



# Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

"A community of servants sharing in the word and work of Jesus."



Merry Christmas  
Grace Church staff

*Mike Meyer*

*Paul H. Boring*

*Janice Collins*

*Willie Clark*

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## CHRISTMAS EVE

**Christmas Eve at Grace** - Grace Ev. Lutheran Church will have two worship services on Sunday, December 24th:

**10:00am Advent & Christmas Eve Worship** - we will hear the angel's message to Mary about the activity of God that will change her life and the whole world, and transition to the Good News of Jesus' birth at this Morning worship service of Holy Communion.

**5:00pm Christmas Eve Family Worship** - we will continue in the rich Grace tradition of "building" the Manger scene as Grace families share with us the Good News of Jesus' coming into the world as a baby in a manger at this Evening worship service of Holy Communion.

**Advent Wreath Outside!** We give witness in our neighborhood again this year to "prepare the way of the Lord" with an outdoor wreath. Many thanks to Jimmy and Liz Ann Binns for providing all the greens and berries, and to Jack Eckstrom, Rick Bump, and Gordon Putnam for helping to assemble the frame and put up the sign!

**Advent Vespers and Wednesday Chapel Schedule through December** - This year, Grace once again joins with Bethlehem, St. James, and Zion Lutheran Churches to offer Advent Vespers Wednesday evenings at 7pm, with the Service "traveling" between the four congregations. Our Advent Focus this year will be the first chapter of Luke's Gospel, which "prepares the way" for the birth of the Christ Child. The schedule is as follows:

*Wednesday, December 6th, 7:00pm - Advent Vespers at Grace - we will also celebrate St. Nicholas Day - please see announcement below!*

*Wednesday, December 13th, 7:00pm - Advent Vespers at Bethlehem Lutheran Church*

*Wednesday, December 20th, 7:00pm - Advent Vespers at Zion Lutheran Church*

***Please note - this will replace our Wednesday Chapel worship services through December.***

## **CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES**

**Christmas Decorating at Grace on December 17th**-at 2:00pm, and will complete on **24th after the 10:00am Service** You are invited to decorate the worship space at Grace in anticipation of Christmas Eve and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Many hands make quick work! And a great time of fun and fellowship in Christ! If you have any questions, please contact Ron Almarode.

**Youth Activities in December!** Grace children and youth are invited to take part in the following activities this Advent and Christmas!

- **Salem Lutheran Christmas Party - For 6th graders on up** -We celebrate with our neighbors at Salem and Christ Lutheran Churches with a meal and gag gift swap (\$5 max)! 6:00pm - 8:00pm Sunday Evening December 10th. NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING ATTENDEES, WE MEET BRIEFLY AT THIS PARTY TO COLLECT T-SHIRT IDEAS FROM YOU AND PROVIDE THE LATEST UPDATE ON THE 2018 TRIP!
- **Decorating at Grace - For children and youth of all ages!** -2:00pm, Sunday afternoon, December 17th - Come and help decorate Grace's worship space!
- **Christmas Caroling - For children and youth of all ages!** -4:00pm Sunday afternoon/evening, December 17th - We bring the Good News of Jesus' Birth to Grace's homebound members across Waynesboro and Augusta County, singing carols and leaving a little something special with each member. Then we enjoy pizza at the Pingel's following the Caroling. Come and be a part of the fun and fellowship as we prepare for Christ's Birth!



There are some of you who may not know that in the call process at Grace, I was interviewed on two separate occasions, a year or more apart. The first time I interviewed was in 2011, and the interview was done via telephone. Obviously one could not see, hearing was conditional on a speaker phone; and equally obvious, I was five or six hours away, not in the same room. So, when the opportunity came to interview a second time, I asked that the interview be in person, in the same room with the members of the Call Committee.

When we are INCARNATE with one another – in the flesh – there are all kinds of ways we can communicate: we see a raised eyebrow; someone folds their arms, or uses their hands to make a point. We see someone's smile; we see someone else look over at someone else when a comment is made. What a person says, and whether they're looking you in the eye, or off to the side, or touching you on the arm (or keeping you at arm's length) all can make a difference in our understanding.

