



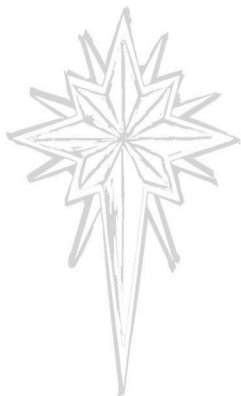
NEWSLETTER

GRACE
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Church

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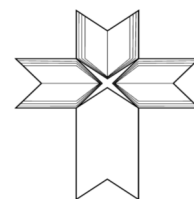
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For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and the government shall
be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called

Wonderful Counselor,
MIGHTY GOD,
Everlasting Father,
PRINCE OF PEACE.

- Isaiah 9:6



OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

The mission of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church is to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ and share God's good news with others with an emphasis on youth and families.

Pastor Heinz will be holding confirmation classes, beginning at the end of January, through March. Please contact Pastor Heinz to get the details or he will be contacting you!



Lancaster Food Pantry, (run by LSS) is focusing on collecting typical holiday foods throughout the end of the year. Things such as canned vegetables, boxes of mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, gravy packets, cake mixes, stuffing mix, etc. All donations can be placed in the Lancaster Food Pantry basket at church. THANK YOU!

Sunday School for December will be the 12th (preK-5th grade) and the 19th (6th -12th grade). Both classes begin at 10am! We hope you can join us!



We will have our annual congregational meeting in January. As usual, we will approve the budget and install church council members. The date is TBA, but please make plans to attend!



UPDATE: Due to the increase in COVID cases, and the fact that we want to keep our church family safe, council has voted to require that masks be worn when in the building for large group gatherings such as worship, weddings, and funerals. Thank you for your kind concern and cooperation in this matter.

***IF YOU ARE SICK, PLEASE STAY HOME!**

****Should you feel safer continuing to worship virtually, we will continue broadcasting the worship service at 11am, on Facebook.**



LSS NEEDS: LSS Faith Mission Deck the Halls program is in the works! They support homeless adults transitioning to permanent housing through a variety of services. To help these people celebrate the holidays, they are asking for donations of:

- Adult backpacks
- \$15 gift cards to Wendy's, McDonald's or Subway
- A king size candy bar

They will then add a blanket and travel mug. Completed backpacks or individual items can be brought to the church until December 5th. Please see Bonnie DuMond if you have questions. There is also a flier on the kiosk!

Also, be on the lookout for the mitten/glove/scarf tree in the Narthex and let's fill it up!



Grace will be celebrating our 149th anniversary in June. The Bishop will be here and we will have much to celebrate! Be on the lookout for details and events!

Thanks to Joe and Phil for sealing the concrete floor in the shelter house! This will protect it from the elements and help it last longer. THANK YOU!

Please stop and look at the kiosk in the Narthex; Lucille Ables' family has put together a composite of pictures over the years of our quilting group. We have so many years of great quilting memories! Lucille spent many years quilting the tops of the quilts that went to LWR.

Info about the Advent season!

- * Advent services at Grace are Tuesdays at 11:30, starting on Nov. 30th.
- * Advent services at Faith are Wednesdays at 7pm starting Dec. 1st. They have soup/sandwiches at 6:15pm.
- * Sunday, Dec. 19th will be our Super Hero Christmas Program for everyone! Please plan to attend!
- * Sunday, Dec. 19th will also be Commitment Sunday, be on the look out for info!
- * Join us for a potluck in the fellowship hall after worship on the 19th. We are looking forward to the fellowship!
- * Christmas Eve service at Grace is 4:44pm on Dec. 24th.
- * Christmas Eve at Faith is 7pm on Dec. 24th.
- * Members of both churches are encourage to attend the services that work for them!



**Christmas
Worship
Schedule**



Birthday Blessings



Eileen Siddle

12/07



- * The December council meeting will be the 14th at 1pm.
- * Dorcas Circle meets on December 15th at 9:30am!
- * There will be no LMM in December
- * Quilting meets every Tuesday morning at 9:30am. Everyone is invited and no experience is necessary!

