

THE MESSENGER

2019

Worship Schedule

Sunday: 8 AM and 10:30 AM

Sunday Church School for all ages:
9:15 AM

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Candles in the Window, Carols at the Spinet

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward all people. Luke 2:1

At the end of *It's a Wonder Life*, as Jimmy Stewart embraces Donna Reed, a bell jingles in the background. Clarence the angel has finally received his wings. Though not "theologically correct," the moment always brings a Christmas smile to our faces.

Most of us have a favorite Christmas movie. It may be *A Christmas Carol* (The 1951 version with Alastair Sim is undoubtedly still the best!) or the Cleveland comedy, *A Christmas Story*. Others choose *White Christmas*, *Miracle on 34th Street*, *How the Grinch Who Stole Christmas* or even Tim Burton's *The Nightmare Before Christmas*. A few will cite the action-thriller *Die Hard* thus setting up a debate as to whether this is a Christmas movie or not.

Within our favorite film, we may also have a favorite scene. I remember my nephews Danny and Andy binge-watching the 24-hour *A Christmas Story* marathon. With each viewing they eagerly anticipated the moment when Flick gets his tongue stuck to the frozen pole. Inevitably, every time, they would howl with laughter. Somethings never get old.

My favorite "Christmas scene" does not come from a Christmas movie, in fact the scene itself does not take place at Christmastime. But, for me it counts. The scene is from the Broadway musical *Mame*. (The movie version with Lucille Ball is fair, though Robert Preston, as usual, is excellent.)

In this scene, it's the middle of the Great Depression and Mame is down on her luck. The usually ebullient Mame is forlorn and the rest of her family is caught up in her doldrums. Mame decides enough worry and woe. What they all need is a good cheering up. So Mame breaks out in song and sings *We Need a Little Christmas*.

It's a great moment and a wonderful song. It's a Christmas song that can be sung with gusto and hope all year long.

Throughout the December days ahead, we'll all have a lot of Christmas. Christmas is everywhere! It's in the air and in our hearts. By January, many of us will have had enough of Christmas and move on into the New Year.

Yet, there will be days when *We Need a Little Christmas* to cheer us, comfort us and give us hope.

What day is there that we don't need more "Joy to the World"? When could we not use more blessings of "peace and good will to all"?

When do we not need to be reminded of the saving promise of Emmanuel, "God is with us"? What day do we not need to hear and believe the Good News, those Tidings of Great Joy, "For unto you is born this day...a Savior who is Christ the Lord"?

So, "Haul out the holly, put up the tree...fill up the stockings...We need a little Christmas now." **Merry Christmas!**


May the every day and eternal gifts of Christmas,
faith and love, peace and goodwill,
be yours now and always. Amen.

Senior Pastor Donald L. Rice Jr.

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Planning Council

**PLANNING
COUNCIL**
Next Meeting
Jan. 14th, 2020
@ 6:30 PM



Facts and Figures

<p>Attendance October 2019 Weekly Average: 127 Difference: -1 (-1%)</p> <p>Offerings October 2019 Total Offerings: \$15,436.60 Difference: -\$67.40 Weekly Average: \$3859.15 Difference: -\$16.50 (-less than 1%)</p>	<p>Attendance October 2018 Weekly Average: 128</p> <p>Offerings October 2018 Total Offerings: \$15,504.00 Weekly Average: \$3876.00</p>
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Since You Asked

Since You Asked...

Pastor, I know you've explained the meaning of the Advent Candles in previous years' newsletters. It's been a few years, so could you remind us again?

Traditionally, the Advent candles represent the prophets, Bethlehem, the shepherds and the angels, in that order. A more contemporary schematic has the candles representing the heavenly virtues of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. In either case, the center candle and the focus of our expectation and celebration is always the Christ candle, shining brightly as the Light of the World.

This year at Grace, we will light our candles to the more traditional motif of prophets, Bethlehem, the shepherds and angels, with Christ candle being lighted Christmas Eve along with all the other candles. Each week's candle lighting and message will focus on the meaning of the candle lighted that day as told by a character who experienced the day's special Advent promise.

