



*Good News of Grace*  
 Grace Lutheran Church  
 Green Bay, Wisconsin  
 November 28, 2018

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



**GO AND MAKE  
 DISCIPLES** ... Matthew  
 28:19

Projects that are underway are evidence of attempts to expand our reach beyond the walls of our building. The essence of our purpose as Christians

is, after all, to **GO** to make disciples, not to expect potential disciples to come here. The following are small steps, maybe. Experimental steps, certainly. But they're steps in the right direction.

We listened carefully to Jim Ladoux about how to do announcements during worship and how to welcome those who are guests with us during worship, and we are making some adjustments to our bulletin and our "contact" card.

Our kids' video version of the Thanksgiving Gospel reading was posted on Facebook ...

words of Jesus for everyone to see and share. The quality of the video of our sermons each week is improving due to the patient efforts of Gayle Schmeling ... again Good News for everyone to see and share. Videos of the wonderful music young and old alike share during worship at Grace have been known to end up outside the walls of our building on Facebook ... for all to see and share.

A few people read my blogs ... mostly covering my conversations with God's Creation, but touching other topics as well. I hope to be back at that next week.

Bern Jacobson is going to be posting the Advent Adult Studies on our website (and Facebook?), so people can be part of the study if they can't make it to church every week or so anyone can be part of the study even if they can't make it to church at all.

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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 10. Please have articles in to the Church Office by 12:00 noon Monday, December 10.

The Boards of Celebration and Outreach are working together to invite our community to Carols and Cocoa ... a way to gather people together for a positive purpose and to fill the darkness with lights on a special tree and music from an even more special season.

Our Vision Team is meeting with Jim Ladoux this week to prioritize all the good ideas raised up by those who gathered at the end of last month to learn about more ways we can reach out beyond the walls of our building.

In that spirit: thanks to all who serve in hundreds of different ways to support the sharing of the Good News of God in Jesus Christ through Grace Lutheran Church. Please continue to help in any way you can to support the work of the Boards or the Committees or the volunteers at Grace. Specifically, in this newsletter and in the pink sheet in the bulletin, there are needs for people to serve on Boards where this kind of work is organized and done. For the sake of communicating the Gospel beyond the walls of our building, please seek out ways to serve at Grace.

*Pastor Larry*



**“YOUNG AT HEART”**

The next Young at Heart Lunch will be December 14 at 12:00 in the North Basement. Our menu will be baked cod, baby red potatoes, green bean almandine, 7 layer salad, rolls, coffee, and homemade desserts. The suggested donation is \$8.00. There will be a Christmas Carol sing-a-long as well as Christmas Games. Sign up on the Courtesy Desk or call the Church Office at 432-0308.

**“YOUNG AT HEART” 2019 CALENDAR**

Below is a monthly listing of the programs we have scheduled so far for Young at Heart Luncheons. Mark the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month on your calendar for food, fun, and fellowship. We meet at Noon in the North Basement. The cost of the meal is \$8.00.

Here is the schedule so far for 2019:

- January:** Woody Wolslegel
- February:** Jody Figgins, Open Heart Mindfulness Community (Buddhism)
- March:** Keith McGillivray, 38 Flutes from around the World
- April:** Mission Trip 2018 - Linda Rabe
- May:** Rabbi Shaina Bacharach, Rabbi Emeritus, Congregation Cnesses Israel
- September:** Pastor Larry/Sabbatical Report

**NOTE:**

Would like to share a half hour of your time talking about your talents, hobbies or memories with our Young at Heart group? Please call the Church Office, 432-0308, and let us know.





Here's the schedule for each evening:

**Wednesday, December 5**  
Chimes: 6:15 – 6:45 p.m. and SS  
Christmas Program Rehearsal for speaking and non-speaking parts: 6:45 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. (sanctuary)

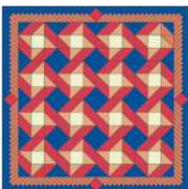
**Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**  
Chimes: 6:15 – 6:45 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. open for a possible rehearsal



# WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

## MISSION SEWING NOTE:

On **December 13 at 9:00am** we will decorate the parlor for Christmas and have a social at 11:30 am with lunch. All are invited.



## QUILTERS NEEDED:

Please consider becoming a quilter! Quilts are one of the easiest ways to bless someone in the midst of a natural disaster or other tragedies during which people lose their homes.

- No quilting knowledge necessary; learn a wonderful craft from experienced quilters.
- Experienced quilters welcome to work on-site or at home. Need quilting material? Stop by!
- **When?** The third Thursday of every month beginning at 8:30 a.m. for as long as you'd like until noon.

