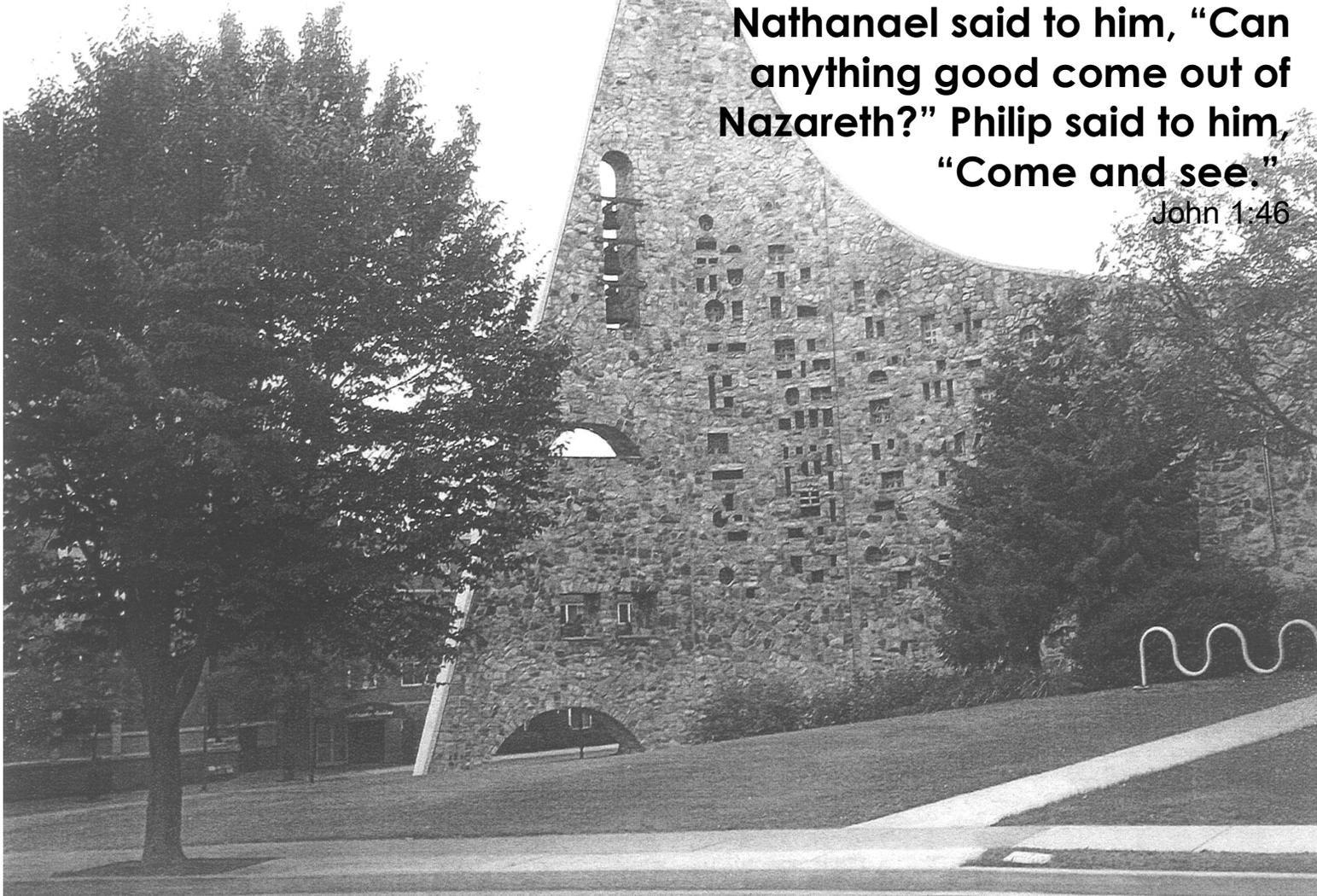


Welcome to **GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see."

John 1:46



SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2018
Second Sunday after Epiphany

205 S. Garner St., State College, PA 16801

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9:00 and 10:30 a.m. worship service

Today's Hymns

#ELW 836

#ELW 696

#ELW 314

Distribution

#ELW 676

#ELW 520

#ELW 666



Our Mission Statement: "Grace Lutheran Church is energized by the Holy Spirit and nurtured through God's Word and Sacrament to **gather, feed, and send** people in the name of Jesus Christ."

