

AMAZING GRACE

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Preparing to Go Home

During the holidays many travel to share time with family. They prepare to go home. And as we prepare for Christmas this year, we live the rituals of the Advent season...to prepare for the coming Christ and preparing to go home to our eternal home. All our Sunday worship readings center on how Jesus is making us ready for our eternal home with the Father. Of course, in preparation, every good event requires a plan.

When preparing to go home we need a plan:

1. Pick a day. Here in our everyday lives, our calendars fill up during this season of concerts, parties, and sporting events. Each one has a day and time. But Jesus told us that He will come again to this earth, and no one will know the day or time. We also do not know the day we will meet the Lord face to face in heaven. However, Jesus does remind us that the day is drawing sooner each day we live. Today is the day to get ready to meet Jesus.
2. Get the house ready. These days find us putting up Christmas trees, pulling out special traditional decorations that have meaning for our families. And in the midst of that, Jesus reminds us to get our own selves ready to meet him. He tells us in John 14 that He is making a home ready for us, preparing a room for when we meet him.
3. Get cleaned up. Whether that is the house or yourself, this season of Advent gives us a chance to make things right with those we have harmed. John the Baptist reminds us that repentance is in order, a change in the way we live, to see how Jesus is working in your life.
4. Choose your clothing. Not only for the party but to put on the clothing that Christ Jesus has for us. Paul outlines in Colossians 3 what we are to be wearing as we follow Jesus and His way home. **Put on then as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. (Col 3:12-14)**
5. Finally, a travel plan – how to get there. We just plug an address into our phone maps and the directions pop up as the quickest or shortest. To get to our heavenly home, there is only ONE WAY – to believe in the One whom God has sent, for Jesus, God's Son, tells us, **"I AM the WAY, the TRUTH, and the LIFE. No one comes to the Father except through me."** (John 14:6)

Are you getting ready to go home? Are you getting ready for Christ to come again? The day may catch us as a surprise, but I am praying we are all ready when the Lord appears. See You in Worship,

Pastors Bert and Shelly Schultz

**For unto YOU
is born this day
a SAVIOR, who is Christ the LORD
Luke 2:11**

May the PEACE of CHRIST be yours this Christmas!
Pastors Bert and Shelly

Official Results from the 2024 Ballot

CAC:

Marcia Davis
Kent Leininger
Trent Platfoot

Nominating Committee:

Ryan Woolley, Chair
Kathy Klopfenstein
Braden Lotz

SS Superintendent / Asst.:

Andrea Kirtley
Doug Hinegardner

SS Sec. Treas.:

Linda Jenkins

SS Receptionists:

Tom Schindel
Erin Stinebaugh
Dennis Weaver

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**Deadline for the next
newsletter is
December 18th**

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

Church Administrative Council

Minutes

November 12, 2023

John Pence, called the November 12, 2023, meeting to order with the following CAC members present: Scott Klopfenstein, Seth Regula, Bert Regula, Garrett Serr, Pastor Shelly, Pastor Bert, Roger Detrick, Matt Kohler and Tanya Hinegardner. Pastor Shelly had the devotion based on Matthew 25:1-13 about the Parable of the Ten Virgins.

Secretary's report was approved as presented. Roger Detrick moved and Garrett Serr seconded the secretary's report. Motion carried.

Bert Regula, presented the treasurer's report for October 2023. There were no large expenses for October. Total receipts for October were \$20,732.41 and expenses were \$17,015.26. The ending balance in the checking account on 10/31/2023 was \$60,439.24. Matt Kohler moved and Tanya Hinegardner seconded the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

***Pastor's Report for the month of November 2023**

Pastoral Visitation for August

Home Visits	10
Office Visits	10
Ministry Meetings	20
Hospital Visits	1
Bereavement Visits	5

We have also participated in a variety of other parish and community interactions which include phone calls, emails, texts, and other activities.

