

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF December 17, 2017**

SUN	8:30 AM	Traditional Worship Service
	9:30 AM	Sunday Book Club/Fair Trade Coffee
	9:45 AM	Education Hour
	10:45 AM	Contemporary Worship Service
	5:15 PM	Laudate & Youthful Spirit
	6:30 PM	Graceful Ringers
MON	9:00 AM	Preschool 3, 4, & 5
TUES	9:00 AM	Preschool 2, 3, 4, & 5
	12:00 PM	Senior Luncheon
WED	9:00 AM	Preschool 3, 4, & 5
	12:30 PM	Staff Meeting
	4:45 PM	Hand Chime Choir
	5:15 PM	Cherubs/Primetime– Christmas Surprise!
	5:30 PM	Messengers
	6:00 PM	Confirmation-Revelation Ringers
	6:15 PM	Joyful Sound
	7:00 PM	Mid Week Advent Service
	7:30 PM	Chancel Choir
THUR	9:00 AM	Preschool 2, 3, 4, & 5
	12:00 PM	DAP
	6:30 PM	Preschool Christmas Program
	7:00 PM	Council
FRI	No Events Scheduled	
SAT	5:00 PM	Worship

WELCOME CENTER HOST- A Welcome Center Host is needed for the second Sunday of each month before and after the 10:45a.m. service. This is an important way we reach out to visitors and members alike. Please contact Janette Hess at rdbj210@gmail.com if you are interested or would like more information.

**SAVE THE DATE–**

Fair Trade Coffee- DEC 16/17  
Xmas Fam Share Items Due- DEC17  
Senior Luncheon- DEC 19  
Advent Midweek Service- DEC 20  
Xmas Eve- 4:30, 7:30, 11:00- DEC24  
Xmas Day, 10 AM- DEC 25  
Committee Night- JAN 2  
DAP- JAN 4  
DAP– JAN 18

Council– JAN 18  
Blood Pressure Checks- JAN 21  
DAP– FEB 1  
Blood Pressure Checks- FEB 11  
Cabaret Bus Trip- MAR 10  
Blood Pressure Checks– MAR 11  
Blood Pressure Checks– APR 15  
Church Basement Ladies 2-JUN 16

**DAY ONE SUBMISSIONS :** Deadline is this Tuesday for next weekend's Day One. Email requests to tbaier@gracewoodstock.org

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Office Hours: 8:30 am–3:30 pm, M–TH  
8:30 am-12:00 pm, F  
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**Third Sunday of Advent**

*Take Day One home and stay connected to Grace all week long!  
TODAY IN WORSHIP– “Rejoice always,” begins the reading from First Thessalonians. Isaiah and the psalmist make clear that God is turning our mourning into laughter and shouts of joy. “All God’s children got a robe,” go the words of the spiritual. It is not so much a stately, formal, pressed outfit as it is a set of party clothes, clothes that make us feel happy just to put on. We receive that robe in baptism, and in worship we gather for a foretaste of God’s party.*

**WELCOME TO GRACE!** - If you are a guest with us today, we welcome you and ask you to please sign Grace’s red friendship folder during the service and stop by the Information Center for a gift from us. Please join us again and get to know us better.

**CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

Christmas Eve, December 24; 4:30, 7:30, 11:00 P.M.  
Holy Communion and candle lighting at all worship services

4:30 P.M.– We share in a joyous Christmas worship service led by our children’s choirs. A children’s music recital begins at 4 P.M.

7:30 P.M.– We share in a contemporary Christmas worship service led by Youthful Spirit, Laudate & friends, our middle school and high school choirs & alumni.

11:00 P.M.– We gather for a traditional festival Christmas worship service led by Chancel Choir, including a sing-along of “Hallelujah” from Handel’s “Messiah.”

Christmas Day, December 25; 10:00 A.M.  
Holy Communion and Christmas hymn sing  
We gather on Christmas morning to hear the good news of Jesus’ birth, share Holy Communion, and sing favorite Christmas hymns.

PRIMETIME MEAL TEAMS– There are several dates that are still vacant for meal teams for PrimeTime. Please consider helping this ministry. It is very helpful to busy families involved in choir, bells, confirmation, and school events to have a meal ready to enjoy by their families. The following are dates that are still available: 1/10, 1/31, 2/14, 2/28, 4/4, 4/25, 5/2. Just taking one date would be a huge help. Contact Melissa McMahon for more information or meal team ideas, mmcmahon@gracewoodstock.org.

MITTEN TREE- Winter is here and it’s time to collect NEW mittens, hats, scarves, socks, and underwear for children and adults in need. Please bring these items to church by December 17. Your gifts will be much appreciated by families in our community! If you have any questions, please contact Ellie Thurow at ekthurow@comcast.net.



# Day One

Grace for the first  
day of your week.

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**CHRISTMAS FAMILY SHARING-** Our Christmas Family Sharing ministry is in full swing. There is still time to support the Family Health Partnership Clinic, Turning Point, and ELCA Good Gifts. Stop by to visit the Giving Tree in the narthex and continuing until final gift collection on December 17. There is also online giving available at Amazon.com, look for Family Health Partnership Clinic under Wish Lists. Turning Point: Ornaments on the Giving Tree will help supply the ongoing needs of their shelter. ELCA Good Gifts: Ornaments on the Giving Tree will also have envelopes attached. You can choose from a wide variety of items. You can also order online at ELCA.org/goodgifts. Thank you for your ongoing support of the Christmas Family Sharing program. If you have any questions, stop by the table, or feel free to contact Mary Beth Martin-Bellavia (815-338-5194 or mbmartinbellavia@gmail.com).

**CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS-** Help provide decorations for our sanctuary this Christmas. Give a gift in “honor of”, in memory of a loved one”, or “to the glory of God.” Forms are available in this week’s bulletin or at the Welcome Center in the Narthex. All forms and donations of \$14.00 are due by December 17, 2017. Following the December 25, 10:00 a.m. service poinsettias may be taken home or to our shut-ins.

**SENIOR LUNCHEON-** December 19 – Celebrate with us, it’s time for our annual Christmas Party. Our holiday dinner features: broccoli ham roll-ups, brussel sprouts with sour cream sauce, cranberry fruit relish, rolls & butter, preacher cake, coffee & tea. For fun, we will be having a “recycled gift exchange”. Please bring a new item you have received and never used, wrap it up real pretty! Sign up in the Activity Binder by December 17. Questions, call Shirley Busse at 815-338-9063

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**BREAD FOR THE DAY 2018-** Bread for the day is a daily-use devotional resource filled with rich treasures; such as a brief scripture reading, a prayer and hymn for each day and more. The devotions begin January 1, 2018. If you are interested in having a copy of the devotional book they available for purchase in the office for \$8.00.

**BULLETIN & PRESENCE LIGHT SPONSORS-** 2018 Bulletin & Presence Light sponsor sheets are available in the green binder at the Welcome Center. Many spots are available! A month prior to your sponsoring, a form will be sent to you requesting information and a donation of \$20 for the Bulletins & \$10 for the Presence Light. Thank you for helping us fund the weekly bulletins and presence lights.

**CHRISTMAS SHOPPING ON AMAZON-** Do you shop online at Amazon? If you do, Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible Amazon Smile purchases to Grace Lutheran Church. You can learn more and start your shopping at smile.amazon.com.: just search Grace Lutheran Church Woodstock, IL.

**PRAYERS-** Please lift up these petitions in your prayers— To become a praying member of the Friends in Prayer, please submit name and e-mail address to dklabunde@gracewoodstock.org.

**World:** Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, churchwide staff & their families, Bishop Jeff Clements, synod staff & their families, those serving in military conflicts, Arusha Town Lutheran Parish in Tanzania (our companion parish), Scott Bunch serving in the military, Chaplain Major Darrell Kyle deployed with the United States Air Force.

**Woodstock:** Pastor Ken Gibson & his family; Pastor Amanda Bergstrom & her family; Grace Staff; Grace Council

**Health Concerns:** Lori Armstrong Reeter (friend of Karl & Denise Klabunde), Marge Birk, Lois Bloese, John Bloese, Ray Bock (husband of Sharon Bock), Mary Sue Boerner (friend of Paul Lockwood & Diane Baker-Lockwood), Sheila Boggess (friend of Kathy Stone), Frank Bunch, Dale Carlson, Allison Clark (niece of Martha & Bill Fleck), Jasper Clark (grandson of Joe Evanoff), Nancy Davis, Patrice Dunn, Verna Eslick, Russ Freeman, Robert Giron (brother of Patty Kozlow), Becca Guenther (niece of Gretchen & Claude Hutchens), Tamasa Gutierrez (mother of Patty Kozlow), Wallace Halvorson (father of Shelley Tucker), Jerry Johnson, the Kamps family, Diana King, Nancy Knieja (friend of Martha Fleck), Keith Kulpinski (friend of Spanbauers & Thurows), Ken Lindenmier (brother-in-law of Diane Baker-Lockwood), John Mahoney, Renee Merklin (friend of Rachel Bratanick), Tammy Millman (daughter of Karen Millman), Kem Moran (friend of Barb Aavang), Carl Neubaum (son of Donna Neubaum), Carol O'Brien (sister of Bill Larsen), Gloria Ogle, John Oliver (friend of Ron & Mary Koehn), Sue Olsen, Arne Olson, Vicki Pilgard, Carol Raffel, Carol Rank, Shawn Rank (son of Bert & Carol Rank), Johnny Rankin (friend of Joe Evanoff), Sheila Readell, Rene Rebman (uncle of Ron & Mary Koehn), Jean Reed (mother of Mary Hoyt), Joan Russell (mother of Sheri Conover), Stanley Russell (father of Sheri Conover), Colton Sciluffo (infant son of a friend of Joy Oberman), Dick Schroeder, Ellen Schulz (daughter-in-law of Diane Schulz), Bill Seger, Eleanor Setser, John Sorensen, Elsie Stoddard, Ginny Stroh (mother of Fay Wilson), Doris Sunday, Samuel Sweeney (nephew of Melissa McMahan), Ellie Mae Thompson (great niece of Gladys & Ken Renner), Josh Tillman, Brian Tobin (grandson of Enn Teetsov), Bev Visconti, Jim & Patti Waters (parents of Chris Ethridge), Kaitlyn Wietermann, Bud Winter, Ruth Zirves

### THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE

Monday: 1 Kings 18:1-18  
Tues.: 2 Kings 2:9-22  
Wednesday: Mark 9:9-13  
Thurs: Malachi 3:16-4:6  
Friday: Acts 3:17-4:4  
Saturday: Psalm 125  
Sunday: 2 Samuel 7:1-11,16  
Psalm 89:1-4,19-26  
Romans 16:25-27  
Luke 1:26-38

PREPARE THE WAY  
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Goal  
\$ 780,430.00

Committed  
\$ 497,579.06

Received  
\$ 511,945.95

### OUR WORSHIP

#### LAST WEEK

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	28
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	142
Sunday	10:45a.m.	91
Weekend Total		261

#### Received for Budget:

Offering	\$ 6,225.50
Electronic Giving	\$ 4,185.00
Week Total	\$10,410.50