

# Grace Ev. Lutheran Church (LCMS)

## News & Notes

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### THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE - December 2<sup>nd</sup> - December 9<sup>th</sup>

#### First Sunday of Advent

**Setting:** Divine Service, Setting 4, page 203  
**Hymns:** 442 357 331 813 618 386  
**Glory Bound Choir directed by Julie Matzen**  
**Accompanied by Connie Vickers**  
 "Reaching"  
**Bell Choir directed by Laura Swanson**  
 "Angels We Have Heard on High"  
**Scripture:** *Jeremiah 33:14-16*  
*1 Thessalonians 3:9-13*  
*Luke 19:28-40*  
**Sermon:** "Advent: A Real Change of Pace"

#### THOSE IN SERVICE - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>

<b>8:00 a.m. Service</b>	<b>10:30 a.m. Service</b>
Organist: Diana Baetke	Organist: Diana Baetke
Elder: Clint Albrecht	Elder: Jon Betz
Acolyte: Carleigh Tobey	Acolyte: Owen Tucker
A/V: Steve Butler	A/V: Steve Butler

## CALENDAR

12/2/2018	"Mites" Sunday
	8:00 AM Traditional Worship/Communion
	9:15 AM Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
	10:30 AM Traditional Worship/Communion
12/3/2018	1:00 PM 500 Card Club
	6:00 PM Council Meeting
12/5/2018	5:30 PM Confirmation Classes
	6:00 PM Bell Choir
	6:15 PM Glory Bound Choir
	7:00 PM Advent Worship
	8:00 PM Cantata Rehearsal at Grand Mound
12/6/2018	9:00 AM Tops Meeting
	5:00 PM Weight Watchers Meeting
12/8/2018	9:00 AM Meeting Room #1 Reserved
	9:00 AM Cantata Practice
12/9/2018	8:00 AM Traditional Worship
	9:15 AM Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
	10:30 AM Traditional Worship
	12:00 PM S.S. Christmas Program Practice (3rd & 4th Grade)
	1:00 PM S.S. Christmas Program Practice (5th— 8th Grade)
	3:00 PM NYG2019 Meeting
	4:30 PM Youth Caroling & Pizza Party

#### Our Gifts, Tithes & Offerings for 11/25//2018

	Amount
Tithes and Offering	\$ 3,233.00
Thanksgiving	<u>1,156.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,389.00</b>

#### Attendance for week of 11/25/2018 In Worship

Thanksgiving Service	
9:00 a.m.	69
Sunday Service	
9:00 a.m.	<u>109</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>178</b>

**CHRISTMAS CANTATA** - The Christmas Chorale, including members of Grace and Immanuel Lutheran-Grand Mound proudly present, "**Come and See, Go and Tell!**" which will be performed on Sunday, December 9th at 8:00 a.m. at Grace and 10:00 a.m. at Immanuel-Grand Mound. You are invited to come and know that this is your King, born to bring light and salvation to a people lost in darkness. Once we have seen, we can do nothing else but go and tell the Good News: the Savior is born! Plan to join us and let our new dynamic musical kick off your Christmas season!

As the call committee begins to consider filling the senior pastor vacancy, anyone who would like to nominate a candidate would be asked to fill out a nomination form found at the welcome center. Thank you.

Poinsettias for Christmas are being ordered through the Church Office this year. If you would like a poinsettia to be placed in the sanctuary, please complete the form located on the Welcome center and return with your payment by



**CHRISTMAS TREES** are available for sale at the Grace Camp Christmas Tree Farm. We will be open all of the Saturdays and Sundays through December 16th. A large selection of trees are available and camp board members will be available to assist you with tree purchases. If no one is there to help you, you can slide your cash or check in the mail slot by the door at the tree shed.

**LWML will be preparing cookie packages** for Maggie's House, Westwing, United Manor and other shut-ins. There is still a need for the following help for this project:

**Friday, Dec. 14th:** Bake at home! Bring your two dozen 3" X 3" decorated sugar cookies to the church during office hours 8-noon, or Saturday morning, Dec. 15th, 9 a.m.

**Saturday, Dec. 15th:** We need your help packaging the cookies! 9-10 a.m. in Grace Hall.

**Sunday, Dec. 16th:** We need your assistance delivering the cookies! Pick them up at the church after your church service.

Sign up today! Call Val Betz (563-659-9151) with questions or to volunteer your time and

**Pick up your copy** of the 2018 Advent Devotions, the December Newsletter and the January Portals of Prayer. They are located on the table in the Narthex.



**ADVENT GIFTS:** Brighten someone's holiday by contributing gifts for the Advent Gifts Drive, sponsored by the LWML Mission Guild. Gifts are taken to the Davenport Lutheran Home (a nursing home facility for Lutherans) and University of Iowa Children's Hospital where children are treated for various illnesses. All members of the congregation are invited to participate in this annual mission project.

**Davenport Lutheran Home** – nail polish, nail polish remover, fingernail files, hair spray, hair brushes, jewelry, perfume, boxed tissues, watercolor paints, crayola crayons, hand lotion, aftershave, men's cologne, glue sticks, felt-tip

markers, acrylic paints for crafting, foam/felt sheets, non-skid slipper socks, beads with large holes for jewelry making, men's/ women's cardigan sweaters/fleece (size medium to extra large), lip balms/chap stick, hot glue sticks (large and small), ladies headbands/hair clips, thermal gloves, handkerchiefs and Crayola colored pencils.

**University Children's Hospital** – crayons, coloring books, story books, stationery, tapes and stuffed animals.

Please leave your unwrapped gifts in the totes on the stage in Grace Hall. Please note that the gifts must be brought to the church by Thursday, December 13th. Thank you kindly.

