

# THIS WEEK AT GRACE

November 20, 2017



A message from Pastor Rebecca,

*"The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. Matthew 25:16-18"*

In our Gospel lesson, we hear about managing talents, money. It was a contributor to the Sermon Brainwave podcast that suggested that perhaps talents are a calling. That by multiplying or burying talents, we are actually multiplying or burying our calling to recognize and participate in the kingdom of heaven. At church, we receive gifts from God that we can get no where else- communion and baptism, tangible, physical sign of God's grace. In church, we also receive a community that will reflect God's love back to us. It is here at church where we are fortified to be able to go out and multiply what Jesus has given us- himself, the kingdom of heaven coming near to us.

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**OFFICE CLOSED** - the church office will be closed **Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24**, for the Thanksgiving Holiday. The office will reopen with regular hours on Monday, November 27.

**ANGEL TREE & GIVING TREE** - As is Grace's custom, tags are on the wall in the Fellowship Hall for 150 Christmas gifts for recipients of Meals on Wheels and for children from Marketplace Apartments. Put your name on the signup sheet in the information center, use information on the tag and return Angel Tree gifts by Dec. 10 and Giving Tree gifts by Dec. 17 with the tag affixed to your gift. This sharing opportunity is a project of Grace's Outreach Committee.

**GRACE DROP AND SHOP** - Need some extra time to yourself this holiday season? Take advantage of **GYM's Drop and Shop on Saturday, December 2, from 11:00 AM until 3:00 PM**. Drop your children (ages 3 years through 5<sup>th</sup> grade) at church with the GYM youth, and they will be fed and entertained for the afternoon. **Cost: \$20/child, \$15 additional per sibling**. RSVP's are on Pastor Rebecca's door and must be turned in by November 26. All funds raised will go toward defraying the cost of the National Youth Gathering.

**FESTIVAL CHOIR REHEARSALS** - we begin **Parish Choir** rehearsals at **6:45 PM Wednesdays**. **Grace Alone** rehearsals will also begin at **6:45 PM on Mondays** for anyone wanting to sing in the Festival Chorus for the December 9th concert. We will rehearse the festival music first from 6:45-7:45 PM. Then the regular choir rehearsal will continue at 7:45 PM.

**SOUPER SUPPER DURING CHRISTMAS PARADE** - WELCM could use your help. We will be selling soup at the Christmas parade for our annual fundraiser, but would love help collecting ingredients. If you are able to provide any of the ingredients below, please let Pastor Rebecca know at [pastorlord@comporium.net](mailto:pastorlord@comporium.net). Thank you for all your support!: 8 lbs chicken breasts: 5 lbs yellow onions: 5 large or 7 small cans white beans: 5 large cans roasted green chili peppers: 1 bunch celery: 3 lbs regular carrots: 5 large cans petite diced tomatoes: 3 large cans tomato sauce: 2 large cans Haneford brand kidney beans: 3 lbs frozen mixed vegetables: 1 head of cabbage: 5 lb bag Russet potatoes: monetary donations.

**POINSETTIAS** - This year, Grace is offering a choice of purchasing a poinsettia to decorate the sanctuary, or an in-kind donation to Lutheran Disaster Relief. The poinsettias are in a 6 1/2 inch container each with 4 to 6 blooms wrapped in a plant pot cover for \$12.00. Donations to Lutheran Disaster Relief will also be \$12.00, and all funds given by December 31, 2017 will be matched by Thrivent. You can have the poinsettias and/or donations dedicated in honor of or in memory of your loved ones. Sign up for your poinsettias/donations and dedications on the Tear and Share November 19, 26 and December 3. Make checks payable to Grace Lutheran Church, memo line "Poinsettias" or "Lutheran Disaster Relief". All orders must be in by Sunday, December 3, 2017. (You may take your flowers after the service you attend Christmas Eve)

**CHRISMON TREE DECORATING** - will be **Friday, December 1 at 4:00 PM in the Sanctuary**.

**CHRISTMAS PARADE** - Grace will once again help spread the Christmas cheer by providing hot chocolate and popcorn for folks watching the **Rock Hill Christmas parade on Friday, December 1 at 6:30 pm**. If you can help, please email Donna Richter at [Rlrichter@comporium.net](mailto:Rlrichter@comporium.net) or call Donna at 803-367-2996.

## GRACE CALENDAR

### MONDAY - November 20

5:30 PM Grace Ringers (Sanctuary)  
6:00 PM York County Quilters (FH)  
6:30 PM Cub Scouts (Youth)  
6:45 PM Grace Alone Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop #540 (106-107)

### TUESDAY - November 21

#### MUSIC DIRECTOR VACATION PARISH ADMIN VACATION (1/2 DAY)

5:30 PM Chrysalis (Conf)  
6:30 PM WELCM (WH)  
6:30 PM AA (101)

### WEDNESDAY - November 22

#### MUSIC DIRECTOR VACATION PARISH ADMIN VACATION

9:30 AM Grace-C Quilters (103)  
6:30 PM AA (101)  
6:45 PM NO Parish Choir (Music)

### THURSDAY - November 23

#### THANKSGIVING DAY - OFFICE CLOSED

### FRIDAY - November 24

#### OFFICE CLOSED

5:30 PM AA (101)

### SATURDAY - November 25

#### NO EVENTS SCHEDULED

### SUNDAY - November 26

8:30 AM Contemporary Worship  
9:45 AM Coffee Fellowship (FH)  
9:45 AM Sunday School  
11:00 AM Traditional Worship  
4:30 PM GYM (Youth)  
7:00 PM AA (101)

## November 26, 2017

### Worship Assistants

#### Hospitality:

Sara and Steve Johnson

#### Muggers:

Jean Faut and Kevin Winsch

#### Nursery:

Patti Saunders

#### Tabulators:

Carla Harrison and Bob Stonebraker

#### Altar Guild:

Deb Gignac and Ellen Cafarella

#### 8:30 AM

*Lector:* Doug Gay

*Communion Assistant:* Cameron Tuck

*Petitioner:* Jackie Wille

*Crucifer:* Ryan Brown

*Acolytes:* Jaden Brown and Dustin Stegall

*Greeter:* Bob Wasserman

*Ushers:* Dan Bartel, Tom Sturniolo,

ShirLee Alfors, Jim Alfors

#### 11:00 AM

*Lector:* Eric Schmidt

*Communion Assistant:* Dee Westbrook

*Petitioner:* Dee Westbrook

*Crucifer:* Michael Wheeler

*Acolytes:* Dawson Harbert and Emily Wheeler

*Greeters:* Sue & Karlo Waataja

*Ushers:* Wally Seigler, Chris Cassidy, Kenny Meetze

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#### DECEMBER 2017

Chrismon Tree Decorating - December 1 - 4:00 PM

Christmas Parade - December 1 - 6:30 PM

Children's Christmas Program Practices -

Saturday, December 2, 9, 16: 9:30 - 11:00 AM

GYM Shop and Drop - Saturday, December 2

11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Christmas Music Festival - December 9 - 5:00 PM

Seniors@Grace - December 14 - 11:30 AM

Jubilee Christmas Party

Children's Christmas Program - Dec 17 9:45 AM

Advent 4 Worship - December 24 - 10:00 AM

Christmas Eve Services - December 24

5:00 PM, 7:00 PM, 10:00 PM

Family Promise - December 31 - January 7

#### FEBRUARY 2018

GYM Ski Trip - February 9-11, 2018

#### JUNE/JULY 2018

National Youth Gathering - Houston, Texas

June 27 - July 1, 2018