

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 8, 2019**

SUN	8:30 AM	Traditional Worship Service
	9:45 AM	Family Book Club
	9:45 AM	Sunday School/Sunday Book Club
	9:45 AM	Vitality Survey Discussion
	10:45 AM	Contemporary Worship
	5:15 PM	Youthful Spirit & Laudate
	6:15 PM	Graceful Ringers
MON	9:00 AM	Preschool 3, 4 & 5 year olds
	6:30 PM	Boy Scouts
TUES	9:00 AM	Preschool 2, 4 & 5 year olds
	1:00 PM	Afternoon Bible Study
WED	9:00 AM	Preschool 3, 4 & 5 year olds
	12:30 PM	Staff Meeting
	4:45 PM	Chimes
	5:15 PM	Cherubs/ PrimeTime– Pizza
	6:00 PM	Confirmation/Joyful Sound/Revelation Ringers
	7:00 PM	Midweek Advent Service
	7:30 PM	Chancel Choir
THUR	9:00 AM	Preschool 2, 4 & 5 year olds
	6:30 PM	BSA Roundtable
FRI	9:00 AM	Preschool 3, 4 & 5 year olds
SAT	9:00 AM	Band
	5:00 PM	Worship

WELCOME CENTER HOST- There is a need for a welcome center host the 4th Sunday of the month before the 10:45 a.m. service. If you are interested, please contact Janette Hess at rdbj210@gmail.com or the church office.

SAVE THE DATE–

Vitality Survey Discussion– DEC 8
 Boy Scout Holiday Party—DEC 9
 Afternoon Bible Study– DEC 10
 Advent Service– DEC 11
 Lesson & Carols One service– DEC 15
 No Sunday School—DEC 15
 Senior Luncheon– DEC 17
 Afternoon Bible Study– DEC 17
 Advent Service– DEC 18
 DAP/Council– DEC 19
 Preschool Christmas Program– DEC 19
 Christmas Eve Services– DEC 24
 Christmas Day Service– DEC 25
 Church Office Closed– DEC 25 & 26
 Church Office Closed– JAN 1
 Sunday Book Club– JAN 5

Afternoon Bible Study– JAN 7
 Sunday Book Club– JAN 12
 Afternoon Bible Study– JAN 14
 Council– JAN 16
 Sunday Book Club– JAN 19
 Church Office Closed– JAN 20
 Faith Circle– JAN 20
 Afternoon Bible Study– JAN 21
 Sunday Book Club– JAN 26
 Senior Luncheon—JAN 28
 Afternoon Bible Study– JAN 28
 Afternoon Bible Study—FEB 4
 Afternoon Bible Study—FEB 11
 Church Office Closed—FEB 17
 Faith Circle—FEB 17
 Adult Fellowship Event—APR 19

DAY ONE SUBMISSIONS: Deadline is this Tuesday for next weekend's Day One. Email requests to lkleinjan@gracewoodstock.org

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Second Sunday in Advent

*Take Day One home and stay connected to Grace all week long!
 TODAY IN WORSHIP– At the heart of our Advent preparation stands John the Baptist, who calls us to repent and make a new beginning. As the darkness increases we turn toward the approaching light of Christ. For Christians he is the root of Jesse, the righteous judge who welcomes all, especially the poor and meek of the earth. We wait with hope for that day when the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and there will be no more hurt or destruction. From the Lord's table we are sent in the spirit of John the Baptist to proclaim that in Christ the kingdom of God has come near.*

WELCOME TO GRACE! - If you are a guest with us today, we welcome you and ask you to please sign Grace's red friendship folder during the service and stop by the Information Center for a gift from us. Please join us again and get to know us better.

READINGS & SONGS– Please join us Sunday, December 15 at 8:30 a.m. for a special service “The Prophecy and Coming of Jesus” where we will celebrate Advent with ONE service at 8:30 a.m. There will be no 10:45 service; instead everyone is invited to stay afterward for some refreshments and an intergenerational Educational Hour activity in the narthex.

