

# GraceNotes

## THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF GRACE

### From the Pastor



#### Pastor's Page

As I write this, we are two days from Thanksgiving. It is a busy morning, and a time to give thanks for Grace Church! Grace members, as I write, are working in the Church Office. They are in the Worship space, preparing for Advent, changing out banners and paraments, checking candles, installing the Advent Wreath, working with the organ tuner. Outside, a good-sized group is working to raise up the outdoor Advent Wreath, a witness in our community to the coming of Jesus into our world, into our lives.

During the week, quilters have been putting together quilts, and are working on another project for a local assisted-living home. Volunteers have put together “backpacks” of food for school children to have nutritional food for their families over the weekend. Many volunteers are getting ready for the WARM Cold Weather shelter. We are blessed with a great organizer who is working diligently to put everything into place to welcome our unhoused guests as

the cold winds of late Fall and Winter begin to blow.

Last Wednesday, numerous Grace volunteers put together a meal for the community; and by Community, it means our family of faith at Grace, friends from St. John’s Episcopal and the Tree Streets, as well as unhoused friends, and neighbors who have need. What a delicious, tables-full Thanksgiving meal we had! And a “foretaste of the feast to come!” We all sat together, Grace, St. John, unhoused, neighbors – all mixed up, every table. Growth in relationship, getting to know one another, catching up with the latest on what we’ve shared with each other in the past. Jesus among us, bringing his friends, so we, too, can be friends, a light in the darkness to one another.

Advent is a time of awareness, looking for Jesus, not only in the lives we carve out for ourselves, but the lives in which we intersect with one another. Think of the familiar stories of Advent and Christmas. All kinds of intersections between people who would not otherwise have time together. It’s also a time of gratitude, thankfulness. God

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IS with us – Oh Come, Oh Come, Emmanuel! - our faith tells us this, our experiences in daily life tell us it is true, when we raise our heads and pay attention beyond ourselves.

I am thankful to God for this community of faith called Grace. God gathers us together to be the Body of Christ in this world. To say it, to write it, to express it in faith never ceases to amaze me. We have much to celebrate as a congregation. We have much to look forward to as God's Spirit continues to guide us, continues to form us as the Body of God's Son Jesus, so that in all we do, God's love and grace are made known in this community, in this world.

A couple of other notes: in the past few days, I've sat with the Confirmation Class, learning about prayer, how important it is to include God when we think of all the ways we communicate. We have absolutely given in to letting news sources, Meta and Google, Facebook and Tik Tok, etc. communicate with us, and we communicate back, offering all kinds of information to both friends, and to strangers, who turn our information into opportunities to buy and sell us stuff and more information.

It is a "chasing after the wind," Ecclesiastes 1:14 tells us, and yet what a storm it is! To open ourselves to conversation, communication with God, and the TIME to not only speak but to listen for God is one of the great, difficult learnings of this time of year. *Be still*

*and know that I am God*, we heard in Psalm 46 on Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>. Great advice in our day and time, to say nothing of this busy time of year!

And finally, I attended the All God's Children (AGC) book class yesterday 11/24. We open ourselves to God when we open ourselves to all the people that Jesus calls friends. Time after time, this is the message of God's Holy Word, and something to declare as central to our faith, since it is central to God's Word. The most recent book AGC studied was "Good Reasonable People," which argued persuasively that all too often, we prefer to have things figured out and closed off, rather than to be open to what may be actually true, especially regarding people who are from us, whether by race, gender, class, or other way we separate ourselves from each other. As people of Faith, living into the Advent of our God, and the birth of our Savior - God made flesh, born in a barn! – the best news we have is that we don't have it all figured out, and God continues to make possible a new thing in this world and in our lives.

A blessed and surprising! Advent and Christmas be yours, in the newness God continues to bring into your life!



## *Advent/Christmas at* **Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church**



**The Season of Advent**—This Season, in addition to the four Sundays of Advent, we join with our fellow Lutheran Christians from Bethlehem, Waynesboro; St. James, Fishersville; and Zion, Waynesboro for a series of Wednesday Advent Worship Services with the theme "***The Road to Bethlehem***", with our yearly Blue Christmas service at Bethlehem, Waynesboro. Our Schedule:

**December 3** - Zion Lutheran Church, 7:00 p.m.

**December 10** - St. James Lutheran Church, 7:00 p.m.

**December 17** - Grace Lutheran Church, 7:00 p.m.

**Sunday, December 21** - Blue Christmas @ Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 6:00 p.m.

Come and travel the Road to Bethlehem this Advent Season!



