

# THIS WEEK AT GRACE

December 3, 2018



A message from Linda Rhead, Parish Administrator:

This week, we welcome The Rev. Gregg Hoffman, Senior Pastor, and The Rev. Rachel Hoffman, Pastor, to Grace. Their first official day is Wednesday, December 5, with Sunday, December 9 being their first worship service. Please wear your name tag that day (and several weeks after). Need one? Reply to this email.

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**ANGEL TREE AND GIVING TREE TAGS** - Grace's Outreach Committee has put up this year's Angel Tree (for children in the local area) and Giving Tree (for low-income seniors) tags. The tags are marked for gift suggestions, and you may add whatever you would like to the gift. Take a tag from the wall, sign it out on the sheets on the table nearest, and bring the wrapped gift back, with the **TAG ATTACHED**, by **December 9**.

**FAMILY PROMISE COMING TO GRACE** - Grace hosts Family Promise from **Sunday, December 2 until Sunday, December 9**. Sign up sheets are already on the table in the Fellowship Hall. Please take a moment to check your calendar and sign up for hosting a meal, being an evening host or staying overnight with our guests. Contact Sig Huitt for further information ([SigHuitt@gmail.com](mailto:SigHuitt@gmail.com)).

**"HIS LIGHT IN US"** - is the title of the Christmas Program at Grace Lutheran on **Saturday, December 8 at 5:00 PM**. The music program is free and open to the public; please invite friends and neighbors to hear our choirs and musicians present this seasonal music. **Nursery will be available starting at 4:30 pm**.

**SENIORS@GRACE IN DECEMBER** - Two events for Seniors@Grace in December. 1<sup>st</sup>. Sunday **December 9 at 4 pm** Seniors@Grace will hear Christmas carols sung by the GYM youth and enjoy yummy Christmas treats. The festivities take place in the Fellowship Hall. Santa will also be there for photos - kids of ALL AGES are invited to come have pictures taken. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Our annual Jubilee Potluck lunch with Santa is **Thursday December 13 at 11:30 am**. Bring a dish to pass and a wrapped gift for our fun Christmas gift exchange. Also dress in your best holiday clothes for a chance at the "Best Dressed 2018 Award". Sign-up for both events on the Tear & Share.

**GYM THROUGH END OF 2018** - On **December 9** GYM will be working with the Seniors@Grace "caroling for treats". The youth will go out as we normally do and visit some nursing homes and some of our shut ins and do our normal Christmas caroling from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM; we will return to church and join up with the Seniors@Grace and have some Christmas cookies and treats and sing Christmas carols from 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM. (By the way, Santa will be available for photos for anyone in the congregation - please stop by!) On December 16th GYM will meet at 4:30 PM for our amazing Christmas party. It will be just the event to get the youth ready for the holidays and being out of school! Finally, NO GYM on December 23, and on December 30 at 4:30 PM GYM will meet for the end of the year and beginning of the New Year's party. We will have refreshments, movies, and games. Contact Art Harris for more details ([artharris56@gmail.com](mailto:artharris56@gmail.com)).

**POINSETTIAS AND HURRICANE RELIEF** - This year, Grace is offering a choice of purchasing a poinsettia to decorate the sanctuary, or an in-kind donation to Lutheran Hurricane Relief. The poinsettias are in a 6 ½ inch container, each with 4 to 6 blooms, wrapped in a plant pot cover for \$10.00. Donations to Lutheran Hurricane Relief will also be \$10.00, and all funds given by December 31, 2018 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 Sunday. **POINSETTIA orders must be in by Sunday, December 2** (You may take your flowers after the service you attend Christmas Eve). **Donations for Hurricane Relief must be in by December 16**. (All checks payable to Grace Lutheran Church)

**CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS** - Christmas Eve falls on **Monday, December 24**. We will have three worship services: **5:00 PM** worship service geared toward children; **7:00 PM** worship service with piano, drum, flute, guitar, and Grace Alone Choir; **10:00 PM** worship service with organ, piano, and Parish Choir. *We need worship assistants for all duties at all services*. Sign up on Sunday's Tear and Share or contact Debbie Gignac ([gigette85@comporium.net](mailto:gigette85@comporium.net)).

## GRACE CALENDAR

### MONDAY - December 3

#### FAMILY PROMISE

9:00 AM YMCA Silver Fox's Christmas Lunch (FH & Kit)  
6:00 PM Girl Scout Leaders Meeting (FH)  
6:00 PM Grace Ringers Handbells Rehearsal (Choir Room)  
6:30 PM Cub Scouts (Youth)  
7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop #540 (106-107)  
7:20 PM NO Grace Alone Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

### TUESDAY - December 4

#### FAMILY PROMISE

10:00 AM Newcomer's Bible Study (Conf)  
1:30 PM Newcomers KnitWits (Common)  
6:30 PM WELCM (WH)  
6:30 PM AA (101)

### WEDNESDAY - December 5

#### FAMILY PROMISE

9:30 AM Grace-C Quilters (103)  
6:30 PM AA (101)  
7:00 PM Festival Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

### THURSDAY - December 6

#### FAMILY PROMISE

#### HUNGER OUTREACH

7:30 AM Centering Prayer (Common)  
7:00 PM Boy Scout Commission (108)

### FRIDAY - December 7

#### FAMILY PROMISE

#### HUNGER OUTREACH

5:30 PM AA (101)

### SATURDAY - December 8

#### FAMILY PROMISE

8:00 AM Property (Patty Wagon Café)  
9:00 AM Olde English Painters Guild (FH & Kit)  
5:00 PM "His Light In Us" Music Program (Sanctuary)

### SUNDAY - December 9

#### FAMILY PROMISE

#### ANGEL AND GIVING TREE TAGS DUE

8:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
9:45 AM Coffee Fellowship  
9:45 AM Christmas Program During Sunday School  
11:00 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
4:00 PM GYM and Seniors@Grace (FH)  
7:00 PM AA (101)

December 9, 2018

## Worship Assistants

#### Hospitality:

Coffee Only

#### Muggers:

Martha Hester and Larry Winsch

#### Nursery:

Elsa Edwards

#### Tabulators:

Jan Gilbertson and Bob Stonebraker

#### Altar Guild:

Nora Sliney

#### 8:30 AM

*Lector:* Kendall Anderson

*Communion Assistant:* Sig Huitt

*Petitioner:* Pam Kirby

*Acolyte:* Jaden Brown

*Greeter:* Vicky and Bob Goodbar

*Ushers:* Floyd Ritchie, Eddie Hinson,

Kevin Winsch, Doug Gay

#### 11:00 AM

*Lector:* Larry Winsch

*Communion Assistant:* Bill Davis

*Petitioner:* Donna Richter

*Acolyte:* Dawson Harbert

*Greeters:* Sue and Karlo Waataja

*Ushers:* Wally Seigler, Larry Winsch,

Walker Stockley

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#### DECEMBER 2018

Music Festival "His Light In Us"

Saturday, December 8, 5:00 PM

Seniors@Grace - December 9, 4:00 PM

Carols with GYM, Santa Photos, Treats (FH)

Seniors@Grace - December 13, 11:30 AM -

Annual Jubilee Christmas Party and

White Elephant Gift Exchange

#### CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP TIMES

All with Holy Communion

**5:00 PM** - Children's Service

**7:00 PM** - Worship Service with piano, drum,  
flute, guitar, and Grace Alone Choir

**10:00 PM** - Worship Service with organ, piano,  
and Parish Choir