Candlelight, Christmas Light Advent 2019

Our Sunday worship Advent theme is **Candlelight, Christmas Light**. This year, our Advent Wreath candles will represent their most traditional meanings. The Prophet's Candle is lighted the First Sunday in Advent. This is followed in consecutive weeks with candles representing, Bethlehem, Shepherds and Angels. The center Christ Candle is lighted on Christmas Eve and throughout the Christmas season.

The lighting of the Advent Candle is introduced with a corresponding Scripture lesson. The candle is lighted as the congregation sings an Advent hymn or Christmas song. The lighting of the Advent Candle sets the tone and theme for the Day.

Candlelight, Christmas Light

December 1: The Prophet's Candle: Isaiah 7:10-14

December 8: The Bethlehem Candle: Micah 5:2-5a

December 15: The Shepherd's Candle: Isaiah 40:9-11

December 22: The Angel's Candle: I Timothy 3:16

Children's Christmas Pageant with **one service at 9:30 a.m.**)

December 24: The Christ Candle: Luke 2:1-20

Services at 7:00 and 10:00 p.m. with Holy Communion

There will be **one service at 9:30 a.m.** on Sunday, December 29. It is a Fifth Sunday and will feature some of *Our Favorite Hymns*, in this case beloved Christmas Carols.



Advent

Announcements

First Day, First Communion



Two Grace youth will celebrate their **First Communion** on the **First Sunday in Advent**, December 1, 2019 during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. The girls were instructed in basic Lutheran doctrine and congregational practices by Pastor Rice on November 12.

This year's First Communicants taking their next big step in their life-long faith journey in the church are:

Sybil Cronebaugh, daughter of Steve Cronebaugh and Sarah Kneuss of Stone Creek and

Abigail Linkenhoker, daughter of Laura Hanna of Dover.

Having the youth prepared to take Holy Communion by the First Sunday in Advent allows them to fully participate in our worship with their families throughout the coming Holy Season. It could be considered an early Christmas gift from our Savior who offers himself to us all in this Blessed Sacrament.

Congratulations! May God bless you and forever keep you in His grace.

The Fumbly, Bumbly Angels

This year's Children's Christmas Pageant will be held in the church sanctuary on Sunday, December 22 at 9:30 a.m. The children will be performing **The Fumbly, Bumbly Angels** by Sandy Cope. Dr. Nicole Willey is directing the performance.



The story involves four fumbly, bumbly angels who have set their sights on singing in the glorious Heavenly Choir. But instead, they find themselves singing in the tiny village of Bethlehem. How did they get there? Who did they meet? What did they sing? For the answers to these and other questions, come join us and find out.

Rehearsal Schedule

Dec. 1: 4 pm, first practice.

Dec 8: Second practice immediately following Advent Workshop.

Dec. 15: Third practice immediately following late service and lunch.

Dec. 21: 9 am to 1 pm, Dress Rehearsal.

(All children with major parts **MUST** be at this rehearsal for at least one run through.)

Dec. 22: Showtime!

Announcements

Mitten & Gift Tree

The donation trees for the Salvation Army will be displayed in the Narthex and in the connecting room of Luther Hall.



All donations will be removed from the trees on Monday, Dec. 9th by 9:00 am.



A Bundle of Blessings

Pastor Evan and Katharine Cameron are the proud, grateful and blessed parents of a newborn son. Jay Ritzi Cameron was born on October 9, 2019 in College Station, Texas, weighing 8lbs.

13 oz. and measuring was 21 3/4 inches long. Jay's grandparents are Toni Ferritto and Jeff Cameron of Dover and Bob and Nancy Ritzi of Beavercreek, OH.

Pastor Evan is currently serving a 2-point call at St. Paul Lutheran in Phillipsburg and St. James Lutheran in New Wehdem, TX.

May God continue to bless little Jay and his family with the fullest measures of His love and grace. Congratulations!

