

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Gathering in grace, growing in faith, serving in love

November, 2019



Pastor's Ponderings

Food and Faith

I think we've all got foods that remind us of certain times in our lives, whether it's a certain cake for your birthday, the taste of that first brat of the summer season, lefse at Christmas, pumpkin pie at Thanksgiving. Just hearing the word "Thanksgiving" might bring to mind the smell of roasted turkey, the tart sweetness of cranberry sauce, the comforting warmth of mashed potatoes and gravy. A certain food might give you flashes of your mother or father's smile, the face of your grandmother, or another important person who is no longer with you. Food is such a powerful part of our life experiences.

What about the foods of our faith? Have you ever thought about that? Are there certain foods that remind you of your faith journey or what you believe? For me, my earliest food/faith memory is Easter breakfast at church when I was a child, always prepared by the ushers. I'll never forget how delicious the scrambled eggs and ham were, as we ate at tables together after the Sunrise Service. And store-bought sheet cakes with deliciously sugary buttercream frosting will always remind me of Confirmation.

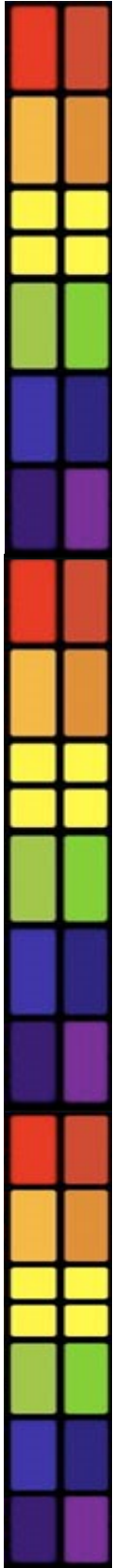
We've been doing a Bible study called "Taste and See," which has reminded us of how many foods are mentioned in the Bible. (There are still 3 weeks left! Come join us on Monday nights at 7:00.) Margaret Feinberg, who wrote the study, is convinced that "God is a foodie." Food plays such a powerful role throughout the Bible, from the fruits at creation, to the unleavened bread and bitter herbs at the Passover, to the manna and quail in the wilderness, to the milk and honey of the Promised Land, to the loaves and fishes at the feeding of the 5,000, to the bread and wine Jesus shared at the Last Supper. And as we live out our faith 2,000 years later, these foods and many others continue to enrich our lives and feed our faith.

These next 2 months are so rich with delicious, memorable foods. I encourage you to slow down, to savor each bite, and to remember that the foods that we love, the foods that give us joy, the foods that bring back wonderful memories, the foods that feed our bodies and souls are gifts from the God who created us. Think about food as faith-fuel, and remember the rich traditions that have been passed onto us by our ancestors and our ancestors in the faith, and from our "foodie" God, who still feeds and fills us every day.

In Christ,

+ Pastor Jennifer

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BIBLE STUDY- Taste and See! Mondays 7 p.m.

It's not too late to join in the wonderful new Bible study that connects food and faith, called "Taste and See." Come explore some of the deeper meanings of foods from the Bible, and how God uses foods to inspire our faith. Each week will include a video portion, discussion, tasting activities, and even recipes. If you're interested in reading the book this study is based on, check out Taste and See by Margaret Feinberg. Reading the book is not required for attending the class. Classes are Monday nights at 7:00.

Nov. 4 – Savoring the Salt of the Earth

Nov. 11 – Relishing the Olive and its Oil

Nov. 18 – Discovering the Liturgy of the Table



Thank you, Tami!

After serving as Grace's Financial Secretary for many years, Tami Curtis has resigned from this position. We're so grateful for Tami's years of faithful service. Until our Personnel Committee hires a new Financial Secretary, Bonnie Watson will serve in that capacity. If you have financial questions, please feel free to e-mail Bonnie at gracelutheranfinance@gmail.com

Synod Happenings

As you probably know, our bishop resigned in early August. Bishop Peter Rogness is serving as our interim bishop for about 10 months. This month, the 2019 Synod Assembly will reconvene to approve a spending plan as well as to discuss the new bishop election process. The new process will involve more research and vetting of the candidates, so all can get to know the candidates better. There will be a regular Synod Assembly next May, then a second, shorter assembly in late June to elect a new bishop. We invite your prayers through this process. Want to keep up with synod news? Check out the synod newsletter online: <https://scsw-elca.org/category/whatmatters/>

Confirmation Corner

This month, our Confirmation schedule is very unique. Here's what's going on:

Nov. 6 – Mentor Night

Nov. 13 – Confirmation Extravaganza at St. John's in Oregon

Nov. 20 – Confirmation Class

Nov. 27 – No Confirmation

Congratulations to our 9th graders who were confirmed on October 27 – Jordyn Bieberitz, Justin Gritzmaker, Emma Hellberg, Sierra Jelinek, Hannah Larson, Amanda Punsel, Gunnar Sperle, and Kendra Tobias. We're so proud of you!