**Our Advent Wreath Outdoors!** Thanks to Jack Eckstrom, and his crew for putting up the Outdoor Wreath as a witness to our Community of the Advent of our Lord Jesus!



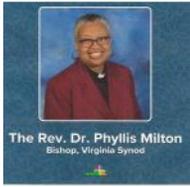
**Christmas Decorating at Grace**—we will decorate the worship space after worship on Sunday, **December 21<sup>st</sup>**. Many hands make light work and joy comes in the fellowship we share in our work!



**Christmas Eve** - Wednesday, **December 24<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 p.m.** - Our children and adult choir will present a wonderful program Of music and assist in the telling of the Good News of Jesus' birth, as families "build" the crèche scene. We will celebrate Holy Communion and sing Silent Night by candlelight.



**Christmas Eve Offering**—All loose offering (bills and change) - and checks made to Grace with HERO noted in the memo line will be given to HERO, an organization supporting our Waynesboro, Virginia community by providing emergency financial assistance to those who are at risk of potential eviction or utility cut-off. All envelopes (and checks made out to Grace without a memo designation to LDR) will be given to Grace and its ministries.



**Bishop Milton to Visit Grace!** - Bishop Phyllis Milton will be preaching and presiding at Grace on Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. Afterward, she and members of her staff will be visiting with Grace Council for a time of thanksgiving and begin to answer questions about what is ahead in 2026 following Pastor's last Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup> and retirement. Please pray for our congregation, and for Grace Council in the weeks ahead!



**The Giving Tree**—Each year, Grace has the opportunity to be a blessing to families in our area as the Holidays approach by providing gifts. For over 40 years, Grace has worked with the Salvation Army, who provides “ornaments” for us to pick. Our Giving Tree and its ornaments are out in the narthex. If you would like to participate, pick up one or more tags, sign your name and the gift tag(s) taken in the book on the table, purchase appropriate “**new**” gift(s) and return unwrapped gift(s) with the original tag attached to the narthex by **Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>**. Gifts will be dedicated on the 7<sup>th</sup> during worship.



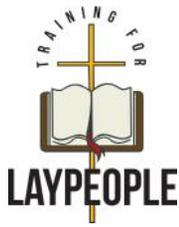
**There will be a Called Congregational Meeting Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, immediately following Worship** for the purpose of voting on the 2026 Spending Plan recommended by Council and Grace's Finance Committee. You will be receiving an e-copy and paper copy 10 days before the meeting.



**Poinsettia's Must Be Ordered by December 7<sup>th</sup>! - \$10 Each!** - *Make checks payable to Grace with "Poinsettia's" in the memo line.* Order forms will be in the bulletins Sundays: November 23, November 30<sup>th</sup> and December 7<sup>th</sup>. Please be sure to specify white or red, and who you are buying in memory or honor of. Many thanks!



**Quilting News**-The Grace Quilters have been busy the past several weeks making lap quilts for River Edge Rehab & Nursing Home. There was a request to have at least 30 lap quilts for Christmas for some of the residents. We will deliver 30 plus quilts to them the week of December 7<sup>th</sup> so they can be distributed to residents at their Christmas party. If any quilters in the congregation have a small quilt that they have made and needs a home, please contact Kathy Meicke or Gwen Kite or drop them off at the church office and we will add them to the collection.



**Donna Gum begins Lay Ministry Academy** - Donna was accepted into the Virginia Synod's Lay Ministry Academy (LMA). The LMA "responds to new and varied ways that worship and ministry is happening in our congregations." Through education, training, supervision and authorization by the Synod, Donna will become a commissioned Lay Minister able to serve as a Lay Preacher, or with additional training become a Synod Authorized Minister (SAM), able to serve in specific settings in a leadership role. For more information, see <https://vasynod.org/lma/>. We give thanks to God, and ask for your prayers for Donna!

### Offering Envelopes



**2026 Offering Envelopes are in the Nave—please pick yours up.** If you give by bill pay, electronically, Tithe.ly, etc., there may not be any for you. However, if you did not get envelopes and would like to have them, please let the Church Office know. Also, please let the Church Office know if there are envelopes for you and you do not need them so we can better plan for how many to order next year. Thank you!



