

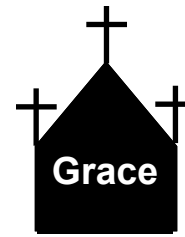
December Schedule:

- **Men's Breakfast Bible Class:** Saturday, December 8 in fellowship hall 8:00 - 9:15am
- **Decorate Church:** Saturday, December 8 starting at 10:00am
- **German Christmas Service:** Sat, Dec 8 @ Zion Lutheran Church, Louis Corners 2pm
- **Advent Midweek Services:** Wed, Dec 12 & 19 @ 4:15 & 6:30pm - w/ meal between
- **JLOG Christmas Program "Still, Still, Still":** Fri, Dec 14, 10:30am - lunch to follow
- **Lakeshore Lutheran Chorale Concerts:** Saturday, Dec 15 @ St. John/St. James, Reedsville, 3:00pm & Sunday, Dec 16th @ Grace, 3:00pm
- **Open Forums:** Sunday, Dec 16 between services & Mon, Dec 17 following worship
- **Voter's Meeting:** Tuesday, Dec 18 6:30pm
- **MLHS Christmas Concerts:** Fri, Dec 21 @ Capital Civic Center 4:30 & 7:30pm
- **Grace Children's Christmas Program "Were You There?":** Sunday, Dec 23, 10:45am - Kids will practice from 9:20 - 10:30am on Sundays Dec 2, 9, & 16, with a possible additional practice on Sat, 12/22 with time TBD
- **Christmas Eve Worship:** Monday, December 24 @ 1:30 & 6:00pm
- **Christmas Day Worship:** Tuesday, December 25 @ 9:30am
- **New Year's Eve Worship:** Monday, December 31 @ 6:30pm

Poinsettia sign up deadline is next Monday, Dec 10th. If you would like to donate a poinsettia for this Christmas, please sign up on the sheets located on the information table and place your payment in the canister located there. Cost is \$5 for each plant.

Volunteers needed: We are participating in the synod wide effort (C-18) to invite people to join us for our Christmas Eve worship services. As a follow up to this effort we are planning on making visits to those guests that joined us. These would be short, informal visits to thank them for coming and give them a packet of information about Grace Church. If you would like to be help, please contact Darrell Schramm by phone at: 920-683-7819. work), 920-901-7346 (personal cell) or by email to darrell.schramm@gmail.com.

Light Display on board in fellowship hall: Have you seen the display of small lights on the back of the coat rack in the fellowship hall? Each light represents a Grace member giving out an invite to someone that doesn't have a church home, asking them to join us for our Christmas Eve or Christmas Day worship. These invites (business cards, postcards, Christmas cards) are on the table below this display. hand them out to someone without a church home and ask them to join you for worship. For each invite you hand out, just take a small green or red slip (in the basket on this table) and drop it into the canister labeled "Invites". Each week a light will be added to the display for each slip that went into this canister. Please join us in this effort - we would love to light up this entire board!



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Worship Services Sundays 8:00 & 10:45am, Mondays 6:30pm

Come **JESUS**,
Lord **JESUS**,
be our guest
..... and let
these gifts
to us be
blessed.
Amen.

Wednesday, Dec 5, 2018
4:15 & 6:30pm

Invocation (*spoken by Pastor*)

C: Amen

CONFESSION OF SINS AND CANDLE LIGHTING

M: When God created the world, he made the crown of his creation—the human race—in his image. Perfect people lived in a perfect world in a perfect relationship with God.

C: But mankind rebelled against God, bringing sin into the world and death to all. God declared the wages of sin to be death. We too are guilty, and we confess our sinful thoughts, words, and actions.

M: However, God—who is Love—did not want to be separated from his children forever. He promised a Savior who would bear the punishment for sin, defeat the devil, and break the bonds of death. *Genesis 1:26; Romans 6:23*

M: When the time had fully come, God sent his Son. Jesus, our Savior, has paid the ransom for your debt; your sins are forgiven. In view of God's mercy, today we light the hope candle. The Spirit declares through the psalmist, "Put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love, and with him is full redemption."

C: **We wait for the Lord, and in his word we put our hope.** Galatians 4:4,5; Psalm 130:5,7

O, come, our Hope, who has de-clared "Sal - va - tion's won; do
not de-spair." Help us be-lieve that once for all
You bore God's wrath, re - deem - ing all. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!
Em-man - u - el Shall come to you, O Is - ra - el!

M: In the hope of God we go to the world—to our friends, relatives, acquaintances and neighbors. We regard no one from a worldly point of view. If anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come. All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.

C: **God has committed to us the ministry of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. Jesus, who had no sin, became sin for us; in him we have become the righteousness of God.**
2 Corinthians 5:16-21

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Prayer for the First week of Advent

M: Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Advent Psalm: Psalm 96 (page 102)

Lesson: 1 Peter 1:3-9

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he gave us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ into an inheritance that is undying, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you. ⁵ Through faith you are being protected by God's power for the salvation that is ready to be revealed at the end of time.

⁶ Because of this you rejoice very much, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various kinds of trials ⁷ so that the proven character of your faith—which is more valuable than gold, which passes away even though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise, glory, and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

⁸ Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not see him now, yet by believing in him, you are filled with a joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹ because you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Hymn #8: "Come, O Precious Ransom, Come"

Joshua 24:14,15

¹⁴ "Now fear the LORD and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵ But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

Today's Message:

"Come Lord Jesus, Come into our Home!"

Song of Mary (pages 57-58)

Traditional Lord's Prayer & Prayer for Peace (page 60)

Song of Simeon & Blessing (page 61)

Thank you to our pianists: 4:15pm - Darci Matzke & 6:30pm - Amibeth Olderman

**Please join us for a meal between services today,
hosted by our Pastor, Staff Minister, Office Staff & Office Helpers.**

Next week's meal is hosted by our Grace Circle Ladies.