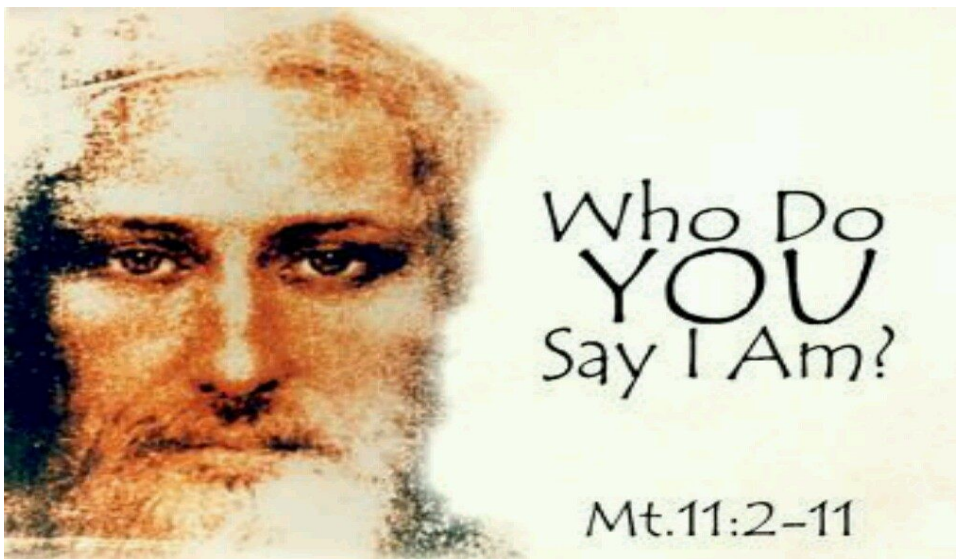


Good News from *Grace*

December 15, 2019



Voting Member Packet

ALL Voting members of Grace should be receiving a packet via email or mail that includes a cover letter from Pastor Cover and a copy of the Constitution and Bylaws for the Congregation of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church to review prior to the Congregation Meeting on January 26, 2019. If you do not receive them please contact the church Office.

Holiday Community Meal

The Kitchen Staff and crew would like to personally invite *all* congregation members to join us at the Community Meal on **Wed. Dec. 18th** in appreciation for all your support and to wish all a very Merry and blessed Christmas! Doors open for the meal as early as 4:30pm for Congregation members.

Dessert & Book Club

Tuesday, December 17th 7pm
Discuss the book & its connections to life and the Bible. Dessert provided! Led by
Pastor Cover
This month's book:
Winter Street by Elin Hilderbrand

Do You Need Help Getting to Church Christmas Eve?

Do you want to attend one of the services on Christmas Eve, but are concerned about how you will get there? We'd like



to do our best to see that any members who want to come, but are worried about possible bad weather, driving in the dark, etc., can still join us! If you'd like a ride, please call Jen Graf at **717-303-1611** or email at grafjenniferm@gmail.com. Provide your name, address phone number, and which service you'd like to attend!

Also, if you would be willing to provide a ride to someone on Christmas eve, please contact Jen Graf (phone or email) and give your name, phone number, where you live and the service you plan to attend. We will do our very best to pair people who are close to one another and you will be notified the week prior to Christmas!

Our Purpose

The purpose of our church is to make a difference by serving others through God's love and our faith.

3rd Sunday of Advent

December

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|-------|--|
| 12/15 | 9:30am Music Cantata 4:00pm GYG Cookie Bake & Caroling |
| 12/16 | No Hills & Valleys Women's Group |
| 12/17 | No 1:00pm & 7:00pm Bible Study 7:00pm Book & Dessert Club |
| 12/18 | No The Gathering lunch 5:30pm Community Meal The Giving Pantry |
| 12/24 | CHRISTMAS EVE 4:00pm Family Friendly Service 7:00pm Healing Service 9:00pm Special Music 9:30pm Choir & Bells Festival Traditional Service |
| 12/25 | Church Office Closed No Community Meal |
| 12/26 | Church Office Closed |
| 12/28 | 5:15pm Wine & Cheese |
| 12/30 | Church Directory Photographs |

Please pick-up your Equal Exchange items today, December 15th in the Library.

Hills & Valleys Women's Group, Tuesday Bible Study and The Gathering will not be meeting this week. They all will resume in January 2020.

