

## A Dream that Changed the World Matthew 1:18-25



### 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 Wreath, Poinsettias & Grace's Good Gifts

You may still sponsor poinsettias and Grace's Good Gifts; however, we are unable to add them to the Christmas Eve Newsletter. If you wish to sponsor one of these items please make checks payable to GELC with poinsettia, or Grace Good Gift on the memo line. If using a new envelope write the dollar amount next to OTHER and then note poinsettia, or Grace Good Gift on COMMENT line. Currently there are six (6) poinsettias available for sponsorship.

### 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 off to those who are working.



# Thank You

Dear Members of Grace:

Thank you for living Grace's story by helping to provide Christmas for the Giving Tree Families. I hope it makes your Christmas experience more meaningful knowing that you have made a difference for so many children on Christmas morning. Your kindness and generosity is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,  
Laurie Zimmerman  
Washington Heights Elementary

### Our Purpose

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

## 4th Sunday of Advent

### December

- 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

### 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.

**Pastor Cover will be away  
Christmas Day through  
January 3rd.**

**Please contact Pastor Evan if  
you need pastoral care during  
this time.**



01/01	Scarlett Cook Charles Martier Ben Walker	01/18	Elise Buchanan Steve Flook Evelyn Puhak-Fickes Linda Shields
01/02	Claudio Carvalhaes	01/19	Chaney Helman Caitlyn Robison Nathan Smith
01/03	Daniel Hocker G. Robert Little	01/20	Gabriel Angus
01/04	Jonathan Brouse Mike Hartman Anna Stopfel Brigitte Storey	01/22	D. DeYoung Barry Hoover
01/05	Brad Bert Tammy Moll Deborah Ramsey	01/23	Michael Morrow Collette Runkle Lisa Shenck Carol Stark
01/06	Karen DeYoung Elena Ryerson	01/24	Dave Rowland Lisa Sheaffer
01/08	Andrew Heidingsfelder Alton Hughes Sue Kaufmann Richard Uber	01/25	Mason Miller Claire Seeger John Shuey
01/10	Gladys Cline Addison McInnes	01/26	Victoria Whitcomb
01/11	Sarah Smith	01/27	Robert Gill Cullan Long Emma Midgarden Melissa Murphy
01/12	Wanda Bentz Chris Jury Karen Jury Garry Murray	01/28	Carol Anstine Lynn Budzinski Tanya Good
01/13	Jen Graf	01/29	Jessica Hoover
01/14	Wilson Castillo Kayden Hall Krystal Hall Madelyn Kase Jane McKnight Russell Weber	01/31	Bonne Barton Kristianna Scharein
01/15	Sharon Statler		
01/16	Edward Hurst Matthew Ilgenfritz George Osswald Megan Seeger		
01/17	William Shreffler Caroline Witmer		



### ***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 Hench, 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.



### Youth Coffeehouse January 4, 2020 at 7pm

CoffeeHouse for all ages! Come out for some great fellowship 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!



### 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!



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

### Grace Youth Group (GYG) Schedule

#### December

12/29 Alumni Ushering & Lunch

#### January

1/3-5 Winter Retreat  
@Kirchenwald (3rd - 8th grade)

1/4 **7:00pm** Coffeehouse  
1/19 GYG Night

#### February

2/2 GYG Night  
2/8 **5:00pm** GYG  
Babysitting Service  
2/23 GYG Night

### 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



## *Christmas Eve Participants*

	4:00pm	7:00pm	9:30pm
<b>Acolyte</b>	Libby Perella-Carvalhaes	Colin McQuade	Veronica Angus
<b>Advent Wreath Lighters</b>	Kyle & Julie Flook Family	John & Kathy Gabler Family	Roy & Sherry White Family
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Beth & Karen Jury	Beth & Karen Jury	Beth & Karen Jury
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Chaney Helman	Joel Ryder	Sue Painter
<b>Crucifer</b>	None	None	Sydney Angus
<b>Torch Bearer 1</b>	None	None	James Bechtel
<b>Torch Bearer 2</b>	None	None	Kevin Budzinski
<b>Banner Bearer</b>	None	None	None
<b>Gospeller</b>	None	None	None
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Kyle Flook Bryan Weber Susan Dickinson Bob Gill	Brigitte Storey Nancy Whitcomb	Laurie Zimmerman Don Barlup
<b>Greeters</b>	Diane Brokenshire Randy & Sue Kaufmann	Nancy Whitcomb	Bill & Sandy Robison Larry Hoffman
<b>Lector</b>	None	Garri Ann Hearn	Bob Egley
<b>Officer of the Day</b>	Nevin Shenck	Matt Hearn	Bill Robison
<b>Sound</b>	Gene Robison	John Gabler	Jeff Painter
<b>Usher Team</b>	Charlie Buchanan, Capt.	Chuck Thomas, Capt.	Larry Hoffman, Capt.
<b>Carry Elements to Altar</b>	Caitlyn Robison Nathan Robison	None	Neil Painter Jess Painter

### 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](mailto: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!

### Music Sponsorship Opportunities

*Angels from the Realms of Glory*

December 24th

**\$ 67.95**

*Wonder As I Wander*

December 24th

**\$ 61.89**

*Light of the World*

January 6th

**\$ 35.88**

"Prepare Ye" by Marc Robison was sponsored by Carolyn Houck in honor of the musicians at Grace and their commitment to making good music for our services.