I tell this story because the interview process at Grace helped me to understand the importance of Jesus' coming into the world that we prepare for in Advent, and celebrate at Christmas. God decided that if humanity was to understand God most fully, that God would have to become INCARNATE – in the flesh – Immanuel was the name God gave to the prophet Isaiah, which means "God with us." To understand most fully that God is present with us in this world, God sent the Son, Jesus Christ into the world.

I invite you to think about this, in the context of your faith in Jesus Christ, and living out that faith in daily life. More and more we live in a world that is supposedly "connected," but in many ways much more disconnected, and becoming even more so. In our electronic age, we text and email and facebook. We put in an order via computer and pick it up at the store (there are now Amazon stores where there are no people, only places to type in your order number, and wait while your package is retrieved by automation). When we interview, we save money and time by Skype, or by phone; even education is moving in that direction, as courses online are exploding in popularity. It's not that these new technologies are necessarily bad; however, there is more than enough evidence already existing that we are living in a time when we are losing our ability to communicate more deeply with one another.

Because we are increasingly more comfortable not being INCARNATE.

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Think of the stories of Jesus that we remember most easily: John the Baptist leaping in the womb of Elizabeth as Mary, Jesus' mother, tells Elizabeth about being visited by an angel; the intimate scene of Jesus' birth, and the naked baby wrapped in swaddling clothes; Jesus spitting into his hands and making mud with dry ground to put on a blind man's eyes; drinking and eating a sumptuous feast at Cana, and in the house of a tax collector as the "good people" fold their arms and grumble outside; weeping outside of the tomb of his friend Lazarus; removing his outer robe and kneeling to wash his disciples' feet, the position of a slave; his flesh torn by a multiple lashes, blood oozing out of the wounds; holding out his hands for Thomas, inviting Thomas to touch his wounds from the cross...

God became known to the world in very real, INCARNATE ways. It's the way we know God best. And it continues to be the way God is best known, as we live *our* INCARNATE lives, open to in-the-flesh ways the Risen Christ wants to be known through us, especially in the midst of the increasingly removed ways we are encouraged to live. A blessed INCARNATIONAL Advent and Christmas be yours!

**Reception for Janice Collins on December 10th** - Following worship on Sunday, December 10th, we'll gather in the Fellowship Hall for a potluck and Celebration for Janice Collins, after 18 years of service and being a blessing to Grace Ev. Lutheran Church! Please plan on attending and giving thanks for Janice!

### NURSING HOME AND ASSISTED LIVING MEMBERS

<p><b>Lanora Crowder</b> Summit Square Hospital Care 501 Oak Ave., R-5 Waynesboro VA 22980</p>	<p>Frank Gum Augusta Nursing &amp; Rehab 85 Crossroads Ln Fishersville VA 22939</p>	<p><b>Fred Meier</b> 1410 A North Augusta Street Apt 3088 Staunton VA 24401</p>
<p><b>Dot Gladwell and Jennings Whitmer</b> Bridgewater Ret. Community 202 N. 2nd St. Room 216 Bridgewater VA 22812</p>	<p><b>Janet Lunger</b> 501 Oak Avenue AL-4 Waynesboro VA 22980</p>	<p><b>Shirley Krizovsky</b> %White Birch Estates 847 Oakwood Dr R-#33 Harrisonburg VA 22801</p>
	<p><b>Dukie Cape</b> Shenandoah Nursing Home 339 Westminister Drive Fishersville VA 22939</p>	



### Congregation Council Meeting December 19th

The Congregation Council will meet on Tuesday, December 19th at 7:00 pm in the Conference Room. Members of the congregation are always welcome to attend the meetings. If you would like to speak to Council, please contact Robin Crowder for time on the agenda.

