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# THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF GRACE

# **From the Pastor**



Pastor's Page December 2022

Advent is the beginning of a new Church Year. It is not too far removed from the New Year, a time in which we often re-

flect on the past, and look toward the future.

There has been a lot of talk about the future of the Church, big "C" church, and the ELCA. Over the past year, there have been conversations within Grace about our present and future: people asking about new members; about our children and youth ministry; our Strategic Planning team asking good questions about Worship, Congregational Support, Discipleship and Learning, Parish Life, and Outreach & Social Ministry. Things are different in the Church than they were 50, even 20 years ago, and we know it. To ask about where Grace, or the big "C" Church is headed feels pretty mysterious these days.

Richard Rohr, a Franciscan author on spirituality, encourages us to trust in the mystery of our faith: *"it is no* accident that the liturgy has at its core, a statement of faith that repeats, **I believe**, **I believe**. Regardless of what it is, we must find our real belief system. What are we passionate and enthusiastic about? What are we filled with God about?"

These are Advent questions and are not easy ones! There are a lot of things in our present day that we have questions about, and it seems these days that almost everyone can identify what is wrong with our nation and world. Again Richard Rohr speaks powerfully to our present day: "Being reactionary against what's wrong might excite people, but it does not convert anybody, does not transform anybody, and does not draw the soul. We all know what's wrong, we all know what should be changed, but more change, no matter how progressive, will not bring about soul transformation in and of itself. *Our call to change is now obviously* 

### much deeper."

Rohr continues: "Our faith also offers us a foundational belief that life is a succession of dyings and risings. At the center of the Eucharist, we proclaim, "Christ has died, Christ is risen, and Christ will come again." That is the saving pattern! It is not a mystery of faith; it is the mystery of faith. It will never change. But Western people, trained in the philosophy of progress and problem-solving don't really believe that anymore. We much more believe that we can overcome the paschal mystery. That we can create a family, a parish, a church, an institution, a country that will not have to go through the dying of things." 1

Martin Luther in his Small Catechism answers - to the question of what our Baptism means for daily life - that every day we die to sin and death through repentance, and every day a new person rises up to live before God. This is at the foundation of who we are as children of God. It is the pattern that Jesus created for us.

In a few short weeks we will celebrate Jesus' birth in a manger. The pattern of all the gospels is the movement of the gospel toward the cross, to death on that cross, and then Jesus' rising from the dead to new life. We enter into that mystery once again, that God so loved the world to send his only Son. There is such joy to receive Jesus into our lives! At the same time we are called to enter into a change in direction (repentance), when our lives, our neighborhoods, our church, our nation, are called into that same process of dying and rising. Stir up your power and come, O Christ! Renew our passion and enthusiasm, fill us with your love, so vour will is done on earth as it is in heaven! Or, as Martin Luther writes in his beautiful Christmas hymn: Ah, dearest Jesus, Holy Child, make Thee a bed, soft, undefiled within my heart that it may be, a quiet chamber kept for Thee. Amen.

(Pastor Paul will complete his sabbatical series in the January issue)

<sup>1</sup>All the Richard Rohr quotes come from an August 6, 1993 presentation by Rohr called *Creating a Church for the 21*<sup>st</sup> *Century*.



# Highlights of Congregation Council November 15, 2022

Highlight of Church Council November 15, 2022

- Ron Almarode reported a \$19,000 surplus in the budget. He also reported that Grace received \$32,000 in increased pledges for 2023.
- Congregational Meeting is scheduled for December 11<sup>th</sup> to approve the budget.
- WARM Cold Weather Shelter is scheduled for December 5-11 and for January 23-30. Volunteers are needed on all days but especially Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. Grace will be collecting toiletries and breakfast and snack food items.
- Our refugee family has received their vehicle. The family is now waiting to take the written test which has been delayed twice by the DMV.
- Reminder that the Council person of the week is responsible for the phone messages on Friday and Saturday.
- There will be a new pictorial directory coming in 2023. Carolyn Hite will oversee this project with Jack Eckstrom being the photographer.
- Embrace needs winter clothes for youth such as coats, scarves, hats and gloves as well as sweaters and pants.
- The Christmas Eve services will be held at 5 pm and 8 pm. The Christmas Day service will be at 10 am. December 18<sup>th</sup> has been scheduled to decorate the church after the service.
- The Christmas Giving Tree is in the nave. Unwrapped gifts are to be brought back by December 4<sup>th</sup>.
- College care packages will be assembled on November 27<sup>th</sup>. Those wishing to donate are asked to bring snacks, microwavable popcorn, hot chocolate, etc. to the church.
- Advent begins on November 27<sup>th</sup>. Wednesday Advent services will be shared by the four Lutheran congregations St. James Lutheran Church, Zion Lutheran Church, Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church and Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

