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“So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.”
(Romans 10:17)

The Sermon – a Different Kind of Speech

Dear friends in Christ,

What are preachers trying to do? I have a handful of books about preaching. Authors, teachers (all of them preachers) set out in these resources to summarize the purpose of the sermon and the identity of the sermonizer. In their own words, they muse about guiding images that are helpful to them when it comes to crafting and delivering (I would also add reflecting on) a sermon. If I read (and re-read) all these, I run the risk of what some have called “information overload”. It’s similar to the “overload” expectant first-time parents have when hearing parenting advice from, well, everyone.

What are preachers trying to do? One of the things I would like to do is *get out of the way*. I would like to get out of the way of the life of God, the word of God in Christ, so that it can come to every hearer and speak to each however the Spirit wills. Is that really possible? The preacher is a “self” in the midst of the assembly. Barbara Brown Taylor writes that she sees herself as a “courier” going back and forth between God and people but adds, “I am also in love, myself.”

What are preachers trying to be? Here’s a short list based on the books I have on my desk: *Courier* (delivering messages to and from God and people); *Elector/Proclaimer* (saying in so many words Christ is *for you* the hearer); *Prophet* (speaking truth to power); *Teacher* (illuminating scripture); *Evangelist* (preaching so as to bring the listener to a saving faith); *Forth-teller* (“bringing into view” the life of faith and its promised outcome in Christ). This list could be added-to, and together we would make the point – there are many perspectives out there and in our own fellowship.

I have some anxiety about preaching. When I write, I toss and turn words and phrases around until a certain exhaustion sets in, or I come up with what I think is “just right”. My own guiding image has for a long time been “elector/proclaimer”. I’ve wanted to say words in creative ways that might “stick” with people and help them remember something of the promise and mercy of God later on, as they reflect. However, current events have compelled me toward a more prophetic role, which doesn’t feel like it suits me so well. It’s like I’m trying to make myself enjoy a certain dish of food – if I take small bites I might eventually think it tastes good. In the end, my guiding image is that I hope the preached word gives life to those who are surrounded by death in its many forms – that the Spirit can awaken faith. That’s a lofty goal! It is humbling being a preacher.

Preaching is an art, and I think a pursuit. It’s also a regularly appearing movement in the liturgy, comforting and challenging those gathered. In that regard it matters less ‘who’ the preacher is and more Who is proclaimed via the means of human words.

My days off in December/January:

Dec 3, 10, 17, 31, Jan 7, 14, 21, 28.

Holiday-related time off: Dec 26, (schedule will be light the week after Christmas), Jan 1

Also! Excited to share that Donna (Giese) Putney has invited me to preach at her ordination December 8th in MN. I will be away Dec 7-10 for that (humbled and honored!)

Together! Pastor James Aalgaard



THE MISSION OF GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

To proclaim and celebrate the gospel of Jesus Christ through word and sacraments so that a community of believers is created, trained, nurtured, and sent into mission.

FAITH FORMATION

LIFELONG LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

December 2 - 9:30 a.m.

PreK/K & 1st -6th Grade: David and Goliath
Confirmation (7th-8th Gr): Home Again
High School: Grace Changes Everything
Michaela Shelley
Adults: Youth Gathering Video

December 9 - 9:30 a.m.

PreK/K & 1st -6th Grade: Elijah & the Widow
Confirmation (7th-8th Gr): God's Surprise
High School: Grace Changes Everything
Jasmine Segarra
Adults: Youth Gathering Video

December 16 - 9:30 a.m.

PreK/K & 1st -6th Grade: *Christmas Break*
Confirmation (7th-8th Gr): *Christmas Break*
High School: *Christmas Break*
Adults: BeFriender Presentation

December 23 & 30 - *No Faith Formation Classes*

January 6 - 9:30 a.m.

PreK/K & 1st -6th Grade: Jonah and the Big Fish
Confirmation (7th-8th Gr): Review
High School: Breathe D.E.E.P. Deborah Moulton
Adults: Studies in Luke

January 13 - 9:30 a.m.