Informational Updates

- Attended Shawn Schneider's ordination at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Upper Sandusky, October 14
- Presided at the basketball court dedication in memory of TJ Esser, October 15
- Led worship at St. John's, Montpelier, OH as mission district dean, October 29
- Participated in Trunk or Treat at Grace, October 31

NALC Informational Updates

- Attended NALC mission district dean's meeting Nov 7-9 in Dallas, TX

Continuing Education

- Attended St. Rita's Pastoral Conference on Palliative Care and Hospice & Suicide Awareness and Prevention, October 11, 2023. There is a definite need for this in the area and we should be mindful of the signs.

***Old Business**

- Fresh Eyes update. They would like to get some younger people involved.
- Grace's website update. Pastor Shelly said the website is a work in progress.
- Nominating committee will be counting ballots November 26th.
- Update of names for Term Limited Committees.
- Match day update. Donations are due by November 28th

and the money will be distributed on December 15th.

- Update on hosting campsites for Eclipse. The Mission committee will have to meet about this.
- We agreed that if Latvian Missionary pastor David Michael Carrillo asks about coming again next year, we would agree to that.

***New Business**

- Angel Tree Distribution. We have 2 families with 2 children and 2 senior citizens.
- Request for vintage Airstream Club to use the church parking lot May 30, 2024, for staging before parade. We agreed for them to use the parking lot.
- Salvation Army request to host a countertop red kettle for donations. We decided not to host the red kettle.
- Women of the Church request for donation box for window coverings. We decided to ask them to wait until after the first of the year.
- Snow removal contract renewal. Scott Klopfenstein motioned that we renew the contract and Bert Regula seconded. Motion carried.
- Indoor/Outdoor custodial duties. Scott Klopfenstein stated that he talked to Rhonda and she would like to continue with the custodial duties.

Committee Reports:

Choice: Tanya Hinegardner – The Thrivent Choice committee met Wednesday, November 8, 2023. The minutes were read from the last meeting on August 9, 2023, and were approved by Traci Myers and Dick Jenkins. The treasurer's report was read and as follows: November 1, 2023, balance was \$8,077.74, \$300.00 to the youth Quake weekend and it was approved by Jodi Dickman and Tanya Hinegardner. They also agreed to donate \$100.00 to the Jackson Center Community Thanksgiving Dinner and it was approved by Traci Myers and Susan Ware. They agreed to donate \$200.00 to the Luther League for Christmas items and was approved by Dick Jenkins and Tanya Hinegardner. Traci was going to check with them to make sure that the money was needed. The following are dates for the meetings for 2024: February 14th @ 6:00 pm, May 8th @ 6:00 pm, August 14th @ 6:00 pm, and November 13th @ 6:00 pm. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer. The next meeting will be on February 14th at 6:00 pm.

Education: John Pence & Marcia Davis – No report received.

Endowment: Matt Kohler – No report received.

Friendship: Marcia Davis – No report received.

Lay/Witness: Bert Regula – No report received.

Youth: Garrett Serr – Luther League: Donations from the Sunday breakfasts on 11/15 and 12/3 will go towards a couple of local families that are in need in order to help them with Christmas. Likewise, the donations from the bake sale help upstairs at the Thanksgiving Community Service on 11/22 will also go towards these families for Christmas.

- Luther League will be shopping for these families after the late service on 12/3.
- Sunday, 11/12 @ 1:00 pm will be raking leaves for some older congregation member's homes.
- Planning to help the Catechism class and their families deco-

rate the Church for Christmas on 11/26 @ 1:30.

Gospel Gang:

- 11 kids attended the November meeting.
- Will be Christmas caroling 12/6.

Worship: Seth Regula – The Worship Committee met on October 30th, with the following members present: Seth Regula, Jen Woolley, Cheryl Burch, Rick Russell, Nancy McName, Toni Leininger, and Pastor Shelly. The meeting was opened by Pastor Shelly with scripture and prayer. The following was discussed. Carolyn Jensvold has been working with the Children's Bell Choir, and they will be playing during some of the upcoming services during the Advent and Christmas seasons. The choir is working on the Christmas Cantata. The choir will also be joining their voices with the Methodist Church choir during the Thanksgiving Eve service which will be hosted by Grace Lutheran this year.

