

**GRACECONGREGATIONAL
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
2801 GARFIELD ST.
TWO RIVERS**

**SUNDAY WORSHIP:
8:00 & 10:30 AM
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
9:15 AM**

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November 10-Gospellers



"Christmas by Candlelight" Christmas Eve, Dec 24

4pm - Family Christmas Service

6:30pm - Song & Story

10:30pm - The Holiest of Nights

December 2019

Reflecting Together

Kim M. Henning

"WHAT TROUBLES YOU?"

Back in August, we began preparing the devotional you'll be given for Lent. This year's theme is: "When Trouble Comes...." Out of curiosity, I wanted to know your thoughts. So I asked: What problems do you think about?

Where do you see suffering? Who's struggling? I sent out about 50 emails; most of you responded.

Here is some of what you sent me.....

I'm concerned about the behaviors of some people I work with: Loud outbursts, disrespect, bullying. What is the root cause? It is related to poverty or alcohol or drug use or behavior they see with their parents?

I'm concerned about the financial needs of our helping agencies (TREP, Hope House, Habitat for Humanity, Domestic Violence Center, Church Camps, Painting Pathways, etc.)

I'm am troubled by the lying we hear on television. Slander and defamation of character are common, and have ruined people's lives and reputations.

What keeps me awake is how thoughtless and uncaring this world has become. Some people are just hatefully cruel.

I'm worried about our poor. We need to help them, but they also need to help themselves.

It makes me sad to see so much gun violence. I see people suffering from substance abuse, mental health, poverty, negligence. I see how adults and children are more glued to their phones than the people around them. Our phones have become modern day idols. I lost two babies. It still hurts. Arrogant people bother me. Disabled people are mistreated. I had a near-death experience. I have children who have genetic conditions. I know people who are alcoholics. It troubles me to observe the trauma that has occurred to others. The stigma of mental health and drug abuse is more destructive than the actual trauma. People with depression have courage.

I am saddened by the cruel judgements human beings have against their fellow human beings. Most are doing their very best to survive. We could drive ourselves crazy with the politics of the world. I think we need to be more sensitive to struggles of people who are our neighbors. The suffering of our grandson's suicide is more than I can wrap my head around. We have no comprehension of how strong addictions are. He was stressed by an addiction he could not conquer. Suffering begets suffering. People can't talk about their pain. Everyone is struggling and grieving at some level. What troubles you? The opioid epidemic. Our government leaders who bully rather than lead. Our inability to talk about some sort of gun control. I have one son who is 43 and has not found himself in any way that provides stability. I see too much white supremacy. I am troubled by scapegoating of immigrants. Is it wrong to want to feed your family? What are we scared of?

Health care is expensive. I see some who can't pay for medical bills. Some people have no space for God in their lives. I see people struggling to keep their heads above water. Some just don't have enough, and of course some make poor choices but don't we all. Not many seem to enjoy the life God has given us to live. I worry about our youth. The media gives them the wrong impression of the good life. People are lonely. Social media is a sign of our loneliness. We want to appear connected but you're not connected with just words on a screen. I just wish my children would believe and trust in God. Our youth are struggling with angry personalities. I can't imagine what they feel from their parents or their friends.

I trust we can persevere with each other through our trust in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Choosing just one.... from Pastor Colie

A few months ago, I wrote about the “Pastor Q+A” Sunday that we had this summer. Today, I’d like to focus on another question that was written that Sunday but not addressed within the service: “If you could preach on ONE Bible story every week, which would you choose? And why?”