PreK/K & 1st -6th Grade: A Child Called Immanuel
Confirmation (7th-8th Gr): Manna & Mercy For All
High School: Hope Changes Everything: Joe Davis
Adults: Studies in Luke

January 20 - 9:30 a.m.

PreK/K & 1st -6th Grade: Angels Visit
Confirmation (7th-8th Gr): Manna & Mercy For All
High School: Hope Changes Everything
Maria Rose Belding
Adults: Studies in Luke

January 27 - 9:30 a.m.

PreK/K & 1st -6th Grade: Jesus is Born
Confirmation (7th-8th Gr): Jerusalem
High School: Hope Changes Everything
Rev. Dr. Stephen Bouman
Adults: Studies in Luke

Adult faith formation on December 2 and 9 will meet in the multipurpose room at 9:30 a.m. In each session, we will view a video from the Houston Youth Gathering last summer, read a portion of Scripture, and discuss how Jesus' love and God's grace to us as individuals and as a worshipping community change the way we interact with others.

December 2: Theme: GRACE Changes Everything. Leader: The Rev. Jim Caulkins (Faith Enrichment Team member and retired Presbyterian minister)

December 9: Theme: LOVE Changes Everything. Leader: Jody Marquardt (Faith Enrichment Team leader)



Grace Lutheran Christmas Gift Fair Saturday, December. 8 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

We will have local vendors selling handmade crafts, jewelry, woodwork, Mary Kay, Color Street nails, Stampin' Up! and more. Come do some Christmas shopping, check out the great raffle items and satisfy that sweet tooth with goodies from the youth bake sale. Don't miss all the fun!

Why I Hate Secular Christmas (and you might, too.)

by Intern Pastor Wayne Shipman December 2018

Why? I think I saw the first glimpses of Christmas in September, shortly after Janet and I arrived in Wenatchee. Probably at Lowe's, where there were the subtle changes in the Outdoor areas, being cleaned up, making room. Not room at the Inn, but room for Christmas "stuff". Magical inflatables of your favorite Disney characters or faux snowpeople, with cheap little sleighs and plastic trees. Illuminated candy canes. Fake fireplaces with "realistic" fake flames. Ugh.



Bitterness? Me? You bet. Last year, when we ventured out for our Christmas tree, I saw an inflatable Darth Vader (pictured) with a candy cane instead of a light saber. How much lower can we go? Why did someone think that this was a great idea, let alone have it produced and for sale (now 75% off)? Stores sell Advent calendars that contain 25 different wines, beers, or whiskies for the grownups. What a way to walk towards the Nativity of Our Lord.

Advent is our season, folks, not fake Christmas. Advent, awaiting the Christ child, our hope for salvation, exploring our place in God's universe, anticipating new life. In our weekly lectionary study, Pastor James introduced the term **eschatology**, which is the study of the 'end times' or the **eschaton**. Advent proclaims a time of personal reflection and renewal, not unlike Lent, where we can focus our thoughts and **make ourselves ready to receive the baby who will save the world from sin**.

I'm not totally Scrooge-y. I enjoy the chance to visit and share good food and libations with family and friends. I do participate in celebrations, but not as much as I used to do. I used to think it was about gift giving but I really was focused on receiving gifts. Perhaps you can relate. I'm a recovering Christmas-aholic and my first step is to know that for myself.

About twenty-five years ago, our niece was almost four years old and just getting "into" Christmas. Amid the knee-high ocean of Christmas wrapping paper, with all the gifts opened in record time, she had a mini-meltdown. Like all the children, she had received a lot – toys, clothes, everything. In her tearful voice, she asked, "Is that all there is? Is that all there is?" with no answer available, because it will never be "enough", will it?

We all need to answer that question for ourselves. Take a deep breath and wonder about the miracle at Bethlehem, not wonder if we have bought enough, baked enough, decorated enough. Have we cared enough, have we shared enough, have we brought ourselves as a gift to that certain manger at the inn?