- November 5th will be All Saints Sunday, and we will be recognizing all members of the community that have gone to the Church Eternal. Candles will be set up in the back of the church for people to light in memory of a loved one, as well as on the altar to be lit during the service in memory of those who have died in the last year.
- November 12th Pastor David Michael Carrillo, who is a musical missionary to Latvia will be joining us and taking part in worship at both services.

Pastor Shelly has been working on the Thanksgiving Eve service which is Wednesday, November 22nd at 7:00 pm. Churches from the surrounding area are invited to join us, and their pastors are being invited to take part in the service.

- November 26th is the day the church will be decorated for Advent and Christmas. As there are only three catechism families this year, we are in need of additional help to decorate. Several names were mentioned, and Pastor Shelly will be checking with them to see if they will be able to help.
- December 10th, the Choir will lead the early services with a Choir Cantata. We will also have musicians at the 10:30 service on December 10th, as members of the Praise Band will be out of town.
- December 17, the 10:30 service will be lead by the Youth of the Church. There will be a Christmas play as well as special vocal selections from some of the youth. The Bell Choir will also be playing. Newly elected church officers will also be installed during both services on December 17.
- December 24th Christmas Eve falls on Sunday this year. Due to the two evening services, we will only be having one morning worship service at 9:00 am with Sunday School at 10:00 am. The evening services will be at 7:00 pm and 10:30 pm with communion at both services.
- December 25th Christmas Day the service is at 9:00 am with a baptism during the service.
- December 31st will also be only one service at 9:00 am with Sunday School at 10:00 am. Pastor Bob Forsberg will be leading the service, as Pastor Bert and Shelly will be on vacation.

The Splat Painting that was hanging in the back of the sanctuary is now mounted and hanging in the meeting room upstairs.

A special thank you to Andrew Paavola and Jerry Metz for the care of displaying it for the congregation. Poinsettia order forms are the tables in the back of the church. Poinsettias will be ordered from Andy's Garden Center this year, and the price is \$8.50 each. Pastor Shelly stated that several members have commented that they like the new format in the bulletin for those on our prayer list. Pastor Shelly also asked the committee to be thinking of ideas for the 2024 Lenten season. The next Worship Committee will be Monday, January 8, 2024, at 7:00 pm. As there was no further business to be discussed, the meeting was closed with prayer.

Mission: Scott Klopfenstein – No report received. Applied for several different grants.

Property & Trustee: Roger Detrick, Scott Klopfenstein & John Pence – No report received. Scott got a quote from Best Storm Window for new windows. The cost for one window is \$1,066.00. We decided not to do anything at this time. The furnace has been repaired and running.

***Any other business before adjourning?**

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

The next meeting will be on Sunday, December 10th at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Tanya Hinegardner, Sec.

Committee Reports

Education Committee : Education Meeting met on November 13, 2023. The meeting was opened with a prayer by Pastor Shelly. In attendance was Doug Hinegardner, Pastor Shelly, Becky Copeland, Abby Pence, Deb Serr, Elsa Stengel, Jen Woolley and Lori Wiswell. The Secretary's report was approved as read. The financial report January 2023-October 2023 for Sunday offering is \$2,695.77. Jan-Oct Sunday school expenses are \$2,449.25. Vacation Bible school expenses from Jan-Oct are \$727.92. Becky reported that Sunday school started working on the Christmas play on November 1st. Attendance is staying steady. We discussed having trouble getting a high school Sunday school teacher. A signup sheet is in the high school classroom. We encourage individuals to sign up for a week to teach. Pastor Shelly reported the catechism class is enjoying the bible curriculum during Sunday school and is doing a great job making the connections in the bible during catechism. Confirmation will take place on May 5, 2024. Pastor Shelly reported that Adult Education is studying the 10 Commandments out of Luther's Small Catechism and spiritual gifts assessment. A new Life to Life Discipleship experience just started. Gospel Gang is currently studying the 10 Commandments and has been having great attendance. Possible dates were discussed for 2024 VBS. Lori and Jen reported that Luther league raked leaves this past week for people around Jackson Center. Luther League plans to purchase Christmas gifts for two families this year. They are raising money by hosting a bake sale on November 22, 2023 during the Community Thanksgiving Eve worship and will be serving breakfast again on December 3. Cradle Roll Ministry currently has 4 babies and are using the new material from Spark Publishing.

