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CALENDAR - Nov 30—Dec 6

Friday

Sunrise Bible Study—Parlor 6:30 a.m.
NA Home Group—Stafford Room 9:00 p.m.

Saturday

Advent Wreath Making—Nave 9:00 a.m.
Worship—Chapel 6:00 p.m.
NA Black Party—Fellowship Hall 9:00 p.m.

Advent One

**Jeremiah 33:14-16, Psalm 25:1-10
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13, Luke 21:25-36**

Worship—Nave 7:45 a.m.
Kyrie Bells—Balcony 8:30 a.m.
Christian Formation 9:00 a.m.
Council with Finance and Renovation Teams—Parlor
Worship—Nave 10:30 a.m.
Advent Fair—Fellowship Hall noon
Matu—Chapel 1:00 p.m.
NA Home Group—Fellowship Hall 7:00 p.m.

Monday

Staff Meeting—Office 10:00 a.m.
Gloria Bells—Balcony 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday

ESL—Auditorium 10:00 a.m.
Lancaster Flute—Fellowship Hall 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Community Meal—Fellowship Hall 5:30 p.m.
Sanctus Bells—Balcony 6:30 p.m.
Property—Stafford Room 7:00 p.m.

Thursday

Small Group—Stafford 10:00 a.m.
ESL—Auditorium 10:00 a.m.
Grace Choir—Balcony 7:15 p.m.
Band Practice—Stafford 8:30 a.m.

NEWSPAPER TREATMENT



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Attendance for Worship

**Worship 9 / 29 / 106 = 144
Sunday School 58**

Eco-Friendly Tips for the Cold and Flu Season

NATURAL HOME REMEDIES

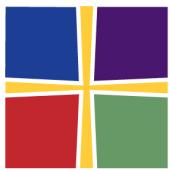
The following are some natural home remedies to combat cold and flu symptoms. Be sure to see your doctor if your cold or flu symptoms worsen, or last longer than a few days. Please note that these remedies should not be used as substitutions for prescriptions or advice from your doctor.

Saltwater: Gargling water with salt helps relieve soreness in the throat. Some believe that the use of salt reduces swelling of the throat and manages bacteria.

Echinacea: This herbal plant that has grown in popularity over recent years for its use as a remedy to fight or prevent the common cold. The herb is available in pill and liquid form, or can even be made into a tea.

Zinc: Zinc helps our bodies maintain a healthy immune system. Some people believe that taking zinc supplements shortens the duration of a cold.

Next week more remedies!



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Schedule for Advent and Christmas Eve!

Saturday / Sunday, December 1/2 - Advent One

- Holy Communion - 6:00 p.m. in St. Peter Chapel
- Holy Communion - 7:45 & 10:30 a.m. in the Nave

Council with Finance and Renovation Teams at 9:00 a.m. in the Parlor - Meeting open to all.
Advent Fair at noon in Fellowship Hall

Saturday / Sunday, December 8/9 - Advent Two

- Holy Communion - 6:00 p.m. in St. Peter Chapel
- Holy Communion - 7:45 & 10:30 a.m. in the Nave

“Politics & Preaching” at 9:00 a.m. in the Parlor (see next pg.)

Saturday / Sunday, December 15/16 - Advent Three

- Holy Communion - 6:00 p.m. in St. Peter Chapel
- Holy Communion - 7:45 & 10:30 a.m. in the Nave

Let’s Talk—Gun Control at 9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

Saturday / Sunday, December 22/23 - Advent Four

- Holy Communion - 6:00 p.m. in St. Peter Chapel
- Holy Communion - 7:45 & 10:30 a.m. in the Nave

Christmas? Bah Humbug! Dress Rehearsal at 9:00 a.m. in the Nave
Decorating of the Nave following the later service. All are welcome.

Monday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m. Prayerful Eucharist

- Our increasingly popular early service.
All the Christmas basics - Scripture, Carols & Pastor’s
Christmas Sermon – with some musical gems as well.

7:00 p.m. Holy Communion Family Service

- Christmas? Bah Humbug! performed by the children of Grace.

10:00 p.m. Holy Communion Festival Worship - Prelude begins at 9:30 pm

- One of Lancaster’s finest volunteer choirs leads our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving for the Incarnation of our Lord. A musical feast in the great tradition of Christmas praise from ancient to modern works by the Grace Choir, Gloria Bell Choir, Chamber Orchestra, and Brass Quintet. The service concludes with the choir and congregation singing Handel’s “Hallelujah” chorus.