November Volunteers

	November 3 All Saints' Day	November 10	November 17	November 24
Acolyte:	Mallorri & Maycie Buonincontro	Eli Key, Scarlett Jelinek	Josie Punsel, Ava Williams	Kyla Tobias, Miranda Borchardt
Assisting Minister:	Shawn Whitman	Erik Olsen	Kelly Witte	Jeff Gafner
Coffee Hour:	Mary Behling, Amy Simdon	Mary Falk, Angie Williams	Lisa Sperle, Rebecka Wake	Liz Becker, Shauna Thayer
Communion Set Up:	Ruth Circle	Pat Hall	Ruth Circle	Watsons
Communion Servers:	Phil Vasby, Marcia Klemp, Sharon Erb	Tom, Chris Watson & Pat Hall	April Mickelson, Shawn Whitman, Val Anderson	Kelly Witte, Tami Collin & Amy Simdon
Counting:	Cindy Hartman & Angie Williams	April Mickelson & Judy Heidebrecht	Mary Behling & Diane Russo	Amy Simdon & Patty Koepfel
Reader:	Marcia Klemp	April Mickelson	Bill Reay	Ward Nottestad
Ushers:	Justin & Angie Williams family	Gary & Sharon Haberkorn family	Tim & Evy Jeffers	Jim & Pat Hall

Thanksgiving Service

This year, Grace is going to host a community-wide ecumenical Thanksgiving service the Sunday evening before Thanksgiving – **November 24 at 7:00 p.m.** Pastor Marvin Singh from Willerup Methodist Church will be preaching. Please join us as we give thanks together for all the blessings God has showered upon us. We'd like to host a pie reception for our guests after the service. Would you be willing to bring a pie or two? Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall.

Thank You!

Thank you so much for your lovely gestures of appreciation on Pastor Appreciation Day last month. I'm grateful to serve such a kind congregation with such an awesome staff. I love being your pastor.

– Pastor Jennifer



**Cambridge
Community
Thanksgiving
Service**

**Sunday, November 24
7:00 p.m.**

**Grace Lutheran Church
501 Skogen Road**

**Stay for
pie after
worship**
**Offering to
go to C.A.R.T
& the Food
Pantry**

November Birthdays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
					Karen Johnson	Todd Tatlock
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Bill Reay	Bernard Nikolay	Tiana Borchardt	Wendy Lehr Benjamin Nelson	Mary Gjermo	Erin Rieckmann Jacob Tatlock	Pastor Jennifer Jelinek
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Aiden Sperle	David Jensen Kelly Witte		Mary Christensen Timothy Neuschwander		Nickolas Adsit
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Josephine Punsel	Louise Butterbaugh		Jon Rieckmann		Logan Curtis Tiffeny Koebernick	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Karly Frey			Shawnee Sullivan	Jeffrey Johnson	Betty Reay	Kari Jermain

OUR HOMEBOUND
Jon Bakken 309 Oriole Lane Cambridge, WI 53523
Geraldine Rattmann 2629 Highland Drive Cambridge, WI 53523
Bev Nottestad 118 S. Pleasant St. Cambridge, WI 53523
Mary Ellen Smith 912 Monroe St., Apt. 11 Fort Atkinson, WI 53538
Shirley Engelstad 308 England St. Cambridge, WI 53523
Char Kenseth 555 W. Madison #5 Cambridge, WI 53523

Anniversaries	
Allen & Pat Northey	11/4
Shawn & DAnn Koebke	11/5
James & Bonnie Ehler	11/17
Charles & Kathy McCarty	11/21
Loren & Nancy Benson	11/25
Greg & Patricia Koeppel	11/28

Baptism
Justin Gritzmaker
October 23, 2019

High School Breakfast Volunteers needed for November and December!

On **Wednesday, November 13** we are serving a fall themed breakfast! We are looking for individuals to help with the following shifts:

- *6:30am-7:30am (food prep and set up)
- *7:30-9:00am (serving and clean up)



Sign up next to the office. Thank you!

