GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

January, 2019

To Experience and Share the Story of Jesus Christ

Pastor's Ponderings

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Merry Christmas! I know, it's January, and you probably feel like Christmas is over, but we've still got a few days left. As you may know "The Twelve Days of Christmas" begin, not before Christmas, but on Christmas Day. Although radio stations will stop playing Christmas music, "after-Christmas" sales will begin, and many people will take down their Christmas trees, we continue celebrating the season of Christmas through January 5.

January 6 is a special day, a day that we'll celebrate together since it falls on a Sunday this year. January 6 is Epiphany, the day we celebrate the Magi (wise men) visiting the young Jesus. Finally, our nativity sets can be complete! When I was young, we had a wooden nativity set under our Christmas tree. My mom would start our magi journeying across the living room on December 25, and by the time January 6 rolled around, they had made it across the living room to the stable. It was a fun tradition that I like to continue with my family.

But, at the risk of being a nativity-scene-wrecker, in reality, it probably took these magi nearly 2 years to reach Jesus and his family. Matthew 2:11 says, "On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother…" So we learn that by the time the magi arrived, Jesus was no longer a newborn infant, nor were they living in a stable. I picture the toddler Jesus shyly hiding behind his mother's legs as the strange visitors entered with their very grown-up treasures, bowing down to this child who they had been sent to worship.

Epiphany isn't just important because some strange star-following travelers finally complete our nativity sets, or because they brought Jesus gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Epiphany is important because it's a celebration of Jesus being revealed not just to the Jewish people, but revealed to all people. Jesus was born for all people – for the Jews and the Gentiles, no matter where they were from or what their background was. Epiphany is a celebration of the star that led the magi to Jesus, a celebration of the light that Jesus brought to all nations, a celebration that reveals God's greatest gift to the whole world.

So join us on Epiphany Sunday as we share the story, share some Epiphany traditions, and share the love and light of Christ, who came to bring light to the world.

In Christ,

+ Pastor Jennifer

Seeking Gift Baskets for Raffle

Our Mission Trip crew will be holding a Basket Raffle in early spring to raise funds for the trip to Puerto Rico. If you would like to donate a basket or items for a basket, please contact Pastor Jennifer.

Mission Trip Coffee Hour

Join us for a special Epiphany coffee hour on Sunday, Jan. 6, with special treats to raise funds for the Puerto Rico Mission Trip.

Diner's Delight

Diner's Delight is a fellowship opportunity here at Grace where individuals are grouped together once a quarter to share a meal together. It's a great way to get to know other Grace members and to have fun around fantastic food. Interested in being a part of Diner's Delight this year? Sign up on a yellow sheet at church or call the church office by January 15.

Confirmation Corner

This month, Mentor Night is on January 2 at 6:30 p.m. Starting January 9, we're beginning our study of the Lord's Prayer.

Mission Statement

As a part of our 125th Anniversary year, the Church Council started thinking about updating Grace's Mission Statement to better reflect who we are and who we want to become as the body of Christ in this place. The Council is recommending the following: "Gathering in grace, growing in faith, serving in love." Join us at the Annual Meeting Jan. 20 for more discussion of this prospective new statement.

Annual Meeting & Potluck – January 20

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend our 2018 Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 20 after worship. There will be a potluck after the meeting, so please bring a dish to pass.

Thank you!

A huge thank you to all of the kids, parents, and volunteers who put in so much time and energy to make our Christmas Program fantastic! A special thank you to directors Virginia Becker and Teresa Neuenschwander and Shawn Whitman for their hours of planning, rehearsing, set-design, and costume-making.

Men's Breakfast

First Sunday of the month, 7:30 am:

Jan 6, Feb 3, Mar 3, April 7, May 5, June 2

Mark your calendars.

Bring a breakfast item to share and a topic to discuss.

