

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF December 8th THROUGH December 15th

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDIES

STUDY	TOPIC/TITLE	WHEN & WHERE
Adult Study	Book of Revelation	10:30 AM – Fellowship Hall
Youth Study	The 12 Days of Christmas	10:30 AM – Youth Room

STEWARDSHIP NOTE: Matthew 3:1–2 – *“In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.’”* John prepared the way for Jesus by preaching repentance. Then, when Jesus’ ministry was complete and He was raised from the dead, He sent out His disciples to preach “repentance and the forgiveness of sins.” We never outgrow the need for repentance – examining our lives, turning away from our sins, and turning toward Jesus in faith to receive His forgiveness and strength for a renewed life of godliness.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by the Widmar family for Jillian’s birthday.

COOKBOOKS AVAILABLE! We still have 100th Anniversary cookbooks available for \$15 each. All proceeds go to the Elevator Fund. They are available after the Sunday service in the Office Equipment Room. **THE COOKBOOK ADDENDUM** has been published! If you purchased (or won) a *100 Years of God’s Grace* cookbook, please stop by the Office Equipment Room and pick up your copy.

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKS: Please take a copy of the *Behold the Child Daily Devotions* book. They are in the rear of the nave near the LWML mite box.

ADVENT MIDWEEK SERVICES: Our midweek Advent services continue **this Wednesday, December 11th**, at **6:30 PM**. This week’s Advent supper theme is Soup and Sandwiches. Please sign up on the Office Equipment Room door to bring a dish corresponding to the week’s theme. Freewill monetary donations will be gladly accepted. Doors open by **5:00 PM** and suppers begin at **5:15 PM**. Come enjoy the fellowship and food!

CRAFT SALE: Lighted Pictures are for sale for \$15.00 each. Other craft items are available, too. Please check out the display near the coat room. All proceeds go to the Elevator Fund. Thank you!

ADVENT CANDLES: The blue Advent candles and the white Christ candle were purchased in celebration of Grace’s 100th anniversary. Thank you again to everyone who donated to our 100th Anniversary Fund!

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.

VOTERS' ASSEMBLY: NEXT Sunday, December 15th, at **10:30 AM** in the Fellowship Hall.
Agenda: Elections and 2020 Budget.

HANDBELL CHRISTMAS CONCERT: The Milwaukee Handbell Ensemble (MHE) will present its annual holiday concert at **7:00 PM this Friday, December 13th**, at Grace. This year's theme celebrates the Wonders of Christmas with well-loved classic music of the season, along with festive new works, traditional favorites, and sing-a-long carols. Doors will open at 6:30 PM for this event. A freewill donation will be collected for the MHE.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE: Please join us **this Saturday, December 14th**, at **2:00 PM** for the Sunday School and Youth Bible Study students to share the message of Christmas in word and song. This year's Children's Christmas Service is titled "Behold the Child." Following the service, there will be a light fellowship time with snacks and treats in the Fellowship Hall.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING: **Next Sunday, December 15th**, the Youth Group invites the congregation to join them to go Christmas caroling to our shut-ins. We will have a light lunch at church after Bible Study. After lunch, we will carpool to our shut-in members' residences. It is always a good time, and our shut-in members look forward to it every year.

TURKEY PLATTERS FOR SALE: \$5.00 each in the Office Equipment Room. Ruth Anger is collecting the money with proceeds going towards the elevator.

THANK YOU: The Board of Christian Care would like to thank those who have donated food for Harvest Outreach or volunteered to staff their distribution counter. The next open date to volunteer is **Monday, December 30th**. They are still in need of mac 'n cheese, spaghetti sauce, hearty soups (canned or dry), and tuna helper. You may put your food donations in the marked bin in the coat room or bring them to Grace's food pantry shelves next to the elevator, up a few steps to the right (from first floor), and through the door. Volunteer opportunities are available on the first two Fridays of even-numbered months and every fifth Monday (any month) from 9:30 to 11:30 AM at 2000 DeKoven Ave., Racine. Please contact Connie Abrahamson, Becky Gardner, or Becky Saxena to volunteer or for more information.

ELECTRONIC GIVING is now available at Grace. This is a free service from the Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF). Questions can be answered by John Adams, Doug Alexander, or Steve Kanetzke. Enrollment forms are available in the Office Equipment Room. Completed forms should be returned in a sealed envelope and placed into John's or Doug's mailbox outside the church office. If you decide to participate in this optional service, please continue to place your offering envelope in the collection during the worship service and write "e-giving" on the front of the envelope.

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.