Communion & Kitchen duties: Lydia Circle
Altar Guild: Mary Christensen, Marcia Klemp, Cheryl Mittelstedt

Outreach & Social Justice News



Cookout Fundraiser



The Outreach Committee is happy to report that the fall outreach project, a cookout fundraiser in support of the Madison Area Jail Ministry, held on Saturday, October 19th, was a big success, with a total of \$1,060 raised between coffee hour collection a few weeks ago and the cookout. That's a lot of brats, burgers, and hot dogs enjoyed by members of the Grace family and the Cambridge community--the result of good efforts by a dozen volunteers who cooked and served the food.



The committee thanks all who contributed to the success of this project, especially the Michael Day family and the staff of the Piggly Wiggly, as well as Thrivent Financial, for generous donations of food and funds.



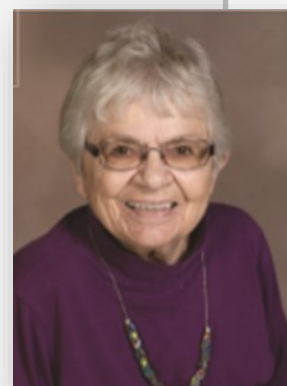
Thanks be to God!

Other good news to report is that recent Grace contributions have resulted in a \$245 donation to the Lutheran Disaster Relief Fund!

Thank you!

A huge thank you to Louise Butterbaugh for her generous donation of the new Bunn Coffeemaker! It has a new carafe system so that you can serve yourself! It will be much easier to prepare and the serving line during coffee hour should move much faster.

Thank you, Louise!



November Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Fri.	Sat.
					1	2
3 End of Daylight Savings 7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast 9 a.m. Worship-All Saints' Day 10 a.m. Fellowship 10:00 Middle School GLOW 10:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Choir	4 9 a.m. Quilters 7 p.m. Finance Committee Mtg. 6 p.m. Bell choir practice 7 p.m. Taste & See Bible	5	6 9 a.m. Ruth Circle, Marcia Sivesind, hostess 5:30 p.m. Worship 6:30 p.m. 7th/8th gd. Confirmation MENTOR night & 6th grade Pre-confirmation	7 9:15 a.m. Women's Circle Chairwomen Meeting	8	9
10 9 a.m. Worship-Pledge Sunday 10 a.m. Fellowship 10:15 a.m. Sunday School & GLOW SERVICE SUNDAY-Military Active Service 10:15 a.m. Choir practice	11 9 a.m. Quilters 6 p.m. Bell choir practice 7 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting 7 p.m. Taste & See Bible Study	12 7:00 p.m. Stewardship 8 p.m. Grace Council Meeting	13 7:30 a.m. High School Breakfast 5:30 p.m. Worship 5:00 p.m. 7th/8th gd. Confirmation Extravaganza in Oregon 6:30 p.m. Pre-confirmation	14 9:00 a.m. Lydia Circle Donna Punsel, hostess	15	16 News-letter articles due today
17 9 a.m. Worship 10 a.m. Fellowship 10 a.m. GLOW middle school program 10:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Choir Practice	18 9 a.m. Quilters 6 p.m. Bell choir practice 7 p.m. Taste & See Bible Study	19	20 5:30 p.m. Worship 6:30 p.m. 7th/8th gd. Confirmation 6:30 p.m. Pre-confirmation	21	22	23
24 9 a.m. Worship- 10 a.m. Fellowship 10 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. GLOW's Thanksgiving Lunch 10:15 a.m. Choir practice 7:00 p.m. Cambridge Community Thanksgiving Service 	25 9 a.m. Quilters 6 p.m. Bell choir practice	26	27 5:30 p.m. No Worship service tonight No confirmation or Pre-confirmation classes tonight		9	30



Showers of Blessing

And God is able to bless you abundantly so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. 2 Corinthians 9:8

Blessings come in all shapes and sizes. A blessing may be a beautiful sunrise or a baby's laugh. It may be a new job or good news from the doctor. It may be the family and friends around us when we receive bad news. It may also be the gift of communication or leadership. Paul tells the Corinthians that God is able to bless them abundantly {plentifully, amply, extremely}, giving them all that they need – all the time! That's a lot of blessings!

When we discussed having 'Showers of Blessing' as our theme for stewardship, we wondered if the idea of talking about rain as a blessing in a year that we've had too much rain might make our message less impactful. As we know from experience here at church too much rain can create problems. When all that rain falls on the roof and our gutters can't keep up with the flow of water or the downspouts aren't diverting the water away from the building the water seeps back into the basement making a mess.

