

Grace Lutheran Church
is a caring community
of disciples, proclaiming
the good news of
Jesus Christ.

Grace Notes

December, 2019

“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,/ to the house of the God of Jacob;/ that he may teach us his ways/ and that we may walk in his paths.” Faith is how our Father has written His ways in our hearts. We do not know them on our own. We don’t discover them. God has revealed Himself to us in His Son Jesus Christ. And His Son’s Church is the house of the God of Jacob. When we gather to worship, the Spirit is with us, revealing the ways of God, drawing us closer to the Father through the Son. I fall on my knees when I think of the awesome gift of faith! Alleluia and Amen.

As we come to the end of the Church year, think about telling a friend about our worship together. Invite them to join us and see what a joyful family we are. And as we move into the beautiful meditation of Advent, encourage them to come wait for the birth of our Savior with us.

Wednesday evenings at 5:30pm we gather for evening prayer as we sing “Joyous Light”. Worship is a beautiful way to mark the mid-week and bring grace to your everyday life. Join us.

The first Saturday of this month, December 7th, you are invited to my place for a gathering of friends and family. Hors d’oeuvres and drinks will be served. All we need is you. 400 Agate Street, Houghton. 2pm-5pm. Call me if you have questions.

Youth Ministry is a gift to the Church of tomorrow. Your gifts and help are needed. If you are interested and feel called to help us create a new youth ministry program (grades 6-8) for our kids, let me or Katie know.

December 12-14 I will be in San Antonio wrapping up my clinical education with my jail ministry. I will be back in time for worship on the 15th, assuming all goes well in Chicago. I will let you know who the emergency coverage will be that week.

My sermons are all posted online at www.gracesoutherange.com/sermons/ and on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/user/cavalerima>. If you miss us on Sunday, you can still read or listen to the preaching of the Word.

There is a bin for comments on my sermons in the narthex and comment forms in the bulletins. All of your insights are appreciated. Thanks to everyone who has contributed. Your reflections are a great help to me.

Do you have dreams for our church? Have you had an idea you wish you could try out on our congregation? Talk to me. Grace is your church. Let's make it what you need it to be.

As always, I am here for you and want to hear from you. Drop by my office, grab me after church or stop me at Walmart... I look forward to talking with you.

With faith and hope and love,

Micah

Vicar Micah Cavaleri

Office Hours

Tuesday from 1:00pm to 3:00pm
Wednesday from 9:00am to 3:00pm
Thursday from 1:00pm to 3:00pm

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Sermons Available Online

www.gracesoutherange.com
www.youtube.com/user/cavalerima

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Thanks to all dedicated choir members who share your voice with us. Thank you, Emily, for sharing your musical talent with us at Grace Lutheran.

Notes from the office

Would you like to start receiving a weekly devotion from the church office on Mondays? Please send Katie your name and email address.

Newsletter items are due in the office the last week of the month.

Please save your Econo receipts and return them to a box in the library. Grace receives 1% of the total receipts.

If we do not have your birthday or anniversary, please let us know.

Birthdays

Karen Johnson 3

Chloe Snell 6

Mac Raffaelli 8

Annette Mattfolk 9

Ethan Tormala 15

Nora Smith 17

Carrie Karvakko 18

Susan Beck 21

Evelyn Wisniewski 21

Allison Harma 26

Gary Raffaelli 6

Katie Bridgers 7

Delores Paavola 9

Dylan Nettell 12

Jordan Tormala 15

Jean Belkonen 18

Dominick Nettell 20

Mackenzie Graham 21

Cara Wightman 22

Angela Gau 28

Anniversaries

Jason and Katie Tormala 1

Annette and Brian Mattfolk 14

Bill and Sandra Mannisto 21

LET HIS PEACE
FILL YOUR HEART



His name
shall be called
Wonderful
Counselor
Mighty God
Everlasting Father
Prince of Peace
Isaiah 9:6

Quilters

Wednesday,
Dec. 4th & 18th

Did You Miss A Sermon?

Vicar Micah's sermons are now on YouTube.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/cavalerima>

You may also find past and current sermons on our web page.

<http://www.gracesoutrange.com/>

Knit, Pray, Crochet

Every Tuesday,
1:00pm
All are welcome.