**CROP Walk**—Thank you to all who walked on September 21<sup>st</sup> and everyone who donated to the Waynesboro-East Augusta CROP Walk this year. The needs here locally and around the world are definitely greater than ever and a portion of your donations support VPAS, Blue Ridge Area Food Bank and Disciples Kitchen. Grace raised \$2,275, well surpassing our goal of \$1550. The area walk total was \$20,894.43, surpassing its goal of \$20,000.



The cold weather affects the closing of just about all the **exterior doors** in the church. As you come and go from Grace, please ensure that the door closes and locks behind you.



Valley Music Academy is pleased to announce this year's  
**Brad Keefer Scholarship Winners:**

Kristin Thrower, age 13, plays flute in Advanced Band at Kate Collins Middle School. She has been studying flute for two years with Greg Moody.

Parker Newton, age 15, is an active performer at Waynesboro High School. Last year, he earned chair at Valley Honor Band and 6th Chair Concert Band at All District Band in percussion. This is his second year as a Keefer Scholarship Winner. He plans continue his piano and percussion studies, looking forward to playing in college marching band. He has been a piano student of Mary Smith for over two years, and has also studied percussion with Lance Allen.

Each of these young musicians has demonstrated dedication to music study and performance, and makes a strong contribution to their band. With the help of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, it is our privilege to offer these talented students and opportunity to expand their training.



**Flowers** - Each week we have flowers to remind us of the Resurrection, that God has raised us up, that God has created a very good world for us to live in. The **2026 Flower Chart** has been put up behind the 2025 chart in the Nave. Please consider signing up to provide Altar Flowers for Sunday services. You can either sign up on the flower chart in the Nave or call the church office. **November 30 and December 7, 2025 are both open, please consider providing flowers for those dates as well as 2026.**



**Food Pantry Collections:** A huge thanks to everyone as you continue to bring food for the food bank box near the office. Your donation is much appreciated. To date, we have collected over **5,436** pounds of food (we have made **fifty-five deliveries**, twenty-five to Main Street United Methodist, and thirty to Calvary United Methodist, Stuarts Draft). **New Notice!!!** There is a need for diapers, especially sizes 3-6. All diapers will be, and have been, delivered to Calvary United Methodist. In addition, 20 pounds of condiments have been delivered to the Bread Basket.



VPAS in Waynesboro has received funding to start an 18 month pilot program here in Waynesboro called **"The Gathering Place"**. This initiative provides socialization and meaningful activities for people living with dementia, while creating an opportunity for caregivers to have a break. The program will start once a week, where participants can stay for two (2) or four (4) hours. The program will begin the first week of December on Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. There is a fee of \$40 for four (4) hours and \$20 for two (2) hours. An interview with VPAS is required to participate.



## Local Christmas Concerts

**Monday, December 1, 7:00 p.m.**—Waynesboro Choral Society Christmas Program at Waynesboro High School Spillman Auditorium, \$15

**Tuesday, December 2, 7:00 p.m.**—Waynesboro Choral Society Christmas Program at Waynesboro High School Spillman Auditorium, \$15

**Thursday, December 4, 7:00 p.m.** —The Hospice of the Shenandoah Christmas Benefit Concert will be held at the Waynesboro Seventh-day Adventist Church, 1700 Lyndhurst Road. An offering will be received with all proceeds to benefit the Hospice of the Shenandoah.

**Friday December 5, 7:00 p.m.**—Waynesboro Symphony Orchestra at First Presbyterian Church, \$20

**Saturday, December 6, 3:00 p.m.**—Waynesboro Symphony Orchestra at First Presbyterian Church, \$20

**Sunday, December 7, 7:00 p.m.**—Waynesboro Choral Society Benefit Concert at Tabernacle Presbyterian, Free Will Offering

**Sunday, December 14, 3:00 p.m.**—Schola Cantorum Christmas Concert at First Baptist Church, Free Will Offering



**Need a unique Christmas gift?** Check out the ELCA Good Gifts Catalog at <https://goodgifts.elca.org/page/72439/shop/1> As members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), we believe that God is calling us into the world — together. And with generous, loving hands, we can make a difference. ELCA Good Gifts is your opportunity to provide critical support to the ministries and programs that mean the most to you and the people you love.