I thought this at first would be a simple question, but the more I think about it, the more complicated it gets. At first, I was thinking about trying to name my favorite Bible stories... Some of my favorite characters are smaller ones: Shiphra and Puah, the midwives at the beginning of the Exodus story (see Exodus 1:6-21), are amazingly brave (not to mention totally hilarious); Queen Vashti (Esther 1:1-21) is fiercely self-confident and self-respecting. The story of Peter and Cornelius (Acts 10:1-11:18) is one of my faves, the way that Peter and his friends seem baffled by God’s movement among the Gentiles (scandal!), but then decide “Who are we to try to stop God?” But perhaps even these people who I love to think about, the stories that are my favorites to tell, I would preach on once or twice or three times, but then feel a little tapped out on how much could be said about them.

I thought about the story of Moses.... But then I thought, like the “story of Jesus”, that is probably too much to qualify as “one story” as intended in the question. 😊

Since we’re approaching Christmas, I thought about the stories of Jesus’s birth (Matthew 1-2 and Luke 1-2), which both have a lot to say about God, faith, human fear, hope, love, and so many other themes of faith that speak so well to us and the world we live in, even two thousand years later. I thought too about the Easter stories – Jesus and Mary Magdalene (John 20), Jesus on the beach with the disciples (John 21), Jesus and the disciples on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24) – stories of resurrection, about how God takes situations that seem bleak and empty and dead and brings hope and love and life back again. These are stories that make us who we are as Christians, as ones who follow the Christ, and many of the sermons I preach reference or point back to the resurrection stories. Those certainly could be possibilities if I had to choose just one.

And then I thought of something else..... that Jesus himself was a master storyteller. And so, if I had to choose just one story, maybe I would choose one of the stories that Jesus himself told. Jesus often taught in the form of Parables – simple stories that use every day life to illustrate a spiritual or moral lesson. Or, at least, they *seem* simple... What makes parables so rich is that there is so much there. So many different details to look at, so many different angles to examine. What I’ve learned over the years is that there is no one right answer to what a parable teaches or what it means. Faithful people all over the world often come to different conclusions, depending on their life experience and understanding of the world.

If I chose just one parable, I would choose the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32). First, there are several different characters to focus on, the younger brother, the older brother, and their father. Each can teach us a lot about who we are and who God is and how we might try to live faithfully. Second, I’ve learned recently about how you view the primary problem or sin in this story depends on your perspective. The Bible scholar Mark Allen Powell has studied this in several cultures – In the US, we nearly always identify the sin as greed or wastefulness on the part of the younger brother, the “prodigal” one. Bible students in Russia, however, overwhelmingly identify the problem of the story as the famine (did you know that a famine struck? Luke 15:14), and the son’s sin as trying to be self-sufficient. Seminary students in Tanzania recognize something else as the primary sin in the story: the wider community’s lack of response to the son’s need (Luke 15:16).* No one of these answers is THE right answer – they all are. I think that’s why Jesus spoke in parables --- to get us to think and to struggle, to learn from one another by talking together.

So if I were to choose just one, perhaps that is what I would choose: Luke 15:11-32. But if you ask me again in a few weeks, maybe I’ll have a different answer..... This question is hard!

*You can find more details about this comparison across cultures in this article:

<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/blogs/trevin-wax/notice-the-famine-how-your-location-impacts-your-bible-interpretation/>. Or, talk to our own Karl Kuhn, who wrote about this conversation in his book, *Having Words With God*.

ADVENT OFFERING: WHAT IF? FOUNDATION



Tell me about the What If? Foundation.....

The *What If Foundation* was created in 2000 by Margaret Trost, a young mother and business owner, and Father Gerard Jean-Juste, a celebrated Haitian human rights activist. Margaret met Father Jeri and was inspired by his commitment to social justice. Margaret wrote the book *On That Day, Everybody Ate* which describes the birth of the *What If Foundation*.

Father Jeri had a vision. He told Margaret “First we feed the children, we keep them alive. Then we focus on education.” We have been working with the Ti Plas Kazo community to fulfill Father Jeri’s vision ever since. “*Piti piti na rive*” is Margaret’s favorite Creole saying. It means “little by little, we will arrive.” The *What If Foundation* was founded on the belief that food security and education are critical to breaking the cycle of poverty and that every act of service makes a difference.

