

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF January 6th THROUGH January 13th

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES

DAY	STUDY	TOPIC/TITLE	WHEN & WHERE
Today	Adult Study	Stewardship Basics	10:30 AM – Fellowship Hall
Today	Youth Study	Jesus: The Early Years	10:30 AM – Martin Room

STEWARDSHIP NOTE: Matthew 2:11 – *“And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.”* Worship and the giving of gifts go together. This makes sense because God is the great Giver of every good gift, and we worship Him and desire to grow into His image. We receive His gifts in worship and then, being conformed to the likeness of His image, we imitate His generosity.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by the Memorial Committee.

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.

ADULT INQUIRERS’ CLASS: This 12-week course is for people who wish to join Grace, as well as for current members who want to study the basics of the Christian faith. The class is scheduled to begin next **Sunday, January 13th**, meeting from **12:00 – 1:00 PM**. Please contact me if you have any questions or if you would like more information. Thanks! – Pastor

BRING YOUR SCISSORS on **Monday, January 7th**, at **9:00 AM** to cut bibs! Our goal is 50.
– Ruth Anger

ATTENTION ALL BOARDS: All boards are asked to meet and select their chair prior to the council meeting on **Tuesday, January 8th**. The chair of each board is asked to attend the council meeting at **6:30 PM** that evening.

ATTENTION ALL BOARD CHAIRS AND OFFICERS OF GRACE: It’s that time of year! Annual Reports are due to the church secretary by **January 15th**! Also, newsletter items are due by **January 15th**. Thank you!

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. Thanks!

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!

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.

AT THE VOTERS' MEETING on December 16th, the following people were elected or appointed: Treasurer – Steve Kanetzke; Financial Secretary – Doug Alexander; Board of Elders – Jim Day and Jim Haas; Board of Christian Care – Connie Abrahamson and Becky Gardner; Board of Education – Diane Bretl; Board of Missions and Evangelism – Tabitha Crane; Board of Stewardship – Valjean Abrahamson; Board of Trustees – Daniel Widmar; and Board of Youth – Heidi Pilcher. Also, the 2019 Budget of \$284,179.56 in income and expenditures was passed. Many thanks to those who have answered the call to serve, and many thanks to all those who served so faithfully this past year. Installation of all officers and board members, those newly elected and those continuing to serve a term, will take place during today's Divine Service.

ELEVATOR FUND: So far, we have raised **\$26,911** for the Elevator Fund. Thanks be to God for His blessings here at Grace!

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS: On **Saturday, January 12th**, at **9:00 AM**, please join us as we take down the Christmas decorations. Many hands make light work!

THE GROWING STRONG WITH GRACE group will meet **Wednesday, January 16th**. Our presenter will be Jonathan Delagrave, the Racine County Executive. Please bring a dish to pass. Pastor Crane will have the meal prayer at **11:00 AM**. Hope you all can make it!

100TH ANNIVERSARY: On **January 20th, 2019**, our Divine Service at 9:00 AM will begin the celebration for the centennial year for Grace. Our guest preacher for this service will be Pastor Emeritus, the Rev. Randal A. Poppe, who faithfully served more than 34 years as Pastor at Grace from 1983-2017. Following the service, we will have our normal Sunday School and Bible Study, followed by a Pot Bless luncheon around noontime. A signup sheet for a dish to pass is on the Office Equipment Room door. There will also be historical items on display in our Bartz Fellowship Hall, so please join us if you can!

100TH ANNIVERSARY BOOK: There is a book for all who wish to have memories or photos preserved for our 100th Anniversary. Scrapbook paper is available in a basket in the narthex. Please feel free to take a page to write out memories you have of Grace and add pictures. Digital pictures and memories can be emailed to Jeana Eaton at jeana.eaton@yahoo.com.

THRIVENT CHOICE: If you are a Thrivent member, you may be designated Choice Dollars based on your eligibility. These Choice Dollars can then be designated by you to Grace or to other charities. Call 1-800-847-4836 or visit Thrivent.com for more information. Thank you!

PLEASE SAVE THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT DATES:

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6 – Youth Group Meeting 11:30 AM – 2:00 PM

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8 – Council Meeting at 6:30 PM

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13 – Quarterly Voters' Meeting at 10:30 AM

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16 – Growing Strong with Grace Meeting and Luncheon 11:00 AM

SUNDAY, JANUARY 20 – 100th Anniversary Kickoff Service and Pot Bless

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26 – SWD Passionate Believers Conference in Hartland, WI