### Bulletin, Flower and Sanctuary Lamp Sponsorship



Sponsorships of our Worship Bulletins, Altar Flowers, and the Sanctuary Lamp are available as a way to recognize loved ones or a special event and to offset some of the costs for the church. **Sign-up sheets are posted on the bulletin board directly across from the elevator.** Bulletins are **\$ 27.00**, Altar Flowers are **\$ 36.00**, and the Lamp is **\$ 21.00**. *Payment is requested prior to the week/month you are sponsoring.*

If you are interested, simply sign-up for an available date.



### From the Music Director....

The closing hymn for today is ELW 267, Joy to the World. It was not written for Advent or Christmas. It is the second half of a paraphrase of Psalm 98 by Issac Watts. In the Lutheran Book of Worship it stood as the first hymn of Christmas. In the ELW it is the last of the Advent hymns. It is logically on the cusp of two seasons. The heading that Watts gave was: "The Messiah's coming and Kingdom".

Issac Watts is known as the father of English hymnody. He argued for the singing of hymns instead of the Calvinist practice of singing only metrical psalms. He wrote over 600 hymns and psalm paraphrases. He decided to follow his father and enrolled at the Nonconformist academy at Stoke Newington. He became the senior minister at the Dissenting Mark Lane congregation in London.

The tune that is now most associated with the text is Antioch. It was joined with that text more than a century after Watts wrote it. Lowell Mason is attributed with the melody. Several other composers had their influence on the melody. Lowell Mason was directing a choir in Massachusetts by the time he was sixteen. He went to Savannah, Georgia as a bank clerk. He then taught music, organized singing schools. He also helped to compile The Boston Handel and Haydn Society Collection of Church Music in 1922. He also set up the Boston Academy of Music. He introduced music into the public school system. He spent his life trying to improve the church's musical life by teaching everyone to read music. Just a few thoughts on one of our more well known hymns sung at Advent and Christmas.



### Winter Overnight Shelter at Susquehanna Harbor Safe Haven

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



### Resources Notebook

All the Resource Information for items such as Transportation Services, Caregivers, Retirement Communities, Shelters etc. can be found in the Resource Notebooks in the Library and in the Church Office.

<b>PARTICIPANTS</b>	<b>THIS WEEK DEC. 21ST &amp; DEC. 22ND</b>	<b>NEXT WEEK DEC. 28TH &amp; 29TH</b>
<b>Acolytes</b>	Libby Perella-Carvalhaes	Addie Weber
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Susan Dickinson	Collette Runkle
<b>Assisting Minister:</b>	Steve Johansen	Jennifer Graf
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Fellowship & Arts Hope Pankake	Quilters Bob Hillegas
<b>Communion Assts.:</b>	Dave Bechtel John Ozimok	Linda Lippert Terry Snyder
<b>Counting Team:</b>	(12/24 @ 9:30am) Team #2	(12/31 ) Team #3 & 4
<b>Greeters:</b>	Shirley Davis Lolly Judge	Larry & Ann Hoffman Bill & Sandy Robison
<b>Lector:</b>	Carolyn Bair	Bill Robison
<b>Night Security:</b>	Byron Schreck	Andy Smith
<b>Officer of the Day:</b>	Open: Alan Gabel/Nevin Shenck Close: Adam Pankake	Open/Close Matt Hearn
<b>Panera Pickup:</b>	(12/24) No Pick-Up	(12/31) No Pick-Up
<b>Sabbath Leaders:</b>	Ron & Elena Ryerson	Tom & Gloria Boyer
<b>Sabbath Musician:</b>	Karen Jury	Carolyn Houck
<b>Sound:</b>	Larry Hoffman	Rick Keen
<b>Ushers:</b>	Russ Weber, Capt.	Jesse Woodrow, Capt.
<b>Van Driver:</b>	12/25 No Community Meal	1/1 No Community Meal
<b>Crucifer:</b>	None	None

***This Weekend at Grace****Sat. December 21st & Sun. December 22nd*

The **Bulletins** are given by Bob Hillegas in memory of his loving wife Carol.

The **Altar Flowers** are given by Bryan & Lori Weber in honor of Hailey Weber's birthday.

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. 12/21 Carol Bartoski  
Bonnie Snyder  
Sun. 12/22 Linda Biesecker  
Eileen Moore Hartzell

**No Panera Pick-Up on  
Tuesday, December 24th  
Or  
Tuesday, December 31st**

*Good News from Grace* articles are due by **12:00pm on Tuesdays**. Email to [gelc@comcast.net](mailto: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](http://www.gracecamphill.org)

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

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