



# THE MESSENGER

**2022**

**Worship Schedule**  
**Sunday: 8 AM and 10:30 AM**  
**Sunday Church School for all ages:**  
**9:15 AM**

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Dear Friends in Christ,

December is a long-awaited month for many, packed with so much anticipation surrounding Christmas! We can pack it with fun parties, food and events that give us excitement. Or we can just take in all the decorations and music with awe as we go about our daily routines as we drive, shop, worship, and relax at home. And then there are those of us having a hard time, who just want to get through it. Traditions can help get us through the hard times, but it's OK if we can't carry on a particular tradition for one or more seasons.

There is hope in all these expressions of the Christmas season. Know that God is with us in Emmanuel! Matthew 1:23 says, "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.'"

Thank you for making Grace Lutheran Church a beacon of Emmanuel in our community, nation, and world. I hope to see every one of you during this Christmas season.

Blessings,  
 Pastor Bonnie

**Pastor**  
**Rev. Bonnie L. Grimaldi**

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# Planning Council

**PLANNING COUNCIL**  
**Next Meeting**  
**Tuesday,**  
**January 17th , 2023**  
**@ 6:30 PM**



**Dec. 13th - Christian Faith & Life**  
**6:30 pm LH**

## 2020-2021 BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

Richard Elliott - President      Julie Brothers - Vice President  
 Becky Lands - Secretary      John Wolfe - Treasurer

### Congregational Life

**Julie Brothers** - Director  
 Susie Erickson  
 Elaine Margo  
 Liz Miller  
 Melody Rader  
 Jim Heller

### Property

**Jim Gibb**- Director  
 Audra Miceli  
 Nathan Vaughan  
 Larry Wallick  
 Brad Wharmby

### Christian Faith and Life

**Ashley Eick** - Director  
 Karla Burrier  
 Debbie Flood  
 Tiffany Shepherd  
 Deb Foust  
 (Cody Jerles, Coordinator YFM)

### Hospitality

**Still Needed** - Director  
 Marcie Castricone  
 Melissa Engstrom  
 Cindy Jerles  
 Traci Smith  
 Bobbie Cox  
 Julie Vanfossen

### Stewardship Development

**Ron Stahl** - Director  
 Charles Castricone  
 Keith Lands  
 Sarah Kneuss

### Outreach

**Paul McFadden**– Director  
 Joe Erickson  
 Tanna Loveday  
 Judy Martin  
 Joe Penrod  
 Scott Ebert (church sign)  
 David Elliott (church website)

*Coordinator of Youth & Family Ministries: Cody Jerles*  
*Director of Music/Organist Linda Hanna*  
*Secretary: Lisa Morris*  
*Treasurer: John Wolfe*  
*Custodian: Ed Robinson*

To Know Christ, To Live Christ, To Share Christ, and To Be One in Christ

Announcements

# SEATS & FEET



This year the Salvation Army is in need of underwear and socks instead of hats & mittens.

The donation trees are displayed in the Narthex and in the connecting room of Luther Hall.

All donations will be removed from and around the trees on Mon., Dec. 9 by 9:00 am.



# Children's Choir!!!

A choir for Grace's children is being formed. Every child in grades 3 and 4 and any younger children are invited to sing. If you are interested in your child/children being part of this very fun and rewarding ministry, please see Linda Hanna, Organist after either church service. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

First rehearsal will be January 8th, 2023 in the Sanctuary after the 10:30 am service.



## Holiday Reminder



### Altar Guild Dinner

Tuesday, December 6th, 2022  
5:45 pm Outreach Center

Current Altar Guild Member: FREE  
Retired Altar Guild Member: FREE

# WOW!!

## Youth Christmas Program

### December 18th

### 9:30 am





# Announcements



Poinsettias may be ordered in honor or in memory of loved ones. **The cost will be \$11.00 each.** Please complete and return this form along with your payment to the church office by **Wed, December 7th.** (if paying by check, please make payable to Grace Lutheran Church)

*This Poinsettia is dedicated to the Glory of God*

*Please circle:*

*In Memory of*

*or*

*In Honor of*

*Print Names:*

*Ordered By:*

Thank you for purchasing a poinsettia which will decorate the sanctuary for the Christmas Eve Service. You may pick up your poinsettia after the 10:00 pm Christmas Eve Service on Saturday, December 24th or beginning Tuesday, December 27th.