### Highlights of Congregation Council Meeting November 28, 2017

**Pastor's Report** – Concluded many Reformation activities with a celebration of Martin Luther's birthday at Stablecraft. Hosted Thrivent Dessert fellowship including neighboring Lutheran Congregations. Learned Thrivent will award \$250. to an individual to carry out a Volunteer project in ministry. Looking forward to the beginning of "Children's Church" led by Jean Franklin and Amber Bokelman. Hosted a Parish Nurse seminar at Grace. Marlene shared her work at Grace in a growing and appreciated ministry.

**Financial Review** – Ron Almarode presented the proposed budget for 2018. There was a good response on pledges from the congregation. Also, there will be a reduction in expenses because the Administrative Secretary position will become part-time. Council approved the budget as presented.

Ron reviewed the budget for the previous month. It was noted that the surplus donations for the Organ Fund (now paid in full) are now in the budget as F47 Capital Project Fund. So far, it appears there will be a surplus in the budget this year.

**Personnel** – Linda Meyer reported on the process of hiring a new Administrative Secretary. Nancy Dowdy will begin on December 4 by shadowing Janice, gradually taking over the position by the end of the month. Janice will be available for consultation during the first three months of 2018. She will be paid on an hourly basis.

**Future dates** – December 17, 2017 – Congregational meeting to approve the budget  
 January 9, 2018 – Next Round Table meeting  
 February 11, 2018 – Annual Meeting

### FINANCIAL BAROMETER

FINANCIAL BAROMETER as of October 2017	YTD ACTUAL	YTD BUDGET	DIFFERENCE
1. Pledge /giving of Record/Faith	\$223,872.20	\$236,708.00	-\$2,836
2. Total Budget Receipts	\$247,118.76	\$249,777.00	-\$2,658
3. Budget Disbursements	\$234,050.68	\$251,257.00	-\$17,206



### **Volunteers Needed for WARM'S Cold Weather Shelter January 22 to 29**

Grace will be hosting the WARM's Cold Weather Shelter the week of January 22th to 29th and we need volunteers to support and staff the shelter at Grace. We need help with meals, check in host from 6 pm to 9 pm and overnight hosts from 9 pm to 7 am. Three overnight hosts are needed per night of operation and we can use couples as overnight hosts or you may have a friend or member that you would like to coordinate with for hosting. The hosts take turns sleeping during the evening with two staying awake at all times. Check in hosts assist WARM staff with nightly registration and other tasks. We also need help with meal preparation and serving the evening meals. Please contact Jerry Kite at 910-3372 or [jerrykite@ntelos.net](mailto:jerrykite@ntelos.net) if you have questions. Please see signup sheet on the table in the back of the church.

### **November Meals on Wheels**

Thank you to all who helped with Meals on Wheels this year. Thirty seven volunteers delivered approximately 200 meals during the month of November. It took less than two hours a day to make such a difference for someone else. Sometimes it appeared that the brief greeting was even more appreciated than the meal. This could not happen without all our volunteers. Thanks again and we look forward to serving again next November.

### **NEW BABY!**

Lauren & Charles Efird are proud parents of Stella Marie Efird born on November 27,2017 weighing 8lbs 9oz in Williamsburg, VA. Proud grandparents are Jane & John McGehee.



**Grace Lutheran will again have the Giving Tree** for needy families at Christmas. We have received the names of four families from Salvation Army. The Tree will be in the back of the Nave before Thanksgiving on the 20th. Please take one or more tag ornaments and return the gifts with the tag attached to the Church no later than Sunday, December 17th. If you have any questions regarding your gift ornament, please contact Jane Stein at 943-3327. Thanks for your support in helping these families to have a Happier & Blessed Christmas.

## Nurse's Health Corner

The holiday season, stretching from Thanksgiving through New Years, can be a time of joy, celebration, gatherings with family and friends and reflection of blessings. This is not the case for all, as many people reflect on their current situation, be it financial, relational, spiritual or other. They look at the past with disappointment and to the future with uncertainty. Holiday Depression and SAD – Seasonal Affective Disorder are two distinct mental health conditions that are real during this time of year.