**Your caring gift this Christmas is matched — dollar for dollar —** up to a total of \$100,000. Your love will deliver 2X the food, water, medical supplies and shelter, providing safe places for families who've been forced from their homes. God bless you for shining the hope of the newborn Christ's light into their frightened hearts. Any gifts received after the match is met will be used, as always, to provide lifesaving essentials to your most vulnerable neighbors around the world.

Need help with your donation? Please contact our Donor Relations team at 800-597-5972 or email [lwr@lwr.org](mailto:lwr@lwr.org).

Your gift will be used where needs are greatest and support Lutheran World Relief's programs in health, livelihoods, emergency response and humanitarian assistance.



**Volunteer Opportunity!** Knitters/crocheters...to make 36"x48"(ish) lap blankets for area nursing homes. I can provide yarn, if needed. For more information, call/email Kathy Meicke (540)470-0588 [meickewc@outlook.com](mailto:meickewc@outlook.com)

Thank you!



Virginia Lutherans

Virginia Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

For more information on Virginia Synod

events, please visit <https://vasynod.org/>

**January 23-25, 2026—Winter Celebration** is our annual weekend faith sharing retreat for youth in 9th through 12th grade and their adult at Eagle Eyrie Conference Center in Lynchburg.



**February 2-4—Midwinter Power in the Spirit** will take place on Zoom from February 2, 2026 through February 4, 2026 in the evenings. More information coming soon.



**March 7—8 — 7th Day** is our annual overnight faith sharing event for youth in 5th and 6th grades and their adult advisors at Eagle Eyrie Conference Center in Lynchburg. During the , each youth participant is part of a “Shepherd Group” with 5-6 other youth and adult leaders. Participants will explore a story of the Bible through drama, games, crafts, and music. Everyone is together in a large group setting for singing, worship. In the evening, youth and adults will relax in their Cottages with their congregation and other congregations from Virginia to talk about their 7th Day experience! Cost is \$125 per youth or adult participant. Early Registration discount – \$115 – ends February 9th, 2026.



**Living Lutheran**, the magazine, is back in print: <https://www.livinglutheran.org/Subscribe!> Just \$19.95 for the print edition! A great way to connect to the larger church!



**Grace Women’s Book Group** usually meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 11:30 am at Sella, Bella, and Lucy’s for discussion and fellowship. All are welcome. We will **not** be meeting in December but will resume our regular meetings in January on the 21st, discussing John Grisham’s Gray Mountain. Any questions, contact Kathy Bump at (317)440-8900



**\*Advent Devotion available**—\*Four Lutheran pastors, and one Synod Authorized (lay) Minister from the Virginia Synod, including Pastor Paul, wrote devotions for Advent based on Proverbs chapter 8. You'll find copies in the narthex if you'd like to pick one up—one devotion for each week.

*Christine Nelson  
38 Featherstone Drive  
Lyndhurst, Va. 22952*

October 27, 2025

To the Congregation of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church,

I would like to thank the congregation of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, for all their prayers for my daughter Misty Fitzgerald. Misty was diagnosed with stage 4 cancer that had metastasize. She is doing well. She has had 3 Chemo treatments so far, 3 more to go. Misty had a scan last Monday. It shows that some of the Cancer is gone and that the rest has decreased in size by almost 50%. God bless you all.

If I may I would like to add another store. My husband had a heart attack in the late 1970's. The doctor sent him to the Cleveland Clinic for a Catheterization. They found 3 blocked arteries. Before we left for the bypass surgery, a group of men in a healing ministry, prayed for my husband. After surgery, we were told that the doctors only found one artery was clogged the other two were clear. One night shortly after surgery, my husband woke me up in the middle of the night. Asking me if I hear that. I told him I did not hear anything. He said "God was standing beside the bed and said, "As much as you believe in me, is as much as I can do for you." The power of pray and Faith in God is strong.

Once again, please thank the congregation for their prayers, for my daughter Misty Fitzgerald.

God bless,

*Christine Nelson*



Evangelical  
Lutheran Church  
in America

October 21, 2025

Grace Lutheran Church  
500 S Wayne Ave  
Waynesboro, VA 22980-4836

*Thank You*

Dear Grace Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your gift of \$515.00 to Lutheran Disaster Response.