Respectfully submitted, Vivian Proctor

# **Covid Policy at Grace**



- Masking is optional during worship.
- We will continue to post the CDC "risk" color (green [low], yellow [medium] or orange [high risk] in the narthex
- There is a "social distance" section available in the front right of the worship space
- Holy Communion will continue to be offered by coming up front and receiving bread and individual cups of wine; pastor and assistants will mask when the CDC "risk" color is orange (high)
- Masks and hand sanitizer continue to be available in the narthex.

# We continue to encourage:

- Vaccination and keeping up-to-date with current shots
- Staying home when not feeling well, especially with flu and other infections on the rise this time of year masking for Covid, flu or other infections

# Advent Wednesdays Shared by Four Lutheran

**Congregations** The Season of Advent - the start to a new Church Year - began Sunday, November 27th. In addition, we will mark Advent with a series of four Advent Wednesday Services at 7:00 p.m.:



- Wednesday, November 30th St. James Lutheran Church - 6:00 p.m. Soup Supper, followed by 7:00 p.m. Advent Vespers
- Wednesday, December 7th Zion Lutheran Church -7:00 p.m. Advent Vespers - "Four Gospels and Four Beginnings"
- Wednesday, **December 14th** Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church - 7:00 p.m. Outdoor Worship - Singing Around the Advent Wreath
- Wednesday, **December 21st** Bethlehem Lutheran Church - 7:00 p.m. Blue Christmas worship service.

"Prepare the Way of the Lord!" says John the Baptist during this Season. Make Wednesday Advent worship a part of your holiday traditions this Season - "Ah dearest Jesus, Holy Child, make thee a bed, soft, undefiled, within my heart that it may be a quiet chamber kept for Thee." (Martin Luther)



**Collecting Toiletries** (travel/hotel-sized: shampoo/conditioner, soap, toothpaste, lotion)

**Collecting Breakfast and Snack Food Items** (cereal, fruit cups, nutra-grain bars, fruit juice boxes, nabs, individual portion bags of chips, cookies)

# Box located on back table in the Nave

- Volunteer Opportunities December 5-12 and January 23-30 Sign-up Sheets are located in the back of the Nave before and after services
- **Set-up teams**: December 4 and/or 5 and January 22 and/or 23 to organize and set-up check-in, Fellowship Hall tables, cots, chairs, dividers.
- **Check-In teams**: 3-4 volunteers/night; assist Staff Host and welcome guests make them feel welcome, let them know we care, participate in time of fellowship let them know that God's love is present in their lives! Make coffee!
- **Shower Host**: 1 volunteer/night; ensure guests have needed toiletries, towel; monitor shower schedule and collect towels
- **Meal Teams**: Join a team to provide dinner for about 50 people; volunteer to prepare food, serve and/or clean-up. Assist preparing sack lunches, if time/able. December 5 - 11 - we have 4 Teams scheduled for Monday - Thursday; **we need teams for December: Friday 9th, Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th**! January 23 - 29 - we have 7 Teams scheduled; more volunteers are welcome to fill out teams. Welcoming individual volunteers as well as whole teams! If you're interested in leading a team, let me know!
- **Overnight Hosts**: 2 volunteers/night; assist the Staff Host overnight (in-person OR by telephone); in morning, make coffee and put out breakfast items and sack lunches, Clean up after.
- **Clean-up Team**: light cleaning duties. WARM will have guests complete basic chores (sweeping, mopping if needed, removing garbage). We will come in during the day (after the guests are gone,) to check the area, follow-up as needed Lysol bathrooms, showers; wash/dry/fold towels.

