

**Healing Haiti opportunity – Elder Specialty Trip** from February 25-March 4. Our team is slowly building, and I feel so blessed by everyone who is showing interest. This is our second year of having an Elder focused trip! We would do a medical assessment, psychosocial assessment, PT assessment and a spiritual care assessment. Last year we also did a health fair of sorts and invited people to this for blood pressure checks, a PT assessment, and prayer. We didn't provide much hands-on care, so this year we are looking for someone to do bed baths and massages! We are open to anyone that has a desire to serve the Elders! No clinical license of any sort is needed, just the willingness to be present and love on these wonderfully beautiful people! Our own Marni Severson (marniseverson@gmail.com) and Jody Eifert (jodyeifert59@gmail.com) are leading the trip. People can get more information from either of them or myself Lori Weller (gardenhere2@gmail.com).

**We are collecting** new, wrapped bars of soap to be shared with people in our community and people in the mission field. Please make a stop in the soap aisle and pick up one or more bars of soap to share with those who do not have this precious gift that we often take for granted. Place soap in the basket in the Gathering Space under the poster marked soap.

*Christmas/New Year's Worship Schedule*

<u>Christmas Eve</u>	<u>Christmas Day</u>	<u>December 30th</u>
3:30PM Worship	9:00AM Worship	9:00 AM Worship
5:30PM Worship		
10:00PM Candlelight Worship		

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**Grace Garden Childcare Center**  
**Monday-Friday:** 6:45am – 5:30pm  
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**Fall Worship Schedule**

Sundays: 8:30 am  
 10:30 am  
 Faith Formation: 9:30 am

**Summer Worship Schedule**

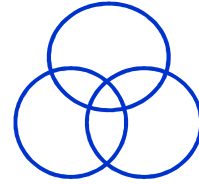
**June-August:**  
 Sundays: 9:00 am

**Church Office Hours Sept-May:**

**Monday-Friday: 8:00 am-5:00 pm**

**Summer Church Office Hours**

**Monday-Thursday 8:00 am-5:00 pm**  
**Fridays: 8:00 am-12:00 pm**



# Grace Lutheran Church

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Sunday, December 23, 2018

**THIS WEEK AT GRACE**

<b>SUNDAY</b> 12/23	8:30 AM	Worship w/Communion
	9:30 AM	No Faith Formation
	10:30 AM	Worship w/Communion
<b>MONDAY</b> 12/24	Church Office Closed	
	3:30 PM	Christmas Eve Worship w/Communion
	5:30 PM	Christmas Eve Worship w/Communion
	10:00 PM	Candlelight Worship in the Chapel
<b>TUESDAY</b> 12/25	<b>Merry Christmas – Church Office Closed</b>	
	9:00 AM	Christmas Worship w/Communion
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 12/26	8am – 4pm	Church office hours
<b>THURSDAY</b> 12/27	8am – 4pm	Church office hours
<b>FRIDAY</b> 12/28	8am – 4pm	Church office hours
<b>SUNDAY</b> 12/30	9:00 AM	Worship w/Communion

**The Church office will be closed Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, Monday, December 31<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**Welcome Visitors!** We are delighted to have you here. Our worship service and announcements will be projected on the screen. If you are looking for a church home, we would love to talk with you and answer any questions you may have. For more information about Grace, please call the church office or speak with one of the pastors. Stay in touch with happenings at Grace by texting "Follow @GraceWaseca" to 40404 to have texts automatically sent to your phone! You should receive a confirmation response right away.

**Please Remember These People In Your Prayers:**

Dealing with Illness – Ralph Schmidt, Arliss Bloch, Charmayne Zimbrich, Rick Roberts, Jackie Rome, Jolaine Burmeister, Don Jewison, Julie Ziemke, Nick Bartelt.

Currently Serving in the Armed Forces – Kellen Bethke, Darren Peterson, Jeremiah Miller, Alex Ebnet, Mathias Wilson, Hunter Hodgkins, Dayton Deutsch and Ryan Berg.

Veterans of our Armed Services and First Responders (Sheriff, Police, Fire, Ambulance).