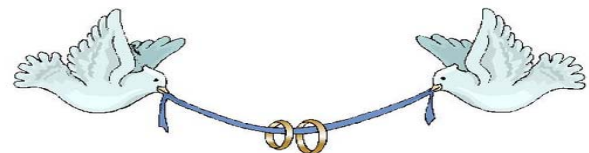
Welcome to Our Family of Faith

We happily welcome five new members to our Grace Lutheran family faith. Our new members all attend our 8:00 a.m. Sunday worship service and reside in Dover. Their memberships were approved by Planning Council on November 12. They were officially received into membership on Sunday, November 24.

Our new members are:
 Ray and Irene McCoy
 Deborah Bleininger
 Tina Swank and
 Debbie Swegheimer.

Welcome! May God bless you all as we journey

WELCOME!



Wedding Bell Blessings

Congratulations to Ethan and Shannon (Petroski) Nelson who were united in marriage here at Grace Lutheran Church on November 16, 2019. Ethan is the son of members John and Lizabeth Nelson of Dover. Shannon is the daughter of Dale and stepdaughter of Carla Petroski of Hudson, OH.

We offer them our prayers and support and ask God to bless Ethan and Shannon with many years of wedded love, joy and faithfulness. Congratulations again!

Announcements

Thank you!

Dear Friends at Grace Lutheran Endowment Fund,

Now is the perfect time to thank our donors for the trust they show us through their monetary support. We know that competition is stiff for the dollars you have to give, and we appreciate you are partnering with T4C! We count you as one of our blessings this Thanksgiving season.

Thankful for you,
Louise Worsham, Director



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church,

We love surprises! Your recent donation was a timely surprise and a true blessing. Many of the items you so generously gave were items that were needed at the shelter.

Your church is a great example of how Jesus loves!

Thank you for your continual care and concern for those seeking shelter with us!

Blessings to you! Harbor House
Evy Steele, Resource Advocate



H.A.R.P. INC
HIS HEART. OUR HANDS. THEIR HOPE
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Dear Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for your gift to H.A.R.P. Without your help, it would be impossible to do all that God has called us to do— serving those in-need.

We were so blessed and encouraged by your recent donation. God is using you to help us reach thousands of people in need. Every dollar and in-kind gift helps support H.A.R.P.'s mission by allowing us to improve the quality of life for impoverished residents of Southern Ohio with things like giving a child a bed to sleep on, providing an accessible home for a low-income veteran, or ensuring a senior citizen has a safe, sanitary, and secure place to call home.

Thanks again, for helping us to reach the world for Jesus!

Sincerely,
Mary Bates
President & CEO
H.A.R.P. Inc.



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church,

We would like to thank you for the cross sent to us for Kathie. Your thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated.

Dwight & The Kathie Justice Family



Dear members of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church,

May our sincere gratitude fill your heart this season. Lutheran Outdoor Ministries in Ohio is supported through your kindness and generosity.

May the God of Thanksgiving be with you.

From your friends at Lutheran Outdoor Ministries in Ohio, Lutheran Memorial Camp, LOMO Outreach, and Camp Luther.



Dear friends,

I am so grateful for the nice cards and especially your prayers. Our Lord heard you. My surgery was successful and I am on the road to recovery.

God bless you.
Love, Bonnie & Dave Beem

Announcements

Congregational Meeting

2019 Congregational Meeting

The Grace Lutheran congregation met for its annual fall meeting on Sunday, November 17. Planning Council President Jim Heller led two sessions held immediately after the 8:00 a.m. service and just prior to the 10:30 a.m. service.

Voting members approved the proposed the 2020 church budget with near-unanimous vote of 78-1. The budget totals \$297,100.00 for the year.

Voters also elected Rhonda Fisher and Joseph Mathey to their first three-year terms on the Grace Lutheran Endowment Board. They replace Lizabeth Nelson and Dwayne Shepherd who completed their allotted two terms. Dwayne had served as the board's President and Liz had served as its Treasurer. We thank them for their excellent and faithful service.

Thanks to all who participated. Your vote was a vote of confidence as we carry God's mission and Grace ministries into 2020 and beyond.

"Gifts to the Church"

Are you considering a gift to the church? Whether it be a gift today or a future gift as part of your will or estate planning, we appreciate your willingness to consider Grace Lutheran Church. A list of frequently asked questions regarding gifts and donations is available at the office. If you wish to speak with someone about a gift, please contact Tom Margo.