According to Mental Health America, many factors can cause the “holiday blues”: stress, fatigue, unrealistic expectations, over-commercialization, financial constraints, and the inability to be with one’s family and friends. The demands of shopping, parties, family reunions and house guests also contribute to feelings of tension. People may also develop other stress responses such as headaches, excessive drinking, over-eating and difficulty sleeping. Even more people experience post-holiday let down after January 1. This can result from disappointments during the preceding months compounded by the excess fatigue and stress ([www.mentalhealthamerica.net](http://www.mentalhealthamerica.net)).

To cope with stress and depression during the holidays, Mental Health America recommends: keep expectations for the holiday season manageable, be realistic about what you can and cannot do, remember the holiday season does not banish reasons for feeling sad or lonely, leave “yesteryear” in the past and look toward the future, do something for someone else, enjoy activities that are free, be aware that excessive drinking will only increase your feelings of depression, celebrate the holidays in a new way, spend time with supportive and caring people, and most important - save time for yourself!

Symptoms of depression during the winter months, with symptoms subsiding during the spring and summer months, may be a sign of seasonal affective disorder (SAD). SAD is a mood disorder associated with depression and related to seasonal variations of light. Symptoms include depression, anxiety, mood changes, sleep problems, lethargy, overeating, social and sexual problems. A diagnosis of SAD can be made after three consecutive winters of these symptoms if they are also followed by complete remission of symptoms in the spring and summer months. Treatments include spending time outdoors, phototherapy, and medication if indicated.

Resources exist in Augusta County, Staunton and Waynesboro, to help get through the holiday season, should you or someone you know exhibit any of these symptoms. First of all, contact your health care provider. Secondly, contact Mental Health America of Augusta via email at [mhaa@lumos.net](mailto:mhaa@lumos.net) or at 886-7181. For the many that do not understand mental health diagnosis, signs and symptoms, causes and treatments, Mental Health America of Augusta has resources for you to take to your church, civic group or place of work to reduce the stigma of Mental Illness.

Article provided by Dana H. Breeding, RN Health Educator of Community Outreach, at Augusta Health. To contact Dana Breeding, RN related to the above information please call (540) 332-4988 or (540)932-4988.

## **Report of the Personnel Committee on the Recruitment and Hiring Process for the Administrative Secretary Position**

The Personnel Committee was made up of Linda Meyer, Chair; Pastor Pingel; Ron Almarode; Anne Putnam; and Kate VanBremen.

The Committee outlined the necessary tasks for redefining the Administrative Secretary position and for recruiting and hiring a person to fill this position when Janice Collins retires at the end of this year.

- In collaboration with Janice Collins, updated the job description for the Administrative Secretary position. Made changes that would be needed with the change to a part-time position.
- Defined the position as a salaried, non-exempt position that includes paid time off, but no other benefits.
- Placed ads for the position on Indeed, Craigslist, the GELC website and Facebook, in Grace Notes and in the electronic newsletter of the Virginia Synod.
- 84 applications were received through the electronic media.
- Members of the Committee screened the applications and identified 8 applicants with whom to conduct brief telephone screening interviews – of these, 6 responded to the telephone interviews.
- Five applicants were identified for face-to-face interviews, and four were interviewed. One dropped out of consideration.
- After the face-to-face interviews, one applicant rose to the top of consideration for hiring. References were checked, and a criminal background check was completed.
- An offer was made to Nancy Dowdy, and she accepted the position, with the plan for her to begin on Dec. 4, 2017. She will overlap for the month of December with Janice Collins in order to learn the position by shadowing Janice, gradually taking over the position by the end of the month.
- On Nov. 17, 2017, Congregation Council voted by e-vote to endorse the recommendation to hire Nancy Dowdy as Administrative Secretary, with unanimous approval.
- An agreement will be completed with Janice for her to be available for consultation during the first three months of 2018. She will be reimbursed on an hourly basis for her time in consultation by phone or by coming in to the office, when or if necessary.





