

THIS WEEK

Today

the 9th 9am -- Worship service with Holy Communion
10:15am -- Bible study

Monday -- Office closed *Pastor's day off*

Tuesday 8—noon -- Office open
6:15pm -- Narcotics Anonymous meeting
6:30pm -- Board of Directors meeting

Wednesday 8—noon -- Office open
8am -- Board of Trustees meeting
6pm -- Soup/sandwich supper
7pm -- Advent worship *Jesus: King of Guilt*

Thursday 8—noon -- Office open

Friday 10—noon -- Office open

Saturday noon -- Christmas luncheon
-- Newsletter deadline (*assembly Wed. 12/26*)

Next Sunday

the 16th 9am -- Worship service
10:15am -- Bible study

*LWML Mite box,
Stater Sunday*



Grace Lutheran Church

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For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith Ephesians 2:8

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY December 9, 2018

Preacher: Rev. Paul E. Miller

Liturgist: Dn. Gerry Mattijetz

Assisting Elder: Roger Ballinger

Ushers: Dave Ehlers, Milt Reed

Sound: Greg Grose

Greeters: Arlene Dollarhide, Nita Hallmann

Fellowship hosts: Carolyn Modellmog, Gladys Solvey **Music:** Rob Little

Altar Guild: Linda Anderson, Gail Wright

Pipe organ: music from the *Lutheran Service Book* recorded by Chris Loemker, other music recorded by Bethany Woelmer and/or Nathan Beethe. Recordings are MIDI instruction sets stored on a computer. The organ music you hear comes from the actual pipes, *not* from audio speakers.

GRACE & PEACE to our guests We invite you to spend a minute or two with the Pastor after the service.

The **PARAMENT COLOR** today is BLUE, the color of fidelity and hope. Liturgical colors complement the message of the seasons and occasions of the church year, and aid in establishing a climate in which God's word may be heard.

- ◆ **In reverence and respect we refrain from talking inside the sanctuary before worship.** Please take time for silent meditation and preparation.
- ◆ **CELL PHONE USERS**—please power-off or silence your phone.
- ◆ **We ask there be no eating or drinking in the sanctuary**—the very young and those with medical need of course excepted.

SUNDAY WORSHIP AT GRACE is at 9am. Holy Communion is offered the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month.

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY is led by Pastor Miller after service. Bring up questions from the sermon and/or Bible readings: open discussion and participation is encouraged.

OFFICE HOURS are Tues, Weds, Thurs: 8am—noon; Fri 10am—noon.

Note: Pastor, Deacon, and Elders are available outside those hours, their phone numbers are printed on the prayer page.

Sign-up Needs and Requests

See the whiteboard in the church entry way to sign up for

***Advent soup-suppers**

***Nametags**

CHANCEL FLOWERS were donated by Trudie Konrad in memory of her mother.

CHRISMON TREE A Chrismon tree is an evergreen tree often found in the chancel or nave of a church during Advent and Christmas. The Chrismon tree was first used by North American Lutherans in 1957, although the practice has spread to other Christian denominations. The Chrismon tree is adorned with Chrismons, ancient symbols for Christ or some part of Christ's ministry: fish, Celtic cross, Jerusalem cross, shepherd's crook, chalice, shell, and others. Symbols of the Chrismon tree direct our attention to the nature and ultimate work of Christ.

VETERANS OF THE CROSS assists retired Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod church workers, as well as their surviving spouses and dependent children, who are in financial crisis. Veterans of the Cross supplements low or inadequate pensions to help secure necessities, such as medications, food and basic utilities. Offerings received at our mid-week Advent services are split 50/50 between this mercy program and support to our Ethiopian missionaries Hailu & Haragewen Kinde.

BLUE HYMNALS for free! The blue hymnals in the entry way are free for the taking. They make an excellent resource for home devotions.

PARKING LOT The parking lot work was delayed by the rain. No replacement date has been set.

GIFT BASKETS We would appreciate help in providing gift baskets to raffle at our Christmas Dinner on December 15th. Proceeds from the raffle will go to the Kitchen Fellowship fund for special events throughout the year. To participate or for additional information, see Carolyn Modellmog. We have some baskets on hand for you to fill.

RECYCLE EYEGLASSES Place your old prescription glasses in the box in the entry way, Lion's Club optometrists will distribute them to the less fortunate in our area.

MITE BOX SUNDAY Every third Sunday of the month, we collect "spare change" in mite boxes. The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) supports mission and ministry throughout the world by means of mite box offerings.

PODCAST RESOURCE Go to www.1517legacy.com/podcasts and hear the Gospel proclamation of "the genuine good news of Christ's forgiveness for you" from YouAreForgiven.net There's also a link to 30 Minutes in the New Testament and 40 Minutes in the Old Testament for further learning and education as well.

LUTHERAN TALK RADIO Listen to *Issues, Etc.* 24/7 online at www.issuesetc.org

LCMS LIFE CONFERENCE will take place January 17-19, 2019, in Washington, D.C. The conference theme is Joy:Fully Alive. *LCMS Life* is a ministry of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod devoted to upholding the sanctity of human life. They are actively involved in a variety of domestic and international programs to support and encourage life "in the image of God." For more information visit www.lcms.org/life

STATER CARDS redeem for their full purchase price when shopping at any Stater Brothers. Grace Lutheran earns 6% from each card. Cards sell every 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month. *Please treat the cards like cash*, they cannot be replaced if lost or stolen.

??? DID YOU KNOW ???

Monthly newsletter, weekly announcements, events calendar are available online at www.glcbanning.org

Find us on Facebook too—as GLCBanning

EVANGELISM & SERMON CDs are available, in case you miss a Sunday or to give to FRAN (friend, relative, acquaintance, or neighbor) to introduce him or her to our church.

Sunday School

Grades	Teachers	Classroom
Lower & Middle	Jerry Beck	Outside classroom
Upper	Dn Gerry Mattijetz	Inside fellowship bldg.
Assistants – Linda Anderson, Linda Taylor		
<i>Teachers and volunteers working with children go through annual background screening provided by a national reporting agency.</i>		

Bible Studies at Grace

Study groups are an opportunity to delve deeper into God's Word, to make new friends in a small group setting, have great fellowship, and grow together as a family of faith. Please speak to the leader of the study group if you would like to join. Bring your friends too!

Led by	Subject	When & Where
Pastor	Law and Gospel	Sundays – 10:15am Church Fellowship Hall
Pastor	Ephesians	Wednesdays – 9am <i>resumes in January</i> The Lakes