*"From [Christ's] fullness we have all received, grace upon grace."  
-John 1:16*

As a church, we are empowered to love and serve our neighbors as Christ first loved us. Your gifts to the ministries of the ELCA help people around the world feel the power and hope that flow from God's full, boundless love. Drawn together and guided by the Holy Spirit, we accomplish together what none of us could do alone, grace upon grace.

Your Spirit-filled generosity helps families and communities reeling from disasters, in the immediate aftermath and far into the future. No matter the disaster, no matter the need, your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response enable people to rebuild their lives and livelihoods.

Thank you for your gracious gifts. You make God's love real.

With gratitude,

*Daniel Rift*

The Rev. Daniel Rift  
Director, Congregational Generosity

*P.S. Please see the reverse side of this letter for your receipt.*



*Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.  
Hebrews 13:2*

Dear friends from Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your generous contribution to support our life-saving work with refugees and immigrants. We appreciate it more than ever in these challenging times.

For more than seven decades, the CWS family has welcomed and served refugees. Today, we are faced with the worst global displacement crisis since World War II. Men, women, and children are on the run, desperately seeking safety. They are resilient, and we are proud to connect them to the supplies and services they need to build those safe lives in the United States and in host communities worldwide. But they are also vulnerable, especially in times of uncertainty like these.

Your action in giving to CWS helps us to reaffirm our efforts. You have lent your voice to the call for welcome and acceptance. Thank you for being part of this movement. Your generosity is a step towards building a better world for all of our neighbors. We deeply appreciate your support and look forward to our continued partnership in the days and weeks ahead.

May God bless you for your kindness,

Rick Santos  
President and CEO  
Church World Service

*To stay informed on how you're helping people in need, at home and around the world, visit [cwsglobal.org](http://cwsglobal.org) and follow us on **Facebook**, **Instagram**, and **Twitter**.*



## Gift Receipt

## Thank you!

Date of Gift: October 14, 2025

Amount: \$2,500.00

Purpose: Harrisonburg, VA

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church  
500 S Wayne Ave  
Waynesboro, VA 22980-4897

No goods or services were provided in exchange for this gift; therefore, your gifts to Church World Service are tax deductible as allowed by law. Please keep this receipt for your records.

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## Finance Committee Report

We finished October with a year-to-date surplus of \$3,949.35. At the end of October 2024, the surplus was \$284.80. The last two months of 2024 finished strong and we finished the year with a surplus.

October was a strong month financially. There are annual expenses and accruals that occur the last two months of the year, but the Finance Committee feels confident that we will finish the year strong and the committee continues to monitor revenue and expenses.

### Financial Status

<b>2025</b>	<b>Difference</b>
January	<b>-\$4,447.58</b>
February	\$954.27
March	\$8,928.60
April	\$651.67
May	<b>-\$2,714.07</b>
June	\$5,203.29
July	<b>-\$4,507.99</b>
August	<b>-\$984.35</b>
September	<b>-\$2,975.05</b>
October	\$4,040.56
November	\$0.00
January	\$0.00
<b>YTD</b>	<b>\$3,949.35</b>
<b>2024</b>	<b>\$284.80</b>

