

# Grace at a Glance (January 2020)



Member of Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ

**We're on a Mission--Come Join Us!**

*On a mission to **commit** to Christ...*

*On a mission to **grow** in our faith...*

*On a mission to **reach** out to others...*

## Keeping Up with the Calendar:

- Jan. 5:** Sunday School (for all ages) at 9:00 a.m.  
Adult Ed. At 9:00 a.m.  
**Traditional Worship w/Holy Communion** at 10:15 a.m.  
Confirmation Class at 6:00 p.m.
- Jan. 6: Girl Scouts at 5:30 p.m.
- Jan. 8: Home Bible Study at Hinrichs 6:00 p.m.
- Jan. 12:** Sunday School (for all ages) at 9:00 a.m.  
**Worship** at 10:15 a.m.  
Confirmation class at 6:00 p.m.  
Youth Group at 7:00 p.m.
- Jan. 13: Prayer meeting at 6:30 p.m. at church  
Women's Evening Bible study - 7:00 p.m. at church  
Men's Fellowship Group - 7:00 p.m. at Chili Corners
- Jan. 14: Women of Grace Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.  
Cub Scouts at 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.  
Mission Trip Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- Jan. 15: Home Bible Study at Hinrichs 6:00 p.m.
- Jan. 16: Council meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- Jan. 19:** Sunday School (*for all ages*) at 9:00 a.m.  
Adult Ed at 9:00 a.m.  
**Traditional Worship w/ Holy Communion** at 10:15 a.m.  
Confirmation class at 6:00 p.m.
- Jan. 22: Home Bible Study at Hinrichs 6:00 p.m.
- Jan. 26:** **Sunday school (*for all ages*) at 9:00 a.m.**  
**Adult Ed. at 9:00 a.m.**  
**Worship** at 10:15 a.m.  
**Annual Meeting with POTLUCK! after worship**  
Confirmation class at 6:00 p.m.  
Youth Group at 7:00 p.m.
- Jan. 27: Prayer meeting at 6:30 p.m. at church  
Women's Evening Bible study - 7:00 p.m. at church  
Men's Fellowship Group - 7:00 p.m. at Chili Corners
- Jan. 28: Cub Scouts at 6:00 p.m.
- Jan. 29: Home Bible Study at Hinrichs 6:00 p.m.

*(Church Office closed on Fridays)*

### **Grace Lutheran Church and Child Care Center**

*(a congregation of LCMC,  
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Mission for Christ)*

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Grace Lutheran Website:  
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### **LCMC –People on a mission**

The vision of the LCMC is that every church would be:

- 1) People of Prayer**
- 2) Mission Minded**
- 3) Connected to One Another**
- 4) Trained and Equipped for Ministry.**

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# Keeping Up with the Council:

## Council Minutes – December 19, 2019

6:30 PM Call Meeting to Order

Present: Dan Behling, Marlene Broeske, Dave Denowski, Jim Good, Jon Lovelace, Stacy Melbinger, Norm Saracoff, Breanna Vandehey, and Pastor Tim Hinrichs. Absent: Josh Meisner

Dan Behling led the meeting in Josh Meisner's absence. Prayer by Pastor Tim.

6:35 Discussion/Plan

Read handout "A Guide to Getting (and Keeping) Church Visitors" for January meeting.

7:15 Secretary's Minutes

7:20 Treasurer's Report –

- Reviewed the 2020 Grace Giving Commitment form
  - Include in the annual report
  - Send to those who don't attend annual meeting



7:45 Pastor's Report –

- Current Average Attendance 64, about the same as the past 2 years
- Reviewed list of inactive members, divided up the list and each council member will call a couple to check on their status
- Start thinking about 2 services: Traditional and Contemporary
- Survey the congregation to see if there is interest

8:20 Team Reports:

- GLCCC (Josh Meissner)– still doing well with kids and staff. Paid back the remainder of the loan from this summer
- Adult Education Teams (Jon Lovelace)
- Building and Maintenance Teams (James Good) –
  - Basement floor discussion. Jim will talk to the "guy." Jon Lovelace made a motion for the building committee to make the decision; Norm Saracoff seconded it. Motion passed.
  - Eaves troughs are done!
- Youth and Family Education Teams (Breanna Vandehey and Stacey Melbinger).
  - Sunday School is going well. Sunday school going well, intend to split into 3 classes when basement is available
  - Youth group tree event was a huge success
  - Christmas program went well
- Mission and Outreach Teams (Norm Saracoff)
  - No recent overflow requests
  - Puerto Rico mission trip is coming together, thanks to the congregation for the mission of the month support
- Stewardship and Finance Teams (Marlene Broeske)
- Worship Teams (Dave Denowski and Dan Behling)
  - Several team leaders report things are going well
  - Tech team got the 3<sup>rd</sup> monitor installed and working

8:45 Old Business

- Brotherhood Mutual Insurance proposal costing \$5762 annually reported by Jon Lovelace Decision tabled until January 2020 meeting. We'd like Josh to review it, and we'll review again at the January meeting
- 2020 Budget - Reviewed. Dave Denowski made a motion to accept the budget as presented by Breanna Vandehey; Jon Lovelace seconded it. Motion passed.

Next meeting January 16, 2020 10:00 Adjourn motion by Jon Lovelace; seconded by Stacy Melbinger.

# Keeping Up with the Family:



Natasha and Johnathon Schwiech	1/12/2019
David and Wanda Venske	1/21/1967

Brian Degenhardt	1/03
Rilynn Daniel	1/06
David Schmitz	1/07
Jordana Meissner	1/08
Dawson Meissner	1/10
Doug Dix	1/16
Wyatt Werner	1/16
Ben Lawyer	1/17
Carmen Good	1/18
Colin Heggebo	1/19
Yngve Johansson	1/19
Gary Loonstra	1/19
James Gilbertson	1/23
Trisha Heggebo	1/23
Shawn Zee	1/25
Bobbie Saracoff	1/26
Carol Rand	1/30
Kora Scott	1/30

## Grace Lutheran Prayer List:

1 Timothy 2 -- *"I, Paul, urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone-- for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.*

*This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth...I want men everywhere to lift up holy hands in prayer, without anger or disputing."*

### Pray for:

- GLCCC financial situation
- Repairs on our church building

### Pray for our Church Ministries:

- Sunday School teachers and students
- Women's Bible Studies
- Men's Discipleship Group
- Childcare Center
- Youth Group
- Confirmation Class Students

### Pray for those who are homebound/in nursing homes:

- Irlene Wagner (at Wells Nature View/Apple Ave.)
- Dorothy Riedel (at Aster House)
- Yvonne Klatt (1211 Lloyd St. Apt. 63 Neillsville, WI)

### Pray for our church leaders:

- Our Church Council and Pastor Tim
- Pastor Mark Vander-Tuig, Service Coordinator for LCMC and the Board of Trustees of LCMC

### Pray for people serving our country:

- Governor Tony Evers, President Trump, Vice-President Pence and other leaders
- All those in military service



### Grace Council Officers

President ~ Josh Meissner 715-683-8017  
 Vice-President ~ Dan Behling 715-383-6933  
 Treasurer ~ Breanna Vandehey 715-383-3135  
 Secretary ~ Marlene Broeske 715-384-6790

### Council Members

Jim Good 715-676-3932  
 Jon Lovelace 715-660-6160  
 Dave Denowski 715-207-1286  
 Norm Saracoff 715-743-3499  
 Stacy Melbinger 715-937-5252



# Keeping Up with the Financials:

## Financial Snapshot of Grace General Fund (Dec. 31, 2019)

“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse” says the Lord. (Malachi 3:10)

YTD Budget (Income)	\$ 150,000.00	General Fund \$	3,877.35
YTD Contributions	\$ 116,768.83	Bills waiting \$	1,397.35
YTD Expenses	\$ 148,231.36	Savings Total \$	13,728.44