**Questions? Suggestions?** Please contact Susan Myers 434-760-1660 or sparkelmyers@gmail.com



Prestige Red and Whitestar (White) poinsettias covered with pot covers for Christmas Eve can be purchased for **\$9.00 each**. 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 12, 2022**. Please make checks payable to Grace Lutheran Church and designate them for poinsettias.

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**Purchased by:** 

In memory of:

In honor of:

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Please feel free to take your poinsettia home after the Christmas Eve service.



**IMPORTANT! December 11th meeting**—There will be a called congregation meeting next Sunday, December 11th after worship, for the purpose of voting on the 2023 Spending Plan for Grace. You should have received by email or U.S. mail a copy of the Spending Plan with a letter from Grace Council President, Robin Crowder. Please plan on attending this important meeting in the life of Grace!



The **Giving Tree** has been put up in the Nave. If you would like to participate, please come by the church to pick up one or more tags, sign your name and the gift tag(s) taken in the book, purchase appropriate gift(s), and bring <u>unwrapped</u> gift(s) with the original tag attached back to the Nave by Sunday, **December 4**. If you have questions, please contact Jane Stein, 540-649-0979.



Donations

**Cold Weather Donations Request** — We are collecting donations of socks, hats, scarves, gloves, toothbrushes and toothpaste for distribution at the Disciple's Kitchen breakfasts during the upcoming cold months. We would like to collect items for women, men, and children. New or clean, gently used items will be greatly appreciated! We have a box outside the office door for drop off. Any questions, please call Cindy Trauscht at 434-227-6100. Thank you!



Adult Sunday School! Pastor Karen Van Stee leads an engaging study of Matthew's gospel at **8:30 a.m.** Please note the new earlier starting time. Come join us!



With many of you now giving via bill-payer, electronic giving, etc., and in order to reduce cost for the church, we have reduced the number of **giving envelopes** we order yearly. If you prefer to have envelopes, please let Nancy know by Tuesday, **December 6**. If we don't hear from you, we will assign envelopes based on your method of giving as best we can determine. Thank you!



**The Valley Music Academy (VMA ) Holiday Recital** will be at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, December 18. They would love for you to attend, see student progress made over the past year and listen to some holiday music. VMA has been at Grace teaching music to our community for two decades!



**College Graduation and Virginia Synod Article!** We offer congratulations to Lily Pingel as she graduates from Roanoke College in December. Lily has also had an article published in the Virginia Synod insert of the December Living Lutheran magazine on her research of the ELCA. God's peace and blessings on her graduation!



Many thanks to all those who assembled the outdoor Advent wreath and hanging and adorning the indoor Advent Wreath. Your time and effort is much appreciated. Also, thanks to the Binns family for allowing Grace to allow their evergreen trees to be cut to provide greenery for the wreaths.



Friends, **THANK YOU** for sharing your teens with us at Embrace and investing your precious post-worship Sunday afternoon hours over on our patch of ground. The work you all did was an incredible help to us, and will result in a lot of love shared later this week as teens come to pick up their packages. What a blessing it is to be in ministry alongside each of you! Peace, Jenelle Embrace Community Center



Dear Pastor Paul, **Thank you** for your support and leadership in Hannah and Ty's recent wedding. It was a wonderful day of love shared with friends and family. We appreciate your presence and the perfect words and prayers you shared. We are grateful for you! Brian and Diane Lundstrom, Ty and Hannah (Lundstrom) Comer



Please pray for Sylvia Almarode, who has fallen and had a severe break in her back. She has had major surgery at UVA and is now home with Healthcare coming in to help. She would really appreciate your prayers. She is not up to phone calls and visits as of yet. Thank you!



**First Sunday Fellowship Begins in January**—Beginning in January 2023, our Fellowship Team—as well as other Grace ministries and groups—will be hosting a First Sunday Fellowship each month. It is simply an opportunity for us to have a little extra time after worship to enjoy some light refreshments, and the Community and Fellowship we have in Christ here at Grace! We look forward to seeing you then!