DECEMBER

December Dates

Dec.1: First Sunday in Advent/First Communion

Dec. 8: Annual Rigatoni Dinner and Advent Workshop

Dec. 22: Children's Christmas Pageant (One Service at 9:30 a.m.)

Dec. 24: Candlelight Christmas Eve Services with Holy Communion 7:00 and 10:00 p.m.

Dec. 24-25: Church Office Closed for Christmas

Dec. 29: One Worship Service at 9:30 a.m.

It's The Holiday Season!

Thanksgiving is over, Advent has started and Christmas will be here before we know it! Just a reminder that time is running out . . . to give your 2019 Offerings.

2019 Offerings and Financial Support must be received by 10am on Thursday, January 2nd, 2020.

Thank You for your continued support through your weekly offerings and special project gifts. Any questions please contact the Church Office or Beverly Frantz 330-343-0277.

Your 2019 Giving Statements should be ready to mail by the end of January.

Beverly J. Frantz -
Grace Lutheran Church
Treasurer

Announcements

Ninth Annual Rigatoni Dinner & Advent Workshop

Please mark your calendar and plan to join your family and friends at Grace for the **Ninth Annual Rigatoni Dinner and Advent Workshop** following the 10:30 a.m. worship service on December 8. A free-will donation will be collected to support the 2020 Youth Mission trip to Benton Harbor, Michigan.

Hospitality Ministries is planning a scrumptious meal in Fellowship Hall featuring homemade meatballs made by our Grace youth. Rigatoni with a hearty and tasty red sauce will be served along with salad, bread, desserts and beverages and more.

Christian Faith and Life Ministries sponsors the Advent Workshop this year. It will offer an interesting array of easy-to-make Christmas crafts at tables located in Fellowship and Luther Halls. This year's special workshop is making some new Chrismons (Christian Christmas symbols) for our sanctuary Christmas tree.



The Happy Christmas Come Once More!

To accommodate the Holidays, the church office will be closed for Christmas Dec. 24-25. It will close again for New Year's January 1, 2020.

Pastor Rice will be on vacation December 30 -January 6. He will return to the office on Tuesday, January 7. In the event of a "pastoral emergency," please contact Pastor Steve Patrick or the church office.

Pastor Lisa Aldredge of Oasis Opportunity Outreach in Akron will return to Dover and preside at our Holy Communion worship services on January 5. She is the Executive Director of Oasis ministries and visited with last year. We welcome her back and look forward to hearing her share God's Word and the latest news from Oasis.



Record Warmth this Season!

Thank you for your kind-hearted donations of children's underwear for Christmas distribution by T4C (Tuscarawas County Council for Church and Community). The gifts will help our less fortunate neighborhood youth as part of the organization's *Share-a-Christmas* outreach. Grace members contributed a **record collection of 616 items** of socks (310 pair), underpants (288) and T-shirts (18) during our **Undie Sunday** collections, November 17 and 24. Church Secretary Lisa Morris graciously delivered our hefty and heart-warming donations to the T4C offices for sorting and distribution on November 26.

This is a new record for this holiday giving project! Our previous record was 503 undie items set in 2018. **THANK YOU** for your holiday generosity.

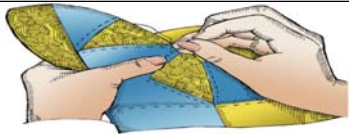
May God bless you for your Christmas compassion and expressions of goodwill to all.



Lutheran World Relief
Final Project Numbers
for 2019



Quilts: 45
Personal Care Kits: 32
Soap: 35



KNOTTERS

**Tues., Jan. 14th, 2020
9:00 am**



Cost of stocking the food pantry for one month.

This is the amount needed to stock the food pantry for 1 month. We thank the congregation for donating food items and cash to keep the pantry stocked. Soap and toilet tissue are purchased and paid by cash donations.

