

A message from Pastor Ken,

Truly I tell, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family you did it to me."
Matthew 25:40

Jesus' words in the parable that he tells gives us a lot to think about. How can we minister to people who live on the margins? How can we unlearn some of the ways that we have learned to segregate ourselves from others in need? How is it that we can put ourselves in the position of coming face to face with those who are isolated and who live on the margins of society? When we do, when we listen and learn from the forgotten in our world, we will encounter the LIVING GOD!

GRACE WELCOMES - Laurel Grace Grossoehme, new daughter of Jill and Nick Grossoehme, who came into the world November 25.

DROP AND SHOP CANCELLED.

ADVENT STUDY - Pastor Ken will lead an Advent Study on **Wednesdays** at **10:30 AM** in the Prayer Room, beginning **November 29** and continuing December 6, 13, and 20.

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.

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.

GRACE'S CHRISTMAS MUSIC FESTIVAL - "Holy Light - A Candlelight Service of Carols" is **Saturday, December 9** at **5:00 PM**. There will be light refreshments served. If you would like to donate cookies, nuts or cider, please sign on the Tear and Share.

CANDLES AND TABLES NEEDED - Larry Peterson has requested the congregation donate assorted height pillar candles (preferably red, white, green) for the Christmas Music Festival on December 9. He needs them by Friday, December 8. (you will not be getting them back and there is no upper limit to numbers of candles) Also, Larry needs three round accent tables (about waist height), and you will get those back. If you can help with this request, contact Larry at gracemusicguy@comporium.net.

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 R Richter@comporium.net or call Donna at 803-367-2996.

GRACE CALENDAR

MONDAY - November 27

10:00 AM Staff (Prayer)
5:30 PM Grace Ringers (Sanctuary)
6:30 PM Cub Scouts (Youth)
6:45 PM Grace Alone Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop #540 (106-107)

TUESDAY - November 28

10:00 AM Newcomers Bible Study (Conf)
1:30 PM Newcomers KnitWits (Common)
5:30 PM Worship & Music (106)
6:30 PM WELCM (WH)
6:30 PM SCWW (105)
6:30 PM AA (101)
7:30 PM Bridge Group (102)

WEDNESDAY - November 29

9:30 AM Grace-C Quilters (103)
6:30 PM AA (101)
6:45 PM Parish Choir (Music)

THURSDAY - November 30

7:30 AM Centering Prayer (Prayer Room)

FRIDAY - December 1

4:00 PM Chrismon Tree Decorating (Sanctuary)
5:30 PM AA (101)
6:30 PM Souper Supper (Front of Church)
6:30 PM Rock Hill Christmas Parade

SATURDAY - December 2

9:30 AM Children's Christmas Program Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

SUNDAY - December 3

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)

December 3, 2017

Worship Assistants

Hospitality:

Coffee Only

Muggers:

Martha Hester and Larry Winsch

Nursery:

Tammie Harbert

Tabulators:

Jan Gilbertson and Bob Stonebraker

Altar Guild:

Nora Sliney

8:30 AM

Lector: Sig Huitt

Communion Assistant: Windy Cole

Petitioner: Floyd Ritchie

Acolyte: Jacob Bell

Greeter: Sig Huitt

Ushers: Jack Lockwood, Bob Schavey,
Tom Sturniolo, Eddie Hinson

11:00 AM

Lector: Kristy Austin

Communion Assistant: Chris Cassidy

Petitioner: April Hershey

Acolyte: Dawson Harbert

Greeters: Dewain Theissen

Ushers: Larry Winsch, Craig Ketner, Mike Dunnett

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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

Christmas Music Festival - December 9 - 5:00 PM

Seniors@Grace - December 14 - 11:00 AM

Photos with Santa/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