GRACE'S GOOD GIFTS

With one gift, you can help provide some of these wonderful ministries, learning opportunities here at Grace, while supporting our talented staff in the process. Help us meet our year-end goals for giving, and make a difference in the lives of many people who worship, learn, and serve at Grace Church.

You are welcome to make a gift in any amount. Kindly indicate if your gift is in honor or memory of someone with your payment; these will be published on Christmas Eve. Please make checks payable to Grace Lutheran Church, and mark them "Grace Gifts" All Grace's Good Gifts must be turned in by **Sunday, December 15th** to be published on Christmas Eve. Note: If using one of the new envelopes please enter amount after Other and write "Grace Gifts" next to Comments.

\$ 30.00

One Bible gifted to
a child at their baptism



\$ 150.00

Send (1) youth to
Winterfest



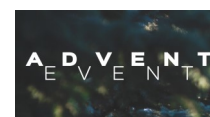
\$ 40.00

Candles on the Advent
Wreath



\$ 300.00

Advent Event



\$ 45.00

One Sunday School Lesson
(for all classes)



\$ 350.00

One edition of the
Good News from
Grace, in print and
online



\$ 100.00

Livestreaming Sunday
Services



\$ 2,650.00

Our (2) talented
Musicians on Staff
(Cost for December)



\$ 2,800.00

Heating Repairs, this
season



Christmas Wreaths & Poinsettias

This is the last weekend to place orders for the wreaths & poinsettias and have that sponsorship published Christmas Eve. Sponsorships can be made "in memory of" or "in honor of" a loved one. The list will be included in the Christmas Eve bulletins. There is (1) one wreaths and (16) sixteen poinsettias still available for sponsorship at \$ 11.00 each. Checks should be made payable to GELC with "poinsettia", or "wreath" on the memo line. Money must be turned in by 12/8/2019 to be

published on Christmas Eve. **Note:** If using one of the new envelopes enter the amount under OTHER and then note in Comments that is it for a wreath or poinsettia.



Christmas Eve Worship

4:00pm: Family Friendly with a Christmas play & children's sermon (No Sermon)

7:00pm: Service of Healing for Christmas (Traditional Style)

9:00pm: Special Music Prelude

9:30pm: Choir & Bells ring a Festival Service

All services offer communion, candlelight, and the singing of Silent Night.



Christmas Eve Cookies for All

Folks have to work on Christmas Eve, let's make their night a little special! Cookie bags will be available after services Christmas Eve for everyone to take along, on their way home, and drop them off to those who are working. If you would like to donate cookies for this effort, contact Susan Ryder at ryder.susan@comcast.net.



Announcements in Worship

A reminder that we are including our announcements in the "sending" portion of worship for Advent. These will be brief in nature and only highlight a few things. If you would like to have an announcement shared with the community, please email the church office by **Tuesday at noon** each week to have them included in the newsletter and email blast.

Due to the holidays please note that the deadline for the December 29th and January 5th newsletters will be Sunday, December 22nd and Sunday, December 29th respectively.

From the Music Director....

One of the hymns for today is Savior of the Nations, Come. It has generated a huge repertoire of music. The Bells of Grace played a version of it today in the prelude. The text goes from the manger to the victory of the cross and resurrection. The resource I use for this article says the "Come" refers to Advent's paradox: Christ's first coming, second coming, and coming to us here and now.

There have been organ preludes and choral anthems composed on this title. The hymn can be attributed to Ambrose of Milan. (340-397) A very old hymn. Martin Luther was among those who translated it into German, probably for Advent 1523. Ambrose was rightly called the "father of church song" not because he was the first to do so but that so many have been found worth keeping.

Music Sponsorship this Week

A Voice Cries Out Prepare the Way of the Lord

Has been sponsored by Keith & Linda Lippert in memory of Rev. Dr. Howard McCarney

Music Sponsorship Opportunities

Angels from the Realms of Glory

December 24th

\$ 67.95

Wonder As I Wander

December 24th

\$ 61.89

Wexford Carol

December 24th

\$ 60.50



We hold in prayer especially this week...

James Silcox, Dave Buchanan, David Feaser, Tim Butler, David Ozimok, Bob Rhodes, Janet Gordon, Art Hall, Sr., Vernon Frazier, Barbara D., Diane Brokenshire, Rhonda Blair, Sue Daniella, Dean Jury, Charlie Buchanan, Tricia Snavelly, Larry Sayre, and Brad Bert.

We hold in ongoing prayer...