Prestige Red and Glacé (White) poinsettias covered with green pot covers for Christmas Eve can be purchased for \$10.50. You may choose one or the other or both. Please complete this form and place in offering plate or return it to the church office along with payment by December 17, 2017. Please make checks payable to Grace Lutheran Church and designate them for poinsettias.

Number of poinsettias Prestige Red: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of poinsettias WhiteStar (White): \_\_\_\_\_

Purchased by:

\_\_\_\_\_

In memory of:

\_\_\_\_\_

In honor of:

\_\_\_\_\_

*Please fill free to take your poinsettia home after the 5:00pm service on Christmas Eve.*



Hope, Peace, Love & Joy is what I wish for Grace Church and the congregation. After eighteen years all of you have become a big part of my family and I will miss taking care of you and being here when you need me.

This retirement will be bitter sweet because of missing my family at Grace. But I do plan to enjoy my freedom at least for a little while. I look forward to being with all of you at the reception on December 10th.

I am not sure I have the right words to THANK YOU ALL for including me and my family as a big part of Grace. You have been there for me during loss of family, sickness but also the fun times birthdays, holidays and football games! I would not dare to try to name everyone in this thanks, so just know you all are included.

I know you will welcome Nancy Dowdy as your new Administrative Secretary as you did me so long ago. I am sure she will do a wonderful job and become a part of Grace Church family.

May God continue to hold you in his loving arms and I pray for all to have a wonderful, joyous fun filled Christmas and New Year.

God Bless  
Janice



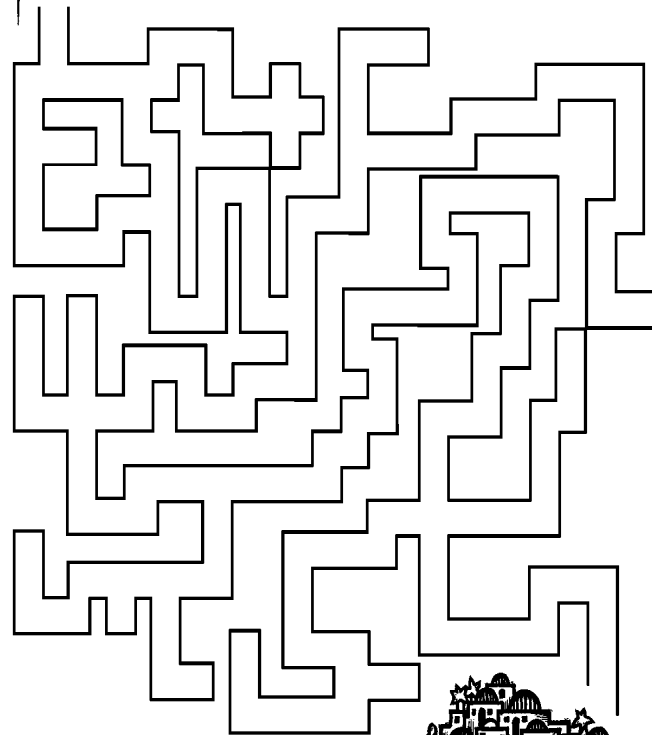
# JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM

In the Christmas story in Luke 2, an angel tells some shepherds to go see baby Jesus in Bethlehem.



START

Directions: Follow the maze to arrive in Bethlehem.



BETHLEHEM

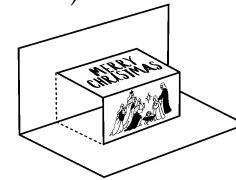


# POP-UP CARD

Share the good news of Jesus' birth with this creative Christmas card.

### What you need:

- Construction paper (two pieces, including one white)
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Pens
- Glue stick



### What you do:

1. Neatly fold the white paper in half, short side to short side.
2. Draw two parallel lines (at least 2 inches apart) from the fold to about halfway to the edge. Cut along the lines.
3. Fold the cut section back and forth so it pops up.
4. Push the section up so it pops up inside the folded paper. Draw a nativity scene on the pop-up box.
5. Fold the colored paper in half, short side to short side. Place the white paper inside it and glue the white paper down, being careful not to glue the pop-up box.
6. Write a Christmas message and give or send the card to someone.