Product	Price / piece	Bags per month*	Total
Peanut Butter	\$ 2.29	X 120	\$ 274.80
Fruit	\$ 0.89	X 120	\$ 106.80
Cereal	\$ 1.59	X 120	\$ 190.80
Meat	\$ 1.30	X 120	\$ 156.00
Chicken Soup	\$ 1.00	X 60	\$ 60.00
Tomato Soup	\$ 1.00	X 60	\$ 60.00
Potatoes	\$ 0.65	X 120	\$ 78.00
Corn	\$ 1.00	X 30	\$ 30.00
Green Beans	\$ 1.00	X 30	\$ 30.00
Pork/Beans	\$ 1.00	X 30	\$ 30.00
Peas	\$ 1.00	X 30	\$ 30.00
Mac-N-Cheese	\$ 0.69	X 120	\$ 82.80
Spaghetti	\$ 1.00	X 120	\$ 120.00
Spaghetti Sauce	\$ 1.00	X 120	\$ 120.00
			\$ 1369.20

*Average

<u>ALDI</u>	<u>Buehlers</u>	<u>Wal Mart</u>	<u>Big Lots</u>
Peanut Butter	Vegetables (1)	Spaghetti Sauce	Soup (1)
Mac-N-Cheese	Corn		Chicken
Potatoes	Green Beans	<u>Dollar General</u>	Tomato
Fruit Cocktail	Peas	Spaghetti	
Cereal	Pork/Beans	Luncheon Meat	



Outreach

GROCERY BAG MINISTRY

Thanks to all who have volunteered to be packers for the Grocery Bag Ministry this year.

Donations to the Food Pantry have increased in response to a greater need for our food bags. In October we distributed 130 bags, and have already distributed 120 in November. We are seeing a greater demand for this outreach program. Monetary and food donations are very much appreciated.

What goes into a bag to feed the hungry? The basic food items are: peanut butter, canned meat, vegetables, fruit, cereal, soup, macaroni & cheese, canned white potatoes, spaghetti sauce and spaghetti noodles. We also pack a roll of toilet paper and a bar of soap when available.

We welcome all packaged/canned donations. We will pack any kind of soup, fruit, vegetable, soap or toilet paper that is donated, as well as extra items not on the list. **Grocery size paper bags are also needed.**

Thank you to all who bring food in for the grocery bags that are filled each month. Look in the Sunday bulletins to see which items are most urgently needed.



Please be Praying for...

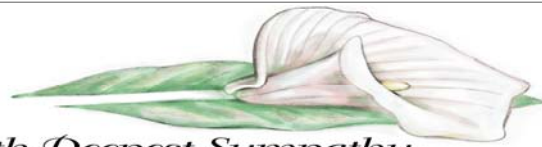
All those serving in the armed forces, especially Christopher Smith, Seth Erickson, Gerald Case, Gary Dean Morrison.

Ella DeVore
Keith Lands
Mildred Schauer
Tim Clark
JoAnn Hammond
Jim Rosenberry
Mary Marino
Norma Grywalski
Shirley Johnson
Joe Hammond
Molly Bauer
Jane Buehler
Buffy Gray
Carol Betche
Holly Hillen
Lisa Myers
Jeff Wallick
Rachelle Sensel
Rick Frantz

Bonnie Beem
Fred Grosse
Judy Wells
Kit Semanco
Glenn Siber
Dwayne Mann
Jason Phillips
Wayne Page
Edward King Sr.
Donna Donahoe
Nada Georgier
Karen Page
Judy Arrington
Louise Harris
Doris Metzger
Leslie Beans
Gail Danford
Carson Yackey

IN OUR PRAYERS...

Please take a moment to review the names on our church prayer list. If you know the current recovery status, condition, or needs of any person listed, please advise Pastor Rice or the church office. We rejoice in God's healing and grace when someone is well enough to come off the list and we promise our prayers to all who are added. Thank You.



With Deepest Sympathy

Our deep and heartfelt sympathies are with the families and friends of Carmy Margo (mother of Tom Margo.)

May the Lord embrace this family with His love and bless them with peace.