Why does Grace Congregational Church Promote this offering?

Some of us are concerned about self-indulgent spending during the season of Christmas. A gift to the What If? Foundation is an expression of our faith in Jesus Christ and his love for the poor. We learned about the What If? Foundation through the Rev. Fred Trost, a former Conference Minister in Wisconsin whose daughter is Margaret (above). The singer, song writer and pastor, Bryan Sirchio, is on the Board for the What If? Foundation. He leads ‘reverse mission trips’ to Haiti.

What Impact has the What If? Foundation had upon poverty in Haiti?

Over nineteen years, the What If? Foundation has helped provide more than 5 million meals to hungry children and families. The food program is managed by local residents. The food is purchased from local farmers. The What If? Foundation has funded thousands of scholarships, and more recently helped build the Fr. Jeri School which has become a beacon of hope

Can you tell me more about the What If? Foundation?

Two members of our church have personally observed the work of the church in Haiti. Do you have questions? Pose them to Betty Becker and Don DeBruyn. On November 24, the Rev. Fred Trost is going to speak at our Sunday morning worship services. We will invite him to our adult study class. Read Margaret Trost’s book, “On the Day that Everyone Ate.”

The simple mission of the What If? Foundation is to feed and educate impoverished children in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, providing hope and opportunity for a brighter future.





CHRISTMAS CAROLING
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1st 3:00 TO 5:00 P.M.
SIGN-UP AT THE INFORMATION CENTER

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**WE will provide songbooks; WE will provide people to sing to.**  
**YOU PROVIDE YOUR VOICE, YOUR LOVE FOR JESUS;**  
**YOUR CARE FOR PEOPLE**  
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ONE group will meet and sing in Manitowoc;
ONE group will sing in Two Rivers
Everyone is invited to the Henning home afterward
for soup, cheese and refreshment.
You have the option of bringing something to share with others



**“ A Senior Get-Together at
Grace Congregational Church”**



Where: Our Church's Fellowship Hall
The Annual Senior Christmas Luncheon will be
When: Tuesday, December 3, 2019
Luncheon 12:30 – 1:30 pm
Bingo 1:30 – 3:00 pm

Questions or if you need a ride
Call 553-4051 (Marsha Heuer)
RSVP
Call the church Office: 553-1222 or
Sign up at the Information Center

YOU'RE INVITED!

**FAMILY
CHRISTMAS
PARTY**

Grace Congregational United Church of Christ
Parents' Group Gathering

**Friday, December 13
4:30-7:30pm**

Stop in anytime for a night of family fun and a chance to connect with other parents! Children of all ages are welcome. We will eat supper around 6pm and have Christmas and Advent themed crafts and games.

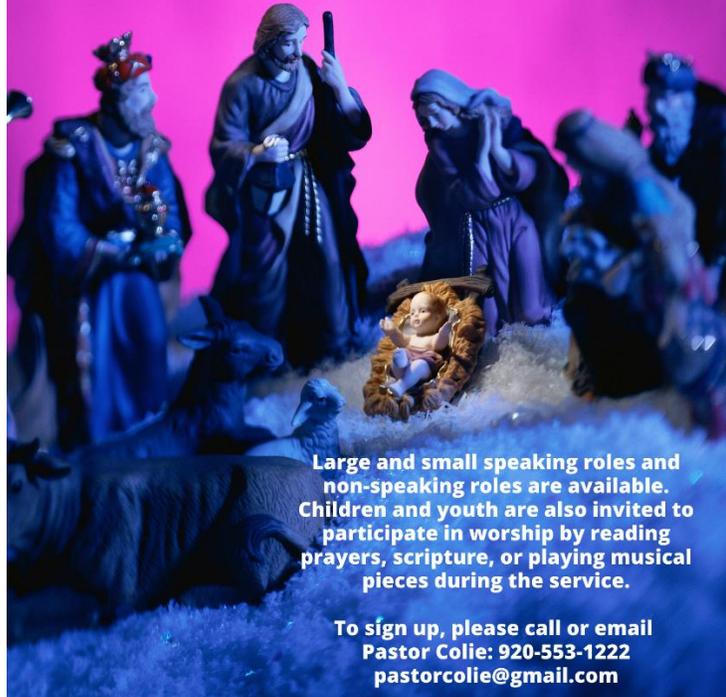
Please RSVP (so we have a count for food and supplies) on the sign up sheet at church or by emailing Pastor Colie: pastorcolie@gmail.com

