



*Good News of Grace*  
 Grace Lutheran Church  
 Green Bay, Wisconsin  
 November 23, 2016

*We celebrate Christ,  
 teach Christ,  
 witness to Christ,  
 and care for others  
 as though they are Christ.*



**We probably won't be able to make payroll this week.** Council can decide to use the General Fund Reserve at its meeting Tuesday.

There's not a lot of money in that fund. So whatever Council decides, it's not a long-term solution.

And deciding to use the General Fund Reserve is not the most important decision here. The most important decision is your daily and monthly decision: what do you give in return for all the benefits God has given you? A sacrificial percentage of your income set aside intentionally and prayerfully? How does your support of God's work at Grace compare to your spending on beer, cable TV, and dog food? Those are the decisions that matter.

**The Memorial Trust Committee makes the decision to ask the Trustee of the Trust (Associated Bank) to research**

**"socially responsible" investment opportunities.**

The Committee is no longer interested in investing in the production of alcohol, tobacco, or weapons nor is it interested in investing in companies that treat their employees or the environment badly. I just read an article in the Press Gazette about this kind of investing. The opportunities for it are expanding. Pastor Julie and I have been making these kinds of investments with our savings as long as we have been ELCA pastors.

It's kind of like deciding to buy fairly traded coffee. If you can buy coffee that makes a positive difference (better education and health care) in the communities of the farmers who grow and sell it, why wouldn't you do it? If you can make investments that improve the lives of people and the health of the planet, why wouldn't you do it? Doing these kinds of

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**DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT GOOD NEWS OF GRACE:** The next "Good News of Grace" will be sent out the week of December 5. Please have articles in to the Church Office by 12:00 noon on Monday, December 5.

things are essential to our calling as Christians. To know you can do good and then to refuse to do it: that's a sinful rebellion against God. A slap in God's face.

**Our class on 32 things Lutherans and Catholics agree on is underway.** The Wednesday session is being attended by two Catholic women. They are eager to learn about these basic things Lutherans and Catholics agree on. It's also a good class in basic Christianity. We're learning that our differences are interesting (not threatening). Our agreements shine light on our differences from other Christians which is also interesting -- we have a lot more in common with Catholics than we have in common with Quakers, the Amish, Mennonites, Pentecostals, Baptists, even other Lutherans. The work -- gathered from 50 years of conversations with the Catholics -- has been carefully gathered in the document we're studying. There are lots of details, lots of questions to follow up on. We've been apart for 500 years, after all. That's a lot time to grow apart and a lot of things to work out. As we near the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation (October 2017), to take a step toward each other for a change would be such a cool thing. At a recent speech at a commemoration of the Reformation in Sweden Pope Francis stated that one of the goals he longs for, one of the goals of our conversations is to lead not to the bureaucratic union of Lutherans and Catholics ... but to a union more important than that ... a union at *communion*, a unity around the Lord's Table again. That would truly be a historical healing. Certainly something worth being a part of!

May God richly bless you this Thanksgiving Holiday!

**Pastor Larry**



# “YOUNG AT HEART” CORNER

Each month there will be the listing of all the programs scheduled for Young at Heart. Mark the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month on your calendar for Young at Heart. We meet at Noon in the North Basement for food, fun, & fellowship. The cost of the meal is \$8.00. Below is the schedule for 2016:

DECEMBER 9 Don Crane - Christmas Music

See next newsletter for 2017 schedule.

Hope to see you at many of the interesting programs scheduled.

*Bev Larsen*



# PRAYER REQUESTS

**We ask that you lift up in prayer the following people:**

Bill Lawson

# FROM THE PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

General Fund as of October 31, 2016	
Budget /Anticipated income	\$ 52,564
Actual income	\$ 47,925
Actual expenses	\$ 46,312
Year-to-date budget	\$ 210,256
Year-to-date actual income	\$ 168,825
Year-to-date actual expenses	\$ 199,864

# A THANK YOU TO GRACE



*Pastor Larry and Grace Lutheran,*

***Thank you for hosting our Choir!***

UW EauClaire Women's Concert Chorale

# OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

## **USHERS NEEDED:**

We are in need of ushers for the 10:30 and the Saturday services.

- Ushers serve one worship service a month at the service time they prefer.
- Ushers start serving a half hour before the service and have a few duties after the service.
- An usher orientation will be provided.