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Education Committee Minutes Continued:

Upcoming events are the Live Nativity at Jackson Center Village Christmas on December 3 which the Sunday school kids and catechism will be participating in. Gospel gang, catechism and Luther league will be caroling on December 6 at 6:15pm. They will be divided into 5 groups. Choir Cantata will be December 10. The Sunday school program will be December 17 at the 10:30 am worship service along with Children's Bell Choir. 2024 Upcoming events include Youth Quake in Cincinnati in January. The Education Committee will be hosting the Lenten meal on February 21, 2024. Easter Sunday and Children's Bell Choir will be on March 31, 2024.

The Sunday school constitution was revised. The new revisions will be taken to the January CAC meeting for final approval. Other old business includes Rally Day Sunday that took place on August 27, 2023. The committee felt like further discussion will be needed to better prepare for next year's Rally Day. Trunk or Treat on October 31, 2023 had a good turnout despite being extremely cold. The committee was pleased that we had more trunks passing out candy this year than last.

The next meeting will take place on February 12, 2024 at 6pm. Pastor Shelly closed the meeting with prayer.

Submitted by Abby Pence

Upcoming Events

Sunday, December 3:	JC Village Christmas
Sunday, December 3:	Luther League Breakfast
Wednesday, December 6:	Catechism, Luther League & Gospel Gang Caroling
Sunday, December 10:	Carol Sunday
Sunday, December 10:	CAC Meeting
Sunday, December 10:	Mission Committee Breakfast
Sunday, December 17:	Sunday School Christmas Program
Sunday, December 17:	Installation of Officers at Both Worship Services
Sunday, December 24:	9:00 am Worship with 10:00 am Sunday School
Sunday, December 24:	Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Services
Monday, December 25:	9:00 am Christmas Day Worship, No Sunday School
Sunday, December 31:	9:00 am Worship with 10:00 am Sunday School

Grace Christmas Schedule

Children's Christmas Program will be December 17th at the 10:30 AM Worship Service.

Gospel Gang and the Catechism classes will once again be Christmas caroling for their December meeting. Please join us. December 6th at 6:00 pm at the church, will be leaving at 6:15 pm to go out into the community and sing. This event is for anyone that would like to join us. We will also need adult drivers to help with transporting our young population. When we are finished caroling please join us back at church to warm up with some cookies and hot chocolate.

Christmas Eve Candlelight

Worship Services

9:00 AM Worship with Sunday School at 10:00 AM

7:00 PM with Communion.

10:30 PM with Communion & Choir.

Christmas Morning Worship

9:00 AM with Communion and Baptism.

Sunday, December 31st: 9:00 am Worship
10:00 am Sunday School



Grace at Worship ...



Season of Advent

Advent is a time of waiting and expectant watching for the coming of the Messiah. We wait for the Christ child in the manger in Bethlehem, but also for the return of Christ in all of his glory on that last day. The tone of our worship should reflect the theological tension between wistful waiting and joyful anticipation. In the Church we are called to put aside the trappings of the world in this season before Christmas, and wait patiently for the King of kings.

Worship Servants for Sundays in December 2023



Lessons

	First Sunday of Advent December 3	Second Sunday of Advent December 10	Third Sunday of Advent December 17	Fourth Sunday of Advent December 24	First Sunday after Christmas December 31
Lessons	Isaiah 64:1-9; Ps 80:1-7; 1 Corinth. 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37	Isaiah 40:1-11; Ps 85: 2 Peter 3:8-14; Mark 1:1-8	Isaiah 61:1-4,8-11; Ps 126; 1 Thess. 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28	2 Samuel 7:1-11,16; Ps 89:1-5; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38	Isaiah 61:10-62:3; Ps 111; Galat. 4:4-7; Luke 2:22-40
	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	9:00 AM	9:00 AM
Organists	Cheryl Burch	Nancy McName	Cheryl Burch	Nancy McName	Cheryl Burch
Acolytes	Archer Copeland	Brendan Serr	Julia Burch	Archer Copeland	Julia Burch
Crucifers	Archer Copeland	Brendan Serr	Julia Burch	Archer Copeland	Julia Burch
Lay Readers	Patty Mann	Darren Myers	Shelby Fite	Aaron Klopfenstein	Fritz Serr
A/V	None	Carter Klopfenstein Preston Serr	Ian Stengel Cortney Copeland	Carter Klopfenstein Preston Serr	Jill Ludwig
	10:30 AM	10:30 AM	10:30 AM		
Acolytes	Maycee Kipker	TBA	TBA		
Lay Readers	Cheryl Janssen	Matt Kohler	Shirley DeWeese		
Communion Preparation	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	8:00 AM		
A/V	Jill Ludwig	Karen Hatfield	Children's Program		
Song Leaders	Katie Woolley Matt Kohler	Kay Frieders Greg Woolley	Children's Program		Krista Withrow Matt Kohler