**February Mission Trip to Nicaragua**—Grace members are welcome to be part of the team that will go to learn and serve. The mission team will lodge and work in partnership with the Nicaraguan Christian Children's Center (CICRIN see www.cicrinus.org), a school and refuge for children and youth on Ometepe Island. Team leaders are Mark and Tami Radecke; this will be their 21<sup>st</sup> mission trip to Nicaragua.

Dates: February 10-18, 2023 Cost: \$1,995 per person



**Second Yoga Class Offered at Grace -** Shelton Sprouse, who had the "Blue Moon Yoga" studio on Main Street until the pandemic, has been offering a Yoga class Saturday mornings at Grace. It is designed for beginners and senior adults, for "physical activity and mindfulness." The class is offered from 11:00 a.m.—12:15 a.m. Saturday mornings in the Fellowship Hall. Please note that the Yoga class will be in the **Seminar Room** on the following date: December 3, December 10, January 7 and January 28.A donation may be given, but is not required.

**He will be offering a second class on Wednesday evenings** from 6:00 –7:15 p.m. in the Seminar Room. A donation may be given, but is not required.



**Food Pantries - Thanks, and Continuing Need**—Many thanks to those who have donated Peanut Butter, Mac 'n Cheese, Personal Hygiene items, and Dried Rice and Beans to our local food banks. We have made <u>twenty-eight</u> deliveries thus far, thirteen to Main Street United Methodist, and fifteen to Calvary United Methodist, Stuarts Draft, with the donations gratefully received in the midst of great need. **Overall, we have given well over 2960 pounds of food**! If you can help, please donate to our box set inside the office door for you to drop off.



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27 First Sunday of Advent 10:00 a.m. Service of Holy Communion Pastor Pingel Celebration Sunday 10:50 a.m. Coffee Fellowship via Zoom	28	29 9:30 a.m. Quilting Group (Fellowship Hall) 7:00 p.m. Round Tables (Fellowship Hall)	30 10:00 a.m. Prayer Group (Chapel) 6:00 p.m. Advent Soup Supper 7:00 p.m. Advent Vespers St. James Lutheran	1 8:30 a.m. Grace Walkers 12:30 p.m. Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall) Hall) United in Christ 6:00 p.m. CCE&J Group Zoom	2	3 10:00 a.m. 7th Day of Planning - Dave Delaney (Fellowshi p Hall) 11:00 a.m. Yoga (Seminar Room)
4 Second Sunday of Advent 10:00 a.m. Service of Holy Communion Pastor Pingel 10:50 a.m. Coffee Fellowship via Zoom 11:00 a.m. Confirmation Class	<b>5</b> WARM Fellowship Hall	6 WARM Fellowship Hall 9:30 a.m. Quilting Group (Fellowship Hall)	7 WARM Fellowship Hall 10:00 a.m. Prayer Group (Chapel)	8 WARM Fellowship Hall 8:30 a.m. Grace Walkers 12:30 p.m. Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall) Hall) United in Christ 6:00 p.m. CCE&J Group	9 WARM Fellowship Hall	10 WARM Fellowship Hall 11:00 a.m. Yoga (Seminar Room)

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		<b>9:30 a.m.</b> Quilting		United in Christ		
		Group (Fellowship Hall <b>)</b>		<b>6:00 p.m.</b> CCE&J Group		



**Budget Barometer** 

October 2022

For the year, actual receipts are above budget and actual disbursements are below budget, resulting in a surplus of \$18,857.

Comparison to Prior Year: Financial Barometer	Actual 2021	Actual 2022	Difference
Total Budget Receipts YTD	\$242,378	\$268,538	\$26,160
Total Budget Disbursed YTD	\$240,505	\$249,681	\$9,176
	\$1,873	\$18,857	\$16,984





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#### Evangelical Lutheran Church in America God's work. Our hands.

November 9, 2022

Grace Lutheran Church 500 S Wayne Ave Waynesboro, VA 22980-4836

Dear Grace Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your gift(s) given to your synod, received by ELCA World Hunger in September 2022.