My prayer is that you find a proper place for Christmas, which is after Advent, and that your heart will be filled with Peace and Joy throughout the seasons we celebrate here at Grace. May God shine upon us as we await the Holy Birth.

- Intern Wayne

Walking Together | Caminando Juntos

An exploration of the Christmas story through community, art and music making, and the sharing of local traditions. Please join us for a collaborative project with local artist Terry Valdez, Pastor Misael Fajardo Perez, the Wenatchee Valley Lutheran Latino Ministry, and Grace Lutheran Church. Each of these events are connected, free, and open to the public.

Grace Christmas Concert, *Grace Lutheran Church*
Sunday, Dec 2, 7-8:30pm

Las Posadas, *Wenatchee Community Center*
Sunday, Dec 16, 6-8pm



Worship Assistants

Please note: All worship assistants listed below are for the 10:30 service.

The January Worship Assistant schedule will be available via e-mail and in the church office on January 3.

1st Sunday of Advent Sunday, 12/2 Worship 8:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m.	2nd Sunday of Advent Sunday, 12/9 Worship 8:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m.	3rd Sunday of Advent Sunday, 12/16 Worship 8:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m.	4th Sunday of Advent Sunday, 12/23 Worship 8:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m.
<u>Scripture Readings</u> Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Luke 21:25-36	<u>Scripture Readings</u> Malachi 3:1-4 Luke 1:68-79 Philippians 1:3-11 Luke 3:1-6	<u>Scripture Readings</u> Zephaniah 3:14-20 Isaiah 12:2-6 Philippians 4:4-7 Luke 3:7-18	<u>Scripture Readings</u> Micah 5:2-5a Luke 1:46b-55 Hebrews 10:5-10 Luke 1:39-45 [46-55]
Acolytes Evan & Kai Mueller	Acolytes Virginia & Andria Hwang	Acolytes Molly Salter Erik Olson	Acolytes Courtney & Meghan Brown
Altar Guild Tami Woolsey	Altar Guild Peggy Fenhaus	Altar Guild Hollie Olson	Altar Guild Jennifer McMahan
Communion Assistants Karen Zanol, Beth Smallbeck, Chad & Della DuLac	Communion Assistants Denise Miller Riva Morgan	Communion Assistants Abby Reed Faye DeJong	Communion Assistants Nancy Boersma Kathy Gavin
Lector Carolyn Bentsen	Lector Mike Mueller	Lector Phil Gregg	Lector Milt Herman
Sound Technician Mike Mueller	Sound Technician Ken Matchley	Sound Technician Joanne Dalinkus	Sound Technician Chad DuLac
Ushers Mark Woolsey Tom Gausman	Ushers Bob & Gwen Sparks	Ushers Brent & Vickie Cunderla	Ushers Pat & Robin Brown
Flowers <i>No Flowers during Advent</i>	Flowers <i>No Flowers during Advent</i>	Flowers <i>No Flowers during Advent</i>	Flowers <i>No Flowers during Advent</i>



Observing Advent and Christmas in your Home

Would you like to include daily prayer at home during Advent and Christmas? You will find an Advent resource on the “worship” part of our bulletin board by the church offices. Feel free to take one to use and adapt as you choose. It includes prayers, scripture readings, and creative ideas for the use of an Advent wreath. There is also an Advent option for you on the youth bulletin board.

Emmanuel! God is with us!