Women of the Church

Circle 1

Circle one members met on November 1, 2023 in the church meeting room. Karen Hatfield opened the meeting with readings, "When It's Hard to be Grateful on Thanksgiving," and "Giving Thanks in all Circumstances." Seven members answered roll call sighting a Bible verse with the word thanks or thankful. Minutes were read and approved. The treasury has a balance of \$226.31. A motion was made and seconded to reimburse Susan Ware for the items to fill five flood buckets. WOC project for November is collection of personal care items for Mercy Mission.

During the business portion of the meeting, plans were made for our Sunday breakfast on November 26. We also finalized decorations for the general meeting on November 26. New officers for 2024 will be the following: Karen Hatfield, President; Susan Ware, Vice-President; Barb Wical, Secretary; Barb Krugh, Treasurer; Sharon Lenhart, Nominating committee; Sharon Lenhart, Kitchen committee.

Bible study was learning about Mary Magdalene. Jesus had removed demons from her. She became a follower of Jesus. God chose her to be there as a witness to see the resurrected Jesus. She knelt at his feet after His resurrection. Spending more time in prayer, reading and studying scripture are ways for us to spend more time with Jesus. Our meeting was closed by praying the Lord's Prayer.

Barb Wical, Secretary

Circle 3

Circle 3 met November 21st with 10 members answering roll call with a verse containing "peace".

Jen Woolley led the Bible Study on "The Characters of Christmas". Mary was favored by God & was given special grace. She meditated and was a learner & thinker. As we encounter things in life we should think about what purpose God has in mind for us. Mary was willing to follow the will of God and had faith even though she didn't understand all the details. She rejoiced & exalted God & this should be our response so when we think of Christ's birth we rejoice & spread the good news, shepherds hurried to see Jesus to rejoice & became messengers to share the good news. Hopefully Jesus' birth has a special effect in our lives in that we respond to this great event & become centered in God's will.

Secretary & Treasurers reports were given. Treasurers balance \$141.64. Business included final preparation for the General Meeting refreshments. Also a reminder of "Personal Care items" for Mercy Mission. We revealed our prayer partners and drew new ones for next year.

All members brought a snack to share. The dessert table was lots of sweet goodies. Closed with prayers.

Nancy McNamee, Secretary

WOC Christmas General Meeting

Women of the Church met November 26, 2023 for their Christmas general meeting. They began the evening with prayer before eating a delicious meal of slider sandwiches, salads, chips, desserts and drinks provided by Circle 3 members.

After the meal entertainment was provided by circle 2 with their

version of the Price is Right show. Names were drawn and the contestants had to choose between 2 different fabulous gifts. Lots of fun and laughter was caused by the contestants and helpers of the show.

Business meeting followed. Linda Jenkins read the minutes from the WOC Board meeting on October 11, 2023. They were approved as read. Roll call was taken: Circle 1- 7, Circle 2- 7, Circle 3- 10 and 1 visitor Pastor Shelly. Treasurer report was given by Toni Leininger, general balance is \$5,272.14 and drapery fund balance \$1,693.50 which is included in the general balance. No report from the Mission Action, Community or Growth offices.

Old Business- Selling the anniversary cookbooks at a reduced price after the Thanksgiving Eve service (3 sold) and also during the Christmas in the Village in the Fire House to the community for \$5.