Red – Deficit    Black – Surplus



### ***The Finance Committee***

*Ron Almarode*

*Jerry Kite*

*Vivian Proctor*

*Allison Fink*

*Susan Myers*

*Chuck Goodrich*

*Pastor Pingel*



# DECEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>30</b></p> <p><b>First Sunday of Advent</b></p> <p><b>10:00 a.m.</b> Service of Holy Communion</p> <p><b>11:00 a.m.</b> Children's Sunday School</p> <p>Confirmation Class</p> 	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>1</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>2</b></p> <p><b>9:30 a.m.</b> Quilting Group (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p><b>7:00 p.m.</b> Round Tables</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>3</b></p> <p><b>9:00 a.m.</b> Backpacks</p> <p><b>10:00 a.m.</b> Prayer Group</p> <p><b>6:00 p.m.</b> Yoga</p> <p><b>6:30 p.m.</b> Hand Bells</p> <p><b>7:15 p.m.</b> Choir Practice</p> <p><b>7:00 p.m.</b> Advent Worship at Zion Lutheran</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>4</b></p> <p><b>12:30 p.m.</b> Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p><b>6:00 p.m.</b> CCE&amp;J @ Grace</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>5</b></p> <p><b>Office Closed</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>6</b></p> <p><b>11:00 a.m.</b> Racial Equality &amp; Justice Vigil At Grace</p> <p><b>11:00 a.m.</b> Yoga</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>7</b></p> <p><b>Second Sunday of Advent</b></p> <p><b>10:00 a.m.</b> Service of Holy Communion Bishop Milton Preaching &amp; Presiding</p> <p>Dedication of Gifts</p> <p><b>11:00 a.m.</b> Children's Sunday School</p> <p>Confirmation Class</p> 	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>8</b></p> <p><b>WARM Cold Shelter</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>9</b></p> <p><b>WARM Cold Shelter</b></p> <p><b>9:00 a.m.</b> Backpacks</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>10</b></p> <p><b>WARM Cold Shelter</b></p> <p><b>10:00 a.m.</b> Prayer Group</p> <p><b>6:00 p.m.</b> Yoga</p> <p><b>6:30 p.m.</b> Hand Bells</p> <p><b>7:15 p.m.</b> Choir Practice</p> <p><b>7:00 p.m.</b> Advent Worship at St. James Lutheran</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>11</b></p> <p><b>WARM Cold Shelter</b></p> <p><b>12:30 p.m.</b> Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>12</b></p> <p><b>WARM Cold Shelter</b></p> <p><b>Office Closed</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>13</b></p> <p><b>WARM Cold Shelter</b></p>

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<p style="text-align: right;"><b>14</b></p> <p><b>Third Sunday of Advent</b></p> <p><b>10:00 a.m.</b> Service of Holy Communion</p> <p>Congregational Meeting—Budget</p> <p><b>11:00 a.m.</b> Children's Sunday School</p> <p>Confirmation Class</p> 	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>15</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>16</b></p> <p><b>9:30 a.m.</b> Quilting Group (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p><b>7:00 p.m.</b> Council (Conference Room)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>17</b></p> <p><b>9:00 a.m.</b> Backpacks</p> <p><b>10:00 a.m.</b> Prayer Group</p> <p><b>10:00 a.m.</b> Encircle Manager's Meeting (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p><b>6:00 p.m.</b> Yoga</p> <p><b>6:30 p.m.</b> Hand Bells</p> <p><b>7:15 p.m.</b> Choir Practice</p> <p><b>7:00 p.m.</b> Advent Worship at Grace Lutheran</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>18</b></p> <p><b>8:00 a.m.</b> Newcomers Club (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p><b>12:30 p.m.</b> Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>19</b></p> <p><b>Office Closed</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>20</b></p> <p><b>11:00 a.m.</b> Yoga</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>21</b></p> <p><b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b></p> <p><b>10:00 a.m.</b> Service of Holy Communion</p> <p><b>11:00 a.m.</b> Children's Sunday School</p> <p>Confirmation Class</p> <p><b>6:00 p.m.</b> Blue Christmas at Bethlehem</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>22</b></p> <p><i>No School</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>23</b></p> <p><i>No School</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>24</b></p> <p><i>No School</i></p> <p><b>5:00 p.m.</b> <b>Christmas Eve Service</b></p>  <p>SILENT NIGHT</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>25</b></p> <p><i>No School</i></p> <p><b>Grace Holiday—Office Closed</b></p>  <p>CHRISTMAS DAY</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>26</b></p> <p><i>No School</i></p> <p><b>Office Closed</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>27</b></p>

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<b>First Sunday of Christmas</b> <b>10:00 a.m.</b> Service of Holy Communion <b>11:00 a.m.</b> Children's Sunday School Confirmation Class	<i>No School</i> <b>Grace Holiday—Office Closed</b>	<i>No School</i> <b>9:30 a.m.</b> Quilting Group (Fellowship Hall)	<i>No School</i> 	<i>No School</i> <b>Grace Holiday—Office Closed</b> 	<i>No School</i> <b>Office Closed</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b> CCE&J Prayer Vigil @ Christ Tabernacle <b>11:00 a.m.</b> Yoga



October 31, 2025

Dear Ms. Fink and Members of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church,

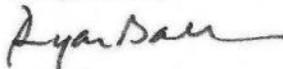
On behalf of Waynesboro Public Schools, thank you for your generous \$750 contribution to support our Backpack Program. Your continued partnership helps us provide weekend meals for students who might otherwise go hungry.