## Announcements

# RIGATONI DINNER

Please join us on December 11th after the 10:30 am service for a rigatoni dinner benefiting the youth group on their mission trip and other group events. The youth group will be serving rigatoni and meatballs, salad and desserts and are asking for free will donations. If you are interested in joining us, there is a sign up sheet in the Narthex.



## Grace Happens

You are invited to come as you are to our Christmas themed Grace Lutheran Contemporary Worship Service, called Grace Happens, Sat., Dec. 10th at 5pm in our sanctuary! Before service, you can enjoy a beverage at Magic Mugs (on 3<sup>rd</sup> St.), and after the service, gather for free holiday appetizers and punch in Luther Hall. Grace Happens every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. of the month and everyone is welcome!



# Children's Corner

## Holiday Tunes

- Away in a Manger
- Choir of the Bells
- Dominick the Donkey
- Frosty the Snowman
- Holly Jolly Christmas
- Jingle Bell Rock
- Jingle Bells
- Let it Snow
- Liñle Drummer Boy
- Liñle St Nick
- O Holy Night
- Rudolph
- Santa Baby
- Silent Nigh
- Silver Bells
- The Christmas Song
- The First Noel
- Winter Wonderland



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Outreach



Our support of the Tuscarawas County Friends of the Homeless continues. We still offer meals one Sunday a month. Unfortunately during COVID-19 we are forced to help in a different manner. We are taking monetary donations to support the ministry rather than provide homecooked meals. Your financial support is always appreciated.

### GROCERY BAG MINISTRY

Grace Outreach Board continues their Drive-Thru Grocery Bag Ministry every Friday from 10 AM to 2 PM. The Outreach Board is looking for both monetary gifts and gifts of kind to support this vital ministry.

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.

**Grocery size paper bags are also needed.**



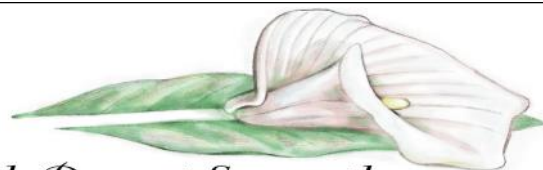
## *Please be Praying for...*

All those serving in the armed forces, especially Christopher Smith, Seth Erickson, Gary Dean Morrison and Jeffrey Huff.

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|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Ella DeVore</b>             | <b>Judy Wells</b>       |
| <b>Fred Grosse</b>             | <b>Larry Wilson</b>     |
| <b>Glenn Siber</b>             | <b>Kerri Jones</b>      |
| <b>Jason Phillips</b>          | <b>Dottie Shott</b>     |
| <b>Norma Grywalski</b>         | <b>Patti Stull</b>      |
| <b>Rachelle Coulter Sensel</b> | <b>Rita Young</b>       |
| <b>Butch Morris</b>            | <b>Lois Schultz</b>     |
| <b>Chet Bennett</b>            | <b>Jennifer Poupart</b> |

#### 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 Bonnie 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 family and friends of**

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

## 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 \$19.  
You will be billed by Blossom's Florist.

Altar Flowers are available for the following dates.



**Dec. 4th - 2 vases**

**Dec. 11th - 1 vase**



Dec. 4th - Sarah Wolfe

Dec. 11th - Julie Vanfossen

Dec. 18th - Christmas Program

Dec. 25th - No Children's Church

## Worship Readings

### **Altar Guild**

Fri., Dec. 23rd  
9 am  
Decorate

Tues. Dec. 27th  
9 am  
Take Decorations  
Down

### **Sunday, Dec. 4th**

Isaiah 11:1-10  
Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19  
Romans 15:4-13  
Matthew 3:1-12

### **Sunday, Dec. 11th**

Isaiah 35:1-10  
Psalm 146:5-10  
James 5:7-10  
Matthew 11:2-11

### **Sunday, Dec. 25th**

#### **Lessons & Carols**

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7  
Micah 5:2-5a  
Luke 1:26-35, 38  
Matthew 1:18-25  
Luke 2:8-20  
Matthew 2:1-11  
John 1:1-14

### **Sunday, Dec. 18th**

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

### **Saturday, Dec. 24th**

Isaiah 9:2-7  
Psalm 96  
Titus 2:11-14  
Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]



**Yes, on-line services are here to stay!**

Once the pandemic is over we will continue to record our 10:30 service each week. You still will be able to attend worship at your leisure. Weekly on-line services will become part of our on-going ministry here at Grace. The service will be available at 10:30 am on Sundays.