Please call the Church Office at 432-0308 to connect with our Head Usher Team. Thank you!



# WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

## **DECORATE PARLOR:**

On December 15, 9-12:30 (lunch at 11:30), we are going to help decorate the church Parlor for Christmas and enjoy social time and a lunch so **PLEASE, ALL WOMEN of GRACE** come join us.



Personal Growth  
Grace Lutheran Church



## **"YOUNG AT HEART"**

The December 9 Young at Heart lunch will be very festive. The Homecooks of Grace will be preparing a meal for us.

Their menu will include beef roast, mashed potatoes, and holiday desserts. Don Crane, the director of the Children's Chorus and LifeGuard Band, will entertain us with songs of the season. Please bring a non-perishable food item for our food pantry if you are able. The signup sheet is on the Courtesy Desk or call the church office. Join us for fun, food, fellowship.



**PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

**Saturday, November 26 at 5:00 & Sunday, November 27 at 8:00 & 10:30**

First Sunday in Advent

**Events:**

10:30 - LifeGuard Band

**Readings:**

Isaiah 2:1-5, Psalm 122, Romans 13:11-14, Matthew 24:36-44

**Saturday, December 3 at 5:00 & Sunday, December 4 at 8:00 & 10:30**

Second Sunday in Advent

**Events:**

Fair Trade Coffee/Chocolate Sale

**Readings:**

Isaiah 11:1-10, Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19, Romans 15:4-13, Matthew 3:1-12

**Saturday, December 10 at 5:00 & Sunday, December 11 at 8:00 & 10:30**

Third Sunday in Advent

**Events:**

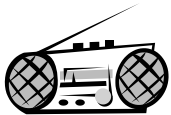
Living Gifts Market and Breakfast

**Readings:**

Isaiah 35:1-10, Psalm 145:5-10, James 5:7-10, Matthew 11:2-11

**WORSHIP TIMES**

Saturday at 5:00 pm and Sunday at 8:00 & 10:30 am



Our Worship is Broadcast on Radio 1400AM at 8:00 a.m.

**WE GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGE THE RECEIPT OF A GIFT TO:**

- the Food Pantry given in memory of Harry Hill by his friends.
- Mission Sewing give in memory of Peg Joppe by her friends.

**A MEMORIAL SERVICE WILL BE HELD FOR:**

- Brad Briggs on Saturday, November 26.

*“Come to me, all you who labor, and I will give you rest.”*

**POINSETTIAS**



If you would like to purchase a poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved one, please fill out this order blank and either drop it in the offering, bring it to the Church Office or mail it to Grace Lutheran Church, 321 S. Madison St., Green Bay, WI 54301 along with \$12.00. The small profit made from the poinsettia sale will go towards additional decorations for the church.

I WISH TO: PURCHASE A POINSETTIA (which includes additional decorations)

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

From: \_\_\_\_\_

Please enclose \$12.00.  
The deadline is Sunday, December 18.

Poinsettias can be taken home anytime after the 8:00 a.m. Worship Service on **Sunday, December 25**. Thank you.