David Harman III, Howard Lauver, Priscilla Walter, Caroline Witmer, Paulette Lauver, Lesly Richards, Elijah Conroy, Kathy Rhoads, Delores Miller, Frank Blizzard, Jim Stoll, Susan Blumberg, Lisa Leen, Eileen McCann, Mary Heverling, Mike Lutz, John Eck, Destiny Glenn, and Reinhard C.

We also hold our shut-ins in prayer:

John Hensch, Shirley Hughes, John Shuey, Phyllis Patterson, John Titzel, Jane Peters, Betty Bennett, Phyllis Probst, Harlow Fluevog, and Dick Cromer.

In our military:

Charles Hildebrand, Corey Latsha, Michael Dubas, Alex Robison, Larry G. Lackey and Gabriel Bailey.

Note: On the Care Table in the Library, there are cards for you to write notes of encouragement to our shut-ins as well as a box for confidential prayer requests.



"Don't Forget Your Checkbook"

In this season of many trips to the grocery store, bring your



checkbook to church on Saturday nights and Sunday mornings and support our youth group by buying grocery cards!! By purchasing a \$100 grocery card to use at your weekly trip to Weis, you AUTOMATICALLY make a contribution of \$5 to our Youth Group!! It literally costs you nothing! Want to double your giving impact? Consider buying a grocery card to donate to the weekly community meal--benefit this important mission AND support our youth. For every gift card sold, Weis, Giant and Karns gives us 5% on every dollar toward our youth group! Thanks for your support!

Grace Youth Group (GYG) Schedule

December

12/15 **4pm** GYG Cookie Bake & Caroling
12/29 Alumni Ushering & Lunch

January

1/3-5 Winter Retreat at Kirchenwald (3rd -8th grade)
1/4 **7:00pm** Coffeehouse
1/19 GYG Night

Blizzard of Giving

Catch a snowflake on our Blizzard of Giving board and help us bring the GYG Coffeehouse to fruition on Saturday, January 4th! **Snowflakes each represent a \$5.00 donation for supplies for this event.** If you want to make a double impact, buy a grocery card and donate it! Thanks in advance for your support!



What is Hope?

Is Hope the same thing as wishful thinking? Our youth tackled this question and many other difficult ones surrounding the idea of grief and mental health at Winterfest from December 6th-8th. The youth came up with a few prayers and/or thoughts that we wanted to share with all of you. As always, we thank you so much for your support of our attendance at this Sr. High Synodical Event!

These thoughts are from the following youth:

Maddie Parker
Joel Ryder
Chaney Helman
Christian Vogelsong
Isaac Vogelsong
Eli Wright
Kevin Budzinski
Sam Hartman
Arianna Heidingsfelder
Gavin Meador

"Dear God, thank you for letting us be together this weekend and create stronger bonds with each other. We've grown together and bonded with many other faces to create new relationships and we are sincerely grateful for it. We ask you

for safe travel back tomorrow and for more bonding moments in the future. Amen"

"Dear lord, in these trying and difficult times, remind us that hope is not just wishful thinking, but taking steps forward as you walk alongside us."

"What struck me most about the weekend was a video clip of a woman describing hope in Christian terms. This stood out to me the most because before that, I never thought a word could have such a different powerful meaning in a Christian sense. I really liked how the woman pointed out that saying "I have hope.." isn't nearly as meaningful as when one says "I have Christian hope..."

A thank you to Andy Hyatt, Matt Lebo, Phil and Lindsay Shearer for attending the event as advisors with Jesse!

God Bless!
-Jesse Woodrow

Youth Coffeehouse January 4, 2020 at 7pm

CoffeeHouse for all ages! Come out for some great fellowship with fun for all ages! There will be live music, board games, coloring and many other activities to enjoy while sipping your favorite drink! Some drinks include, specialty coffees, root bear floats, hot cocoa and many other options. There will also be snacks. \$5 a person or \$20 for a family will get everyone in the door. All donations go towards the mission trip in Wilmington NC this summer! Thanks in advance for your support of our youth!



Offering Envelopes

There have been a number of questions regarding the changes to the offering envelopes. This change occurred to save the church money. Since there is no envelope number or date on the envelopes they can be used over a multi-year time period which saves having to purchase and throw away envelopes each year.

Any time you attend a service at church you can use an envelope from either the pack you picked up in November or by grabbing one from the narthexes or library.

We are requesting that on the envelopes the following fields are always completed: (see example below)

- ◆ Name or Envelope Number
- ◆ Date
- ◆ The dollar amount on the enclosed offering. Making sure to designate how much for each section and completing the Comment section if selecting Other or Special offering letting us know to what ministry you are contributing
- ◆ First time giving section if you have never given to the church in the past

Since we now have the designations on the front of the envelope there is no need to write more than one check.