ABOUT TODAY'S THEME...All the baptized have a calling in God's world. God calls not just the clergy but also the youngest child, like Samuel. The story of the calling of Nathanael plays with the idea of place. Nathanael initially dismisses Jesus because he comes from Nazareth. But where we come from isn't important; it's where—or rather to whom—we come to. Jesus refers to the story of the vision of Jacob, who called the place of his vision “the house of God, and . . . the gate of heaven” (Gen. 28:17). Jesus says he himself is the place where Nathanael will meet God.

A WORD ON THE READINGS...**The First Lesson:** At a time when visions are rare and unexpected, the Lord comes to Samuel and calls him to speak the divine word. Though just a boy, Samuel responds to God obediently, as Eli the priest has taught him to respond. This marks the beginning of Samuel's prophetic ministry. **The Second Lesson:** Paul is helping the Corinthians understand that God has claimed the entirety of their lives through the death of Christ. Hence Christian relationships and conduct, including areas of human sexuality, are to reflect the reality that we belong to Christ and that the Holy Spirit lives within us. **The Gospel Lesson:** In John's gospel, Jesus' ministry begins with the call of disciples, who then bring others to Jesus. Philip's friend Nathanael moves from skepticism to faith when he accepts the invitation to “Come and see.”



Sunday, February 11, 2018

Have you found a faith home at Grace? Is Jesus drawing you into a deeper relationship as part of the Grace family? If so, we encourage you to consider becoming a member. We will be receiving new members at our 10:30 service on **February 11**. The process for joining is simple: just contact Pastor Schul to set up an appointment to share more about your faith journey and to learn about all that Grace has to offer. Contact the church office at **238-2478** or email pastorschul@glcpa.org.



All are welcome to our weekly “coffee hour” in Harkins Hall following the 9 AM service!

↑ = Please stand as you are able

↓ = Please be seated

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Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church - State College, Pennsylvania

PRELUDE *Hymn to Joy*.....Wold

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.



P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Kneel/Sit



P: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, your only Son our Lord. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

INTROIT *Light Shines*.....L. Sanders
Sung by choral ensemble; Laura Pauley, handbells

GATHER

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.



PROCESSIONAL HYMN *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*.....ELW #836

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

(ELW p. 140)

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb
 who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and
 strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of
 God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,
 glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was
 slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FEED

*God speaks to us in scripture reading,
and feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

↓ (10:30) CHILDREN’S MESSAGE.....Darcy Houseknecht
We welcome everyone to worship and encourage children of all ages to participate fully in our service. Qualified nursery care is available as needed. The nursery is located in room 202.

FIRST LESSON.....1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20] (pew Bible p. 215)

¹Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. ²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. ⁴Then the Lord called, “Samuel! Samuel!” and he said, “Here I am!” ⁵and ran to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call; lie down again.” So he went and lay down. ⁶The Lord called again, “Samuel!” Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call, my son; lie down again.” ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place. ¹⁰Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.” [¹¹Then the Lord said to Samuel, “See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. ¹²On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. ¹³For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. ¹⁴Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli’s house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever.” ¹⁵Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. ¹⁶But Eli called Samuel and said, “Samuel, my son.” He said, “Here I am.” ¹⁷Eli said, “What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you.” ¹⁸So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, “It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him.” ¹⁹As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. ²⁰And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord.]

PSALM 139—*Please sing responsively from the selected verses.*



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L: LORD, you have | searched me out;
O LORD, you | have known me.

**C: You know my sitting down and my | rising up;
you discern my thoughts | from afar.**

L: You trace my journeys and my | resting-places
and are acquainted with | all my ways.

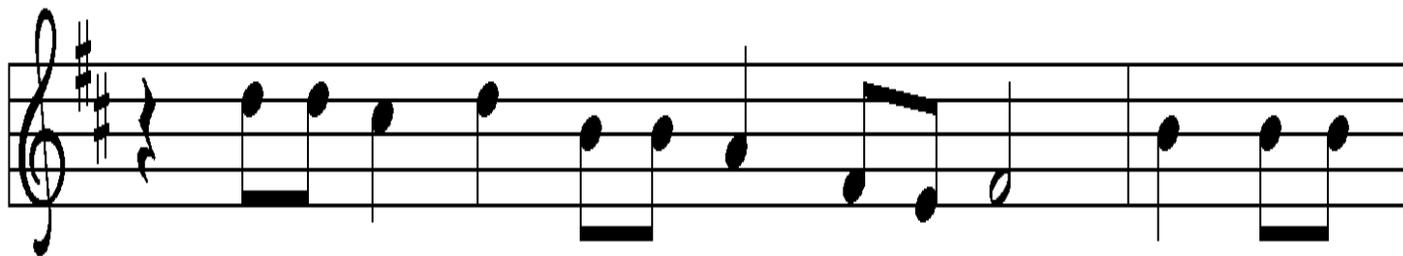
**C: I will thank you because I am mar- | velously made;
your works are wonderful, and I | know it well.**

L: How deep I find your | thoughts, O God!
How great is the | sum of them!

