

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF December 16th THROUGH December 23rd

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES

DAY	STUDY	TOPIC/TITLE	WHEN & WHERE
Today	Adult Study	NO CLASS – Voters’ Meeting	10:30 AM – Fellowship Hall
Today	Youth Study	Children’s Service Practice	10:30 AM – Church

BAPTISM: We rejoice this day with Dan and Rachel Tredo at the baptism of their daughter, Emily Grace. Sponsors are Kayla Gardner and Elizabeth Miller. We welcome Emily into God’s Kingdom of Grace and pray His richest blessings upon her.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Dan, Rachel, and Madelyn Tredo in thanksgiving and celebration for Emily’s baptism today.

STEWARDSHIP NOTE: Philippians 4:5b–6 – *“The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.”* Wouldn’t you like to be free from worry and anxiety? Isn’t it worry and anxiety that often keep us from living the generous life God has called us to? St. Paul contrasts anxiety with prayer, supplication, and thanksgiving in making our requests known to God. In other words, when you are tempted to anxiety and worry, pray to the Lord with a thankful heart and pour out your supplications before Him.

LAST ADVENT DINNER is this **Wednesday, December 19th**, at **5:15 PM**. Please join us for tacos in the Fellowship Hall before the 6:30 PM Advent Vespers service. Doors open at 5:00 PM. Everyone is encouraged to bring a side dish, dessert, etc., to accompany the meal.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH CHRISTMAS SERVICE: TODAY, Sun., December 16th, at **4:00 PM**, the Sunday School and Youth Bible Study students will be doing a Christmas service centered on the beloved hymn “What Child is This.” We encourage the congregation as well as friends and family to attend this wonderful opportunity to hear more about our Savior’s birth!

2019 FLOWER CHART is available for sign-up in the narthex. The cost is **\$27.00** for two bouquets. Please make your checks payable to “Grace Lutheran Church” and place in the secretary’s mailbox in the Communication Center.

NEW MAIL SLOT NUMBERS AND 2019 ENVELOPES: The mail slot numbers have changed, so please refer to the lists at the back of the nave for your new mail slot number. Offering envelopes for 2019 are now in your mail slot. (If you do not have a mail slot or envelopes, please let the church office know so that we can correct our error. Thanks!)

THRIVENT CHOICE: If you are a Thrivent member, you may be designated Choice Dollars based on your eligibility. Call 1-800-847-4836 or visit Thrivent.com for more information.

WHOOPS! The lap robes that we are making for St. Monica’s are 48” x 60”, not 40” x 50” as stated in December’s newsletter. Thanks! — Ruth Anger

VOTERS' MEETING: TODAY, Sunday, December 16th, at 10:30 AM. Agenda: Elections and 2019 Budget

HOSPITALIZATIONS: Please notify me if you (or a loved one) is in the hospital so that I can visit and pray for you. Because of federal HIPAA privacy rules, doctors, hospitals, and other health care providers cannot and do not release this information. Therefore, I need you to tell me so that I can visit you. Thank you for your help and understanding! – Pastor Crane

UPDATE CONTACT INFORMATION: Stop by the Office Equipment Room to update your contact information. You can note any changes directly on the directory located there or you can place a note in the secretary's mailbox. You can also call or email the church office. We want to keep our records as accurate as possible, especially as we prepare an updated directory.

GRACE COOKBOOKS: 100th Anniversary Cookbooks by Morris Press are available for sale before and after the worship service. All proceeds go to the elevator fund. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS CRAFTS FOR SALE: A Grace member has donated homemade Christmas ornaments and crafts for the elevator fund. They are on display in the Office Equipment Room.

PENS FOR SALE: The Grace Youth Group is selling stylus pens with Grace's name and address on them. The pens are \$1.50 each and are on sale in the Office Equipment Room.

FURNITURE FOR NEW ELEVATOR FOYER: We are looking for a large **winged-back chair** (non-reclining) and a round or rectangle mahogany or cherry hardwood **end table** to be used in the foyer of the new entrance for our elevator addition. If you have either of these items and you would like to donate them for this purpose, please contact Nancy Lockrem.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTY: Next Sunday, December 23rd, during the normal Sunday School time (**10:30 – 11:30 AM**), the Sunday School children will be having a Christmas party. Hope to see your kids there!

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH CHRISTMAS YARD SIGNS are available near the coat room. Please take one and display in your yard for this Advent and Christmas season. If you wish, return them to the same spot after Christmas, and they will be stored until next year.

RLHS GRAND GALA AUCTION ITEMS: Our committee is working hard to secure great items for the auction, but we need your help. We are hosting a VIRTUAL GIFT GATHERING PARTY through the end of January! Please visit our Wish List at Amazon.com and purchase an item for our silent auction. (It can be delivered directly to the school.) Select 'find a list' under the drop-down menu, and search for 'Racine Lutheran High School' and our 2019 GRAND GALA WISH LIST (<https://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/1R5L4OPNI7QV1>). Other donations are also welcome and can be dropped off at RLHS. Contact Krista at 637-6538 or by email at klong@RacineLutheran.org if you need assistance. Thank you!