BULLETIN & PRESENCE LIGHT SPONSORS– Our 2020 Bulletin & Presence Light sponsor sheets are available in the green binder at the Welcome Center. A month prior to your sponsoring, a form will be sent to you requesting information and a donation of \$20 for the Bulletins & \$10 for the Presence Light. Thank you for helping us fund the weekly bulletins and presence lights.

CHRISTMAS FAMILY SHARING- Christmas is coming the goose is getting fat! You can't actually give a goose but you can give a chicken or a goat or a pillow or food or any number of other items to help people in our local community and throughout the world. Stop by to visit the Christmas Family Sharing (CFS) Giving Tree in the narthex starting November 23 and continuing until final gift collection on December 15. If you have any questions, stop by the table, or feel free to contact Mary Beth Martin-Bellavia at 815-245-1242 or mbmartinbellavia@gmail.com.

CHRISTMAS EVE YOUTH RECITAL—We are looking for musically talented children to present a short (1 - 3 minute) sacred Christmas piece before the 4:30 pm Christmas Eve service. Participation in the recital will be set up on a first come basis. We MUST have all information filled out in the Activity Binder by December 8th.

SOUP MINISTRY – We have some new homemade soup varieties! Quart and Pint size containers are available in the Parlor refrigerator/freezer. Please help yourself and take one to a shut in or someone who had been ill.



Day One

Grace for the first
day of your week.

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MITTEN TREE- Winter is approaching and it's time to collect NEW mittens, hats, gloves, scarves, socks, and underwear for children and adults in need. Please bring these items to church now through Christmas, and hang them on the mitten trees in the narthex and lower level. Your gifts will be much appreciated by families in our community! If you have any questions, please contact Adeline Arana at adelinearana@gmail.com.



SUNDAY BOOK CLUB- Meets between services in Room 102 and will continue to discuss Pope John Paul II on December 8. We will read & discuss Charles W. Colson on December 15 & 22. If you have any questions, please call Shirley Busse at 815-338-9063.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS- Help provide decorations for our sanctuary this Christmas. Give a gift in "honor of someone" or in memory of a loved one" or "to the glory of God." Forms are available in this week's bulletin or at the Welcome Center in the Narthex. All forms and donations of \$14.00 are due by December 15, 2019. Following our 10:00 a.m. service on December 25 poinsettias may be taken home or to our shut-ins.

SENIOR LUNCHEON—CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION- Come join us on December 17 at noon for a fabulous Christmas Dinner: Cheddar Baked Chicken, Cranberry Rice, Roasted Brussel Sprouts, Hawaiian Rolls, and Waldorf Astoria Rose Cake. This year we will provide a Christmas Gift for everyone, and have a fun game to play to distribute them. Please be sure to sign up in the Activity Binder by December 15. If you have any questions, please call Shirley Busse at 815-338-9063.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE WALK- Once again Grace Lutheran Sunday School students and Grace Lutheran Preschool students have made ornaments that adorn one of the beautiful trees at the Woodstock Opera House. The Christmas Tree Walk runs from November 29th thru December 31st and is open to the public whenever the Opera house is open.

SEWING CIRCLE- A special thank you to the members of the Grace Sewing Circle! This year, the Sewing Circle has given out 123 lap quilts, 46 crochet lap quilts, 145 small pillows, 296 walker bags, 24 bibs, 72 poly bags and 24 neck pillows to area nursing homes. In addition to those items, 103 quilts have been given to Lutheran World Relief.

GRACE PRESCHOOL WINTERFEST- Grace Lutheran Preschool's Winterfest event and fundraiser is right around the corner! This year's event will be held on January 31st. We are asking for donations of products or gift certificates that can be put on display and raffled off at the event. This annual fundraiser helps our preschool to purchase supplies and materials needed for our preschool children to be used throughout the year. Please send in any donations by January 22nd. Feel free to contact our Preschool Director, Dawn Domanus with questions at 815/338-0554 ext. 213, or ddomanus@gracewoodstock.org.