January Volunteers

	January 6	January 13	January 20 Annual Meeting	January 27
Acolyte:	Emma Hellberg & Ava Williams	Julia & Malina Schneider	Sierra Jelinek & Calli Lawson	Amanda & Josie Punsel
Assisting Minister:	Jeff Gafner	Kelly Witte	Andrya Coutts	Shawn Whitman
Coffee Hour:	Mission Trip Fund Raiser	Cindy Hartman Judy Klingforth	**Annual Meeting** Chris Watson Pam Rieckmann	Michelle Albrecht Megan Ellickson
Communion Set Up:	Lydia Circle	Chris & Tom Watson	Steve & Jennifer Geis	Lydia Circle
Communion Servers:	Amy Simdon, Val Anderson, April Mickelson	Tom & Chris Watson, Judy Heidebrecht	Tim & Evy Jeffers, Patty Koeppel	Michael Rehak, Pira Mueller, Marcia Klemp
Counting:	Cindy Hartman & Angie Williams	April Mickelson & Judy Heidebrecht	Mary Behling & Diane Russo	Amy Simdon & Patty Koeppel
Reader:	Bob Koepp	Ann Engelstad	Pete Grunwald	Michael Rehak
Ushers:	Jim & Pat Hall	Richard & Jean Scott	Justin & Angie Williams family	Gary & Sharon Haberkorn, Jeff Johnson family

Sound System Volunteers

Training Saturday, January 12, 9 - 10:30 am

The mixer is being replaced with a new digital mixer. A professional "sound guy" will lead a hands-on training. If you are already a sound techie volunteer, or a staff member who needs to know the basics of running your system, you are strongly urged to attend. If you are interested in volunteering to run the audio for Sunday mornings or special events - You Will Be Welcomed. In addition to running the new mixer, the training will include other basic information including: equipment checks, setting up additional mics, and location of wireless receivers and transmitters.

meals on wheels™ more than just a meal

Meals on Wheels drivers needed January 7-18. Please contact Marlene if you can help deliver. (608) 513-6461

January Birthdays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
			Robert Cunningham Samuel Grender Cynthia Hoffman Emmett Koehle Angie Williams	Joe Pleshek	Kimberly Borchardt Stephanie Borchardt Alice Wolfgram	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Cheryl Mittelstedt Michael Mittelstedt	Nolan Adsit Ann Engelstad Emma Koeppel Karen Paxson				Tracy Punsel	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	Stephany Hasz Maxwell Johnson	Evelyn Lund	Bill Cerar Toni Clemens Judy Klingforth	Carolyn Scholten	Pat Hall Deanne Herrling Jade Kenseth	Piper Brovont Amanda Kosanda
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	Marcia Klemp	Grant Klemp		Brooke Borchardt Ryan Ellickson Brogan Murray	Tami Collin Marco Damiani	
27	28	29	30	31		
Rachel Day	Shirley Engelstad	Derek Glesinger Neil Johnson	Emily Korth	Sian Koebke		

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Cambridge, WI 53523

Char Kenseth
305 W. Main St.
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Anniversaries

Jules & Jacilyn Brovont	1/5
Bradley & Teri Johnson	1/12
Eric & Tracy Punsel	1/22
Jon & June Schuler	1/27

Community Café

Thursday, January 3 hosted by the Cambridge Lions.403 Blue Jay Way from 5:30-6:30 p.m. They will be serving roast pork, potatoes, vegetables and dessert.
Everyone in the community is invited to come!

FOOD/ITEMS NEEDED AT CAMBRIDGE FOOD PANTRY

The Cambridge Food Pantry needs paper towel and toilet tissue, tuna, cereal, pancake mix and syrup, ketchup, toilet tissue, deodorant, size 2, 5 & 6 diapers, hair shampoo and conditioner, large women's Depends, regular tampons and pads.

Thank you to all who contributed food items or money to make the Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets for clients this year. The Cambridge Foundation donated hams and area churches, like Grace Lutheran, donated for the other basket items.

‘Twas the Night Before…

Children’s Christmas Program

December 16, 2018

January Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Happy New Year!	2 9 a.m. Ruth Circle– Carolyn Scholten & Marcia Sivesind, hosting 4:30 p.m. Outreach Meeting 6:30 p.m. Pre-confirmation 6:30 p.m. Confirmation—Mentors	3 5:30 p.m. Community Dinner	4	5
6 7:30 Men's Breakfast 10 a.m. **Worship** 10 a.m. Fellowship-Mission Trip Fundraiser 10:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. GLOW	7 9 a.m. Quilters 6 p.m. Bell choir practice Meals on Wheels deliveries today through 1/18	8 6:30 p.m. Stewardship Meeting 7 p.m. Grace Council Meeting	9 7 a.m. High School Breakfast 5:30 p.m. **Worship** 6:30 p.m. Pre-confirmation 6:30 p.m. Confirmation	10	11	12 9-10:30 a.m. Sound System Training at Grace
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20 9 a.m. **Worship** **10 a.m.. Annual Meeting** **10:345 a.m. Potluck** 10:15 Sunday School 10:15 a.m. GLOW 10:15 Choir Rehearsal	21 MLK Day 9 a.m. Quilters 6 p.m. Bell choir practice	22	23 5:30 p.m. **Worship** 6:30 p.m. Confirmation	24	25	26
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Thanks to the Grace members who sent birthday cards to me in December. I enjoyed hearing from you.