All those blessings that Paul talks about aren't just for us. If we keep them to ourselves, our hearts can be filled with selfishness and greed just like our basement gets filled with water. But if we share those blessings with others, like diverting the rain to other areas that can soak up the rain, they also become blessings for others. God doesn't want us to hoard our blessings or take them for granted. He gives them to us to do good works. We don't need to do those good works to receive God's love, grace and salvation but in doing them we are sharing God's good news with others.



FOOD NEEDED:
tuna, ketchup, canned ravioli, ramen noodles, crackers, sugar, mac & cheese, jam, jelly, shampoo, condition-

Grace Lutheran Church will be hosting the free community meal on November 7th @ 5:30-6:30 p.m. serving an Italian meal with salad, Italian dishes and desserts.



The Cambridge Food Pantry will be putting together Thanksgiving Turkey Baskets with all the food needed for a nice meal again this year for clients that come to Food Pantry---churches or individuals can send money toward food basket or call Food Pantry to collect a food item needed---

Cambridge High School,
403 Blue Jay Way
Everyone is welcome!

Want a Piano?

Would you like a piano for your home? We have a piano that would love to find a new home. Interested? Talk to Pastor Jennifer.

Sunday School

Teresa Neuenschwander,
Christian Education Coordinator
teresa478@hotmail.com



“Tremendous Faith - Growing In God’s Word”

How Will You Serve God?

Service Sundays

This year in Sunday School and in GLOW, we are going to focus on how we can give back and do God's Work by serving and helping others. One Sunday a month will be a Service Sunday. On these Sundays we will spend some time learning about different groups in the area and putting together donation baskets for them. **We need your help!** Please visit our “Having A Servants Heart” bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall for a list of items that they are in need of. Choose a card(s) and bring in your item(s). Any questions see Teresa Neuenschwander or Jaci Brovont. Thank You!

Our current Service Sunday is **Active Military on November 10th**

Items that they are looking for are: Halloween candy, powdered drink mixes (lemonade, tea, hot chocolate, coffee), small hard containers of chips, pretzels, and nuts, current magazines, comic books, beef jerky (no pork), word games and puzzles, travel size games, cards, lip balm, batteries size AA and D (no lithium-ion)

Important Dates

November 3rd – Practice Christmas Music & Handout of Parts; Read through Christmas Play

November 10th – Service Sunday Active Duty Military (We will meet in the 4th & 5th grade room, along with GLOW, and put together Care Packages for service men and women serving overseas. We will also write letters and/or draw pictures.)

November 17th & 24th – Christmas Program Practice (more details to come) **Make Christmas Gifts for Home Again & Homebound Congregation Members**

December 1st – Make Christmas Gifts for Home Again & Homebound Congregation Members

(This will be our Service Project for the month of December. GLOW will deliver them at a later date.)

December 8th – Christmas Program Practice (more details to come)

Friday, December 13th – 5:30 Pizza Party and Christmas Program Practice

Saturday, December 14th – 8:30-10:00 Christmas Program Dress rehearsal

(Cinnamon Rolls, Donuts, Fruit, Juice & Milk will be served.)

December 15th – Christmas Program during worship (Please arrive buy 8:20 to put costumes on)

December 22nd, 29th & January 1st – Christmas Break- No Sunday School



Our First Service Sunday was a huge success! Thank you to all who donated items to the Humane Society of Jefferson County. We collected a lot of items and we made some animals very happy! The kids helped put the donation box together. Then we spent some time learning how to greet a dog, cat and dog language, foods that can make cats and dogs sick, the healing power of pets and everyone signed a Kindness Pledge. ‘We all promised to treat animals the way we want to be treated- with love, respect and compassion.’

Middle School & High School

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Jaci Brovont, Youth Coordinator



God is Leading Our Way

Youth NEWS:

High School GLOW meeting dates:

Wednesday, November 6th 7:30-8:30pm

Wednesday, November 20th 7:30-8:30pm

Middle School GLOW:

Service Project Sunday: November 10th

Thanksgiving Lunch: November 24th (Bring a side dish to share with your friends in GLOW!)