Sunday, December 15, 10:30am

the children and youth of our church lead worship with a pageant play:

"Don't Freak Out!"

A new twist on the old familiar story



Large and small speaking roles and non-speaking roles are available. Children and youth are also invited to participate in worship by reading prayers, scripture, or playing musical pieces during the service.

To sign up, please call or email
Pastor Colie: 920-553-1222
pastorcolie@gmail.com

GRACE CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Grace Congregational UCC Church will be presenting "The Silence and the Sound" a Christmas Cantata by Heather Sorensen on **Sunday, December 22 at 8:00am and 10:30am.**





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11th ANNUAL Two Rivers Area Christmas Day Dinner.



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Celebrate the Birth of Jesus by sharing a meal and fellowship with friends. A community buffet style dinner will be served on **Christmas Day, December 25, 2019** at St. Peter the Fisherman Church, 3201 Mishicot Road, Two Rivers. Guests are invited to partake in the meal at no personal expense.

Doors will open at **11:00 AM.**

A buffet meal will be served from **11:30 AM to 1:30 PM.**

Guest Reservations are necessary.

Meal delivery is available for Two Rivers residents who are unable to travel to the site. Transportation within the City of Two Rivers is also available.

Carry-out meals may be available after all reservations have been accommodated.

GUEST RESERVATIONS ... must be made no later than December 20

Call **920-793-4043** (Marilyn)

- To make dinner reservations (indicate the number of people).
- To request transportation from and to a Two Rivers address.
- To have meals delivered to a Two Rivers address.

VOLUNTEERS ... please register by December 15

Call **920-793-4043** (Marilyn) If you're willing to provide rides for guests, or deliver meals within the City of Two Rivers.

Call **920-794-8461** (Debbie) If you're willing to serve food or to lend assistance before, during or after the meal.

The event is jointly sponsored by the members and generous benefactors of St. Peter the Fisherman Catholic Church, Grace Congregational United Church of Christ, and Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

CHURCH CABINET

Moderator, Don DeBruyn **Treasurer**, Linda Justema **Clerk**, Rein Elias
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Diaconate Chair, Zachary Peterson
Board of Christian Ed Chair, Katie Ver Haagh
Mission & Outreach Chair, Joe DeGroot
Pastor Kim-Pastor/Parish Chair, Jeff Harding
Pastor Colie-Pastor/Parish Chair, Jim Miller
Members-at-Large, Brianna Brixius & Joe DeGroot

Stewardship Corner for Grace Congregational United Church of Christ

October, 2019

Total 2019 Expected Pledges	\$374,054
Pledge Income Received during October	\$31,184
Pledge Income Needed (on average) to balance the budget	\$31,171
Loose Offering Received during August	\$562
Sunday School Offerings During August	\$31
2019 Shortfall – 35 contributors to date	\$3,700

Please Note: Our constitution prohibits us from using any proceeds from our Endowment Fund to support our day to day ministry at Grace Congregational Church. It is our church's expectation that our members are responsible for the support of this church's ministry as an act of faithfulness to God.