12/05	Jane Blosser	12/17	Jeff Wade
12/05	Chloe Cawiezell	12/17	Calla Lemons
12/06	Holly Carper	12/20	Dwight Moomaw
12/08	Sandy Johnson	12/21	Chuck Goodrich
12/09	Pat Giesen	12/21	Emma Bolig
12/11	Frank Gum	12/21	Sidney Jones
12/12	Judi Goodrich	12/21	Zach Bandy
12/13	Deloris Wertman	12/23	Patrick Brady
12/16	Donna Dodge	12/29	Alex Wood
12/17	LizAnn Binns	12/30	Elise Camblos
12/17	Richard Quickel	12/31	Jorge Martinez
12/17	Kathy Meicke	12/31	Jenna Smith



**BAPTISM  
Anniversary**

12/0?	Dottie Sheaffer
12/0?	Peggy Lucas
12/0?	Thomas Ginaven
12/0?	Jean Morgan
12/0?	Jennifer Gray
12/0?	Kristen Spooner
12/0?	Olivia Battani
12/0?	Cindy Trauscht
12/0?	Mike Trauscht
12/06	Kara Beth Glover
12/08	Travis Farrar
12/09	Jeff Martin
12/10	Jessica Smith
12/10	Amanda Moyer
12/10	Zachary Rankin
12/11	Jackie Walter
12/11	Thea Franklin
12/15	Susan Lucas
12/17	Brian Kennell
12/17	Leslie Sweet
12/20	Margaret Quickel
12/20	Denise Farrar
12/20	Ron Almarode
12/23	Emily Crowder
12/23	Hunter Walck
12/26	David Brower
12/26	Sam Moyer
12/27	Beth Potts
12/27	Mark Wolf
12/27	Kyle Fauber
12/27	Elizabeth Stelling
12/31	Jenny Ladd



**CELEBRATING WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

Sandy & Ron Knicely	54 YEARS
Gwen & Jerry Kite	48 YEARS
Cathy & Robin Crowder	37 YEARS
Caroline & Fred Biggers	33 YEARS
Judi & Chuck Goodrich	4 YEARS