Outreach

OUTREACH NEWS... HERE'S YOUR CHANCE TO BE A BLESSING TO OTHERS

We at Grace have volunteered to provide one meal per month — **the 4th Sunday of each month** —

and need volunteers to provide the meal and to deliver it to the *Friends of the Homeless of Tuscarawas County* which is a group of concerned citizens from various churches and social service agencies in the county who have recognized the need to assist persons experiencing homelessness. The residents eat dinner at 6:00 each evening. All tableware is provided by the shelter, and they ask that if we are just dropping the food off to bring it in disposable pans.

If you are unable to deliver your portion of the meal, please contact someone else who has signed up to deliver food.

Let's continue to work together as the body of Christ and serve our brothers and sisters in need.

New sign up sheets are posted for the December's meal to the homeless shelter. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex.

**PERSONAL CARE KITS****The power of a small package**

Personal Care Kits especially help cleanliness and prevent disease outbreaks that can so frequently happen in foreign countries or right here in the United States after natural disasters. LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF is asking congregation participation to help restock their supply of personal care kits. Consider making a kit or dropping off one or more of the items listed below to the church office. Thanks for helping!

Personal care items that go into each kit are:

Personal Care Kits

- 1 light weight bath towel
- 20" X 40" to 52" X 27" (dark color)
- 2 bath size bars of soap
- 1 wide tooth comb
- 1 adult size toothbrush
- 1 nail clipper with file

Thank you to the volunteers who prepared and delivered food to the **Homeless Shelter on November 24th, 2019.**

December's dinner at the Homeless Shelter is on Sunday, Dec. 22nd, at 6:00 pm. The sign-up sheet is posted in the Narthex. We have cut down on the expense of the items needed (less meat, more casseroles) or have divided the donations into smaller units to make it financially easier for you to donate. Please check to see how you can help.

Worship

OPEN ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to provide altar flowers in memory or in honor of loved ones, please either sign up on the list in the Narthex or call the church office at 330-343-6915.

The cost for one vase is \$18. You will be billed by Blossom's Florist.

Altar Flowers are available for the following dates.



Dec. 1st - Karla & Evan Burrier
 Dec 8th - Faith & Natalie Bambeck
 Dec. 15th - Ashley & Jordan Eick
 Dec. 22nd - Jen & Taylor Vaughn
 Dec. 29th - No Children's Church



Dec. 1st - 2 vases
 Dec. 15th - 1 vase

Worship Readings

Altar Guild

**Monday,
 Dec. 23rd, 2019
 9:00 am
 Decorate**

**Saturday,
 Dec. 28th, 2019
 9:00 am
 Undecorate**

Sunday, Dec. 1st

Isaiah 2:1-5
 Psalm 122
 Romans 13:11-14
 Matthew 12:14-21

Sunday, Dec. 8th

Isaiah 11:1-10
 Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19
 Romans 15:4-13
 Matthew 2:1-6

Monday, Dec. 24th

Isaiah 9:2-7
 Psalm 96
 Titus 2:11-14
 Luke 2:1-20

Sunday, Dec. 15th

Isaiah 35:1-10
 Psalm 146:5-10
 James 5:7-10
 John 10:14-18

Sunday, Dec. 22nd

Isaiah 7:10-16
 Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
 Romans 1:1-7
 Matthew 1:18-25

Replenishing the Children's Worship Bags

Our worship bag continues to be a blessing to children and parents in our worship each week! Most of the 10 bags are used every Sunday. The bags serve as a way for parents to have their young children in worship with them while they get a chance to worship. We will be purchasing new books, toys and crayons for the bags soon. If you would be interested in providing money for the purchase of these items you may make a donation by placing it in a special offering envelope with worship bags written on it. If paying by check please remember to write Children's Worship Bags in the memo line. Thank you for continuing to support this ministry.



Worship Assistants

SUNDAY 8:00 AM WORSHIP

USHERS

Tim Keplinger
 Richard Elliott
 Steve Zimmerman
 Jim Heller
 Scott Ebert
 Edward Harper
 David Elliott

ACOLYTES

Dec. 1
 Dec. 8
 Dec. 15

LAY READERS

Dec. 1 Gale Limron
 Dec. 8 Nancy Wilson
 Dec. 15 Terry Miller

COMMUNION ASST.