**Please contact or Clarica Erickson or Barb Gloeckler at [tbjggleck@aol.com](mailto:tbjggleck@aol.com) with any questions.**



## OPERATION CHRISTMAS

Women of the Church are once again helping two local houses through LSS. There are 16 adults total. We will be collecting items now thru December 9.

You can find the list of needed items on the poster near the coat racks.

Please bring items in by December 9.

Thank you for your generosity!

# CONGREGATION NEWS

## DECEMBER 1 & 2

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH'S 10TH ANNUAL

# FOOD FIGHT!!



The worship service that brings the most food wins the coveted trophy!!  
**Forgot to bring food? \$1.00 = 1 can!**



## WINTER WEATHER NOTE

If the Green Bay Public Schools are closed because of inclement weather, or if the GBPS after school and evening activities have been cancelled due to inclement weather, all meetings and classes at Grace are cancelled for the day (and night) as well.

**A NEW MEMBER CLASS** has been scheduled for Saturday, January 5, from 9:00 a.m. – 12 noon. If you are interested in learning more about membership at Grace, please contact Pastor Julie at (432-0308) or [pastorjulie@gracegb.org](mailto:pastorjulie@gracegb.org)



# DECEMBER 2018

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 5:00-Worship 5:45-Fair Trade Coffee, Tea and Chocolate Sale
2 8:00&10:30-Worship 9:00-Fair Trade Coffee 9:00-Coffee Hour 9:15-Sunday School 9:15-Sunday Buzz 9:15-Holy Donuts 9:15-Adult Ed. 9:15-BC	3 4:30-Chancel Bells	4 10:30-Women's Bible Study 1:00-Food Pantry 6:00-Scouts 6:30-Bd Outreach 6:30-Bd. Structures & Grounds	5 5:30-Meal 6:15-Chimes 6:30-Confirmation 6:45-Christmas Program Reh. 7:30-Group Guides	6 6:00-Cocoa & Carols 6:30-Chancel Choir	7 9:00-Food Pantry	8 8:00-Men's Breakfast Bible Study 4:30-Meal at New Community Shelter 5:00-Worship
9 8:00&10:30-Worship 9:00-Coffee Hour 9:15-Sunday School 9:15-Sunday Buzz 9:15-Holy Donuts 9:15-Adult Ed. 9:15-BC	10 4:30-Chancel Bells	11 9:15-Sarah Circle 1:00-Food Pantry 6:00-Scouts 6:00-Bd Education 6:30-Bd. Personal Growth	12 5:30-Meal 6:15-Chimes 6:30-Confirmation 6:45-Christmas Program Reh.	13 9:00-Mision Sewing Decorating 11:30-Mission Sewing Luncheon 6:00-Scouts 6:30-Chancel Choir	14 9:00-Food Pantry 12:00-"Young at Heart" Lunch	15 9:00-Worship Band Reh. 5:00-Worship
16 8:00-Worship 10:30-Sunday School Christmas Worship 9:00-Coffee Hour 9:15-Sunday School 9:15-Sunday Buzz 9:15-Holy Donuts 9:15-Adult Ed. 9:15-BC	17 4:30-Chancel Bells	18 10:30-Women's Bible Study 1:00-Food Pantry 6:00-Scouts 6:30-Bd.Stewardship	19 5:30-Meal 6:00-Confirmation Gingerbread	20 6:30-Chancel Choir 6:30-Curriculum Committee	21 9:00-Food Pantry	22 5:00-Worship
23 8:00&10:30-Worship 9:00-Coffee Hour 9:15-Adult Ed.	24 <b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b> 4:00, 6:00 & 10:00 Worship	25 <b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b> 9:30 Worship <b>(No Food Pantry)</b>	26	27	28 9:00-Food Pantry	29 5:00-Healing Service w/ Hymn Sing
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# The Board Board



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Next meeting: December 4

- ◆ FOOD FIGHT! December 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- ◆ Working with the Board of Celebration on "Carols and Cocoa," a community-wide event. Stay tuned!

Next meeting: December 11

- ◆ Worked on the details for the Women's Retreat scheduled for February 16<sup>th</sup>.
- ◆ Met with the Young at Heart meal prep team and discussed future programming.
- ◆ There will be a new member class on January 5<sup>th</sup>.

Next meeting: December 18

- ◆ Continued to work on the Fall Stewardship Drive based upon Psalm 100:1-2 – "Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness!"
- ◆ This board will have several open seats at the end of the year. Discussed filling those seats.