Kroger will donate a percentage of all purchases to Grace Church! All you need to do is call 1-800-576-4377, or go to Kroger.com and click the community rewards link. To register you will need our account number: QS108. Last year, we earned \$1200 through this program and we can earn up to \$4000. Register yourself, friends and family!

If you have not yet linked your Rewards card to Grace, please do so ASAP, our account number is QS108. Let's see how much we can earn in the next three months.

On December 18th at 2pm, our pianist Pam, will be hosting her music students' recital here at Grace. All are welcome!

Office Hours:

Elaine's hours are Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays 9:30am-1:30pm.



During the week of Christmas, Elaine will be in the office her typical hours, but on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday (20th-22nd). The following week she will be back to normal.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Kathy Snyder; Elizabeth & Paul Klopfer; Coletta Sneddon; Peggy Holtzberger; Bernie Cantrell; Jim & Rosie Bower (Faith Lutheran); Barbara Heinlein; Rev. Siggie Benedict-Shields; Michael Styers, Jr.; Cancer Support Groups at Zangmeister; and members of our military.~~

Please review the "Prayer Concerns" list above. If you have placed someone on the list that no longer needs prayers, please contact the office.



This is a reminder that we have 4 furnaces in our church. If you are the last one to lock up the church, please make sure all the doors are closed, all the inside lights are off, and the thermostats are all set to 65 degrees in the winter or OFF in the summer. Do not touch the fan button on the thermostat as it should ALWAYS be left on so the air in the church can be circulating.

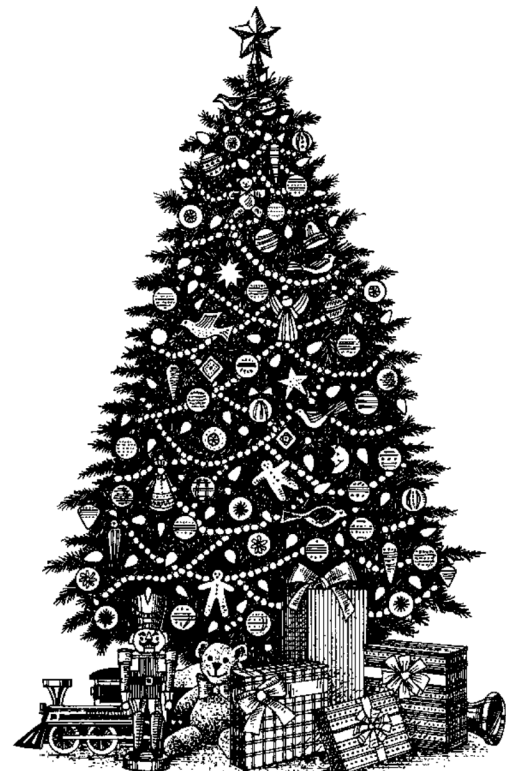


- Be sure to check out the exciting new messages on our church sign!
- Community Spaghetti dinner in January or February. Details TBA
- There will be a garage sale in 2022! Start saving your treasures!
- We will be celebrating our 150th anniversary in 2023! Get excited!



Welcome to our new church council trustees: Judi Layman (secretary) and Janet Dixon (evangelism). Many, many thanks to Tina Siddle for her years of dedication as secretary. You will be missed!






**We are still looking for someone to serve as Parish Education Trustee. If you are feeling led in that direction, please see Rod.



December Worship Assistants

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Date	 Ministry Team		 USHERS	 Altar Guild	 Greeters
Dec. 5	Debbie Kelley	Tim Bower		Linda Styers & Angie Bias	
Dec. 12	Ed Thomas	Bonnie DuMond		Linda Styers & Angie Bias	
Dec. 19	Janet Dixon	Rod DuMond		Linda Styers & Angie Bias	
Dec. 24 Christ- mas Eve	Rod DuMond	Debbie Kelley		Linda Styers & Angie Bias	
Dec. 26	Tina Siddle	Janet Dixon		Linda Styers & Angie Bias	

Did you know that you can receive your monthly newsletter by e-mail? This way you don't have more clutter on your kitchen counter. Help Grace save the additional costs of paper and stamps by signing up to receive your newsletter online. Just email Elaine (office@gracecolumbus.com) and let her know!