Pre-Confirmation: 6th Graders

No 6th grade Pre- Confirmation on Wednesday, November 27th



Communion bread making & chalice personalizing

***Congratulations
on your
First Communion***



- +Sammy Grender
- +Alonya Kessler
- +Jill Thompson
- +Miranda Borchardt
- +Landon Hill-Houk



GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES— October 8, 2019

Meeting called to order by Vice President Kris Tobias at 8:04pm

Attendees: Steve Geis (via phone), Kris Tobias, Tim Neuenschwander, Jean Scott, Amanda Kosanda, Bryan Holmen, Amy Simdon, Lori Jensen, Jennifer Jelinek, Janet Koepp **Excused:** Shawn Koebke, Erik Olsen

Action Items :Devotions – Kris Tobias; Motion by Lori Jensen and seconded by Jean Scott to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bryan Holmen and seconded by Janet Koepp to approve the September minutes with the change of eliminating the words 'unlike last year' regarding the use of the line of credit. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurers Report - Tim Neuenschwander

Report shows increased expenses and giving in September. The increase in giving was more than the expenses which resulted in an improved YTD net operating loss over last month

Tamara Curtis, the financial secretary resigned effective October 15

There was discussion about the immediate need to fill Tami's position to continue payments to staff and vendors.

Motion by Tim Neuenschwander and seconded by Jean Scott to accept the engagement letter from Bonnie Watson at Aspire CPA to complete the accounting functions budgeted at 4 hours/week until a permanent solution has been found. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Tim Neuenschwander and seconded by Lori Jensen to revise the check signing procedures to only require one signature. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Tim Neuenschwander and seconded by Bryan Holmen that as of October 15, 2019 Tamara Curtis, Patricia Hall and Tony Buonincontro should be removed as signers on the checking account and Amy Simdon, Steven Geis and Lori Jensen should be added as signers on the checking account. Motion carried unanimously.

Property report recap –Bryan Holmen

Beam repair – Still waiting to hear back from the contractor to schedule repairs. Discussion about a possible temporary fix of adding a downspout near the damaged beam to divert the water from heavy rains and prevent water in the basement. Waiting for update from beam repair contractor. Water was professionally removed from the southeast end of basement after the heavy rain. Steve removed mold-covered drywall and insulation from the music room in basement. The area was dry. John Adsit will replace two exterior bulbs in the light fixtures by the front entrance with LED bulbs. Shawn Whitman reset the timers on the exterior lights to turn on at the appropriate times

Pastor's report: First communion 10/13, Confirmation 10/27, New Bible Study starting – Taste & See – focused around foods from the Bible; Blessing of the animals – 10/13; Synod Assembly 11/2 – the budget and the next steps for the Bishop will be discussed. The election process will likely be changed; The usual spring Syond assembly will be held in early May followed by another assembly in late June when a Bishop will be elected. Motion by Tim Neuenschwander and seconded by Amanda Kosanda to accept the gift of the coffee maker for the kitchen by Louise Butterbaugh. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business: Community Dinner – 11/7 – Help with clean up and some desserts are still needed. A request for a Thrivent grant will be made to help defray the cost

New Business: An ecumenical Christian education group has asked to use one of our Sunday School rooms once a month for a meeting. Motion by Tim Neuenschwander and seconded by Jean Scott to allow the use by the ecumenical Christian Education group to use the room at no charge. Motion carried unanimously. The High School Mission trip group would like to sell candy after Sunday services to raise money for their trip. Motion by Amanda Kosanda and seconded by Lori Jensen to allow the fundraiser through Thanksgiving. Motion carried unanimously. There will be no Advent Festival this year. The Christmas tree will be delivered December 7th and we will decorate after church on December 8th. We will be hosting an ecumenical Thanksgiving service on Sunday, November 24 at 7pm.

Motion by Bryan Holmen, seconded by Amanda Kosanda to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously (9:32p), followed by the Lord's Prayer. Next meeting November 12 at 8:00 p.m. - Report Submitted by Amy Simdon.

Congratulations Confirmands and Their Families!



Pastor Jennifer Jelinek, Hannah Larson, Jordyn Bieberitz, Kendra Tobias, Sierra Jelinek, Gunnar Sperle, Justin Gritzmaker
 Back row: Amanda Punsel, Emma Hellberg

Christmas Poinsettias-2019

*send this form
 with check to
 Grace so it gets to
 the office by Dec. 8*



*We are not having you
 pre-order a color, but you
 can pick amongst the
 colors of these better
 quality plants after
 Christmas a.m. worship*

It is time to order your Poinsettia Plants to decorate the altar. The **cost is \$16.50** per plant. If you would like to order a plant in Memory or Honor of a loved one, please complete this form and return it with your payment to the office **no later than December 8**. If you have any questions, please contact the office at 423-3135. Please feel free to take a plant home after Christmas day worship.

Total Attached: \$ _____ cash or check # _____

Name: _____

In Memory Of: _____

In Honor Of: _____

From: _____

Select from red,
 white or pink after
 the Christmas
 morning service.

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Cambridge, WI
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Place stamp
here

Place address sticker here:
not any higher

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