- Eunice Bennin

I recently received a lovely Christmas gift made by Sunday School children. I am very fond of it and wish to thank all the kids for their kindness.
Blessings to you all!
Mary Ellen Smith

Women of the ELCA

Communion & Kitchen duties: Lydia Circle

Altar Guild: Pat Northey & Pat Hall

News from the Outreach Team

Baby Kits

We are continuing the Baby Care Kit drive through the month of January. Please check for needed items on the mobile above the cradle in Fellowship Hall.

A big thank you to:

- Duane Veium for his donation of his time to provide year end filings for the church each year.
- Mike and Amy Day for providing our communion wine all year through.
- Dave & Mary Falk for the furnishing and upkeep of our fire extinguishers throughout the church.
- Mike Day & Tom Jensen for performing our yearly audits
- Kathy McCarty for her gorgeous beautification of our front entry to match every season and special event.

Sunday School News

I hope everyone had a wondering Christmas and New Year! We are looking forward to seeing everyone back at Sunday School on January 6th!

Sunday, January 6th, 13th, 20th, & 27th will be regular class schedule. First 15 minutes will be singing followed by half hour of class time.

In February we will start **Milestones**! Different topics will be broken down for each grade. A more in depth look at different parts of worship.

In early Spring I hope to schedule a time for the kids to go to one of the local assisted living facilities and sing for the residents there. It's a great opportunity for our youth to give back and the residents will enjoy it. Stay tuned for more information! Teresa Neuenschwander teresa478@hotmail.com

Youth News

Upcoming Middle School events:

Sunday, January 13th Geeks Mania Arcade (depart 10am- arrive back at 2:45pm) $5 per kid

Friday, February 1st Mark your calendars: Chopped was SO popular that we're bringing Cutthroat Kitchen to GLOW. 5pm-8pm (Cooking competition. Entry to the event with canned food donation).

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOLERS:

Silver cord opportunities!!! I would love to get some interested high schoolers to help out with our middle school youth events. We have a lot of fun things planned in the coming months, so please reach out to me if you'd like to earn some credit and have a *ton* of fun! Upcoming events include trips to Geeks Mania Arcade, Roller skating, nursing home visits, laser tag, a movie, and a special GLOW edition of Cutthroat Kitchen!

GLOW Middle Schoolers get into the holiday spirit!

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COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

December 11, 2018

Meeting called to order by President Pat Hall at 7:03 pm. Attendance: Pat Hall, Bryan Holmen, Steve Geis, Mary Behling, Amy Simdon, Lori Jensen, Jean Scott, Janet Koepp, Tony Buonincontro, and Shawn Koebke. Pastor Jennifer Jelinek present and guest Michael Rehak.

Action items: Motion by Mary Behling, seconded by Steve Geis to approve November 13 council minutes with date correction. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Shawn Koebke, seconded by Lori Jensen to approve Consent agenda. MCU Motion by Amy Simdon, seconded by Janet Koepp to approve November financials. MCU Pastor's report: Fundraising efforts continue for Middle School Winter Retreat, Bake Sale December 16 for mission trip to Puerto Rico, Christmas wrapping December 15, and successful Scrip gift card ordering. Christmas program December 16 as well as new member Sunday. New members include: Brad & Teri Johnson, Stacey, Bill, Elizabeth & Jordyn Bieberitz, Neil & Karen Johnson, Chris & Angel Hebbe (daughter Anneliese was baptized here), Kristin, Dave, Jackson & Josephine Rue and Ryan, Lana and Everett Martin (son Beau was baptized here). Adult class for Christmas Carols will continue through Dec. 17. Christmas worship scheduled Christmas Eve 5:00pm and 10:00pm, Christmas Day at 10:00am. Pastor and family on vacation December 25 through January 1.

