December 15, 2019 at 4:00 pm

St. Joseph Chapel

1501 S. Layton Blvd., Milwaukee, WI

MAMCCO Concert Reminder

Mr. Dearing will conduct two presentations of the great majority of Handel's Messiah, leading professional soloists and orchestra with a chorus of 85 singers. This is an annual event you don't want to miss! And it's absolutely free! A free will offering will be taken for the Milwaukee Rescue Mission (www.milmission.org). Visit www.mamcco.org for more information.

Friday, December 6, 2019 – 7:30 pm (Doors open at 7) at Saint Anthony on the Lake
W280N2101 Prospect Ave, Pewaukee, WI 53072

Sunday, December 8, 2019 – 3 pm (Doors open at 2:30) at Crossroads Presbyterian Church, 6031 W Chapel Hill Rd., Mequon, WI 53097



DECEMBER LEADERS

| | GREETERS | HOSTS |
|----|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| | 9:00 am | |
| 1 | Jim and Anna Martin | Betty Thompson |
| 8 | Alice Neitzel | Geri Schesel |
| 15 | Christmas Program | Christmas Program |
| 22 | Jim & Judy Button | Sandy Smith |
| 24 | 4pm Steve Mussatti 6pm TBD | TBD TBD |
| 25 | 10am TBD | TBD |
| 29 | Stacy Rauen | Jen & Matt Bartz |

| COMMUNION ASSISTANTS | | |
|----------------------|--------------------|---|
| | Bread | Wine |
| 1 | Rip McManus | 1. Rosa McManus 2. Dean Arneson |
| 8 | Tom Gauthier | 1. Elsbeth Bruhnke 2. Helga Ickert |
| 15 | Christmas Program | 1. Christmas Program 2. Christmas Program |
| 22 | Jim Button | 1. Judy Button 2. Holly Grassin-Kremmel |
| 24 | 4pm TBD 6pm TBD | 1. Elsbeth Bruhnke 2. Geri Schesel 1. Pam Johnson 2. TBD |
| 25 | 10am TBD | 1. JoAnn Holdmann 2. TBD |
| 29 | Ross Greinke | 1. Kathy Young 2. Cindy Karthausen |

| ACOLYTES | |
|----------|-------------------|
| | 9 am |
| 1 | Sadie Ferguson |
| 8 | Antonio Baum |
| 15 | Christmas Program |
| 22 | Logan Hamm |
| 24 | TBD |
| 25 | TBD |
| 29 | Madalynne Baum |

Pews: Mary Karthausen

| READERS | |
|---------|--|
| | 9am |
| 1 | Ben Lindsay |
| 8 | Alice Sedgwick |
| 15 | Christmas Program |
| 22 | Linda Finnigan |
| 24 | 4pm Holly Grassin-Kremmel 6pm Pam Johnson |
| 25 | 10am JoAnn Holdmann |
| 29 | Mary Karthausen |

| COFFEE FELLOWSHIP (sign up with a buddy!) | |
|---|---|
| 1 | Ross Walker, Erv Uecker, Kim Nagel and Anna Martin for Erv & Ross' Anniv. |
| 8 | TBD |
| 15 | Christmas Program |
| 22 | TBD |
| 29 | TBD |

COMMUNION SET-UP (9am—See Diane Umhoefer to sign)

- Dec. 1 Karen Larsen
- Dec. 8 Beth Buczynski
- Dec. 15 Lisa & Andrew Knuth
- Dec. 22 Leigh Benson
- Dec. 24 4pm Holly Grassin-Kremmel
- Dec. 24 6pm Ross Greinke
- Dec. 25 10am
- Dec. 29 Leigh Benson

USHERS

- Dec. 1 Cindy Kathausen & Gretchen Karthausen
- Dec. 8 Jim & Anna Martin
- Dec. 15 Christmas Program
- Dec. 22 Nancy Perez & Diane Umhoefer
- Dec. 24 4pm Dieter Bruhnke and TBD
- Dec. 24 6pm TBD
- Dec. 25 10am TBD
- Dec. 29 Sandy Smith & Joyce Winghart

COUNTERS

- Dec. 1/2 Marcia Seehusen* & Diane Umhoefer
- Dec. 8/9 John Walch* and Shirley Warber
- Dec. 15/16 Ralph Buchweitz* and Christa Buchweitz
- Dec. 22/23 Mark Ortell* and Jim Button
- Dec. 27/29 Steve Mussatti* and Beth Buczynski

Help us Serve!

Please help us out in the office by letting us know if you would like to be a worship volunteer. Try something new! We'll get you trained and ready to go!