Christmas Eve December 24 Worship 7:00 p.m. <i>Lessons and Carols</i>	Christmas Eve December 24 Worship 11:00 p.m. <i>Vespers</i>	Christmas Day December 25 Worship 9:00 a.m.	1st Sunday of Christmas Sunday, 12/30 5th Sunday All Congregational Worship Worship 10:30 a.m.
<u>Scripture Readings</u> Isaiah 9:2-7 Psalm 96 Titus 2:11-14 Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]	<u>Scripture Readings</u> Isaiah 9:2-7 Psalm 96 Titus 2:11-14 Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]	<u>Scripture Readings</u> Isaiah 62:6-12 Psalm 97 Titus 3:4-7 Luke 2:[1-7] 8-20	<u>Scripture Readings</u> 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26 Psalm 148 Colossians 3:12-17 Luke 2:41-52
Acolytes Gavin Godfrey Erik Olson	Acolytes Sylvia Hwang Alexa Hwang	Christmas Morning Brunch Church! We will gather at 9a.m. in the Fellowship Hall to worship as the early church did - sharing food and prayer, praise and song. Holy Communion is interwoven with this convivial experience. Please see the sign-up sheet for more information. Come and Worship the Newborn King! 	Acolyte Emily Aalgaard
Altar Guild Denise Miller	Altar Guild JuLee Fiebelkorn		Altar Guild JuLee Fiebelkorn
Communion Assistants Susan Hendrickson Colleen Smith	Communion Assistants Kate Gregg Kathy Gavin		Communion Assistants
Lector John Applegate	Lector		Lector
Sound Technician Monte Olson	Sound Technician Phil Gregg		Sound Technician Rob Salter
Ushers	Ushers Mark & Tami Woolsey		Ushers Joyce Owens Helen Morton
Flowers	Flowers		Flowers

SEMI-ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Please plan to attend the Grace Lutheran Church Semi-Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 27, 2019 after the 10:30 worship service. Our agenda will include approval of our 2019 ministry budget and thanksgiving to leaders who are finishing terms of service.

Budget forums will be held on January 13 and 20, during the Faith Formation time, to review the proposed budget for 2019.

Christmas Caroling
Sunday, December 23
3:00 p.m.



On Sunday, December 23 at 3:00 p.m. we will gather at the church and go out to bring carols and good cheer to those in our community who cannot join us for services and fellowship. Please join us! Adults and children of all ages and all kinds of singers (including those who consider themselves "non-singers") are welcome.

Save the Date - Men's Retreat
February 1-3, 2019

Mark your calendars and plan to join us at Tall Timber Ranch near Lake Wenatchee February 1-3 for recreation, fellowship, worship and learning. Watch for more details coming soon!





On November 11 we received the following new members:

Ted Crum & Betsy Dudash

1250 Central Ave Apt M-2
Wenatchee, WA

Taylor, Kara and Colt Melton

413 Laurie Drive
Wenatchee, WA

Dean and Sara O'Daffer

1509 3rd Avenue
Wenatchee, WA



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Fern Keith	12/2	Mark Woolsey	12/13	Steven Thompson	12/21	Pat Strand	12/28
Shirley Leslie	12/5	Daryl Levine	12/14	Paula Salter	12/22	Gavin Godfrey	12/28
Timothy McMahon	12/7	Joyce Fisher	12/14	Tristan Cunderla	12/22	Brianne Vertrees	12/29
Gary Nelson	12/8	Michael Johnson	12/14	Sonya Westerman	12/25	Dayne Russ	12/30
Dee Johnson	12/9	Dorothy Packard	12/16	Noah Fenhaus	12/25	Austin Florea	12/30
Carole Richardson	12/10	Sylvia Hwang	12/16	Jan Lee	12/27	Phillip Dormaier	12/31
Judy Conner	12/11	Jim Fisher	12/19	Jason Lake	12/27	Sonja Boersma	12/31
Gloria Foster	12/13	Hollie Olson	12/19	Marv Dunbar	12/28		