A note from your Trustees:

Thank you for caring for the financial well-being of our church. We did something this fall we've not done before. In advance of year's end, we projected a financial short-fall that we thought you'd want to know about. 35 of you have contributed \$3700 towards that deficit. We are 1/3 of the way towards our goal. On our part, we (the Trustees) are working on health insurance options that will better control this quarterly expense. On your part, we hope that next

NEW CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS ADOPTED

In January 2018, leaders of our church boards and our pastors voiced a need to review and revise our church constitution, which had been adopted in 1962. Terminology and language needed updating, new committees and positions had been created since then, and some of our current procedures did not strictly match descriptions in the constitution. The Cabinet voted to appoint a committee to this task, and approved the membership of the committee in April 2018. Starting last May, the committee began a thorough review and rewrite of the constitution and broke out a set of bylaws. They presented their work at an informational session on September 15 and incorporated several suggestions into their final draft, which was made available to members by September 27. A special congregational meeting was called for October 27 to decide whether to adopt the proposed new constitution and bylaws. Around 40 members attended that meeting and all voted in favor of adopting them.

The new constitution and bylaws were sent by email to all members who received the November church newsletter, along with a letter explaining changes from the previous constitution. Paper copies are also available from the church office on request. If you serve as an officer or are on a Board or committee, please review the sections that apply to your area of service. And if you want to know more about a position for which you are asked to serve, you can find a description in these documents.

Thank you to members of the Constitution Committee and to all who provided input to this effort.

Thank you's Expressed

SUNDAY SUPPER THANK YOU

I would like to say a **huge thank you** to all of our church members who donated to the Sunday Supper. I really appreciate your willingness to help with this community dinner. The numbers are still down, we only served 51 guests and 14 workers. **Special thanks** for the wonderful desserts that were made by Shelby Bohman, Mickey Veleke, and Linda Justema. I also want to thank everyone who contributed financially to help cover the cost of this meal, and Pastor Colie who came and led us in prayer.

Again, I need to say a heartfelt thank you to Betty Becker, Shelby Bohman, Don DeBruyn, Steve Dresang, Barry and Diane Grimmer, Linda Justema, William Otto, Joan and Tony Taddy, Gail Trenholm, and Jean Wondrash. They gave of their precious time on a Sunday to help prepare, serve, and clean up after the meal. I truly appreciate the great crew that always helps with this event. I could not represent Grace UCC in our community without each and every one of you. Thank you all for the effort you put into making Sunday Supper a great event. Charlene Dresang



On November 10 the Adult Choir teamed with The Wisconsin Gospellers, a UCC based vocal group made up of members from all around Wisconsin. The two groups rehearsed and got to know each other on Saturday and then presented their gospel music to the congregation on Sunday. Thank you to everyone who made The Gospellers feel at home when they were here!

HUGE THANK YOU

Thank you to all who contributed to a successful Chili Dinner and Raffle. Many volunteered their time to help and/or made items that made it a success. And thanks to all who chose to support it by attending and enjoying the Chili dinner. Despite the snowy and slippery morning the lunch crowd still came out, and supper was even better attended. Proceeds from the Women of Grace fund-raisers supports chosen missions and helps to keep the kitchen supplied and running. Your support is greatly appreciated.

THANK YOU FROM LORI WANIGER

A few years ago, my husband and I were looking for a different church and we had planned on attending here on a regular basis when he was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. He passed away shortly after that. I then decided to continue on with our plans to attend Grace Congregational UCC. I felt welcome immediately. Pastor Kim & Pastor Colie were/are very caring and welcoming. I have already made many wonderful friendships and treasure them all. I look forward to making many more. I joined the church two years ago, along with my two sons, Eric and David, who now live in Green Bay.

Last year I was diagnosed legally blind and cannot drive anymore, among other things. I have had an Outpouring of kindness and love from many of you. You have offered to drive me places, bring me to church, have coffee, prepare meals, invite and bring me to church activities, prepare a very large print bulletin so that I am able to participate in worship. I could go on and on, but this would get way too long.