Old Business: Sanctuary remodeling update: Michael Rehak reported that the remodeling project was 90% complete and gave Special thank you to Jill Jensen for all her work. Sanctuary remodeling fundraising: Pat Hall reported that as of December 10, we have received pledges totaling more than $220,000; we have received more than $86,000 in donations equating to nearly 40 percent of monies pledged. Steve Geis/Pastor Jelinek – Motion by Shawn Koebke, seconded by Jean Scott to present to the congregation at the Annual meeting an updated mission statement in keeping with the Renewing Grace theme. Previous statement – "To experience and share the story of Jesus Christ." New statement – "Gathering in grace, growing in faith, serving in love." Grace Scholarship Fund: Pastor Jelinek. Table until council meeting.

New Business: Lutherdale: Pat Hall will put in a request to the Endowment Committee a request for a donation. Proposed Budget for 2019: Tony Buonincontro. Motion by Shawn Koebke, seconded by Amy Simdon to approve the proposed budget to the annual meeting in January. MCU

Discussion Items: Committee binders: Binders from Tony, Mary, Steve, and Pat need to be returned at next Council meeting. Next Council meeting: January 8, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at GLC. Annual meeting: January 20, 2019 immediately following worship. Operations manual: Pat Hall – reminder to hand in prior to Annual meeting.

Correspondence: Received a donation from CD Theater players of $100 for use of GLC building.

Motion by Bryan Holmen, seconded by Amy Simdon to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Adjournment time 8:32 p.m. followed by the Lord's Prayer. Next meeting snack from Tony Buonincontro.

Report submitted by Shawn Koebke. 12/13/18

Welcome, New Members!

Brad & Teri Johnson

Brad and Teri moved to Fort Atkinson from Southern California 16 years ago. They will have been married for 29 years next month - January 12. They have 3 kids - Samuel, 28, Joshua, 26, and Hannah, 23. Sam and Hannah both live in the DC area, and Joshua lives in Cambridge. Brad likes to play golf and basketball in his spare time, and Teri enjoys reading, crocheting and riding in the golf cart. □

"Thanks for welcoming us! Everyone has been so friendly and have gone out of their way to make us feel welcome!"

Chris & Angel Hebbe

Chris and Angel Hebbe moved to Cambridge in 2013. Their 5th generation dairy farm overlooks Red Cedar Lake, the Lehmann Farm. Looking for a church community, they came to Grace a year ago. The cheerful and welcoming atmosphere, especially the inclusion of children at every Sunday service, kept them coming back. Their daughter, Anneliese, now 10 months old, was baptized at Grace in June. They are looking forward to being a part of the Grace family.

Karen & Neil Johnson

Neil and Karen Johnson recently moved to the Lake Mills area. Both are retired, Neil worked with the power company and Karen was a teacher in the Denmark School District. They chose this area to be closer to their three married children and six grandchildren.

Ryan & Lana Martin

Ryan and his wife Lana have lived in Cambridge since 2015. They have two boys – Everett (2.5) and Beau (1) and a third baby due in April. They have been married for five years, enjoy the outdoors and working on their house. They are excited to join the Grace community.

Bill & Stacey Bieberitz, Elizabeth & Jordyn

Bill and I grew up in Fort Atkinson and met in high school. We married in 1994. We moved to Cambridge in 1997. We have two daughters, Jordyn, 13 and Elizabeth (Libby), 18. Jordyn is an 8th grader at Nikolay Middle School and Libby is in her first year of a liberal arts transfer program at Madison College. We have been members of Trinity Lutheran for 13 years. I like to knit and do yoga while Bill likes to bike.

Kristin, Dave, Jackson and Josephine Rue

We are blessed to have Kristin working with our Sunday Schoolers after worship. Jackson and Josephine were recently in the Children's Christmas show and enjoyed it very much. Thank you Kristin for your work with our kids!

Brad & Teri Johnson

Chris & Angel Hebbe and daughter, Anneliese

Neil & Karen Johnson

Ryan & Lana Martin and sons Beau and Everett

Bill & Stacey Bieberitz and daughters Jordyn & Elizabeth

Kristin & Dave Rue and son, Jackson & daughter Josephine

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