

Grace Ev. Lutheran Church (LCMS)

News & Notes

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Office Hours M-Th 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m., Friday 8:00 a.m.- Noon

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE - December 9th - December 16th

Second Sunday of Advent

Setting: Divine Service, Setting 4, page 203

Hymns: 343 344 367

Scripture: *Malachi 3:1-7b*
Philippians 1:2-11
Luke 3:1-14

Sermon: "Returning to the Lord"

THOSE IN SERVICE - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2ND

8:00 a.m. Service

Christmas Cantata
 Elder: Clint Albrecht
 Acolyte: Adalyn Appleby
 A/V: Steve Butler

10:30 a.m. Service

Organist: Diana Baetke
 Elder: Jon Betz
 Acolyte: Hannah Grantz
 A/V: Steve Butler

CALENDAR

Our Gifts, Tithes & Offerings for 12/2/2018

	Amount
Tithes and Offering	\$ 5,734.45
Advent	20.00
Capital Improvements	150.00
Envelope Fund	5.00
GYM Building	100.00
Youth Group	50.00
Preschool	225.00
Sunday School Offering	<u>64.23</u>
Total	\$ 6,348.68

Grace Camp \$150.00

Attendance for week of 12/2/2018

In Worship		In Study	
Sunday Service		High School	3
8:00 a.m.	135	Sunday School	64
10:30 a.m.	76	Adult Bible Study	21
Wednesday Advent		Staff	<u>16</u>
7:00 p.m.	<u>84</u>	Total	104
Total	295		

12/9/2018	8:00 AM	Cantata - "Come and See, Go and Tell"
	9:15 AM	Sunday School
	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
12/10/2018	6:30 PM	Board of Discipleship Meeting
	6:30 PM	Elders Meeting
12/12/2018		Preschool - No 4s Class
	5:30 PM	Confirmation Classes
	6:00 PM	Cantata - "Come and See, Go and Tell"
	7:00 PM	Advent Worship
12/13/2018	9:00 AM	Tops Meeting
	5:00 PM	Weight Watchers Meeting
12/15/2018		Hall Rental
		Newsletter Deadline
	1:30 PM	S.S. Christmas Program Practice (5th - 8th Grade)
	2:30 PM	S.S. Christmas Program Practice (3rd - 4th Grade)
	2:45 PM	S.S. Christmas Program Practice (3s - 2nd)
12/16/2018	8:00 AM	Traditional Worship/Communion
	9:15 AM	Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
	10:30 AM	Traditional Worship/Communion
	3:00 PM	Sunday School Christmas Program



Altar flowers were given by Barry & Patty Anderson in honor of their family.

We offer a prayer of thanksgiving to Jason & Carissa Spain and their family on the birth of their son, Dylan Lawrence. Dylan was born on December 2, 2018, he weighed 8lbs 1oz and was 20 inch long.

*Farewell Reception for
 Pastor & Carol Rafferty
 Sunday, Dec 9th
 After both services
 In Grace Hall*

Shock and Awe, Holy Spirit Style

8 years ago this month I was blessed to be installed as your senior pastor... During our 8 year ministry together we have continued to promote the Gospel of Jesus Christ and HIS church throughout eastern Iowa and prayerfully beyond. This is not an exit interview exhortation, but simply a reminder to let the Holy Spirit to continue to guide the ministry here at Grace... But maybe more importantly for the Holy Spirit to lead you in your personal walk with your Lord and Savior. The agenda of the church and its mission should be your goal. Carol and I continue to ask for your prayers as my health has been on hold... and Carols has deteriorated dramatically over these past few months.. There has also been some concerned about the timing of my closing service... Believe me, I would have enjoyed spending this entire Advent and Christmas season with you but there were so many circumstances out of my personal control that would not allow that... Basically a very worldly situation; we had a closing date on our house.. that the buyers were not willing to change... So we had no place to live, especially with 3 cats and a dog...Ahhh, the logistics of it all... Many times pastors come and go and they wish to cut all ties with their former congregation... so as to not interfere with the incoming pastor (s) ministry... With that said, Carol and I welcome the idea of you folks keeping touch. Our contact information is as follows:

Address: 22805 East 98th St South
Broken Arrow, OK 74014

Carol's Ph Number: 563-503-2737
Pastor's Ph Number: 563-503-2855
Email: revrafferty@gmtel.net

DONATIONS NEEDED

Please check the list of items needs for this year's Winter Camp and consider donating to help keep the costs down. All items should be dropped off at the Grace Kitchen by Thursday, December 27th.

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 **December 10th**. Flowers will be red. Cost is \$10.00 each.

LWML cookie packages reminder:

Bring your decorated sugar cookies to the church during office hours 8-noon, or Saturday morning, Dec. 15, 9 a.m.

Saturday, Dec. 15th: Cookie packaging! 9-10 a.m. in Grace Hall.

Sunday, Dec. 16th: Cookie Delivery! Pick them up in Grace Hall after your church service.

Grace Lutheran Church

Sunday School Children present

Hurry, Listen!

Jesus is Born!

Join us for a Children's Christmas Program
brought to life through the eyes of a child!

Sunday December 16, 2018 @ 3:00pm

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Our Sunday School Children will have the "Little White Church" decorated for a free will offering. We will also have a collection basket for the Referral Center.

Following the Christmas Program, we will have a Happy Birthday Jesus Party downstairs in Grace Hall. Please come down and join us.

There will be **NO** Sunday School classes on Sunday, December 23rd or 30th. Regular classes will resume January 6th.