## Worship Assistants

### SUNDAY 8:00 AM WORSHIP

ACOLYTES
Dec. 4 Dec. 11

LAY READERS
Dec. 4 Liz & Terry Miller Dec. 11 Kim Gray

COMMUNION ASST.
Dec. 4 Dec. 11

USHERS
Richard Elliott Jim Heller Scott Ebert Edward Harper David Elliott

### SUNDAY 9:30 AM WORSHIP

### Christmas Eve Worship

ACOLYTES
Dec. 18 Dec. 25

LAY READERS
Dec. 18 N/A Dec. 25 John Stahl

COMMUNION ASST.
Dec. 18 Gale Limron Dec. 25 N/A

LAY READERS
Dec. 24 - 7:00 pm Lynn Foust Dec. 24 - 10:00 pm Jan Ochsenbine

USHERS
Dec. 4 John Lorenz, Larry Wallick, Tom Margo, Ron Stahl Dec. 11 Mike Sergent, Jim Gibb Dec. 18 John Stahl, Keith Lands, Paul McFadden Dec. 25 Jeff Keller, Jeff Hootman, John Wolfe, Joe Vanfossen

### SUNDAY 10:30 AM WORSHIP

ACOLYTES
Dec. 4 Dec. 11

LAY READERS
Dec. 4 Jan Ochsenbine Dec. 11 John Stahl

COMMUNION ASST.
Dec. 4 Dec. 11

### ALTAR GUILD

**December:** Melody Rader, Wendy Mady, Betsy Morris, Becky Lands, Ashley Eick

**January:** Glenda Sclater, Marcie Castricone, Paula Wolfe



### Get the Messenger By Email

If you'd like to receive the Messenger by email please send an email to [Gracehappens@gracedover.org](mailto: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](http://www.GraceDover.org)











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**December 2022**

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Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
				<b>1</b> 12 pm Bible Study - LH 6 pm Handbell Choir 7 pm Gallery Choir	<b>2</b> 10 am Grocery Bag Drive Thru	<b>3</b> 8 am Men's Breakfast
<b>4</b> 8 am Worship Communion 9:30 am SCS 10:30 am Worship Communion 	<b>5</b> 7 pm Valley Voices	<b>6</b> 12 pm Senior Crafters - ORC 5:45 pm Altar Guild dinner - ORC 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	<b>7</b> 7 pm Boy Scouts  <u>Deadline to order Poinsettias</u>	<b>8</b> 12 pm Bible Study - LH 6 pm Handbell Choir 7 pm Gallery Choir	<b>9</b> 10 am Grocery Bag Drive Thru	<b>10</b> 5 pm Contemporary Service
<b>11</b> 8 am Worship Communion 9:15 am SCS 10:30 am Worship Communion <u>Youth Rigatoni Dinner</u>	<b>12</b> 7 pm Valley Voices	<b>13</b> 12 pm Senior Crafters - ORC 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 6:30 Christian Faith & Life Mtg. - LH	<b>14</b> 7 pm Boy Scouts	<b>15</b> 12 pm Bible Study - LH 6 pm Handbell Choir 7 pm Gallery Choir	<b>16</b> 10 am Grocery Bag Drive Thru <u>Messenger Deadline</u>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> 9:30 am Worship Communion 	<b>19</b> 7 pm Valley Voices	<b>20</b> 12 pm Senior Crafters - ORC 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	<b>21</b> 7 pm Boy Scouts 	<b>22</b> 12 pm Bible Study - LH 6 pm Handbell Choir 7 pm Gallery Choir	<b>23</b> 9 am Altar Guild Decorating 	<b>24</b> 7 pm Worship Communion 10 pm Worship Communion
<b>25</b> 9:30 am Worship 6 pm Meal to the Homeless Shelter 	<b>26</b> 7 pm Valley Voices 	<b>27</b> 9 am Altar Guild 12 pm Senior Crafters - ORC 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	<b>28</b> 7 pm Boy Scouts	<b>29</b> 12 pm Bible Study - LH 6 pm Handbell Choir 7 pm Gallery Choir	<b>30</b> 10 am Grocery Bag Drive Thru <u>Messenger Assembly</u>	<b>31</b> 