Elsa Stengel & Darlene Woolley are shopping for Christmas gift for some seniors in the village. Barb Wical provided the names.

Info given to the members is that at the last WOC board meeting it was decided to start sending 1/2 of the circle offerings that are given to Toni to the WNALC for operating expenses like it was done in the past with ELCA. The WNALC is now 10+ years old.

New Business- It was decided to send tonight's offering to the Elizabeth New Life Center in Sidney and round it up to \$300.

Installation of officers for 2024 was given by Pastor Shelly.

I Huge Thank You was given by Linda Jenkins for all the help throughout the year with all the projects. Your donations of time, money and all other efforts to make the WOC projects successful is appreciated. Circle 1 provided wonderful table decorations for the meeting.

Linda Jenkins, Acting secretary

Men's Ministry

We met on November 27th. Meeting was opened with prayer by Kent Leininger. We spent the first part of the meeting by discussing how to use our Soup and Sandwich Meal funds. It was decided that we will be giving \$200 to the Jackson Center Library for the Christian Book and Video Fund. The balance will be used to support current needs within Grace Church family. Our meeting continued with the discussion about how to deal with conflict within our lives and within the church. There are steps to take in dealing with issues and if we are not successful, the final step is to treat them as sinners or tax collectors. Next question, how did Jesus treat sinners and tax collectors??? We also discussed the Parable of the Lost Sheep. We trust that nothing can separate us from the love of Jesus. Our hope rests in the fact that God's power to save us is stronger than our power to reject him. The next meeting will be December 18, 2023 at 7:00 pm. Meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer. Submitted by Dennis Weaver



Grace @ Prayer

Standing in the Need of Prayer

Immediate Need of Prayers:

Judy Thompson, Loren Kipker, Rudy Copeland

Prayers for Military:

Aaron Reid

Prayers for Long-Term Situations:

Doris Jean Frieders, Dwight Johnson, Tim Herndon, Mindy Steinbrunner, Emma Homan, Adam & Rochelle Langdon, Autumn Regula, Lisa Williams, Amy Grewe, Alex Poeppelman, Cliff Miller, Mike Clark, Paige Schneider, Logan Heath, Tony Hart, Bob Klopstein, Cindy Herndon, Gary Bankert, Penny Borchers, Chris Burch, Starlett Clement

Parish Statistic: November 2023

Deaths

Marge Beam joined her Father in Heaven on November 25, 2023

Announcements

Grace will be once again be doing the **Christmas Angel Tree**. This is an opportunity to share Christmas gifts with those who have needs in our community. The Angel tree is set up at the back of the church with tags for the various needs and wants. We have 2 families of 2 children and 2 senior citizens. Please stop in and take a tag, if you are able. **Deadline for returning gifts to Grace is Monday, December 11th. Please wrap gift and tape tag on the outside of the gift.**

CHICKEN FRY Jackson Center American Legion Chicken Fry, December 2nd. 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. 627 East College Street. 1/2 chicken, coleslaw, french fries, and roll \$ 10.00. Presale tickets available at J. C. Village office as well as the J.C. Pro Hwd. Also available the day of the fry at the legion. Drive thru only. Thank you for supporting our veterans.

Thrivent Choice dollars need to be designated for next year, members can designate by going online.

Altar Flowers If you would like to provide altar flowers for a special occasion, you can do so by ordering them from your chosen florist. Please have them delivered to Grace Lutheran and placed on the altar. Also notify Nikki, in the church office, regarding the bulletin announcement of the occasion.

Volunteers needed at the Sidney F.I.S.H. store. If you are interested in volunteering, stop and fill out an application at the store.

The Backpack program is asking for donations for the program. They are asking for fruit cups, applesauce cups, pudding cups and peanut butter cups, small individual boxes of cereal, & small individual microwave meal cups. There is a labeled box in the south vestibule for your donations.

Grace Carol Service

You are invited to the annual Carol Service here at Grace. The Carol Service is scheduled for Sunday, December 10, at the 8:00 worship service. The program will feature: devotional readings pertaining to Advent and Christmas; anthems sung by the adult choir; and of course, the singing of many of our favorite and cherished Christmas carols. Plan to join the Grace choir as we worship, sing, and celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior at this year's Carol Service on December 10 at 8:00 am.