# DECEMBER 2016

For Room Numbers see "Today at Grace" on the monitor in the Lobby.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 6:00-Personnel Com. 6:30-Chancel Choir	2 9:00-Food Pantry	3 9:00-Sound Board Training 5:00-Worship 5:45-Fair Trade Coffee/Chocolate Sale
4 7:45-Child Care 8:00& 10:30-Worship 9:00-Fair Trade Coffee/Choc. Sale 9:00-Coffee Hour 9:15-Holy Donuts 9:15-Sunday School 9:15-Sunday Buzz 9:15-Adult Education 12:00-4 of Grace	5 6:30-Chancel Bells	6 10:30-Women's Bible Study 1:00-Food Pantry 5:45-Scouts 6:00-Structures & Grounds 6:30-Outreach	7 5:30-Meal 6:00-GLC Kids/ New Song Chorus 6:00-Child Care 6:15-Adult Education 6:30-Confirmation 7:30-LifeGuard 7:30-Mission Trip	8 6:30-Chancel Choir 6:30-Scouts	9 12:00-"Young at Heart" Lunch 9:00-Food Pantry 5:30-Scouts	10 8:00-Men's Bible Study 4:30-Meal at NEW Community Shelter 5:00-Worship
11 7:45-Child Care 8:00&10:30-Worship 8:30-Living Gift Market & Breakfast 9:00-Coffee Hour 9:15-Holy Donuts 9:15-Sunday School 9:15-Sunday Buzz 9:15-Adult Education 1:00-Recital	12 6:30-Chancel Bells	13 9:00-Sarah Circle 1:00-Food Pantry 6:00-Education	14 10:30-WOC Bible Study 5:30-Meal 6:00-GLC Kids/ New Song Chorus 6:00-Child Care 6:15-Adult Education 6:30-Confirmation 7:30-LifeGuard	15 9:00-Mission Sewing, Decorating 11:30-Mission Sewing & WOC Christmas Lunch 6:30-Chancel Choir	16 9:00-Food Pantry	17 9:00-Worship Band Reh. 5:00-Worship
18 7:45-Child Care 8:00-Worship 10:30-Worship w/ <b>Sunday School Christmas Play</b> 9:00-Coffee Hour 9:15-Holy Donuts 9:15-Sunday School 9:15-Sunday Buzz 9:15-Adult Education	19 6:30-Chancel Bells	20 10:30-Women's Bible Study 1:00-Food Pantry 5:45-Scouts 6:30-Stewardship	21 5:30-Meal 6:00-GLC Kids/ New Song Chorus 6:00-Child Care 6:00-Confirmation-Gingerbread 6:15-Adult Education 7:30-LifeGuard	22 6:30-Chancel Choir	23 9:00-Food Pantry	24 <b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b> 5:00-Worship w/ LifeGuard 7:00-Worship w/ Communion 10:00-Worship w/ Choir & Bells
25 <b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b> 8:00-Worship	26 	27 1:00-Food Pantry 6:30-Council	28	29	30 9:00-Food Pantry	31 5:00-Healing Service 

# CONGREGATION OPPORTUNITIES



## “Living Gift Market: A Congregational Event”

Sunday, December 11, 2016

North Basement, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Purchase living gifts of hope through Heifer International Honor cards inscribed by a calligrapher for giving

Breakfast will be served throughout the event

Blueberry cream cheese French toast, Eggs and sausages, Fruit, Cinnamon rolls, Juice and coffee

Cost: \$5 per person (children under 5 eat complimentary)

Proceeds of this delicious breakfast support our 2017 Mission Trip

Live animals and Christmas music...for all to enjoy  
An event to share with others



**GIVE-A-KID-A-BOOK:** Please help to make a child's Christmas brighter this year through the “Give-a-Kid-a-Book” campaign! The Brown County Library and Salvation Army distribute thousands of books to area children each year, thanks to gifts from people just like you. Grace is again helping to collect books for this Christmas season. With many families struggling, these are especially important gifts – so please be generous! Give-a-Kid-a-Book and change a child's life!

You may donate **NEW** books that are fun for babies, children, or young adults up to age 18. These **new, unwrapped books** can be brought to the collection box near the coat racks at Grace Lutheran Church beginning **Sunday, November 6, through Sunday, December 11**. If you prefer, you may make a monetary or book donation to any Brown County Library branch through the regular collection date of Thursday, December 8. The absolute last drop off date at the Brown County Library is Sunday, December 11.

Everyone gets something! The children get more books to read and you get the satisfaction of knowing you helped a child. What could be better??

Thank you for your donations!!



Have YOU ever wanted to sing the HALLELUJAH CHORUS with a choir? Here is your chance to sing along with the Chancel Choir at practice and in church service. We will be singing it at the December 18th, 8 am service with practice on Thursday night December 15, 6:30-7:30. You are very welcome to join us; even, if only to practice.

-Chancel Choir

# WORSHIP MINISTERS SCHEDULE

## **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27**

Lector & 8:00 - Mildred Watermolen, L&CA  
Com. Assist.: Pam Bins, Phyllis Seidl, CA

10:30 - Bern Jacobson, L&CA  
Jarod Moyer,  
Josh Moyer, CA

Ushers: 8:00 - Bill & Dee Kaehler, Bea, Byron  
and Logan Froelich,  
Ted & Barb Gloeckler,  
Ron Schaut, Pete Diemer

10:30 - Kim Selissen, Paul & Jessica  
Wikgren, Bill Stollberg,  
Dick Destree, Daniel Selissen,  
Lilly Helminger