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Next meeting: January 15

- ◆ Carols and Cocoa! Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m. Join us on the lawn for carols around the Christmas tree!
- ◆ Christmas Worship Services – Monday, December 24, 4:00, 6:00, and 10:00 p.m., and Tuesday, December 25, at 9:30
- ◆ Healing Services on December 29 and 30.

Next meeting: December 4

- ◆ A quilted wall hanging has been donated and will be hung in the hallway near the sacristy.
- ◆ The Beyond Confirmation room remodel has been getting some very good reviews. The students have picked out a group of wall hanging baskets for the room.
- ◆ The Hospitality Team is looking for new members. If interested contact Dean Ahrens.
- ◆ A new sign will be added to the driveway off of Madison Street. This will help differentiate our driveway

Next meeting: January 13

- ◆ Youth Lock-in coming up January 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> with games and racquetball! Stay tuned for sign-up information!
- ◆ Pizza fundraiser for the 2019 Mission Trip begins January 6<sup>th</sup>.
- ◆ And watch for a family event on February 3<sup>rd</sup>!



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## Congregational Council

Next meeting: December 11

- ◆ Planning 2019 Vacation Bible School. Anyone interested in being part of this committee please contact Pam Anderson, Kathy Poels, or Pastor Larry.
- ◆ Looking for three new faces for our board! If you have a love for learning and a desire to help guide the curriculum at Grace, please consider joining. If you'd like to "try it out," consider attending one of our meetings.
- ◆ The annual Christmas Program will be held Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at the 10:30 service. We guarantee a memorable experience complete with a larger than life guest appearance.

Next meeting: October 23

- ◆ Selected and approved the 2019 employee health benefit plan.
- ◆ Received a status report on the new BC (Beyond Confirmation) programming.
- ◆ Approved the revised Director of Health Ministries position description.
- ◆ Approved Pastor Larry's sabbatical for the summer of 2019.
- ◆ Discussed the balance and future of the General Fund Reserve.
- ◆ Addressed Board of Education request concerning child care.
- ◆ Initiated formation of the 2019 Nominating Committee.

**As always, call the office or email [office@gracegb.org](mailto:office@gracegb.org) if you have questions or would like to see the meeting minutes.**

# STUMP THE PASTOR!



**Sunday Buzz December 16**

Pining away over a question in the bible?

Need **clear cut** answers?

Woodn't you like to stump Pastor Larry?

Drop your questions in the Buzz Church Suggestion Box or have one ready on the 16<sup>th</sup>!

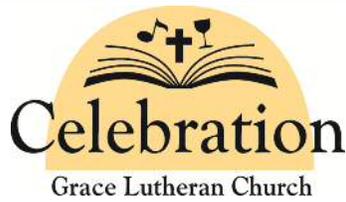
## FROM THE PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

General Fund - October 31, 2018	
Year-to-date budget	\$ 204,456
Year-to-date actual income	\$ 210,618
Year-to-date actual expenses	\$ 195,132

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### CAROLS AND COCOA

The Boards of Outreach and Celebration are inviting you and the entire neighborhood to sing Christmas Carols and enjoy cookies and cocoa outdoors at Grace on **Thursday, December 6 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.** The Boards are looking for donations of Christmas cookies to share with our neighbors. **Please let the church office know if you would like to donate cookies by Sunday, December 2.** Cookies can be brought to church on December 6. Thank you!



**PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

**Saturday, December 1, 5:00 pm and  
 Sunday, December 2, 8:00 & 10:30 am**  
 First Sunday in Advent

**Events:**  
 Fair Trade Coffee, Tea & Chocolate Sale  
 Saturday-Chancel Bells  
 Hospitality Committee

**Readings:**  
 Jeremiah 33:14-16, Psalm 25:1-10, 1  
 Thessalonians 3:9-13, Luke 21:25-36

**Saturday, December 8, 5:00 pm and  
 Sunday, December 9, 8:00 & 10:30 am**  
 Second Sunday in Advent

**Readings:**  
 Malachi 3:1-4, Luke 1:68-79, Philippians 1:3  
 -11, Luke 3:1-6

**Saturday, December 15, 5:00 pm and  
 Sunday, December 16, 8:00 & 10:30 am**  
 Third Sunday in Advent

**Events:**  
 Saturday-Chancel Choir  
 8:00-Worship Band  
 10:30-Sunday School Christmas Worship &  
 Chimes

**Readings:**  
 Zephaniah 3:14-20, Isaiah 12:2-6,  
 Philippians 4:4-7, Luke 3:7-18

**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 Ron  
 Bitters by Ethel.

Grace Lutheran Church  
 invites you for

**CAROLS & COCOA** FREE EVENT!

**Thurs., Dec. 6, 2018  
 6 - 7 p.m.**  
**321 S. Madison St., Green Bay**  
**Parking on Monroe side of building.**

Everyone is invited!  
 Sing carols around the  
 Christmas tree and enjoy  
 cocoa and refreshments.  
 This is an outdoor event.