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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|---|---|--|--|--|---|
| <p style="text-align: right;">ADVENT 1 1</p> <p>8:30am Chancel Choir Warm-up 9:00am Worship/ Com. 10:15am Christmas Program Rehearsal 10:30am WAM Team Meeting</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">2</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">3</p> <p style="text-align: center;">12:10pm Worship/Com</p> <p>6:30pm Scouts</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">4</p> <p>8:15am Guest House Sandwiches</p> <p>5:30pm Band Practice</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">5</p> <p>9:30am Quilting 12:00pm Bible Study 6:30pm Bell Rehearsal</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">6</p> <p>6:00pm Cookie Sale Set Up</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">7</p> <p>9:00am Cookie Sale 9:00am Men's Bible Study 9:00am SBG Practice 10:00am Christmas Program Rehearsal</p> |
| <p style="text-align: right;">ADVENT 2 8</p> <p>8:00am Bell Choir Warm-up 8:30am Men/Women Choirs Warm-up 8:30am SBG Warm Up 9:00am Worship/ Com. <i>Blood Pressure Screening Before/After Worship</i> 10:15am Christmas Program Rehearsal 10:30am Faith Formation 12:00pm Kue Family Event - FH</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">9</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Office Closed</i></p> <p>5:00pm Lego League Banquet F. Hall</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">10</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Office Closed</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">12:10pm Worship/Com</p> <p>6:30pm Scouts 7:00pm Council Meeting</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">11</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Office Closed</i></p> <p>5:30pm Band Practice</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">12</p> <p>12:00pm Bible Study 6:30pm Bell Rehearsal 6:30pm Christmas Program Rehearsal</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">13</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">14</p> <p>9:00am SBG Practice 9:00am Christmas Program Rehearsal</p> |
| <p style="text-align: right;">ADVENT 3, CHRISTMAS PGM 15</p> <p>9:00am Worship/ Com. 10:30am Chancel Choir Reh.</p> <p>6:00pm Confirmation Class</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">16</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">17</p> <p style="text-align: center;">12:10pm Worship/Com</p> <p>6:30pm Scouts</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">18</p> <p>8:15am Guest House Sandwiches</p> <p>5:30pm Band Practice</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">19</p> <p>9:30am Quilting 12:00pm Bible Study 6:30pm Bell Rehearsal</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">20</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">21</p> <p>9:00am Men's Bible Study</p> <p>3:00pm Kurtz Family Dinner Luther Room</p> |
| <p style="text-align: right;">ADVENT 4 22</p> <p>8:30am Chancel Choir Warm-up 9:00am Worship/ Com.</p> <p>10:30am Men's Chorus Reh.</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">23</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">CHRISTMAS EVE 24</p> <p style="text-align: center;">4:00pm Worship/Com 6:00pm Worship/Com</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">CHRISTMAS DAY 25</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10:00am Worship/Com</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">26</p> <p>9:00am Quilting 12:00pm Bible Study 6:30pm Bell Rehearsal</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">27</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">28</p> <p>9:00am SBG Practice</p> |
| <p style="text-align: right;">29</p> <p>8:15am SBG Band Warm-up 9:00am Worship/ Com. 10:30am Women's Choir Reh.</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">30</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">31</p> <p style="text-align: center;">12:10pm Worship/Com</p> | | | | |

News and Notes

All Peoples Church Food Pantry Item Update

All Peoples is very much in need of non-perishable food items. Please drop items in the bin in the narthex.



Guest House Sandwiches

We assemble sandwiches for the guests at the Guest House *twice* each month, on the first and third Wednesdays, at 8:15am. Join us for this opportunity to serve and to enjoy fellowship with one another on Wednesday, **December 4** and **18**.



Social Concerns Christmas Reminders

Annual Cookie/Bake Sale

Date: Saturday, December 7
Time: 9am-Noon
Location: Fellowship Hall



Sign up at the communication desk. We also need helpers to set up the Fellowship Hall the night before the sale (Friday, December 6 at 6pm), as well as helpers on the day of the sale.

Social Concerns Gifts

The deadline for Christmas wish list gifts for Lasata, Guest House, and All Peoples is December 9.



All items must be new! Please do not wrap gifts for Guest House or Lasata.

Memorial Fund Activity for October

| | |
|----------------------|----------------|
| Income: | \$36 |
| Expenditures: | \$60 |
| Balance: | \$5,345 |
| (Designated: | \$2,580) |
| (Available: | \$2,765) |

December Birthdays

| Name | Date |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| Dieter Bruhnke | 2 |
| Dee Christofferson-Robar | 5 |
| Bill Luebke | 6 |
| Erich Nemcek | 7 |
| Kari Gilhams | 9 |
| Haley Carney | 10 |
| Gerald Bettridge | 12 |
| Tom Leidel | 12 |
| Steve Smiley | 16 |
| Kris Ertl | 17 |
| John Junker | 17 |
| Aaron Zenke | 18 |
| Becca Laabs | 19 |
| Karen Larsen | 20 |
| Dorene Achterberg | 21 |
| Suzy Wagner | 21 |
| Laurie Plotkin | 23 |
| Tony Ferguson | 25 |
| Sophie Biggin | 30 |
| Emily James | 30 |
| Jennifer Hamm | 31 |



If you have a birthday this month and your name is not listed, we apologize. Please call the church office so that we update our records.

Thank you!

Christmas Pageant Program

This year's program is titled "*The Reverse Christmas Story*" by Bill Beyer. The Program will be December 15 at 9am. Be sure to bring your friends!

Rehearsals for the program are as follows:

- Sunday December 1 after service, 10:15am to 11am
- Saturday December 7, 10am to 11:00am
- Sunday December 8 after service, 10:15am to 11:30am
- Wednesday December 11, 6:30pm to 7:30pm
- Saturday December 14, 9am to 11am



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GOOD NEWS OF GRACE

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Worship with Holy Communion:

Sundays: 9:00am
Tuesdays: 12:10pm

Education:

Faith Formation - Sundays 10:15am
Bible Study - Thursdays: 12pm



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