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Kelly Thompson	1/1	Del Schauer	1/10	Kristen Guthrie	1/19	Cortez Martinez	1/29
Kristiana Lapo	1/3	John Ballinger	1/11	Kristen Nestor	1/22	Cruz Martinez	1/29
Jerry Lawson	1/3	Lisa Heminger	1/11	Nancy O'Donnell	1/22	Erik Olson	1/29
Kara Melton	1/5	Karlene Mayer	1/11	Jim Mayer	1/23	Katrina Olson	1/29
Barbara Tilly	1/5	Dianne Skagen-Gillin	1/12	Paul Woolsey	1/24	Matt Olson	1/29
Everly Vertrees	1/6	Markus Bentsen	1/13	Alan Smith	1/27	Erling Rivedal	1/29
Natalee Aalgaard	1/9	Dave Richardson	1/15	Marilyn Abel	1/28	Joan Heminger	1/31
Courtney Rookard	1/9	Zoe Jaspers	1/17	Carol Christopherson	1/29	Bill Sinnett	1/31
Terry Sorom	1/9	Joshua Gale	1/19	Alice Evenhus	1/29		

Epiphany Celebration
Sunday, January 6
4:00 p.m.

Join us as we ask God's blessings on our doorways, our worship space and our ministries. This is a special service we hold every Day of Epiphany (every January 6th). After our brief blessing service, we will gather in the fellowship hall for appetizers and games. Bring an appetizer to share if you'd like.



The King's Garden

The children of the The King's Garden preschool had a very successful Socktober sock drive and gathered 4 huge garbage bags full of socks, gloves, hats and coats to give to the Gospel House! Our neighbors are very generous!

We are already preparing for our Christmas programs which will be held in the sanctuary.



Pre-k: Wednesday, December 12th at 9:30 a.m.
Afternoon Class: Wed, December 12 at 12:00 p.m.
Preschool: Thursday December 13th at 9:30 A.M.

You are invited to come and be blessed by these adorable kids who are so excited to "Show and Tell the Christmas Story"!

God bless you!

Tina Wagner, The King's Garden, a ministry of Lighthouse Christian Ministries

Women's Fellowship

"Circles" are groups of women that meet monthly for Bible study and mutual support.
YOU are invited to attend.
Please contact the church office or the monthly host (listed at right) if you would like more information.

Miriam Circle meets Tuesday, December 11, at 6:15 p.m. at Kathy Jo Evan's home (663-0609) for an appetizer potluck. January's meeting will be January 15 at 7:00 p.m. Location is to be determined.
Anna Circle will meet on Tuesday, December 11, at 10:00 a.m. at the church. Helen Morton (888-5546) and Martha-Ann Hames (884-0485) are this month's hostesses. January's meeting will be Tuesday, January 8, at 10:00 a.m.

2018 TEAM LEADERS

Arts:	Phil Gregg
Building & Grounds:	Phoebe Nelson
Endowment:	Inku Hwang
Evangelism:	Robin Brown
Faith Enrichment:	Jody Marquardt
Fellowship:	Shirley Leslie
Intern:	Jan Herman
Pastoral Support:	Micah Florea
Staff Support Comm:	Ernie Bentsen
Social Concerns:	Annette Mueller
Stewardship:	Melinda Johnson
Worship:	Denise Miller
Youth:	Jen Pearson-Gale

2018 CHURCH COUNCIL

President:	Chad DuLac
President Elect:	Lindsay Henning
Past President:	Bob Black
Treasurer:	Dick Craven
Secretary:	Colleen Smith
Members-at-Large:	Jody Marquardt
	Shirley Leslie
	Rebecca Lake
	Andy Sheets

Holden Evening Prayer During Advent



Come eat with us “Together at Grace!” The meal starts at 5:30 p.m., but please arrive for Holden Evening prayer, which will begin at 5:15 p.m. The dates for the Advent vespers services are December 5, December 12, and December 19. We are looking for help with leadership. There’s a sign-up by the office. Do you like to read for the assembly during worship? Would you like to serve as cantor? Please share your interest and your gifts!

The Gift of Christmas 2018

The Friends of Families United in Nicaragua invite you to join in giving the gift of new Ecocina Stoves to the 72 families of the village of Las Hammachas. This is a very poor community living in isolation on the top of a mountain at the end of a rugged jeep trail. They have no running water and live in shelters made haphazardly of bits of cloth, plastic, and corrugated metal. (See the photo posted on the narthex display board.)