Dealing with a Death – Friends and Family of Avis Wobschall.

- If you would like to add yourself or someone else to the prayer list, please contact the Church Office or one of the pastors. Due to confidentiality needs, permission must be given by the individual to add them to this public prayer list. Names will remain on the prayer list for up to 4 weeks unless we are given further notification. Thank you for sharing in the prayer support of our brothers and sisters in Christ.
- We have gluten free wafers and grape juice available for Communion. Please indicate to the servers if you need grape juice or gluten free wafers.
- Grace Worship Services are broadcast at 11:00 am Sundays and 5:30 pm Mondays on Channel 8.

**The WORD for the week is:** Luke 1:39-55. **Today is the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent.**

<b>Weekly Worship Participants:</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>
<b>Acolytes</b>	Hannah Thursdale Ella Krautkremer	Jakib Godtland Devon Danks
<b>Liturgist:</b>	Paul Dressler	
<b>Organist/Band:</b>	Karen Brenden	Helen Nelson
<b>Greeters:</b>		
<b>Ushers:</b>	Warren Routh Mark Christiansen	Jeff, Jack, Kaitlin Vetsch
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Brian & Julie Grunwald	Shirley Tangen Tom Krause
<b>Breadmakers:</b>	Lori Weller and Deb Markell	
<b>Multimedia:</b>	Matt Dettmer, Duane Rathmann, Bill Ewest	Curt Boettcher/Jon Stagman, Dale DeRaad
<b>The Eternal Candle for December is in memory of Caleb Erickson from his family.</b>		



**Senior High Students and Parents:** Want to keep up with 3rd Gear High School events? Join Marty's Remind groups! (For students and parents only.)

**Students:** Text @3GWaseca to 81010

**Parents:** Text @3GParents to 81010

**Youth Mission Support to Families** – From now until December 23rd, those who purchase Scrip can have the vendor donation go directly to a youth going on a trip this coming summer. You can help families of friends or apply the donation to missions in general. Names are available at the Scrip table.

**Gift Cards for Christmas** – If you are using gift cards from Grace Lutheran, please turn in your requests this week to assure you will have them. Proceeds go to Grace's missions at no extra cost to you. Support our missions by using gift cards.

**Christmas With Scrip \$10** – Lots of cards are available for \$10 or more but... Both in Waseca and nationwide we have \$10 gift card/stocking stuffers for Dairy Queen, Dominoes, Family Video, McDonalds, Subway, and Taco Johns.

**More Giving!** Hy-Vee stores just upped their donation to Grace to 4% and Scheels now will give 8% to Grace Missions if you use their gift cards purchased here at Grace.

**Grace Lutheran Church is seeking a new PT (1-2 hours/week) Treasurer.** This person will oversee the financial activities of the congregation including income revenue, expenses and disbursements. Yearly stipend of \$2400 provided. Strong knowledge of QuickBooks and QuickBooks Accountant, and proficiency with Excel needed. Contact the church office or Pastor Kristi for more information or interested in the position.

**Grace Lutheran Church is seeking an additional Worship Accompanist.** Proficiency in piano and/or organ needed. Experience with worship leadership preferred. Payment of \$80/service. Please contact the church office or Pastor Kristi for more information or if interested in the position.

**Please save the date for our Grace Lutheran Congregational Annual Meeting,** Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup>. Immediately after the 9:00 service, around 10:15 there will be a meal served. The annual meeting will begin immediately after the meal. The Annual Report will be available in hard copy and electronically on our website beginning January 14<sup>th</sup>.

**2018 Offerings** – Please remember to have any offerings for 2018 into the church **no later than Friday, January 4, 2019.** Robin will be working on year end reports starting on January 7, 2018. Any offerings that come in after Friday, January 4<sup>th</sup> will be posted to your 2019 offerings. Thank you!

**I am looking for** a few more people to make communion bread throughout the year. You would be making bread 1 month out of the year. Please email me if you are interested. Vicky Singlestad vksinglestad@gmail.com or call 507-835-7821.

**Confirmation pictures are in!! Please pick them up behind the front desk.**