Words cannot express how much you, my church family, means to me. I am so happy and very blessed to have found a loving, caring church family. Thank you so much! God Bless Lori Waniger

WOMEN OF GRACE NEWS AND NOTES

Next Meeting: Saturday, December 7th @ 9am in the Fellowship Hall

Thank you, Grace Church! The Women Of Grace's Chili Dinner/Bazaar/Raffles fundraiser was huge success! Even though the roads were snowy and slippery, the turnout of people was fantastic. Thank you for supporting us! Thank you to those who donated items, made the food, helped with the setup, clean up, serving the food and running the event. A great big THANK YOU to Ann Kleman and Pamela Van Ess who co-chaired the Chili Dinner. We couldn't have done it without your excellent leadership and support!

The Women Of Grace are having their 4th annual **Christmas Cookie and Socks Exchange on Saturday, December 7th @ 9 am in the Fellowship Hall**. If you want to participate in the cookie exchange, bring 2-3 dozen cookies, a container to put your new cookies in, and a plate of 6 cookies to eat at the party. For the sock exchange, buy a new inexpensive pair of Christmas socks, fill each sock with an assortment of gifts such as trinkets, lotion, candy, ornaments, etc. that equal \$15.00. Tie the socks up in a bow. Put them in a brown paper bag so we can't see the filled socks. We will then exchange our socks, see what we received and then take a picture of all of us with our new socks on! We've had so much fun in the past years and every year the fun gets better! All women are welcome! Please sign up today if you plan on attending this wonderful event! Sign up sheet is on the Information desk.

Remember, all women members of Grace Church are members of Women Of Grace!

Merry Christmas and Blessings, Amy LeGreve

EQUAL EXCHANGE CHRISTMAS BASKETS

A Christmas basket from Equal Exchange is a wonderful gift to give and will be much appreciated by the recipient. You get to set the price and pick which wonderful items will make up your gift. Choose from several types of coffee, tea, nuts or olive oil. Of course no Equal Exchange Christmas basket is complete without some delicious chocolate. Baskets can be picked up the first 3 Sunday's in December.



Ordering ahead will allow you to choose what you would like in your baskets, set your price, and for us to have them made up ahead of time. Fill out a form and turn it in and we will get them made up when you need them. **Orders placed before December 8 are really appreciated.** You may pay when you pick up the basket. We will also have others made up that you can take as they are. Either way, these baskets are a gift you can feel good about purchasing and giving.

We will be selling the first 3 Sundays in December.

January 1, Equal Exchange will be raising their prices. It is not known at this time if some or all items will see an increase, but Mission & Outreach will also need to increase the selling prices. So....., you know what to do!

Your purchase of Equal Exchange products not only supports small farmers around the world, but also helps supply the coffee you enjoy during TAC and other meals at church. Thank you for your continued support of Equal Exchange products. Sincerely, *Mission & Outreach*

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE CABINET and FROM OUR MODERATOR

As of November 19, our Treasurer reports that \$3900 has been received in response to the special appeal from our Trustees to help close the shortfall expected in receipts to meet our 2019 budget. If you are able, please consider contributing to this effort, as we still are anticipating a shortfall of around \$4000. And we need everyone who can to fulfill their pledge for this calendar year. Our Trustees have kept expenses under their control within budget, with the exception being snow removal for 2019.

In response to the Stewardship presentations, around 100 pledge cards for 2020 have been returned to date. Our Trustees need an estimate of pledge income to develop the budget for next year, so please return your completed pledge card as soon as possible.

Our newly adopted bylaws (article 5.1) state, "Grace Congregational United Church of Christ welcomes into membership all persons of every race, culture, age, gender identity, sexual orientation, ability, economic status and family structure." As we seek to be more welcoming to the diverse members of our communities, our Open and Affirming Task Force is discussing ways to better communicate and practice this. If you have ideas and wish to participate in this conversation, consider attending one of their meetings, which are listed in the monthly church calendar.