December Dates

Advent Services

Wednesday evenings at 5:30pm
(Wed. Dec. 4th, 11th, & 18th)

Open House at Vicar Micah's

Saturday, December 7th
2:00pm to 5:00pm

Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 8th
11:00am

Sunday School

Christmas Program

Sunday, December 15th
11:00am

Christmas Eve Services

Tuesday, December 24th
4:00pm and 9:00pm

Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 29th
11:00am

December Worship Text

Sunday, Dec. 1

Matthew 24:36-44
The sudden coming
of salvation.

Sunday, Dec. 8

Christmas Concert

Matthew 3:1-12
Prepare the way
of the Lord.

Sunday, Dec. 15

Matthew 11:2-11
The forerunner
of Christ

Sunday, Dec. 22

Matthew 1:18-25
Our God
near at hand.

Sunday, Dec. 24

Nativity of Our Lord

Luke 2:1-20
God with Us

Sunday, Dec. 29

Lessons and Carols

Matthew 2:13-23
The slaughter
of innocent children

ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

Sunday, January 19th

In case of inclement weather,
the meeting will be Jan. 26th.

**Please get your end of year reports
into Katie by Monday, December 23rd.**

Lutheran Dictionary

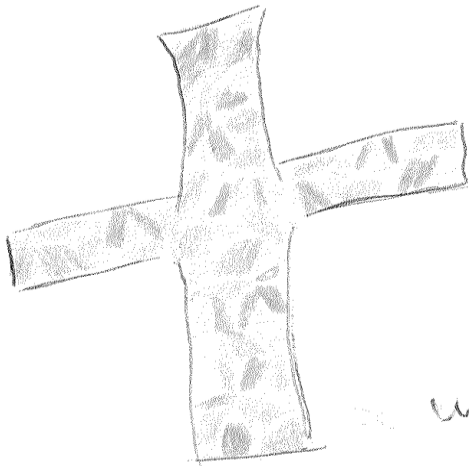
by: Walter Lieder
Concordia Publishing House
Saint Louis, Missouri

Evangelist: 1. A writer of one of the four Gospels of Christ's life: Matthew, Mark, Luke, John. 2. A traveling preacher of the Gospel.

Laity: The people of the Church as distant from the clergy; laymen.

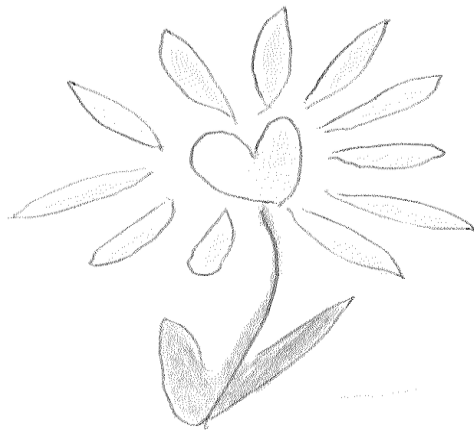
Regeneration: Rebirth; the new birth; conversion. (Titus 3:5)

Sponsor: A godfather or godmother. The duties of a sponsor are: 1. At the Baptism to serve as a witness and, in the child's name, to confess the Christian faith; 2. to act as spiritual guardian; if necessary, as guarantee of Christian education; 3. to pray for the child.



Thanks, mutual
ministry committee!

working together



Thanks, prayer
chain members!

Prayer
Requests

Little Brothers Coffee

Little Brothers is getting ready for their Christmas Food Box Project. They are asking Grace Lutheran to help provide 20 small cans of coffee. If you would like to help there is a box in the narthex to drop off your donation. Thank you for your help this Christmas season.



Grace Lutheran is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.



Would you like to supply the church with a poinsettia or other winter flower in memory or honor of a loved one?

In memory/honor of:

From:

After the Christmas Season:

_____ I will take my plant

_____ Use it at the church

Don't forget to come enjoy our Christmas Concert and our Sunday School Christmas Program.



Would you like to receive any of the following by email? If so, please let Katie know.

- ★ Weekly Devotion (Mondays)
- ★ Tuesday's Grace Note
- ★ Monthly Newsletter

If you do not have a computer, and would like the newsletter mailed to you, please let Katie know.