**C: If I were to count them, they would be more in number | than the sand;
to count them all, my life span would need to | be like yours.**

SECOND LESSON.....1 Corinthians 6:12-20 (pew Bible p. 929)

¹²“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are beneficial. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. ¹³“Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food,” and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. ¹⁵Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, “The two shall be one flesh.” ¹⁷But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. ¹⁸Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. ¹⁹Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? ²⁰For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL.....John 1:43-51 (pew Bible p. 862)

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 1st chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.** (*spoken*)

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." ⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" ⁴⁸Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." ⁴⁹Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" ⁵⁰Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹And he said to him, "Very truly, I

tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.** (*spoken*)

- ↓ SERMON.....Vicar Ariel
- ↑ HYMN OF THE DAY *Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult*.....ELW #696
- (10:30 A.M.) HOLY BAPTISM.....ELW p. 227

APOSTLES' CREED

C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Response after each petition:

L: Lord, in your mercy

C: **Hear our prayer.**

WE SHARE THE LORD'S PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

- ↓ OFFERTORY *Light Shone in Darkness*.....Sedio; arr. Sanders
The Light of the World.....Ian Ray
Sung by choral ensemble; Laura Pauley, piano

↑ OFFERTORY SONG.....(ELW #182)

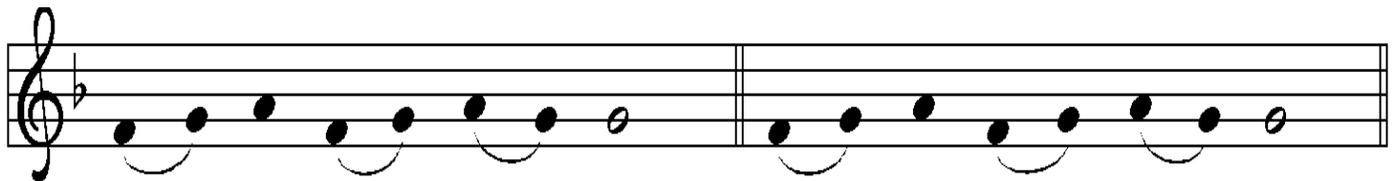
C: Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing, Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

P: Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, your only Son our Lord.

C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

(ELW p. 144)



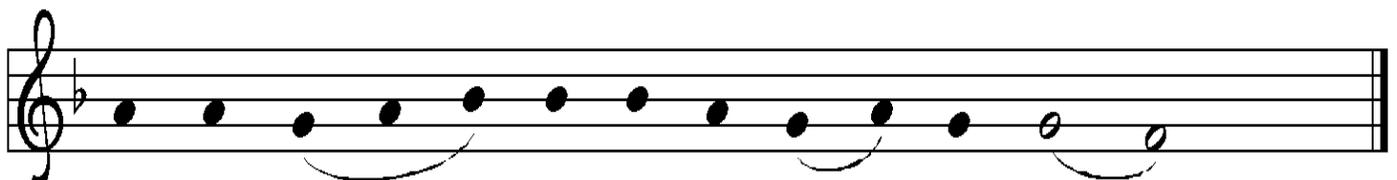
P: The Lord be with you. **C:** And al - so with you.



P: Lift up your hearts. **C:** We lift them to the Lord.