We have also learned that the new language in our bylaws qualifies us to be considered "Open and Affirming" by the United Church of Christ and to be listed with other such congregations on their website.

Renee Anderson from our congregation serves on the Board of Directors of the Two Rivers Mishicot Ecumenical Pantry and informs us that the Pantry wants to establish a Board of Advisors to help them with financial planning for sustaining their operations into the future. If you have an interest in serving as a representative from Grace to this effort, please speak to Renee or Moderator Don DeBruyn.

GENERATION G UPCOMING EVENTS

Generation G has been meeting Wednesday night's from 7-8pm in the youth room, studying the book of Mark. We also went shopping so we could send out some fun Christmas packages to college youth who have shared their addresses and our military personnel in the bulletin. This year that comes to 21 packages going out to remind people that they are missed and loved here at Grace. The money to purchase those gifts came from the Generation G account— raised from Easter Breakfast and our Easter Seroogy chocolate sale.

December 1 — there is Caroling with the church

Saturday, December 7 we are going to the Cloverton concert at the Cup o Joy in Green Bay. Tickets have been pre-purchased and we are excitedly looking forward to the concert.

We will be having a **Christmas party December 18th** with more information to be shared with the youth beforehand.

There will be **NO Generation G youth group December 25 or January 1** as many people will be with family, celebrating the holidays!

If you have any questions— please contact Nicole Herda at nlherda@yahoo.com or (920)242-8308. Merry Christmas!

CONFIRMATION – UPCOMING DATES

December 4: class 6-7:10pm

God's repeated call to return: The call of Samuel (lesson 1c6); and Israel's kings and exile

December 11: class 6-7:10pm

God comes into the world in Jesus: John the Baptist in the Wilderness and the Annunciation story (lesson 1d1 and 1d2)

December 18: class 6-7:10pm

Mentor Night. Advent/Christmas/Epiphany Party – Mentor session 3

~~December 25: NO CLASS~~

~~January 1: NO CLASS~~

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 | Jill Richmond
Joel Evenson
Dorothy Holschbach
Fran Ozanne | 18 | Joyce Tome
Bill Hampton-Gregory
Jon Backus |
| 2 | Megan Christensen | 19 | Randy Meissner |
| 3 | Melvin Erickson
Judie Root | 20 | Allison Gallagher |
| 5 | Alanna Duvall
Lindsey Eis | 22 | Bruce Suettinger
Lana Linzmeier
Connie Steffen
Colleen Collins |
| 6 | Brad Seefeldt | 25 | Jack Goedjen
Holly Pietenpol
Olivia Duvall |
| 8 | Andrea Allington
Jason Allington
Rachel Guex
Clare Schuette
Nicole Drew | 26 | Mark Kornely
Nicholas Wagner |
| 10 | Ashton Peterson
Betty Amuzu | 27 | Jim Bohman |
| 11 | Sarah Coenen
Austin Krueger
Wendy Smith | 28 | Beckett Evenson |
| 12 | Lydia Snyder
Tim Klein
Kaleb Heuer | 30 | Kelcie Shimulunas
Chelcea Boesiger
Alex Richmond
Mark Rhein |
| 13 | Donna Fehrman
Sophia Grumann
Chris Lewis
Owen Heuer
Tabitha Seefeldt
Jim Reif | 31 | Joe Brandt
Laura Steeber
Shane Kahlenberg
Colin Griffin
Ron Eggers |
| 14 | Vicky Swoboda | | |
| 15 | Jax Coenen | | |
| 16 | Todd Tome | | |
| 17 | Marcia Robbins | | |

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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| 3 | Troy & Shelly Jascob |
| 5 | Troy & Nicole Thor |
| 18 | John & Gail Schanilec |
| 24 | Scott & Jill DeRosier |
| 28 | Don & Brenda DeBruyn
Max & Colisa Onderbeke |
| 29 | James & Barbee Lester |
| 30 | Charles & Jane Lohmeyer |
| 31 | Mike & Becky Price |

LAKESHORE MEMORY CAFÉ ACTIVITIES FOR DECEMBER

DECEMBER 7TH – MANITOWOC PUBLIC LIBRARY – Manitowoc
DECEMBER 17TH – LESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY – Two Rivers



Merry Christmas ! We are treated today with Violin Player Lydia playing your favorite Christmas music and songs. We'll get to sing-a-long too & taste some tempting Christmas treats !