Advent
A Season of Hope & Expectation



Conversations on Controversial Topics - 9:00 a.m.

Let's Talk - Conversations on Controversial Topics Lead by the High School Sunday School

Please join the Sr. High Sunday School on Sunday, December 16 in the Fellowship Hall for the next installment of Controversial Topics. Inspired by their time at the Youth Gathering over the summer, our high school students will be leading a discussion on Gun Control. Stay tuned for the date of our final discussion, LGBTQ* equality. We hope you will join us!



Advent Wreath



Our wreath-makers plan to gather on Saturday, Dec. 1, at 9:00 am in the nave to make the large Advent wreath and a small one for the chapel. Anyone who would like to work on this is welcome. It's easy!

If you can contribute greens, we do need lots of them . . . short needle, long needle, and leafy greens (holly - preferably with berries, euonymus, etc.) - the more variety, the better it looks. Please bring either large branches or cuttings at least 2-feet long.

Please leave cuttings on the parking lot planting bed or at chapel entrance by Friday November 30th.

Politics & Preaching—Sunday School Conversation with Pastor V, 12/9

Since our high school youth will be away at the Synod Winterfest Retreat, Pastor Verkouw will be hosting a conversation about the relationship between his call to preach the gospel and interpret the scriptures amid the issues and troubles of the world in which we live, and the political "signs of the times" that fill so much of our public and private conversations. Pastor will help us understand the challenges he faces, and hopes you will be there to help him understand your own feelings, and how you connect faith, scriptures, and politics.

Special Play Practice

Christmas? Bah Humbug! Special Rehearsal - Nave

Saturday, Dec. 22nd, 10 a.m. -12:00 p.m.

This rehearsal is encouraged for all students (pre-school optional)



Poinsettia Orders

Poinsettia orders are due
Sunday, Dec. 16th.
Plants are \$10.00 each.



A message from our Financial Secretary ...

Do you need to catch up on your pledge? Want to make an end of year donation? The Financial Secretary is asking that all end of year donations be in the office by Friday December 28 in order to be credited for 2018. Donation received after Sunday December 30 will be credited in 2019.

Thank you Judy Resch

Prayer List

Please Keep in Your Prayers ...

For healing from illness or surgery this week: Muriel Lepley, Laura Lindt, Betty Mahler, Bev Wagaman

Grace folks who have asked for our continued prayers: Charles Albright, Gloria Ashby, Martha Baranek, Bonnie Beecher, Mary Bitts, John & Dolores Byers, Earl Dinger, Nanci Eriksson, Rose Fasig, George Fraser, Jr., Ruth Galebach, Barry Gentzler, George & Judy Hansalik, Carl Hartman, Ellen Hines, Phyllis Jackson, Barbara Kline, Barb & Ed Krimmel, Tom Miller, Jeremy Morant, Jim Morant, Joseph Nolt, Mike Ober, Lewis Oswald, Chris Payonk, Myrna Pierson, Karin Randazzo, Bonnie Ries, George Ries, Nataleigh Roberts, Jean Schaum, Dave Schober, Corey Smith, Jay Smoker, Donna Snyder, Phyllis Stahl, Harvey & Pat Stewart, Emma Stumpf, Gwen Tabbutt, Peter & Suzanne Verkouw, the Weisneck Family, Carolyn Wenger, Janet Wood

Grocery Cart Donation

Grace Lutheran recently donated 117 pounds of food to the Lancaster County Council of Churches Food Bank from the grocery cart in the Narthex. Thank you to everyone who contributes to this ministry.

Thanks to Duane Weiss for delivering our donation.

The following are staples that they are always in need of: canned fruit, oatmeal, soups, tuna, canned beans, peanut butter, dry pasta, cat food, dog food, and reusable grocery totes.



Stewardship Snippets

Dec. 2, 2018 (1st Sunday of Advent, Year C)

Psalm 25:4 Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.



STEWARDSHIP

The First Sunday of Advent's theme is hope. Christians find our hope in God. We hunger for God and ask for guidance and strength to live fully as steward/disciples.

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.



Looking for Volunteers!

Do you like children and crafts? Maybe you really love story telling?



If you do please consider helping Kath with Fishbowl time during the 10:30 worship. Fishbowl is a wonderful chance to have story-telling time, great discussions and a craft with the wonderful children of Grace. Can you commit to one Sunday, once a month, twice a year? Please contact Kath or the church office for more details.

In hope, Kath Verkouw