Thank you's

Men's Group would like to thank all those who provided food and labor to make the Soup and Sandwich Meal a success. We would also like to thank all those who came to take part in the meal and the great fellowship time we had together. We haven't decided where to donate the funds yet so keep an eye on our minutes in the monthly newsletter as we will be making that decision soon. Thanks again to all involved!

On behalf of the Upper Valley District and Jackson Center FCCLA chapters we would like to extend our gratitude for allowing us to host our annual district orientation at Grace Lutheran once again this year.

Worship Assistants for Advent Evening Services

	Christmas Eve December 24	Christmas Day December 25
	Isaiah 7:10-14; Ps 110:1-4; 1 John 4:7-16; Matthew 1:18-25	Isaiah 52:7-10; Ps 2; Hebrews 1:1-6; John 1:1-14
	7:00 PM	9:00 AM
Organists	Shirley Schindel	Nancy McName
Acolytes	Brendan Serr	None
Crucifers	Brendan Serr	
Lay Readers	Julie Klopfenstein	Scott Klopfenstein
	10:30 PM	
Organist	Cheryl Burch	
Acolytes	Maycee Kipker	
Lay Readers	Linda Jenkins	

Congratulations to Joe & Emma Sponseller on the birth of their son Jeremiah Matthew Sponseller born November 25, 2023 at 4:01 am. Jeremiah weighted 7 lbs. and measured 18" long. Proud grand-parents are Bert & Marlene Regula and Jim & Lori Sponseller.



Echoes and Epiphanies

As you prepare for Jesus to come again, the North American Lutheran Church invites you to pray through their Advent & Christmas season devotional. May this devotional guide you in your reflections and deepen your faith during this extended season of grace and revelation.

For details on how to access this Advent devotional, visit thenalc.org/advent.





DECEMBER



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Julia Burch	2 1:00 pm Life to Life Jim Poppe
3 1st. Sunday of Advent 8:00 am Worship w/ Comm. & Choir 9:00 am LL Breakfast 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 5:30 pm Village Christmas	4 7:00 pm Circle 2 7:00 pm Choir Practice Jordan Dickman	5 9:00 am-11:00 am Cleaning	6 12:00 pm Circle 1 6:15 pm Christmas Caroling G.G, LL, Catechism 7:00 pm Choir Practice	7 8:00 pm Dartball Jackson South @ Wapak Salem Kaiden Hinegardner	8	9 Erin Winner Lauren Metz
10 2nd. Sunday of Advent 8:00 am Worship Carol Service 9:00 am Mission Breakfast 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship w/ Communion 4:00 pm CAC Meeting 6:30 pm New Horizons Holiday Concert	11	12 Braxton Roberts	13 6:15 pm-7:45 pm Catechism 7:00 pm Choir Practice	14 8:00 pm Dartball Jackson South @ Jackson Twp. Pastor Shelly Schultz Josephine Kirtley	15 Matt Kohler	16 Bailey Hinegardner
17 3rd. Sunday of Advent 8:00 am Worship w/ Choir & Comm. 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship SS Program 5:30 pm-7:00 pm Luther League	18 7:00 pm Men's Group Alan Byrd	19 Toni Leininger	20 6:15 pm-7:45 pm Catechism 7:00 pm Choir Practice Lilly Davis	21 8:00 pm Dartball Wapak UCC @ Jackson South Dan Steenrod Allissa Creager	22 Rich & Karen Hatfield* Ashton & Kyle Van-Dyke*	23
24 4th. Sunday of Advent Christmas Eve 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Sunday School 7:00 pm Candlelight 10:30 pm Candlelight @ Choir	25 Christmas Day 9:00 am Worship w/ Baptism Meghan Serr	26 Roberta Pitts	27 Connie Schneider	28 8:00 pm Dartball Anna @ Jackson South Bellamy Schuff	29	30 Gary & Kay Byrd*
31 1st Sunday after Christmas 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Sunday School						

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The Mission of Grace...

Glorify God

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