Dec. 1 Terry Miller
 Dec. 8
 Dec. 15

SUNDAY 9:30 AM WORSHIP

Christmas Eve Worship

ACOLYTES

Dec. 22
 Dec. 29

LAY READERS

Dec. 22 NA
 Dec. 29 NA

COMMUNION ASST.

Dec. 22 Jimm Morris
 7 pm
 Dec. 24 Deborah

LAY READERS

Dec. 24 - 7:00 pm Lynn Foust
 Dec. 24 - 10:00 pm Rick Homrighausen

USHERS

Dec. 1 John Lorenz, Larry Wallick, Tom Margo, Ron Stahl
 Dec. 8 Mike Sergent, Jim Gibb, Jimm Morris, Brody Morris, Karl Vitovic
 Dec. 15 John Stahl, Robert McCulloch, Keith Lands, Paul McFadden
 Dec. 22 Jeff Keller, Jeff Hootman, John Wolfe, Joe Vanfossen
 Dec. 29 WELCA

SUNDAY 10:30 AM WORSHIP

ACOLYTES

Dec. 1
 Dec. 8
 Dec. 15

LAY READERS

Dec. 1 John Stahl
 Dec. 8 Betsy Morris
 Dec. 15 Jim Gibb

DEACONS

Dec. 1
 Dec. 8 Deborah Horn
 Dec. 15

ALTAR GUILD

December: Sue Case, Holly Vesco, Susan Zimmerman, Chris Randles, Bonnie Beem

January: Melody Rader, Wendy MAdy, Betsy Morris, Becky Lands



Get the Messenger By Email

If you'd like to receive the Messenger by email please send an email to GraceHappens@GraceDover.org with the words "Email Messenger" in the subject heading.

Remember you can also view the current and archived Messengers online at www.GraceDover.org



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December 2019

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Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
<p>1</p> <p>8 am Worship Communion</p> <p>9:15 am SCS</p> <p>10:30 am Worship Communion</p> <p>First Communion</p>	<p>2</p> <p>2:30 pm Communion Park Village - S</p> <p>7 pm Valley Voices</p>	<p>3</p> <p>12 pm Senior Crafters - ORC</p> <p>6:30 pm Cub Scouts</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>5</p> <p>12-1 pm Bible Study</p> <p>6 pm Bell Choir</p> <p>7 pm Gallery Choir</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p>8 am Worship Communion</p> <p>9:15 am SCS</p> <p>10:30 am Worship Communion</p>  <p>Rigatoni Dinner</p>	<p>9</p> <p>10:30 am Communion Park Village - N</p> <p>7 pm Valley Voices</p>	<p>10</p> <p>12 pm Senior Crafters - ORC</p> <p>6:30 pm Cub Scouts</p>	<p>11</p> <p>7 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>12</p> <p>12-1 pm Bible Study</p> <p>6 pm Bell Choir</p> <p>7 pm Gallery Choir</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>8 am Men's Breakfast - LH</p>
<p>15</p> <p>8 am Worship Communion</p> <p>9:15 am SCS</p> <p>10:30 am Worship Communion</p>	<p>16</p> <p>7 pm Valley Voices</p>	<p>17</p> <p>6:30 pm Cub Scouts</p>	<p>18</p> <p>7 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>19</p> <p>6 pm Bell Choir</p> <p>7 pm Gallery Choir</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Messenger Deadline</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>9:30 am Worship Communion</p> <p>6 pm Meal to the Homeless Shelter</p> 	<p>23</p> <p>7 pm Valley Voices</p>	 <p>Office Closed</p>	 <p>Merry Christmas Office Closed</p>	<p>26</p> <p>6 pm Bell Choir</p> <p>7 pm Gallery Choir</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Messenger Assembly</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>9:30 am Worship</p>	<p>30</p> <p>7 pm Valley Voices</p> <p>Pastor on Vacation</p>	<p>31</p> <p>NEW YEAR'S EVE</p>	 <p>Joy to the World</p> <p>He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth... LUKE 1:14</p>			