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Your generosity reflects the spirit of compassion and community that sustains our mission to care for every child—both inside and outside the classroom. Because of your support, students are better prepared to learn and thrive each week.

We are deeply grateful for your commitment to serving our community. Thank you for helping us make a meaningful difference in the lives of children and families in Waynesboro.

With appreciation,



Ryan Barber  
 Assistant Superintendent  
 Waynesboro Public Schools



# DECEMBER

## Birthdays

12/2	<i>Charlie Wilson</i>	12/5	<i>Jane Blosser</i>
12/6	<i>Holly Carper</i>	12/8	<i>Sandy Johnson</i>
12/8	<i>Gloria Nelson</i>	12/9	<i>Pat Giesen</i>
12/9	<i>Alexandra Spellman</i>	12/12	<i>Judi Goodrich</i>
12/13	<i>Deloris Wertman</i>	12/16	<i>Donna Dodge</i>
12/17	<i>Richard Quickel</i>	12/17	<i>Kathy Meicke</i>
12/17	<i>LizAnn Binns</i>	12/20	<i>Dwight Moomaw</i>
12/21	<i>Chuck Goodrich</i>	12/23	<i>Pat Brady</i>
12/31	<i>Jenna Smith</i>		



# DECEMBER

## Baptisms

12/6	<i>Kara Beth Glover</i>	12/10	<i>Zachary Rankin</i>
12/10	<i>Jessica Smith</i>	12/11	<i>Reva Franklin</i>
12/11	<i>Jackie Walter</i>	12/20	<i>Margaret Quickel</i>
12/20	<i>Ron Almarode</i>	12/26	<i>Sam Moyer</i>



**December 7**

**December 14**

**December 17**

**Second Sunday  
of Advent**

**Third Sunday  
of Advent**

**Advent Worship**

**Preaching and Presiding**

**Preaching and Presiding**

**Preaching and Presiding**

Bishop Milton

Pastor Paul Pingel

Pastor Paul Pingel

**Altar Flowers**

**Altar Flowers**

**Altar Flowers**

Open

Donna Gum

**Altar Guild**

**Altar Guild**

**Altar Guild**

Glenn & Lisa Gray

Jim & Gloria Nelson

**Assisting Minister**

**Assisting Minister**

**Assisting Minister**

Donna Gum

Robin Crowder

**Communion Assistant**

**Communion Assistant**

**Communion Assistant**

Cathy Crowder

Cathy Crowder

**Communion Assistant**

**Communion Assistant**

**Communion Assistant**

**Council Person of the  
Week**

**Council Person of the  
Week**

**Council Person of the  
Week**

Kate Van Bremen

Karen Walck

Karen Walck

**Offering Stewards**

**Offering Stewards**

**Offering Stewards**

Pat Brady

Pat Brady

Pat Brady

Robin Crowder

Jean Morgan

**Ushers**

**Ushers**

**Ushers**

Fred Biggers

Jack Eckstrom

Rick Bump

Andrew Sell

Jim Nelson

Linda Meyer



*December 21*

*December 24*

*December 28*

*Fourth Sunday of Advent*

*Christmas Eve*

*First Sunday  
of Christmas*

**Preaching and Presiding**

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Pastor Paul Pingel

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**Altar Flowers**

**Altar Flowers**

**Altar Flowers**

David & Nancy Schwiesow

Gail Johnson

Gail Johnson

**Altar Guild**

**Altar Guild**

**Altar Guild**

Gigi Werner Winslow

**Assisting Minister**

**Assisting Minister**

**Assisting Minister**

Mike Trauscht

Tami Radecke

Andrew Sell

**Communion Assistant**

**Communion Assistant**

**Communion Assistant**

Mark Radecke

**Communion Assistant**

**Acolyte/Crucifer**

**Communion Assistant**

Libby Caister and  
Zoey Mahoney

**Council Person of the  
Week**

**Council Person of the  
Week**

**Council Person of the  
Week**

Donna Yobs

Donna Yobs

Peggy Caister

**Offering Stewards**

**Offering Stewards**

**Offering Stewards**

Pat Brady

David Proctor

Pat Brady

David Proctor

Vivian Proctor

Vivian Proctor

**Ushers**

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Gail Johnson

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Monday–Thursday: 8:00 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

(Lunch 11:30 – 12:30 p.m.)

**Friday: Closed**

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