

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 15, 2019**

SUN	8:30 AM	Traditional Worship Service
	9:45 AM	Family Book Club
	9:45 AM	Sunday Book Club
	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
	12:00 PM	Senior Luncheon
	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– Chicken Tortilla Casserole
	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	Preschool Christmas Program
	7:00 PM	BSA Patrol Leaders Conference/Council
FRI	NO PRESCHOOL—Winter break begins	
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–**

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  
 Cookie Swap—DEC 22  
 Christmas Eve Services– DEC 24  
 Christmas Day Service– DEC 25  
 Church Office Closed– DEC 25 & 26  
 Lower Level Church Painting– DEC 27  
 Lower Level Church Painting– DEC 30  
 Church Office Closed– JAN 1  
 Lower Level Church Painting– JAN 4  
 Sunday Book Club– JAN 5  
 Epiphany Adult Forum—JAN 12

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 has passed for next weekend's Day One. Email requests to lkleinjan@gracewoodstock.org for week of Dec. 30th.

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Office Hours: 8:30 am–3:30 pm, M–TH  
 8:30 am–12:00 pm, F  
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Third Sunday in Advent

*Take Day One home and stay connected to Grace all week long!*  
**TODAY IN WORSHIP–** A note of joyful expectation marks today's worship. Isaiah announces that the desert shall rejoice and blossom, and Jesus points to the unexpected and transforming signs of God's reign. We wait with patience for the coming of the Lord, even as we rejoice at his presence among us this day: in word and holy supper, in church and in our homes, in silent reflection and in works of justice and love. We pray that God would open our eyes and ears to the wonders of Christ's advent among us.

**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.

**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.

**COOKIE SWAP–** Please save the date! Get together your favorite recipes and share some delicious cookies with your church family. If you bring a dozen, you take a dozen home! The cookie swap will be held on December 22 after both services in Grace Center. Please contact Jen Freeman at jfreeman@gracewoodstock.org if you have any questions.

**YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE VAN GOGH-** Calling all painters! We will be doing more painting of the lower level trim over the Christmas break. Please consider helping in taping and or painting to help with this project. The dates that have been chosen (but can be changed if you let Tammy know) are December 27 from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., December 30 from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., and January 4 from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. This is a great opportunity for anyone needing community service hours. Please contact Tammy Baier at 815-687-6910 if you have any questions or have any other times you would like to paint.

**EPIPHANY ADULT FORUM–** Please join Judy Rooney for an Epiphany Adult forum on January 12 at 9:40am in Luther Hall. This will be a time of informal reflection, sharing and maybe even some moments of quiet. All are welcome! If you have any questions, please call Judy Rooney at 847-961-6775.

**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](mailto:adelinearana@gmail.com).



**SUNDAY BOOK CLUB-** Meets between services in Room 102 as we read & discuss Charles W. Colson on December 15 & 22. If you have any questions, please call Shirley Busse at 815-338-9063.

**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.

**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](mailto:ddomanus@gracewoodstock.org).

**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, 203 quilts have been given to Lutheran World Relief.

**CHURCH CLOSINGS AND EVENT CANCELLATIONS-** When severe weather arrives, Grace Lutheran Church will follow D200 closing/cancellations and 2 hour delays. All weekday activities, including preschool, will be cancelled if D200 has cancelled classes or delays start times. Office and church will open 2 hours later on days the district delays school. Please check the Emergency Closing Center website or any of the radio stations listed on the D200 website for any severe weather cancellations.

**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](mailto: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), 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, Elsie Stoddard, Ginny Stroh (mother of Fay Wilson), Dave Sundby (brother -in-law of Deborah 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:** Bill Luallen

### THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE

Monday: Isaiah 29:17-24  
Tuesday: Ezekiel 47:1-12  
Wednesday: Matthew 8:14-17, 28-34  
Thursday: Zechariah 8:1-7  
Friday: Acts 5:12-16  
Saturday: Psalm 42  
Sunday: Isaiah 7:10-16,  
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19, Romans 1:1-7  
Matthew 1:18-25

### OUR WORSHIP LAST WEEK

ADVENT	78
SATURDAY 5:00 P.M	41
SUNDAY 8:30 A.M.	157
10:45 A.M.	61
WEEK TOTAL	337
<u>Received for Budget</u>	
Offering	\$ 10,437.00
E- Giving	\$ 5,314.00
Week Total	\$ 15,751.00