The missionaries of Project HOPE who work in the communities near the municipal dump of Managua recently discovered these families and decided to respond to their needs with gifts of stoves, food, Bibles, and lots of love. The Friends Board has committed to buying 30 (of 72) stoves for this Christmas delivery--a cost of \$1800. The stove costs \$60--but we invite you to send any amount you wish to help in this effort. As we did last year with our free Christmas stove project, we will post photos on the narthex display board of the people receiving their stoves. Please drop your gift off at the church office, or send it to:

Friends of Families United
1250 Lois Place
Wenatchee, WA 98801

Prayer Shawl

December’s meeting will be on Thursday, December 13, at Helen Morton’s home (888-5546). January’s meeting will be on Thursday, January 24, at Wanda Rivedal’s home (663-6654).

Prayer Shawl Blessing

There will be a blessing of prayer shawls on December 2. Everyone who has received a prayer shawl is invited and encouraged to bring it to church with them that day.

Council Corner

1. Council will be meeting from 11-4 on December 1, 2018 for a budget- planning workshop for GLC’s 2019 budget.
2. R.I.C. discussion in regards to the goals of this group and bringing awareness and visibility to the Grace Community and beyond. The Council is onboard with the RIC process. The group will be hosting a T@G meal in January and February.
3. Thank-you to Dick Craven and all the Team Leaders that submitted budget requests prior to this Council meeting. Your timeliness and effort ARE noticed!
4. Please check out the video on our Website! It is well presented and welcoming to all that visit us online.

2018 GLC FINANCIAL UPDATE: (through 10/31/2018)

\$401,677	Total Income from offerings, gifts, and misc.
\$414,039	Total Operating Expenses
\$ -12,362	Shortage
October’s income is now the highest for 2018 at \$52,088.	

Sunday 10/28 Attendance	56 & 145
Weekly Offering.....	\$11,974.05
Sunday 11/4 Attendance	62 & 165
Weekly Offering.....	\$13,474.40

Sunday 11/11 Attendance	62 & 130
Weekly Offering.....	\$15,750.00
Sunday 11/18 Attendance	58 & 118
Weekly Offering.....	\$7,362.80

BeFriender Infobyte

BeFriender Ministry - a Listening Presence. The Mission of the nationwide organization: BeFriender Ministry educates, forms and supports women and men as leaders for a listening ministry of care. Based on a model of mutuality, this national and ecumenical ministry heals hearts, energizes communities and transforms a suffering world.

Our mission: BeFriender Ministry at Grace is an active listening ministry, expecting the loving presence of God in the lives of all people experiencing loss.

Please join our BeFriender Ministry Team during the 9:30 am Faith Formation hour on Sunday December 16. We will present what Befriender Ministry is, offer a sketch in the role of the BeFriender and have a Q&A period. Come and learn why this ministry is so valuable in supporting our Grace community!

We are looking forward to sharing our ministry with you! Our BeFrienders are: Pastor James, Connie Saracino-Smith, Rebecca Lake, Colleen Smith, Diane Fleming, Jan Herman and Wolf Mueller.

Blessings and Grace,
Colleen Smith

A quote from a new BeFriender- "This has been a joyful learning experience. I feel empowered, refreshed and ready to help my home ministry continue its work. Pure power of God's presence felt and loved."

SOCIAL CONCERNS

Greetings GLC members! As we approach the end of the year we are thankful for your generous gifts to Grace which have allowed contributions to many local, state, national, and international organizations. In case you don't know, the Social Concerns budget is Grace's way of tithing. 4% of GLC's budget goes to supporting our local Eastern Washington Idaho & Wyoming Synod and 7% goes to other local and global causes. This year we have supported monthly: Faith Action Network, Friend & Families United, Haven of Hope, Lighthouse Christian Ministries, LLC International Fund, Tanzania Companion Synod, Bruce Hotel, Alatheia, Powerhouse Ministry, Lutheran Latino Ministry, and the YWCA. We have also supported quarterly our local synod's campaign which supports many important statewide efforts such as human trafficking, campus ministry, and supporting leaders small congregations. In addition we have supported ELCA global missions and world hunger which have aided numerous natural disaster victims from this past year. Please know that part of your monthly or annual contributions go to supporting many important local and international causes, we appreciate your giving and hope it will continue next year!