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Josus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God (Romans 5:1-2).

As a church, we believe that God's grace is freely given to us. This brings us peace and hope. It makes a difference in our lives. Through your gifts to ELCA World Hunger, you are sharing this amazing grace with others. You are helping people around the world feel the transformational power of God's love.

Your generosity is getting at the root causes of hunger and poverty in over 60 countries including the United States. It is providing access to clean water, health care, agriculture, livestock, education, and poace and justice. Through your gifts, you are joining with the whole church as we work toward a just world where all are fed.

Thank you for your gracious gifts. The glory of God is shining through you.

In Christ,

Daniel Rift

The Rev. Daniel Rift Director, Mission Funding, ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran Disaster Response P.S. Please see the reverse side of this letter for gift detail.

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# GEORGIA'S FRIENDS

November 10, 2022

Grece Evangelical Lutheran Church 500 S Wayne Ave Waynesboro, W 22980

Dear Friends;

Thank you so much for your generous donation. Your gift will wavere that the women of Georgia's House have an opportunity to recover, heat and begin to build new fives free from addiction.

Our structured program and supportive community help each woman create a new path to health and independence. Georgia's House is a safe haven where lives are restored and women find hope for their futures.

Your donation is making a difference in their lives --- thank yout

Sincerely. SMSM

Denise McFadden Executive Director

**Donation Receipt** 

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## December 4

Preaching and Presiding

Pastor Paul Pingel

**Altar Flowers** 

Open

**Altar Guild** 

Cathy Firkin/Jane Stein

Assisting Minister

Kathy Bump

Communion Assistants

Linda Meyer Lew Yobs

Council Person of the Week

Susan Myers

Offering Stewards

Robin Crowder Jean Morgan

**Ushers** Jerry Kite Linda Meyer

# December 11

Worship Assistants

Preaching and Presiding

Pastor Paul Pingel

**Altar Flowers** 

Donna Gum

**Altar Guild** 

Open

Assisting Minister

Cathy Crowder

Communion Assistants

Robin Crowder Andrew Sell

Council Person of the Week

Nancy Schwiesow

Offering Stewards

Pat Brady Robin Crowder

Ushers

Rick Bump Linda Meyer

### December 18

Preaching and Presiding

Pastor Paul Pingel

**Altar Flowers** 

Chuck & Judi Goodrich

**Altar Guild** 

Kathy Meicke

Assisting Minister

Lew Yobs

Communion Assistants

Ron Almarode Karen Walck

Council Person of the Week

Andrew Sell

Offering Stewards

Pat Brady Vivian Proctor

> Ushers Pat Brady

Jean Morgan

December 24

500 p.m.

Preaching and Presiding

Pastor Paul Pingel

**Altar Flowers** 

Gail Johnson

**Altar Guild** 

Open

Assisting Minister

Tripp Franklin

Communion Assistants

Quinn Franklin Thea Franklin

Council Person of the Week

Andrew Sell

Offering Stewards

Jean Morgan

Ushers

December 24

8:00 p.m

Preaching and Presiding

Pastor Paul Pingel

**Altar Flowers** 

Gail Johnson

**Altar Guild** 

Open

Assisting Minister

Gloria Nelson

Communion Assistants

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Pat Brady

Ushers

December 25

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Jean Morgan David Proctor

Ushers Karen Walck

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12/5	Jane Blosser	12/6	Holly Carper	12/8	Sandy Johnson
12/8	Gloria Nelson	12/9	Pat Giesen	12/9	Alexandra Spellman
12/12	Judi Goodrich	12/13	Deloris Wertman	12/16	Donna Dodge
12/17	Richard Quickel	12/17	Kathy Meicke	12/17	LizAnn Binns
12/20	Dwight Moomaw	12/21	Chuck Goodrich	12/21	Zachary Bandy
12/23	Patrick Brady	12/31	Jenna Smith	12/31	Charles Smith



12/6	Kara Glover	12/10	Zachary Rankin	12/10	Jessica Smith
12/11	Sloane Franklin	12/20	Margaret Quickel	12/20	Ron Almarode
12/26	Sam Moyer				

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