### December Contributions to funds. (\*Needed for Budget \$ 12,500.00/month )

DATE	Bldg	Care	*General	Misc. Benev	Overflow	Savings	Youth
Dec.1-7	1972.00		3836.00	132.00	10.00	50.00	984.00
Dec. 8-14	215.00		1702.00	30.00	10.00	60.00	
Dec. 15-21	372.00		1595.00	10.00	10.00	60.00	
Dec. 22-28	260.00	10.00	5776.30	10.00	10.00	60.00	
Dec. 29-31	1010.00	10.00	868.00	22.00	10.00	60.00	
Totals	3829.00	20.00	<b>13777.30</b>	204.00	50.00	290.00	984.00

2020 Proposed Budget sheets will be out to the congregation on Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup>. Please pick one up to study before the annual meeting on Sunday, January 26, 2020.



**Raffle Tickets** – for Praying Pelican Mission Trip to Puerto Rico beautiful outdoor bench. We will be drawing the winner of the raffle this weekend so please be sure to buy a ticket by Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>! Tickets will be available to purchase immediately after worship on Sunday, Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>.

## Movie Night!

We will be having a movie night at Dave and Stacey Schmitz's home at 6991 Johnson Rd, Pittsville on Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. The movie is entitled "Overcomer" and everyone is welcome!



# Keeping Up with the Ministries:

## January Worship Assistants

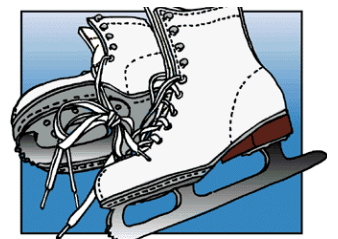


Serving at Grace	January 5 – Traditional w Comm.	January 12
Musician	Callie Schmidt, Larry G.	Worship Team
Reader	Don Lang	Dave Denowski
Greeters	Mary Harris Stacy Melbinger	Norm and Bobbie Saracoff
Offering Ushers	Jon and Lauren Lovelace	Dave Denowski Laura Aschebrook
Acolytes	Gavin Peckham Mindy Dix	Aleighta Hainz Ottillie Jansen
Treats	Roger/Dorothy Sanger Carol Hahm	Stacey Schmitz Marjean Weichelt
Nursery Church	Brianna Post	Breanna VanDeHey
Bulletin Folder	Laura Aschebrook	Heidi Post
Counters	Mary Harris Breanna VanDeHey	Stacy Melbinger Breanna VanDeHey
Sound Technician	Mike Lawyer	
Prayer Team	Ranata Hinrichs Mike Lawyer	Norm and Bobbie Saracoff
Deacon	Todd/Marie Cattanach	Dan Behling

Serving at Grace	January 19 – Traditional w/Comm	January 26 – Annual Meeting
Musician	Callie Schmidt, Larry G.	Worship Team
Reader	Sheri Meissner	Bobbie Saracoff
Greeters	Dave and Stacey Schmitz	Laura Aschebrook Dave Denowski
Offering Ushers	Dave and Stacey Schmitz	Carol Hahm, Bethany West
Acolytes	Sam and Tyler Heiman	McKayla Johansson, Dawson Meissner
Treats	Holly Jankovitz Linda Gilbertson	Trudy Schier/ Roberta Johansson POTLUCK
Nursery Church	Sheri Meissner	
Bulletin Folder	Don and Nikki Lang	Cindy Dix
Counters	Carmen Good Marlene Broeske	Sheri Denowski Marlene Broeske
Sound Technician		
Prayer Team	Renata Hinrichs Mike Lawyer	Stacey Schmitz, Dave Denowski
Deacon	Don Lang	Jim/Carmen Good

**Thank you to everyone volunteering to assist with worship this month!**

**If you see a blank space and wish to help, please sign up on the bulletin board in the gathering space.**



# Keeping Up with the News:

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## WEEK OF COMMUNITY PRAYER

From January 5-11, we will have a community-wide week of prayer. Each day this week all believers from the area are invited to meet for an hour of prayer at 6:30 pm. Below is the schedule of meet locations:

Sunday, Jan 5: Faith Fellowship;  
Monday, Jan. 6: North Ridge Church;  
Tuesday, Jan. 7: Calvary Bible Church  
Wednesday, Jan. 8: Center City Church  
Thursday, Jan. 9: Cornerstone Community Church  
Friday, Jan. 10: Redeemer Christian Church  
Saturday, Jan. 11: Faith Fellowship

## **The Giving Tree**

There were gifts of what was asked for and more! Thank you for your generosity and compassion in participating in this event. This is sometimes the only gifts some people receive at this time of year and they are really appreciated.