Here's What's Coming Up This Month:

Annual Giving Tree-This year we will be giving gift cards to 32 homeless Wenatchee High School students. You can choose to purchase gifts cards yourself or give cash to Kari Godfrey and she will purchase for you. We hope we can help make Christmas special for these homeless teenagers this year.



Advent Tree Ornaments-Back this year from ELCA Good Gifts. Choose an animal ornament to purchase as a family gift or for that friend or family member hard to shop for. Choose from chicks, honeybees, piglets, goats and more with gifts ranging from \$10-150. Checks are written to ELCA Good Gifts and can either be left at the office or sent directly to the ELCA.

BINGO- For Adults with Special Needs -Every 2nd Friday of the Month at 6:30 p.m.

* Volunteers always welcome, come help someone play bingo. It's a lot of fun!

* New or gently used prizes are always needed (especially prizes for males), and snacks are appreciated.

Drivers Needed-Semi-regular or back-up drivers are needed to help drive non-drivers to church. Our regular drivers would really appreciate some back-up if they are sick or out of town. If you're interested in offering a ride on Sunday morning, even occasionally, please give Jim Mayer (669-8978) a call.

Thank You! Your Social Concerns Team

December 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>2 **See below for Sunday Morning Schedule</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Christmas Concert</p> <p>9:00 p.m. Compline</p>	<p>3 7:00 p.m. Appleaires</p>	<p>4 10:30 a.m. Alzheimer's Support Group</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Recital</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Social Concerns Team</p>	<p>5 11:00 a.m. Lectionary Study</p> <p>4:15 p.m. Catecheo</p> <p>5:15 p.m. Holden Evening Prayer</p> <p>5:30 p.m. T@G Meal</p> <p>6:15 p.m. Bells of Grace</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Voices of Grace</p>	<p>6 7:00 a.m. 1st Prayer</p> <p>5:00 p.m. Middle School Christmas Party</p>	<p>7 2:00 p.m. Depart for PLU Christmas concert.</p>	<p>1 10:00 a.m. Concert Dress Rehearsal</p>
<p>9 **See below for Sunday Morning Schedule</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Senior High Youth</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Messiah Singalong @ Eastmont Baptist Church</p>	<p>10 7:00 p.m. Appleaires</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Recital</p>	<p>11 10:00 a.m. Anna Circle</p> <p>7:00 p.m. B&G Team</p> <p>6:15 p.m. Miriam Circle</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Suicide Loss Support Group</p>	<p>12 11:00 a.m. Lectionary Study</p> <p>4:00 p.m. 3rd - 5th grade Youth</p> <p>5:15 p.m. Holden Evening Prayer</p> <p>5:30 p.m. T@G Meal</p> <p>6:15 p.m. Bells of Grace</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Voices of Grace</p>	<p>13 7:00 a.m. 1st Prayer</p> <p>1:00 p.m. Evangelism Team</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Infant Loss Support Group</p>	<p>14 6:30 p.m. Bingo</p>	<p>15 2:00 p.m. Parent to Parent Party</p>
<p>16 **See below for Sunday Morning Schedule</p> <p>5:00 p.m. Senior High Progressive Dinner</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Las Posadas</p> <p>9:00 p.m. Compline</p>	<p>17 7:00 p.m. Compassionate Friends</p>	<p>18 10:30 a.m. Alzheimer's Support Group</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Council</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Recital</p>	<p>19 11:00 a.m. Lectionary Study</p> <p>5:15 p.m. Holden Evening Prayer</p> <p>5:30 p.m. T@G Meal</p> <p>6:15 p.m. Bells of Grace</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Voices of Grace</p>	<p>20 7:00 a.m. 1st Prayer</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Recital</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>
-----Kitchen closed for new flooring-----						
<p>23 8:30 a.m. Worship</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Worship</p> <p>3:00 p.m. Christmas Caroling</p>	<p>24 Christmas Eve Worship</p> <p>7:00 p.m. 11:00 p.m.</p>	<p>25 Christmas</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Worship</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Church Offices Closed for Christmas Vacation</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30 5th Sunday One Worship Service</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Worship</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>Sunday Morning Schedule</p> <p>Worship: 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>Faith Formation: 9:30 a.m.</p>				