# Sunday Worship Assistants

<p><b>December 3</b></p> <p><b>9:00 A.M. Sunday School</b> <b>10:00 A.M.</b></p> <p><b>1st Sunday in Advent</b> <b>Holy Communion</b> <i>Rev. Gordon Putnam</i> <i>Preaching &amp; Presiding</i></p>	<p><b>Assistant Minister</b> Karla Rankin</p> <p><b>Communion Assistant</b> Bill Meicke &amp; Marlene Shaw</p> <p><b>Altar Guild</b> Anne &amp; Gordon Putnam</p> <p><b>Offering Stewards</b> Marlene Shaw &amp; Pat Brady</p> <p><b>Altar Flowers</b> Ingrid &amp; Dick Sevigny</p>	<p><b>Ushers</b></p> <p>Bill Meicke Tom Carper Chris Carper Pat Brady</p>	<p><b>Council Member of the Week</b> Bill Meicke</p> <p><b>Greeters</b> Rudy Yobs</p>	<p><b>Nursery</b> Jane Stein Kim Hull</p> <p><b>Acolyte</b> Kaitlyn Hull</p> <p><b>Cup Gatherer</b> Karley Hull</p>
<p><b>December 10</b></p> <p><b>9:00 A.M. Sunday School</b> <b>10:00 A.M.</b></p> <p><b>2nd Sunday in Advent</b> <b>Holy Communion</b></p> <p><i>Pastor Paul Pingel</i> <i>Preaching &amp; Presiding</i></p> <p>Called Congregation Meeting after Worship (Budge Vote)</p>	<p><b>Assistant Minister</b> Robin Crowder</p> <p><b>Communion Assistant</b> Cathy Crowder &amp; Mike Trauschtr</p> <p><b>Altar Guild</b> Beth &amp; Joe Perkins</p> <p><b>Offering Stewards</b> Kate VanBremen</p> <p><b>Altar Flowers</b> Pete Giesen</p>	<p><b>Ushers</b></p> <p>Bob Moyer E.G. Rankin Zachary Rankin Fred Biggers Jerry Kite</p>	<p><b>Council Member of the Week</b> Gordon Putnam</p> <p><b>Greeter</b> Bob Shumate</p>	<p><b>Nursery</b> Deloris Wertman Sarah Kite</p> <p><b>Acolyte</b> Quinn Franklin</p> <p><b>Cup Gatherer</b> Thea Franklin</p>
<p><b>December 17</b></p> <p><b>9:00 A.M. Sunday School</b> <b>10:00 A.M.</b></p> <p><b>3rd Sunday in Advent</b> <b>Holy Communion</b></p> <p><i>Pastor Paul Pingel</i> <i>Preaching &amp; Presiding</i></p> <p>2:00 PM Decorate Church for Christmas Eve</p>	<p><b>Assistant Minister</b> Ron Almarode</p> <p><b>Communion Assistant</b> E.G. Rankin &amp; Karla Rankin</p> <p><b>Altar Guild</b> Open</p> <p><b>Offering Stewards</b> Robin Crowder &amp; Pat Brady</p> <p><b>Altar Flowers</b> Dottie Sheaffer</p>	<p><b>Ushers</b></p> <p>Marge Cloutier Linda Meyer Jean Morgan Marlene Shaw</p>	<p><b>Council Member of the Week</b> Marlene Shaw</p> <p><b>Greeters</b> Sandy &amp; Pat Brady</p>	<p><b>Nursery</b> Karla Rankin</p> <p><b>Acolyte</b> Hannah Pingel</p> <p><b>Cup Gatherer</b> Donna Marshall</p>

# Sunday Worship Assistants Continued

<p><b>December 24</b></p> <p><b>10:00 AM</b></p> <p><b>Christmas Eve 4th Sunday in Advent Combined Holy Communion</b></p> <p><i>Pastor Paul Pingel Preaching &amp; Presiding</i></p> <p>Complete Christmas Eve Decoration after Worship</p>	<p><b>Assistant Minister</b> Tyler Wertman</p> <p><b>Communion Assistant</b> Jerry Kite &amp; Linda Meyer</p> <p><b>Altar Guild</b> Open</p> <p><b>Offering Stewards</b>  Pat Brady Kate VanBremen</p> <p><b>Altar Flowers</b> Gail Johnson</p>	<p><b>Ushers</b>  Ron Knicely Dwight Moomaw Robert Shaw</p>	<p><b>Council Member of the Week</b> Kate VanBremen</p> <p><b>Greeters</b> Linda &amp; Dick Tomey</p>	<p><b>Nursery</b> Jean Morgan Susie Driskill</p> <p><b>Acolyte</b> Thea Franklin</p> <p><b>Cup Gatherer</b> Karley Hull</p>
<p><b>December 24</b></p> <p><b>Christmas Eve Family Service</b></p> <p><b>5:00 PM Holy Communion</b></p> <p><i>Pastor Paul Pingel Preaching &amp; Presiding</i></p>	<p><b>Assistant Minister</b> Robin Crowder</p> <p><b>Communion Assistant</b> Cathy Crowder &amp; Robert Shaw</p> <p><b>Altar Guild</b> Open</p> <p><b>Offering Stewards</b> Robin Crowder &amp; tbd</p> <p><b>Altar Flowers</b> Gail Johnson</p>	<p><b>Ushers</b>  Ron Almarode Lee Lynch Joe Perkins Rick Bump</p>	<p><b>Council Member of the Week</b>  Tyler Wertman</p> <p><b>Greeters</b>  Linda &amp; Dick Tomey</p>	<p><b>Nursery</b> N/A</p> <p><b>Acolyte</b> Quinn Franklin Kaitlyn Hull Brodie Franklin Hannah Pingel</p> <p><b>Cup Gatherer</b> N/A Intinction</p>
<p><b>December 31</b></p> <p><b>10:00 A.M.</b></p> <p><b>1st Sunday of Christmas Holy Communion</b></p> <p><i>Pastor Paul Pingel Preaching &amp; Presiding</i></p>	<p><b>Assistant Minister</b> Gail Johnson</p> <p><b>Communion Assistant</b> Bill Meicke &amp; Tyler Wertman</p> <p><b>Altar Guild</b> Open</p> <p><b>Offering Stewards</b> Pat Brady &amp; Marlene Shaw</p> <p><b>Altar Flowers</b> Open</p>	<p><b>Ushers</b> Jack Eckstrom Brad Keefer David Proctor</p>	<p><b>Council Member of the Week</b> Robin Crowder</p> <p><b>Greeters</b> Deloris Wertman</p>	<p><b>Nursery</b> Jean &amp; Tripp Franklin</p> <p><b>Acolyte</b> Kaitlyn Hull</p> <p><b>Cup Gatherer</b> Karla Rankin</p>

