Grace Announcements

For the Week of January 23rd

**Notes for Worship**

**Welcome GUESTS!** We are SO GLAD to be able to gather again to praise our Lord together in His house and receive His gifts.

**Children’s Bulletins** are available on the table in the narthex for kids ages 3 & up, and 7 & up. Help yourself!

Grace’s **COVID-19 church policy** was updated this month due to the high rate of transmission in our area. The full details were emailed out and posted on the outside doors. A quick summary:

*- Wearing masks is* ***optional*** *yet encouraged.*

*- Alternating pews will be* ***roped off*** *in the front of the sanctuary.*

*- Households are encouraged to sit* ***socially distant*** *from other households. Shaking hands is discouraged.*

*- Pastor will wear a* ***mask*** *during Children’s Messages and a* ***mask and gloves*** *during Holy Communion.*

*-* ***Offering plates*** *will be placed in the narthex.*

*- Pick up a copy of the* ***worship service*** *in the narthex – instead of using a hymnal.*

- *During* ***Holy Communion*** *the Usher will dismiss people (starting with the left side) to the* ***tape crosses*** *(on the carpet) during Holy Communion. People may choose to kneel.* ***Individual cups*** *will be distributed and can be discarded into the baskets along the walls.*

*- Coffee hour is suspended for the time being.*

The **Poinsettias** behind the altar were donated by:  **Fred Feddeck, Dale Rider, Jen & Dave Jones, John & Kathy Knipper, Pastor & Jen Moldenhauer, Anita & Gary Saathoff, Robin & Glenn Turnbull.** You can take yours home with you.

For the time being, parents (or grandparents) are invited to teach their own children **Children’s Church**. A table, lesson, and supplies will be provided in the Fellowship Hall. Or, parents may choose to keep their children in worship throughout the service and pick up a **“Children’s Church To Go Bag”** afterwards in the Fellowship Hall.

**Happenings at Grace**

If you would like an end of the year **church offering report**, please contact Sue Walker. You can call, text or email. 440-822-9323 or suze204@hotmail.com.

**Socks for Flocks:** We are collecting socks, gloves, hats, coats, etc. for the less fortunate in the Cleveland area through the **Redeemer Crisis Center**. Items can be placed in the large white cardboard box in the narthex. The deadline is Sunday, February 13th.

This month the Church Council established and emailed out **Grace’s COVID Contingency Protocols**. A hard copy has been posted in the hallway. If you have any questions or comments about the document, please contact Tom Monroe.

The January **Portals of Prayer** are available in the narthex.

The **January 2nd** attendance was **14**.

The **January 9th** attendance was **24** with **23** communing.

The **January 16th** attendance was **23** with **16** communing.

**SERVING THE LORD AT GRACE**

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| **DATE** | **Usher** | **Acolyte** | **Greeter** | **Counters** | **Altar Guild** | **Lay Reader** |
| **Jan. 23rd** | Dale Rider | David Jones | Karen F. | Glen F. & Jan Koepp | Colleen Karp | Jon Storr |
| **Jan. 30, Feb. 6** | Bob Izold | Reilly Jones | Anita S. | Bonnie A. & Lisa L. | Robin T. | Dave Jones |

**IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK**

**Myron Bremke** (home) - shut-in, general health

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**Dodie Zickefoose** (Izold’s friend/neighbor) – died this week

**1+1+1 Giving Program**

The plastic donation container on the narthex table is for the **1+1+1 program**. All English District members are encouraged to participate by simply donating $1 (above and beyond their usual church offering), From today through August 31, 2022 all the monies donated toward this program will go to two new mission-start congregations: **Blessed Sacrament Lutheran Church** (Hayden, ID) & **St. John Lutheran Church** (Clarksburg, WV). Check out the flyer on the plastic container or go to englishdistrict.org/1-1-1-dollar-missions for more info.

**Communion Statement** of

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

A congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS)

 At Grace we come to the altar to receive the gift of the Lord’s Supper. In the Lord’s Supper those who are baptized receive through faith the true body and true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ “in, with and under” the bread and wine for their personal forgiveness and strengthening of faith (Matt. 26:26-28; John 6:51-55). We examine ourselves beforehand, mindful of our need for repentance (1 Cor. 11:27-79). In the Lord’s Supper we are united with Christ and His body the Church, and also reflect the unity we have as a congregation with a common Christian, biblically-based confession (1 Cor.10:16-17); see also John 6:56; Acts 2:42; Romans 16:17. Therefore, those who come forward to receive the Lord’s Supper should be united with us in our understanding of the Lord’s Supper, the real presence of Jesus therein, and the Lutheran Faith. We ask that any visitors who wish to be our guests at the Lord’s Table please talk to the Pastor before the worship service.

 Note: the cups of wine in the inner circle, which are a different color than the others, are non-alcoholic.

Vision Statement

***Grace Lutheran Church is a family united by faith in Christ, which seeks to grow in that faith and to share it with others.***