

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
(Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 8, 2013

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

- SUNDAY:** Services were cancelled due to inclement weather.
- TUES - FRI:** 7:30 a.m. – Early Childhood Development Center
- TUESDAY:** 9:30 a.m. – Tuesday Morning Bible Class
5:15 p.m. – 7th Grade Confirmation
6:30 p.m. – Adult Choir
- WEDNESDAY:** 6:30 a.m. – Men’s Bible Study at St. Vincent’s
5:30 p.m. – Advent Dinner
7:00 p.m. – Advent Evening Prayer Service
- THURSDAY:** 12:00 noon – Noon Devotions with Pastor
4:00 p.m. – 8th Grade Confirmation
Wittenberg Café has been cancelled for December
- SATURDAY:** 9:00 a.m. – Children’s Christmas Program practice
3:00 p.m. – Baby Shower for Megan and David Witte

CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE – The children will practice during the Sunday School opening Sunday morning. Please have your children downstairs by 9:45 a.m. for practice. The children will also practice on **Saturday, December 14th**, at 9:00 a.m. The **Christmas Program** is Sunday afternoon, **December 15th**, at 3:00 p.m.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- Judith Seidenschnur is recovering following a heart procedure.
Anita Allaben is at home recovering from pneumonia.
Larry Jones has returned to Brookside Nursing Center.
Ron Krueger is recovering following shoulder surgery.
Norma Bisgood is a patient in Hospice Home Care on Bowman Road.
Lance Whitney is recovering following hip replacement surgery.
Judy Rivers is recovering following knee replacement surgery.
Jeannie Worlund is recovering following knee replacement surgery.
Jeanette Keehn continues receiving care at home.
Sherry Bischof continues her recovery and treatments.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND GOD'S BLESSINGS TO:

Dec. 9 – Bette Bogart, Kim Woodyard

Dec. 11 – Lance Whitney

Dec. 12 – Carryl Blackburn, Linda Royster

Dec. 14 – David Cannon

LAST WEEK'S STEWARDSHIP – Attendance: Sunday 12/1: 173 (8:15 – 112 and 10:45 – 61). Thanksgiving Day: 125. Advent Evening Prayer Service 12/4: 85. **Offerings:** Sunday 12/1: \$11,451.00. Thanksgiving Day: \$2,140.00. Honorariums and Memorials: \$220.00. Building Fund: \$215.00. Seminary Scholarship Fund: \$150.00. Mission Fund: \$25.00.

ADVENT EVENING PRAYER SERVICES will be held each **Wednesday: December 11th, and December 18th at 7:00 p.m.** Join us this Wednesday for worship at 7:00 p.m. and dinner at 5:30 p.m.

ADVENT DINNERS will be served at **5:30 p.m.** each Wednesday prior to the Advent Service. This week JOY Club and Young Adults hosting will be serving chili. Join us for dinner and fellowship before our Advent service.

THANK YOU - As you walk across the bridge take a moment to pause and enjoy the addition to the collection of stained glass art work that is hanging in the windows. You will notice that a new stained glass symbol for Easter has been hung. Thank you to Nancy Wade for using her gifts to design and create this beautiful artwork. We appreciate Nancy and Jim using their talents to serve our Lord and His church.

7th GRADE CONFIRMATION class will meet on Tuesday at 5:15 p.m. in the Parlor.

8th GRADE CONFIRMATION class will meet on Thursday at 4:00 p.m. in the Parlor.

WITTE BABY BOY SHOWER - You are invited to a *Baby Boy Shower* for Megan and David Witte on **Saturday, December 14th, at 3:00 p.m.** in the Parlor. The hostesses are Alisa Coffey, Lauren Schluterman, Paula Walter, Sheila Wilimzig and Riley Middaugh. Megan and David are most in need of diapers and gift cards.

PORTALS OF PRAYER – Your Portals of Prayer for January – March, 2014 are available on the table in the back of the sanctuary. Please pick up your copy for next year and then remember to recycle your old ones.

DECORATE THE CHRISTMAS TREES in the sanctuary on **Saturday afternoon, December 7th**, at **2:00 p.m.** We now have pre-lit trees so decorating is much easier. Join us for a couple of hours of fun and fellowship.

ANNUAL COOKIE WALK will benefit 2 Grace families this Christmas. Additionally, we will assist the dedicated caregiver of Jeanette Keehn. That family lost everything in a house fire recently. Please bake at least one batch of cookies to bring next Sunday morning. The cookies will be displayed for sale in the Family Life Center between services. Purchasers buy a zip lock bag to fill with their choice of cookies, to enjoy then or to take home and enjoy later. Of course, we hope you will buy lots of cookies, too. This is a great way to stock up on a variety of goodies to share with your Christmas guests. Thank you for your generous support of our Christmas season fundraiser.