Lakeshore Memory Cafés are a program of the Dementia Friendly Community Committee – a partnership of many local organizations, businesses, caregivers and agencies who have joined together to make Manitowoc County more dementia friendly!

GRACE CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY HIGHLIGHTS

HOSPITALIZED

Sarah Coenen was a patient at Aurora Medical Center here in Two Rivers and now recuperating at home.

Paul Schmid was hospitalized at St. Luke's Hospital in Milwaukee. He is now at home.

Kim Larson had two surgeries at St. Luke's Hospital in Milwaukee. At this writing, she is still a patient at the hospital.

Buddy Davidson was hospitalized at Mayo Clinic.

Susan Ertman was hospitalized at Aurora Bay Care. She continues her recovery at Hamilton Care Center.

OUR SYMPATHY

We offer our sympathy to Bob and Sharon Rudolph as they grieve the death of Sharon's uncle, Vernon Hansen.

Darrell Knops died on November 7 at Aurora Bay Care Hospital in Green Bay. A Memorial Service was held at Harrigan Parkside Funeral Home. We offer our sympathy to his wife, Linda, and their three children, Jennifer (Scott), Justin and Jacque.

Ervin Krizek died on Thursday, November 7 at Care Partners where he had resided in recent months. A Memorial Service was held at Klein and Stangel Funeral Home on Thursday, November 14th. We offer our sympathy to Ron Krizek and his family.

Alex LeGreve died on Saturday, November 9 at home. A Memorial Service was held at Grace Congregational Church on Thursday, November 14th. We offer our sympathy to his wife, Amy, and his children Jennifer and John King, Jerome and Kelly LeGreve, Aaron and Stefanie Berger, and Joshua (Bryan Quinn) LeGreve.

Gretchen Tompson, mother of Rachel Tompson, died on Tuesday November 12. A celebration of Gretchen's life will be held at a later date. We offer our sympathy to Rachel (Nate Snyder) and her family.

We offer our sympathy to Paul Smith and their family as they grieve the death of Wendy. Wendy died on Thursday, November 21. The funeral arrangements are pending.....

We offer our sympathy to Aaron and Heidi Springstube and their family as they grieve the death of Aaron's grandfather, Raymond Springstube. A funeral service was held November 23 at Klein and Stangel Funeral Home.

THE BAPTISM OF EASTON JAMES SPEVACEK

Easton James Spevacek did receive the sacrament of Holy Baptism November 3rd. Easton's parents are Nicole Meissner and Matt Spevacek; his sister is Adalyn; his Grandparents are Nic Meissner, Kim Marotz, and Mike and Deb Spevacek; his Great Grandparents are Lucille and the late Rodney Kubichka, James and the late Laverne Tuma, Ron and Joan Meissner, and Jack and Donna Spevacek. Easton's godparents are Dustin Paider and Kasandra Kulpa.

WOMEN'S LUNCHEON GROUP

We would like to invite **ALL women of the church to our Women's Luncheon Group.**

Announcements are usually in the bulletin and in the newsletter. If you need a ride we can usually provide it. **December 10th at Kurtz's in Two Rivers at 11:30 a.m.** Contact Chris Blimel at 793-2204 if you will be going.



- Laundry Detergent
- Kid's Size Winter Gloves and/or Snow Pants
- Hand Soap
- Daily Planners by month (any size)
- Toilet Paper