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**Merry Christmas from the staff of
Grace Lutheran Church**

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Isaiah 9:6
For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us; authority rests upon
his shoulders; and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

CALENDAR - Dec 22-28

Friday

Sunrise Bible Study—Parlor6:30 a.m.
NA Home Group—Stafford Room11:00 p.m.

Saturday

Special Christmas Play Practice—Nave9:30 a.m.
Worship—Chapel6:00 p.m.

Advent 4 - Christmas Eve

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16, Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26
Romans 16:25-27, Luke 1:26-38

Advent Four Worship—Nave 9:00 a.m.
Matu—Chapel1:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve

Worship—Nave4:00 p.m.
Family Worship / Play —Nave7:00 p.m.
Festival Worship—Nave10:00 p.m.

Monday - Office Closed

Tuesday

Wednesday

Community Meal—Fellowship Hall5:30 p.m.

Thursday

Band Practice—Stafford Room8:00 p.m.

Don't forget to sign up for the January 7th Sunday Fellowship—featuring the delicious food of the Bertrand's new restaurant the *Smokestack*!



Sign up sheets are in the Narthex and outside St. Peter Chapel! Hope to see you there!



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Grace Lutheran Church
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www.gracelutheranchurch.com
click on the calendar link at the top of the page.

Attendance for Worship

Worship 18 / 41 / 145 = 204
Sunday School 72

**9 Green Gift Ideas
For The Holiday Season**
HUFFPOST - Green

Want to give gifts that your friends and family will love while still caring about the environment? Giving green gifts is about more than just choosing a sustainable product. There are lots of ways to give gifts that can help your friends be more environmentally conscious or that don't require buying any items at all. Check out these ideas from our gift guide to get you on your way to a happy (and green) holiday!



6. Gifts You Can Make Yourself

Get crafty with homemade candles, paper, lip balms, jewelry, photo prints or hand-knitted scarves. Friends will love the personal touch.

Support Grace Youth attending ELCA YOUTH GATHERING - 2018



Isaacs Gift Cards are being offered for sale! \$10.00 each!

Flocks are also available to fly to a house near you!



Children's Advent Gathering to benefit the Refugees of Hurricane Maria



Donations for Incoming Families

The School District of Lancaster continues to receive families from Puerto Rico and other U.S. Virgin Islands who are relocating to Lancaster as a result of Hurricane Maria.

The district is collecting the following items for these families in need: deodorant, shampoo/conditioner, soap, lotion, socks, underwear, towels, wash cloths, laundry detergent, toothbrushes, toothpaste, feminine hygiene products, brushes and jackets/coats.

Items can be dropped off on the 3rd floor of the Educational Building by the faith tree in the music room until Epiphany. Monetary donations will also be collected in a box located in the Narthex.



Mark your calendar for "Beyond Tolerance"!



Coming up!
Mark your calendar for this five week session
beginning Jan. 7 through Feb. 4
9:00 a.m. in the Auditorium

Week One January 7 - "Why do conservatives need liberals—and vice versa" Arthur Brooks

Week Two January 14 - "What's a better way to talk about abortion?" Aspen Baker

A BIG "Love Does" Thank You!!

I am very grateful to Doug Halter (Sunday mornings), John Saeger (Sunrise Group), Barb Steinmetz (Tuesday mornings) and Rosalyn Ward (WoodCrest Villa Group) for leading Small group studies on Bob Goff's book, "Love Does".

I know some of the participants found Bob a bit outlandish but it definitely gave fodder for some good discussion. I am also very thankful for all of you who took time to participate. May it have enhanced your faith in some way, helped you to know some of your brothers and sisters in Christ in new ways and helped keep you Christ-centered in the busy season of Advent.

If ever you think of a time/place/topic that would entice a small group to participate at an alternate time, do speak up! Love Does!

In Peace, Kath

Parish News ...

Please Keep in Your Prayers For healing from illness or surgery this week: Ann Ross, Catherine Schnader, Lorraine Steele, Pat Suter

Grace folks who have asked for our continued prayers: Gloria Ashby, Bonnie Beecher, Mary Bitts, John & Dolores Byers, Rose Fasig, Ruth Galebach, Jennie Hanna, George & Judy Hansalik, Ellen Hines, Krisi Johnson, Flo Koenig, Pat Long, Bob Martin, Tom Miller, Jeremy Morant, Jim Morant, Mike Ober, Myrna Pierson, Mark Powell, George Ries, Jean Schuam, Dave Schober, Corey Smith, Jay Smoker, Mike Snyder, Harvey Stewart, Pat Stewart, Emma Stumpf, Carolyn Wenger, Janet Wood

Grocery Card Ministry



THANK YOU for your purchases of shopping cards! Grocery cards are available every Sunday morning or by calling ...
Duane and Kitty Weiss at (717) 464-2536.



A reminder from the Financial Secretaries ...



All contributions must be in to the office by Sunday December 31.

Our Financial Secretaries will be posting the 2017 end of year offerings on that day.

Anything received after that date will be reflected on your 2018 statement. Thank you.

Stewardship Snippet

December 24, 2017 (4th Sunday of Advent, Year B)

[The angel Gabriel said to Mary,] "Nothing will be impossible with God." –Luke 1:37



Fear is a big part of our modern life. How would you live if you had no fear? Gabriel's words to Mary are his words to us today: Nothing is impossible with God.
So, stop fearing, have faith, and live!

STEWARDSHIP



Visitors are reminded to take a poinsettia and card to their homebound friends.

Plants may be picked up following the late service Christmas Eve.