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**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 16.

Poinsettias can be taken home anytime after the  
 9:30 a.m. Worship Service on Tuesday,  
**December 25.** Thank you.

# WORSHIP MINISTER SCHEDULE

## **SUN., DECEMBER 2, 8:00 & 10:30 AM**

Lector & Com. Assist. 8:00 - Mildred Watermolen, L&CA  
 Pam Bins, Anne DeClerc, CA  
 10:30 - Josh Moyer, L&CA,  
 Bern Jacobson, Bob Mead, CA

Altar Guild: 8:00 - Amy Vanko, Karen Neumann,  
 Warren Neumann, Lisa Herman, Julie Dallaire,  
 Ethan Hendrickson  
 10:30 - Kitty Nagel, Linda Wier,  
 Judy Taylor, Gayle Schmeling, Shyla Theel,  
 Spencer Schaefer

Acolytes: 8:00 - Ryan Davidson,  
 Joseph DeClerc  
 10:30 - Taylor Langhoff

Ushers: 8:00 - Jim & Dorene LaViolette,  
 Russ & Lois Kopidlansky,  
 Janet Petersen, Charles De Clerc, Emily DeClerc  
 10:30 - Doug & Kathy Nelson, Diane Charles, Mark Waggoner,  
 Marty Taylor, Jackson Stollberg

Accompanist: Denise Zenko  
 Greeters: 8:00 - April Swim, Karen Peterson,  
 Marlene Flom,  
 10:30 - Laurie Reinen, Anna Broeckel

## **SAT., DECEMBER 8 - 5:00 PM**

Ushers: Andrea Hansen, Pam Anderson  
 Lector & CA: Bev Larsen  
 Accompanist: Denise Zenko

## **SUN., DECEMBER 9, 8:00 & 10:30 AM**

Lector & Com. Assist.: 8:00 - Lisa and Piper Willi, L&CA  
 Jeff & Kathy Koehler, CA  
 10:30 - Dick Schmeling, L&CA  
 Gayle Schmeling,  
 Shyla Theel, CA

Altar Guild: 8:00 - Russ & Lois Kopidlansky,  
 Doug & Connie Russell,  
 Kaden Diemer  
 10:30 - Jayne Marler, Carla Skinkis,  
 Julie Miller, Laurie Reinen,  
 Anna Broeckel, Juell Jahnke, Nic Langhoff

Acolytes: 8:00 - Gus Terrien, Reni Krafft  
 10:30 - Kayla Miller

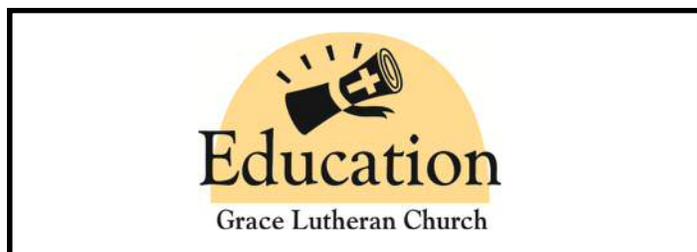
Ushers: 8:00 - Bill & Dee Kaehler, Bea Froelich,  
 Byron Froelich, Ted & Barb Gloecker, Pete Diemer  
 10:30 - Kim Selissen, Paul & Jessica Wikgren,  
 Bill Stollberg, Dick Destree, Daniel Selissen

Accompanist: Denise Zenko  
 Greeters: 8:00 - Bob & Carol Wolslegel  
 10:30 - Bill Miller, Shyla Theel,  
 Barb Hubbard

## **SAT., DECEMBER 15, 5:00 PM**

Ushers: Bev Larsen,  
 Karen Pangborn

Lector & Com. Assist.: Scott Ashmann  
 Accompanist: Denise Zenko  
 Special Music: Chancel Choir



## Advent for Busy Lutherans

*A PAUSE THAT REFRESHES*

Explore the Gospel text while you prepare for  
Christ at Christmas



**Sunday between Services**

9:15 to 10:15 in the dining room



# 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  
"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

#### 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

**Christian Education** each Sunday from 9:15-10:15 a.m.

### Staff:

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

Pastor Julie Wrubbel-Lange Res. Phone: 920-455-0511  
pastorjulie@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

Choir Director: John Kopp

Chancel Bells Director: Pam Anderson

Children's Chime Choir Director: Lisa Willi

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

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