

Tidings of Grace

December 3, 2021



Lesson of the Week: Luke 21:28

– “Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” When the world starts to fall apart, when things go badly, when nation rises against nation – Jesus tells us to lift our heads because redemption is nigh. What a wonderful reminder that we Christians really do have nothing to fear! Jesus has conquered sin, and He will deliver the full victory to us in His Second Advent. Therefore, we are free to live godly, generous, faithful lives for we have nothing of which to be afraid.

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December News

****Indicates new information**



Join us in **decorating the church for Christmas** tomorrow, December 4th starting at 9:30am. Everyone is welcome!

**** All young adults, newlyweds, and new parents are invited** to the Young Families Bible Study Christmas Party on Friday, December 17th, at 6:00pm at the Mood's. For more information, and to RSVP, contact Aaron Mood at 724-322-2449 or amood@starcitymusicstudios.com



**** Interested in getting closer to God by studying His word?** The Friday Morning Bible Study and Prayer Group will study the names of God using the book entitled "The Names of God ~ His Character Revealed" by Melissa Spoelstra. The study will begin on Friday January 7th and continue through Friday February 18th from 9:30 am until 11:30 am. The study requires some reading prior to class and the book costs ~\$13. Please contact Roseann Costantino at 937 434-2012 or via email at roseanncostantino@gmail.com, for questions or if you would like her to purchase a book for you.



COOKIES

****What could be sweeter than Cookie Sunday???** Dec. 26, join us for sweet fellowship after the service. Participation is easy...Bring home baked or purchased cookies. Be a helper elf and sign-up for setup and clean up. It's sure to put you on the NICE List for next year! See Shirley Schryver or Donna Tucker with any questions.



**** It's time to order poinsettias!!** Order forms will be in your bulletin on Sunday. The cost is \$10 per plant and can be taken home after the Christmas Eve service. Please make checks payable to Grace Lutheran Church and specify *poinsettia* in the memo section. Give your completed form and payment to Shirley Gordon or Becky Reinhart. **Order deadline is Sunday, Dec. 19th.**

It's time to plan for our Christmas Eve services! We will have an extended time of prelude from 6:30 to 7:00pm. If you are interested in participating in the 6:30pm prelude, or during the 4:00pm service, please contact Aaron at 724-322-2449 or amood@starcitymusicstudios.com.



The deadline to sign up is Sunday December 12th, with rehearsals the week of December 19th.

Benevolence Team News

Our next **Benevolence meeting is Thursday, December 9 at 3:30PM.**

(Note the time change)

At our meeting we will be making and collecting handmade Christmas Decorations for Canterbury Court.

Choose how you would like to participate:

- Bring supplies you will need for **10 Christmas decorations to sit on a window sill or 10 small decorations for tables in their dining room.** We will craft them together with you at the meeting.
- Come to the meeting to help other with their crafts. **Bring a hot glue gun if you have one**
- Do your crafts at home and bring them to the meeting and stay for the fellowship.
- Just come and have fun, listen to Christmas music, and enjoy light snacks.

All are welcome no matter how you participate!

Any questions, please call contact Diane Jergens.

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Adult Sunday School 9:00 – 9:50 a.m. "Who Needs Christmas?" by Andy Stanley.

"Through Christmas, we are reminded that even when it seems God is silent, he is always working. God sent Jesus not simply to be the Savior of the world but to be the Savior in our world. Through Christmas, we are reminded that God always keeps his promises to us." (HarperChristian Resources) Join us for a 3 week Advent DVD series called "Who Needs Christmas?" Dates of the study are: Nov. 28, Dec. 5, Dec. 19, and will wrap it up on Jan. 9th with a review and final DVD witnessing session. Join one or all of the classes.

The Men's Fellowship at Grace is beginning our third year meeting the first and third

Men's Fellowship



Saturdays of the month in the church at 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM. We have had a great time getting to know each other, praying for each other and studying the scriptures. Oh, and did I forget coffee and "Bill's" donut holes? If you haven't joined us, we would love to get to know you. We're very informal, friendly and you would fit right in. If you have any questions about the fellowship please ask John Michael or Bill Slusser. See you there.