# DECEMBER 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 10:00 AM Synod Youth Planning Com (Fellowship Hall & Youth Room )
3 1st Sunday in Advent 9:00AM Sunday School 10:00am Holy Communion	4	5 9:30am Quilting Group (Fellowship Hall)	6 7:00pm Advent Vespers (Grace Lutheran) St. Nicholas Day 7:00pm Hand Bell Choir 7:30pm Worship Choir	7 11:00am Pastor's Bible Study (Conf Room) 12:30 Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall) 7:00pm Pastor's Bible Study (Conf Room)	8	9
10 2nd Sunday in Advent 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Holy Communion Reception for Janice Collins (Fellowship Hall) 2:00pm Decorate Church 6:00pm Youth Christmas Party (Salem Lutheran)	11	12 9:30am Quilting Group (Fellowship Hall) 1:00pm Endowment Committee (Conf Room)	13 7:00pm Advent Vespers (Bethlehem Lutheran) 7:00pm Hand Bell Choir 7:30pm Worship Choir	14 11:00am Pastor's Bible Study (Conf Room) 12:30 Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall) 7:00pm Pastor's Bible Study (Conf Room)	15	16
17 3rd Sunday in Advent 9:00AM Sunday School 10:00am Holy Communion <b>Called Congregation Meeting after Worship (Budge Vote)</b> Complete Christmas Eve Decoration after Mtg. 4:00pm Christmas Caroling	18	19 9:30am Quilting Group (Fellowship Hall) 7:00pm Congregation Council (Conf Room)	20 7:00pm Advent Vespers (Zion Lutheran) 7:00pm Hand Bell Choir 7:30pm Worship Choir	21 8:30am New Comers Club (Fellowship Hall) 11:00am Pastor's Bible Study (Conf Room) 12:30 Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall) 7:00pm Pastor's Bible Study (Conf Room)	22	23
24  10:00am Christmas Eve & 4th Sunday in Advent 5:00 PM Family Service with Holy Communion	25 Church Office Closed Christmas Holiday	26 Church Office Closed Christmas Holiday	27	28 12:30 Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall)	29	30
31 1st Christmas 9:00AM Sunday School 10:00am Holy Communion						



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## Grace Church Sunday School Teachers

We are proud to announce our Sunday School Teachers for the 2017-2018 school year.  
The Class, Location and Teachers names are listed below. Signs will be on room doors.

CLASS	LOCATION	TEACHERS
Pre-K-K	Lower Level	Deloris Wertman Sarah Beth Kite
Gr.1-3	Lower Level	Jane Blosser Sandy Johnson
Gr 4-5	Lower Level	Jill Pingel Jane Stein
Gr.6-8 <i>Catechism</i>	Lower Level	Pastor Pingel Fred Biggers Marlene Shaw Robin Crowder (SUB)
Sr. High	Lower Level	Linda Meyer Tyler Wertman
Adult	Upper Level	Gordon Putnam