This year we were able to help make a wonderful Christmas for 2 families (a 2 year old boy and parents) (two little girls ages 2 and 3 and their parents) and two teenage girls. A total of 9 people! Gifts were bought for the children and the parents asked for family supplies. THANK YOU!

God bless all who gave this year and may you all have a Happy, Blessed New Year!



**The Annual Meeting is set for January 29, 2020.  
We are planning (pray for it!) a POTLUCK before the meeting. Please plan to bring a dish to pass.  
See you there!**

## Poinsettias

**We want to thank all who donated toward the poinsettias and flowers that adorn the sanctuary this Christmas. Thank you for making our Christmas brighter.**

Phyllis Weichelt – In Honor of My Dear Family  
Jeff & Marjean Weichelt – In Honor of Our Dear Loved Ones  
Roger & Dorothy Sanger – In Memory of Loved Ones  
Freddie & Carol Hahm – In Memory of Loved Ones  
Brian & Julie Johnsrud and Family – In Memory of Loved Ones  
Marie & Todd Cattanach – In Memory of Family and Friends  
Linda & James Gilbertson – In Memory of Kurt Frederickson  
Mary Harris – In Memory of Charles and Catherine Young  
Colleen Bell – In Memory of Ray Bell  
Breanna & Justin VanDeHey – In Honor of Dorothy Riedel  
In Memory of Clifford Riedel  
Bobbi & Norm Saracoff – In Honor of Loved Ones  
Vernon & Virginia Gilbertson  
Sheri & Dave Denowski



## Keeping Up with the Pastor:

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Happy New Year!

It's a new year and a new decade and that means a lot of new commitments. After the few pounds gained from the holidays, many of us will commit to a new exercise program. Others will decide they need to cut back on sweets and eat healthier in 2020. Have you thought about your spiritual health this new year? Our spiritual health is even more important than our physical health. Jesus spoke about his people in this way: *"I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."*

Have you thought about refreshing and renewing your relationship with God this year? One of the ways of doing that is to get back into the Bible. It's easier said than done. But it has to be a habit. Last year at this time I was talking a lot about "Faith5" – daily time with the family to talk about God and life. I wonder how many of you are still practicing "Faith5"? The important thing is that we allow God time in our lives to talk to us, to shape us, to bless us with his Word. Maybe you use a daily devotional like "Our Daily Bread" (available free at the church) or "Portals of Prayer" or something else. That is fantastic because it motivates you to read a portion every day either alone or with your spouse.

Today, in our computer age, many are using apps to help keep on track spiritually. "Journey" is a fantastic way to do that. It helps you both read and listen to the Bible every day as well as journal your thoughts back to God. ([www.journeyeveryday.com/](http://www.journeyeveryday.com/)) By spending just 20 minutes a day you will go through the Bible in 18 months. Maybe you could even listen while you're driving to work every day. What better way to start your day? Regardless of what works for you, the important thing is to just dig in and let God work in your life. The Lord has so much to tell you and so many ways he wants to bless you.

We also have ways that we grow together as a family. Just studying the Word on your own only goes so far but doing it with other believers really helps open our eyes to new things. Are you involved in at least one Bible study with others? Why not? Would you consider joining the men on Monday nights this year as they get together at Chili Corners? Or how about joining the women at church on those same Mondays? Or rediscover the Women of Grace Bible study on the second Tuesday of the month! Have you thought about giving the adult Sunday School class a chance again? Carve out time to grow. Whatever it is, you will be blessed to find a group of people you can meet with and grow with.

I pray that both you and I grow in our faith this coming year, that whatever unexpected events we cling to the Lord and his strength. May he give us his wisdom and guidance through the year ahead!

Blessings in Christ!  
Pastor Tim