NOON DEVOTIONS WITH PASTOR is **Thursday, December 12th**, at **12:00 noon in Parker Hall.** Pastor Walter shares a devotional Bible study with us so bring your Bible and a sandwich. Drinks, chips, and dessert are provided. This is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and Bible Study. **Come and bring a friend with you!!**

CHRIST LUTHERAN SCHOOL “ONE NIGHT IN BETHLEHEM” - Join Christ Lutheran School on **Thursday, December 19th**, for our annual Christmas Program. Our students will be presenting the Christmas Gospel as we journey to the birthplace of our risen Savior. The program will be presented at 8:15 a.m. and then again at 6:30 p.m. in the chapel, and is free and open to the public. It will feature all students, as well as the various music ensembles at our school. Join us!
In Christ, Paul Walter

WITTENBERG CAFÉ will not meet in December. Please contact Mark Peterson or watch the bulletin for more information and the next date to meet.

CHRIST LUTHERAN SCHOOL 8TH GRADE CLASS *Parents’ Night Out* on December 13th is rescheduled because of a previous commitment to work the concession stand for the Bentonville/Cabot game at War Memorial; this game was scheduled for December 6th and is moved to December 13th due to the inclement weather on December 6th. The 8th Grade Class Parents’ Night Out will be rescheduled for around Valentine’s Day. Watch for more information next year!!!

2014 FLOWER CALENDAR is posted in the Ushers’ room at the back of the sanctuary. Please sign up on the date that you would like to place flowers on the altar in 2014. The chart fills up quickly, so sign up now.

2014 ALTAR GUILD – The Altar Guild schedule for 2014 is on the bulletin board by the Parlor. Please sign up for the month and service in which you wish to serve. Thank you for dedicated your time to serve on the Altar Guild here at Grace.

AN HONORARIUM has been given to Grace by Warren and Judy Rivers in honor of Bette Bogart’s birthday. This gift has been given to the Grace Building Fund.

MEMORIALS -

IN MEMORY OF REV. JAMES MEIMERSTORF – Nephew of Mildred Burgess.

TO THE GRACE GENERAL ENDOWMENT FUND

By Verna and Shirley Rieve

TO THE GRACE BUILDING FUND

By Warren and Judy Rivers

IN MEMORY OF MR. ARTHUR LANGLAIS

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By Warren and Judy Rivers

IN MEMORY OF MRS. MIRANDA ELLING – Mother of Nancy Wade

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By Warren and Judy Rivers

IN MEMORY OF MRS. POLLY HICKS – Sister of Judy Keppel

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By Warren and Judy Rivers

IN MEMORY OF MRS. MARTHA PILS

TO THE GRACE GENERAL ENDOWMENT FUND

By Rudy and Sherry Bischof

THE GREAT COOKIE WALK

Sunday, December 15th

Between Services
in
Parker Hall

What is it? Purchase a bag to fill with an assortment of cookies.
Proceeds benefit Grace Families with special Christmas needs.

Each year the fundraiser raises over \$700, through your generosity.
Help the effort by baking batches of your favorite
cookies to donate to the event.

That morning bring them to church by end of first service.

The JOY Club will set out the amazing selection of treats
for your choosing.

Purchase a bag and fill it with an assortment of wonderful homemade
cookies.

Take home and enjoy, if you can wait that long!!!

If you have questions, contact Bev Sanders at 425-8806 or
225-6390 or Riley Middaugh at 240-4035.

ADVENT EVENING PRAYER SERVICES

'Advent Prophecy'

The theme for our Midweek Advent Evening Prayer Services is “*Advent Prophecy.*” We will consider God’s Promise of a Savior, who that Savior would be and where He would be born. Come and worship with us as we prepare to celebrate the coming of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ and to hear the Good News of forgiveness that comes through Him.

ADVENT SERVICES

December 11th – 7:00 p.m.

“Person” – Isaiah 7:14

December 18th – 7:00 p.m.

“Place” – Micah 5:2

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### ADVENT SUPPERS

**ADVENT SUPPERS** will be served before the Advent Services at **5:30 p.m.** each week in Parker Hall. The following menus will be served with salad and dessert.

**December 11<sup>th</sup>**      Chili  
Served by JOY Club and Young Adults

**December 18<sup>th</sup>**      Soup  
Served by Board of Parish Fellowship