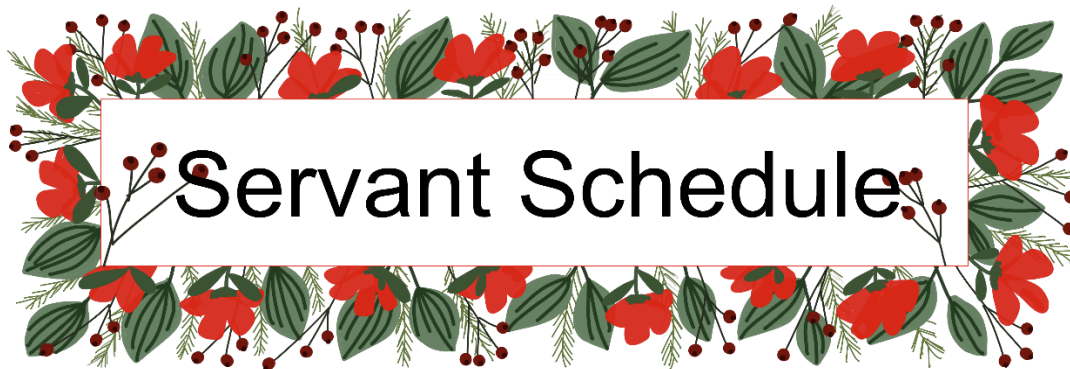
Wednesday Evening Bible Study: Every Wednesday at 7:00 pm, join us as we delve deeper into the scriptures. Study is led by Pastor Phil and you can attend in person or online. Join Zoom Meeting:



<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/595370970?pwd=MGQzK0VVZXkwUFF4VzJ6aXJjMGhTQT09>

Meeting ID: 595 370 970

Passcode: 023793



	<u>Assistant Minister</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Cantor</u>
Dec 5	N'Anne Knight	Nancy Oliver	Caitlin Coulson
Dec 12	Sandy Rice	Lauren Gleason	Erika Wattrick
Dec 19	Joe Costantino	Gary Ross	Kylene Terhune
Dec 24 4PM	N'Anne Knight	Aaron Mood	Kylene Terhune
Dec 24 7PM	Shirley Shryver	Becky Reinhart	Erika Wattrick
Dec 26	Joe Costantino	Deb Ross	Cynthia Michael

	<u>Nursery</u>
Dec 5	Kylene & Debbie
Dec 12	Tammie & Debbie
Dec 19	Nancy & Debbie
Dec 24 4PM	Rachel & Alexis
Dec 24 7PM	Rachel & Alexis
Dec 26	Nancy & Adrienne

<u>Communion Servers</u>
Roseann and Joe Costantino

Sunday, December 5

Sermon: Pastor Phil Hohulin

Greeter/Usher: Bill and Evie Wheeler

Communion: Roseann and Joe Costantino

Children's Nursery: Kylene & Debbie

Choir Director: Cynthia Michael

Organist: Aaron Mood

Pianist: Samee Griffith-Mood

Violinist: Bill Slusser



2- JIM WATTRICK
 10 - CAROL EDWARDS
 NATHAN PFEIFFER
 15 - DOUG REED
 17 - RUDY OLIVER
 20 - LINDA HOOGHE
 23 - MIKE RICE
 26 - TED POPOFF
 29 - RICK SCHAIRBAUM



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service/Livestream 11:30 AM Fellowship 12:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	29	30	1 7:00 PM Bible Study	2	3	4 9:30 AM Decorating the Church 10:00 AM Men's Fellowship
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Our Member's Prayer Concerns:

***Denotes Grace Member**

Averie-healing (Janice Mathile)

Alicia-protection and guidance (Cynthia Michael)

Robin Jergens-healing and comfort (Diane Jergens)

Tom Settle-healing (Gary and Nita Petticrew)

Raymond Johnson-healing from cancer (Leslie Jackson)