Acolytes: 8:00 - Anne DeClerc  
10:30 - Anna Broeckel

Accompanist: Denise Zenko

Special Music: 10:30 - LifeGuard Band

Altar Guild: 8:00 - Linda & Dave Rabe,  
Debra LaHaye, April Swim,  
Ryan Davidson

10:30 - Diana Perrault,  
Susan Lambert-Tease,  
Sharon Lambert-Rademacher,  
Kathy Poels, Tyler Ness,  
Natasha Vandenack

Greeters: 8:00 - April Swim  
10:30 - Cheryl Kremer, Dana Nava

## **SATURDAY DECEMBER 3, 5:00**

Ushers: Andrea Hansen,  
Pam Anderson

Lector & Comm. Assist: James Silha

Accompanist: Denise Zenko

## **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4**

Lector & 8:00 - Phyllis Seidl, L&CA  
Com. Assist.: Mildred Watermolen,  
Cheryl Kollath, CA

10:30 - Josh Moyer, L&CA  
Jarod Moyer,  
Kathy Chase, CA

Ushers: 8:00 - Amy & Matt Vanko,  
Ty & Diane Pyan, Dylan Vanko,  
Julia Nava

10:30 - Robert Goelz, Jim Poels,  
Robin Powell, Alyssa Rettke,  
Ashley Muehrcke,  
Joseph Eaton

Acolytes: 8:00 - Alivia McNabb  
10:30 - Paris Riggle, Skyler Vandenack

Accompanist: Denise Zenko

Special Music: 8:00 - Chancel Choir  
10:30 - 4 of Grace

Altar Guild: 8:00 - Amy Vanko, Karen Neumann,  
Warren Neumann,  
Lisa Herman, Joseph DeClerc

10:30 - Kitty Nagel, Lynn Moyer,  
Linda Wier, Judy Taylor,  
Gayle Schmeling, Kayla Miller,  
Taylor Langhoff

## **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 5:00**

Lector & Comm. Assist.: Bev Larsen

Ushers: Vern Malchow, Jerry Wendt

Accompanist: Denise Zenko

## CONGREGATION NEWS



### LEARN TO RUN THE SOUND BOARD FOR THE BANDS

(helmets not  
included)

Instructor: Scott Tomashek, Camera  
Corner

Questions: please contact Pastor Larry

**Saturday, December 3, 9:00 -  
11:00 a.m., Sanctuary**



### IF YOU ARE HOSPITALIZED ...

please call the church  
office or the pastors.

None of the hospitals  
inform us of the  
hospitalization of members of Grace  
in a consistent manner. Thank you!



# ACCESS TO GRACE

## GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

321 S. Madison St., Green Bay, WI 54301  
Phone: 920-432-0308 Fax: 920-437-5156  
www.gracegb.org office@gracegb.org  
f "Grace Lutheran Church Green Bay"

### Worship Service Times:

#### Fall & Winter

Saturday at 5:00 p.m. with Holy Communion  
Sunday at 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. with Holy Communion

**Christian Education** each Sunday from 9:15-10:15 a.m. (fall & winter)

#### Memorial Day Weekend thru Labor Day Weekend

Thursday at 5:30 p.m. with Holy Communion  
Sunday at 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. with Holy Communion

### Staff:

Pastor Larry Lange Res. Phone: 920-455-0511  
pastorlarry@gracegb.org

Pastor Julie Wrubbel-Lange Res. Phone: 920-455-0511  
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Director of Children's Ministries: Carrie Crane  
Phone 432-0308 education@gracegb.org

Visitation Minister: Pastor Rebecca Proefrock  
Phone: 920 819-5482 rproefrock@yahoo.com

Health Ministries Coordinator: Bev Larsen,  
health@gracegb.org

Organist: Denise Zenko

Parish Administrator: Sharon Haapala, admin@gracegb.org

Parish Secretary: Ann Zehms, office@gracegb.org

Maintenance Supervisor: Dean Ahrens, grounds@gracegb.org

New Song Chorus and LifeGuard Band Director: Don Crane

Adult Choir Director: John Kopp

Chancel Bells Director: Pam Anderson

**OUR SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE IS BROADCAST EACH WEEK AT 8:00 A.M. ON WDUZ RADIO 1400 AM**

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

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