PRAYERS- Please lift up these petitions in your prayers— To become a praying member of the Friends in Prayer, please submit name and e-mail address to dklabunde@gracewoodstock.org.

World: Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, churchwide staff & their families, Bishop Jeff Clements, synod staff & their families, those serving in military conflicts, Arusha Town Lutheran Parish in Tanzania (our companion parish), Scott Bunch serving in the military.

Woodstock: Pastor Ken Gibson & his family; Pastor Amanda Bergstrom & her family; Grace Staff; Grace Council

Health Concerns: Charlie Bell (friend of Jamielynn Wedoff), Rev. Jim Berg (friend of Marlene Botts), Shirley Berna, Lois Bloese, Angela Boe (friend of Hanlin Family), Mary Sue Boerner (friend of Paul Lockwood & Diane Baker-Lockwood), Dee Bohn, David Brugger (friend of Shirley Busse & cousin of Marge Birk), Frank Bunch, Myron Callihan (brother of Susan Payton), Dot Clark (mother of Martha Fleck), Jim Davis, Nancy Davis, Lori Dechant, Patrice Dunn, Robert Giron (brother of Patty Kozlow), Tom Goggin, Becca Guenther (niece of Gretchen & Claude Hutchens), Tamasa Gutierrez (mother of Patty Kozlow), Jace Hanlin, Sue Hanson-Smith (friend of Barb Aavang), Liz Henniges (wife of Al Henniges), Steve Kosmen (loved one of the Koehn family), Elayna Kuipers (friend of the Wedoff Family), Anna Larsen (sister of Al Henniges), Bill Luallen, Elizabeth Lynd Loser, Amanda McNally (grandniece of Diane Baker-Lockwood), Karen Millman, Tammy Millman (daughter of Karen Millman), Kem Moran (friend of Barb Aavang), Collene Nelsen (cousin of Debbi Lynd), Gloria Ogle, Andrea Paetsch (aunt of Debbi Lynd), Linda Page (friend of Joe Evanoff), Georgia Petersdorf (sister-in-law of Gladys Renner), Bruce Randolph (husband of Ila Randolph), Carol Rank, Shawn Rank (son of Carol Rank), Sheila Readel, Jayne Reicher (great niece of Barb & Wayne Japp), Herb & Bev Renner (brother & sister in law of Ken & Gladys Renner), Jessie & Sue Robertson (friends of Ron, Mary & Kimberly Koehn), Nicholas Ruffino (brother of Nathan Ruffino), Joan Russell (mother of Sheri Conover), John Rust (Aavang family friend), Colton Sciluffo (infant son of a friend of Joy Oberman), Eleanor Setser, Orion Stine (friend's grandson of Kathy Stone), Elsie Stoddard, Ginny Stroh (mother of Fay Wilson), Dave Sundby (brother-in-law of Deborrah Evanoff), Samuel Sweeney (nephew of Melissa McMahan), Josh Tillman, Brian Tobin (grandson of Enn Teetsov), Bev Visconti, Gino Visconti, Addie Jo Wedoff, Esther Wienke, Bud Winter, Marilyn Zaranto (friend of Marge Birk), Ruth Zirves

Sorrow: Diana Tomlinson (niece of Marge Birk)

Joy: Baptism of Lincoln Douglas Smith (son of Abbie & Cal Smith)

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE

Monday: Isiah 24:16a
Tuesday: Isaiah 40:1-11
Wednesday: Matthew 12:33-37
Thursday: Genesis 15:1-18
Friday: Acts 13:16-33a
Saturday: Psalm 21
Sunday: Isaiah 35:1-10, Psalm 146:5-10, James 5:7-10 Matthew 11:2-11

OUR WORSHIP LAST WEEK

THANKSGIVING EVE 203
SATURDAY 5:00 P.M 37
SUNDAY 8:30 A.M. 146
10:45 A.M. 68
WEEK TOTAL 454

Received for Budget
Offering \$ 13,241.00
E- Giving \$ 1,231.00
Week Total \$ 14,472.00