Jenny Rice-recovering from surgery (Sandy Rice)

Judy and Doug Rettich-healing (Joyce Mears)

Gareene-healing (Bill Slusser)

Joe Rummel-healing from cancer (Shirley Pappas)

***George and Nancy Brooks**-healing and comfort (John Michael)

***Georgene Bonsteel**-healing and comfort

Amber Brakora-healing from accident (Aaron and Samee Mood)

Robin-healing (Shirley Schryver)

Julie-healing and guidance (Shirley Schryver)

Mike Wagner-healing and comfort (Erika Wattrick)

Sondra Stone-healing (Joyce Mears)

Afghanistan Christians-protection and strength (Cynthia Michael)

Rachel Riddiford-peace for her and her family (Roseann Costantino)

David and Sydney-peace and care during high risk pregnancy (Shirley Schryver)

***Dale Bonsteel**—continued recovery (Becky Reinhart)

Aaron Slusser-healing and quick recover (Bill Slusser)

Beth Ann Adams-healing and comfort (Joyce Mears)

Bentley – healing and strength for the family (Cassie Pfeiffer)

Steve Ford's daughter-healing of broken bones (John Michael)

Family of Leo-comfort (Cynthia Michael)

Kidnapped Missionaries in Haiti-(Cynthia Michael)

Tara-healing (Kylene Terhune)

Loretta McGuire-comfort and healing (Rachel Reinhart)

***Steve Gross**-healing from surgery (Pastor Phil)

***Lynda Bragg**—continued recovery (Pastor Phil)

Family of Brandi Self-comfort in the passing of Brandi (Shirley Gordon)

Martha Williamson-pain relief and healing (Roseann Costantino)

Kim and Rick-healing from Covid and protection for family (Becky Reinhart)

Lilyanna- please pray for her safety and peace (Diane Jergens)

Ivan-protection from illness (Diane Jergens)

Randy Roe-healing and strength (Leslie Jackson)

Levi, parents, Damon & Rachel, brother, Dean-development and strength (Aaron Mood)

Family and Friends in our Hearts:

Paul Yeager (The Yeager's)

Those with Continuing Health Concerns:

Janet Dovayak (Shirley Pappas), **Sally Fiste** (N'Anne Knight), **Farralee Baldwin** (Becky Reinhart), **Mary Welker** (Sandy Rice), **Georgene Bonsteel** (Becky Reinhart), **Fran McDaniel** (Roseann Costantino), **Robin Connellee** (N'Anne Knight), **Cindy Puskar** (Becky Reinhart), **Gary Rothermel** (Annemarie Stein), **Yvonne Becker** (Joyce Mears), **Clayton Daniels** (Cassie Pfeiffer), **Pam Mehlhorn**, **Barbara Baker** (Pastor Phil), **Camille Evans**(Cynthia Michael) **Mike Stein** (Shirley Schryver), **Martha Williamson** (Roseann Costantino), **Nancy Bruggeman**(Cynthia Michael), **Janet Zerger**(Cynthia Michael), **Judy Yeager**(Shirley Pappas), **MacKenzie Aitken** (Lea Ravlin) **Edie Smalley**(N'Anne Knight), **Michael Wiseman** (N'Anne Knight), **Tom Gustin** (N'Anne Knight), **Pam & Allen Smith** (Julie Hohulin) **Dallas Mathile**(Janice Mathile), **John Cooper**(Cynthia Michael), **Don Slokowski** (Shirley Schryver), **Judy** (Donna Tucker), **Scott Placke** (Shirley Schryver) **Tim Scott**-healing (John Michael), **Phyllis Reed**-healing (Cynthia Michael)

Those Confined to Care:

Lois Costantino (Joe Costantino)

Those Serving in the Military:

Josh Weiland, **Zach Ravlin** (Lea Ravlin), **Matthew Spence** (Lea Ravlin), **Tyler Dovayak** (Shirley Pappas) **Jake Bradosky** (Becky Reinhart), **Jake Byorth** (Becky Reinhart)