January 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 11:00 a.m. Lectionary Study 5:30 p.m. T@G Meal	3 7:00 a.m. 1st Prayer 6:00 p.m. Middle School Youth	4	5
6 **See below for Sunday Morning Schedule 4:00 p.m. Epiphany Celebration 5:30 p.m. Chancel Schola 6:30 p.m. Senior High Youth 8:00 p.m. Compline Choir 9:00 p.m. Compline	7 7:00 p.m. Appleaires	8 10:00 a.m. Anna Circle 6:00 p.m. Youth Team 7:00 p.m. B&G Team 7:00 p.m. Suicide Loss Support Group	9 11:00 a.m. Lectionary Study 4:15 p.m. 3rd - 5th grade Youth 5:30 p.m. T@G Meal 6:15 p.m. Bells of Grace 7:30 p.m. Voices of Grace	10 7:00 a.m. 1st Prayer 7:00 p.m. Team Leaders Meeting 7:00 p.m. Infant Loss Support Group	11 9:00 a.m. Quilters 6:30 p.m. Bingo	12
13 **See below for Sunday Morning Schedule 5:30 p.m. Chancel Schola 6:30 p.m. Senior High Youth	14 7:00 p.m. Appleaires	15 10:30 a.m. Alzheimer's Support Group 7:00 p.m. Miriam Circle	16 11:00 a.m. Lectionary Study 4:15 p.m. Catecheo 5:30 p.m. T@G Meal 6:15 p.m. Bells of Grace 7:30 p.m. Voices of Grace	17 7:00 a.m. 1st Prayer 6:00 p.m. Middle School Youth	18 9:00 a.m. Quilters	19
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27 **See Sunday Morning Schedule at right Congregational meeting - following 10:30 worship 5:30 p.m. Chancel Schola	28 7:00 p.m. Appleaires	29 6:00 p.m. Recital	30 11:00 a.m. Lectionary Study 4:15 p.m. Catecheo 5:30 p.m. T@G Meal 6:15 p.m. Bells of Grace 7:30 p.m. Voices of Grace	31	Sunday Morning Schedule Worship: 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. Faith Formation: 9:30 a.m.	

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Former Intern Donna (Giese) Putney! Donna, and her husband Mike, have accepted a call to Hope Lutheran Church in Powell, Wyoming. Her ordination will be December 8, 2018 at Zion Lutheran Church in Litchfield, Minnesota (her home congregation).



By the Grace of God and the Call of the Church

Donna Kay Putney

Will be ordained to the Ministry
of Word and Sacrament
in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America



Rite of Ordination and Service of Holy Communion

Saturday, December 8, 2018 at 4:00 pm

Zion Lutheran Church

504 North Gilman Avenue, Litchfield, Minnesota

You are invited to join in sharing this glorious day

There will be a reception immediately following the service
at Zion Lutheran Church

All are welcome | Rostered leaders are invited to process

Please RSVP to donna.giese7341@gmail.com

The color of the day is red





Dear People of Grace!

The ministry staff of Grace would like to wish you a wonderful Christmas and New Years' holiday, filled with the loving presence of Emmanuel, God-with-us! We thank God for you, and for the opportunity to work alongside you as we seek to be signs of Grace in the world!

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8:30 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

COMPLINE

1st and 3rd Sundays, 9:00 p.m.

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