Our Hearts to Their Homes

Jean Simila at HCMC
Susan Koskela at Home
Delores Paavola at home
Eleanor Maki at the HCMC
Jan Mikkola at the Bluffs
Amanda Mountjoy at home
Bill & Sandra Mannisto at the Bluffs

Service Workers for December

	Dec. 1	Dec. 8	Dec. 15	Dec. 22	Dec. 29
Counters	Pam Long Heather Aro	Chris DeForge Sue Slinde	Jean Baillod Karen Houle	Karen Houle Karen Johnson	Jean Baillod Heather Aro
Reader	Carolyn Rundman	None Needed	None Needed	Alice Kolehmainen	None Needed
Ushers	Heather Aro Dave Aro	Pam Long Tommy Savola	Tommy Savola Paul Bridgers		
Acolyte & Bell Ringer	Youth	Youth	Youth	Youth	Youth
Communion Assistant	Pam Long	None Needed	Sue Slinde	Katie Bridgers	None Needed
Greeter	Tom Stimac	Chris Bohjanen		Sally and Don Rule	
Fellowship	Pie Social	Christmas Concert Fellowship	Sunday School Program Fellowship	None	Lessons & Carols Christmas Goodies
Sunday School Teacher	Katie Bridgers Janet Kokko	Katie Bridgers Janet Kokko	Sunday School Christmas Program	No Sunday School	No Sunday School

	Dec. 24th 4:00pm	Dec. 24th 9:00pm
Reader		Janet Kokko
Usher	Bridgers family	
Counters		Janet Kokko M. Bohjanen
Communion Assistant	Cara Wightman	Janet Kokko
Greeter	Pam Long	



Grace Lutheran Congregational Contact Information

Volunteer Coordinators

Acolytes/Bell Ringers	Katie Bridgers	482-2011
Altar Duty	Chris Davis	482-5567
Communion	Chris DeForge	482-8068
Counters	Marianne Bohjanen	482-8459
Funeral Servers	Chris Davis	482-5567
Readers	Cheryl Stimac	281-7909
Fellowship	Carolyn Rundman	482-6344
Ushers	Pam Long	482-4065
Greeters	Chris Davis	482-5567
Ride Coordinator	Katie Bridgers	482-2011
Office Volunteers	Katie Bridgers	482-2011
Gardening	Janet Kokko	482-2368

Building & Grounds Maintenance

Tom Stimac 281-7910 Joe DeForge 482-8068
Tom Savola 281-5494 Katie Bridgers 482-2011

Grace Lutheran Council

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Heather Aro 482-0341
Cheryl Stimac 281-7909
Chris Bohjanen 482-8459

LCW News

The LCW Christmas project is going to a needy church member. There are envelopes on the table in the Narthex. Please give what you can. We would like to have all donations in by the **8th of December**.

The ladies have decided not to do a community Christmas party this year. Instead we will do a community event in the spring. The date is still to be determined.

Instead of our usual meeting in December it was decided to go out to eat at the Ramada in Hancock. This will happen on December 9th, meeting at the church at 6:00, dinner at 6:30. If you are interested in going, there is a sign-up sheet on the table in the back of the church. All females are invited to join us and bring a friend or two, she does not need to be a member of Grace.

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
						
1 9:15 Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Pie Social Anniversary Fellowship	2	3 11:30 Knit, Pray, Crochet Lunch at Pilgrim River 1:00 Knit, Pray, Crochet	4 9:45 Prayer Service 10:00 Cup of Grace 11:00 Bible Study 1:00 Quilting 5:30 Advent Worship Service	5 12:30 Games at Grace	6 8:00 AA	7 2:00 to 5:00 Open House at Vicar Micah's
8 9:15 Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Christmas Concert 12:00 Fellowship	9 LCW Supper 6:00 Meet at Church 6:30 Ramada	10 1:00 Knit, Pray, Crochet	11 9:45 Prayer Service 10:00 Cup of Grace 11:00 Bible Study 5:30 Advent Worship Service	12 12:30 Games at Grace	13 8:00 AA	14
15 9:45 Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Sunday School Christmas Program 12:00 Fellowship	16	17 1:00 Knit, Pray, Crochet 6:30 Council	18 9:45 Prayer Service 10:00 Cup of Grace 11:00 Bible Study 1:00 Quilting 5:30 Advent Worship Service	19 12:30 Games at Grace	20 8:00 AA	21
22 9:45 Choir 11:00 Worship ----- 29 11:00 Lessons and Carols 12:00 Christmas Goodie Fellowship	23 Annual Meeting Reports Due Into Office ----- 30	24 4:00 and 9:00 Christmas Eve Worship ----- 31 1:00 Knit, Pray, Crochet	25 Little Brothers Christmas Meal 	26	27 8:00 AA	28