All of these changes also make it easier for the counters and staff to make sure that each person's contribution are properly designated.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact Diane Deppen at 717-737-0439 or deppengelc@yahoo.com.



Winter Overnight Shelter at Susquehanna Harbor Safe Haven

Once again the Winter Overnight Shelter for homeless men needs our help. Quite a few of our brothers and sisters at Grace have helped in past years and I am so grateful for that.

This winter we are **committed to staff the week of February 16 to February 22, 2020**. Two

Volunteers are needed per night, one of whom must be male. **The hours are 7:30 pm to 7:00 am.**

Paid staff are there to check the men in and this person stays until 10 pm, which is lights out for the guests.

All we have to do is make coffee, set out snacks, be available during the night, (you can go to sleep in a separate room), and get the guests out the door in the morning. Staff is available in the residential facility next door if needed.

If you have any questions or wish to help please contact, Brigitte Storey at 717-730-0286. She will explain more and give you pertinent handouts.

Please support this vital mission and thank you to all who have helped in in the past.



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

Camp Hill, Pennsylvania

Making a difference by serving others through God's love and our faith

Name: _____

Date: 12/24/2019

Envelope #: 9999

If giving for the first time please complete this section:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Regular Giving: \$ 100.00

Special Offering Ministry: \$ _____

Property & Maintenance: \$ 50.00

Other: \$ 36.00

Comments: Altar Flowers on 1/5/20

in honor of my family



Inclement Weather Information

In the event of inclement weather, we post closings or delayed openings on the church phone at extension 14, on the website, and most will also appear on CBS 21 and ABC 27 as well.

| PARTICIPANTS | THIS WEEK DEC. 14TH & DEC. 15TH | NEXT WEEK DEC. 21ST & 22ND |
|----------------------------|--|---|
| Acolytes | Chaney Helman | Libby Perella-Carvalhaes |
| Altar Guild: | Tracy Evans Nancy Whitcomb | Susan Dickinson |
| Assisting Minister: | Chaney Helman | Steve Johansen |
| Coffee Hour | Bells of Grace Pat Hughes | Fellowship & Arts Hope Pankake |
| Communion Assts.: | Matt Hearn Tom Blackburn | Dave Bechtel John Ozimok |
| Counting Team: | (12/17 @ 9:30am) Team #1 | (12/24 @ 9:30am) Team #2 |
| Greeters: | Don & Barb Schell Eileen Moore Hartzell | Shirley Davis Lolly Judge |
| Lector: | Alan Gabel | Laurie Zimmerman |
| Night Security: | Steve Flook | Byron Schreck |
| Officer of the Day: | Open/Close Bill Robison | Open: Alan Gabel/Nevin Shenck Close: Adam Pankake |
| Panera Pickup: | (12/17) Tracey & Craig Douty | (12/24) No Pick - Up |
| Sabbath Leaders: | Howie Bernstein | Ron & Elena Ryerson |
| Sabbath Musician: | Karen Jury | Karen Jury |
| Sound: | Bob Gill | Larry Hoffman |
| Ushers: | Larry Hoffman, Capt. | Russ Weber, Capt. |
| Van Driver: | (12/18) Randy Hamme | 12/25 No Community Meal |

This Weekend at Grace*Sat. December 14th & Sun. December 15th*

The **Bulletins** are given to the Glory of God.

The **Altar Flowers** are given by Lolly Judge in memory of John A. Judge.

The **Sanctuary Lamp** for the month of **December** is given by Janet Gordon in memory of her husband, Duane.

The **Special Benevolence** for **December** is **ELCA Good Gifts**.

Please use a white pew envelope, indicate "**ELCA Good Gifts**" on the front, and make checks payable to GELC.

Blessing of the Advent Wreath

Sat. 12/14: Jan Utter
Garry Murray
Sun. 12/15: Jason Pringle
Jesse Woodrow

The Lost & Found is located in Library near doors to exterior. Unclaimed items will be given to Community Aid after being in the Lost & Found for one month.

Good News from Grace articles are due by **12:00pm on Tuesdays**. Email to gelc@comcast.net

Join us for Worship!

Saturdays at 6:00 PM
in Barkley Chapel

Sundays at 9:30 AM
Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
Livestream available at
www.gracecamphill.org

Sundays September to May
at 10:45AM
Sunday School for ALL ages!

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