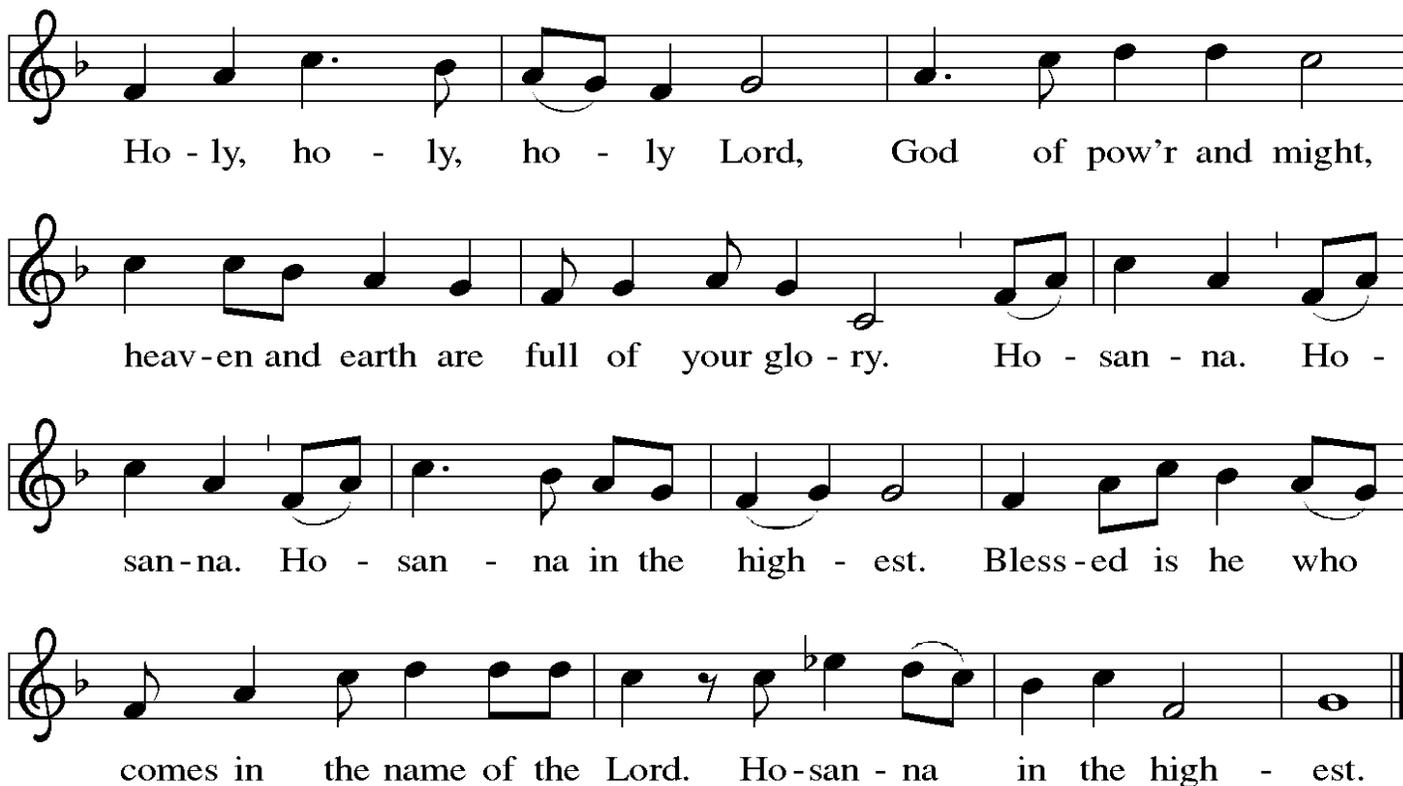
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C: (ELW p. 144)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

P: Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light. Blessed are you for your promise to your people. Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams. Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will. Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: God of salvation and resurrection, pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and grace. And to you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be praise and honor, now and forever.

C: Amen.

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

P: The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, the meal is ready.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

↓ COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

All who are baptized are invited to join the congregation in receiving the Savior's Body and Blood. Children not yet receiving Communion are invited forward for a blessing. Rice wafers and grape juice are available for those who have sensitivities to wheat or alcohol. An acolyte has a special tray with these alternative communion elements.

Instructions: Upon receiving the bread, move to the chalice and dip the bread in the consecrated wine.

C: (ELW p.146)

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS:

ELW #676 -- *Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak*

ELW #520 -- *Dearest Jesus, at Your Word*

ELW #666 -- *What Wondrous Love Is This*

↑ **P:** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: **Amen.**

C:

(ELW #204)

Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.
 Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.
 Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with
 shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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P: O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

SEND

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN *Arise, Your Light Has Come!*.....ELW #314

A: Go in peace; serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Grand Triumphal March in A Major*.....Guilmant



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 Jayne Glocke.....Adult Choir Director
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Announcements for January 14, 2018

A FRIENDLY GREETING TO ALL...who have joined us today to worship and praise our Lord & Savior. May this time of worship bless us to be a blessing to others. If you are a guest this morning, please complete the beige slip in the pew pocket where you are seated and place it in the offering plate. *Thank you!*

BORN AGAIN OF WATER AND OF THE SPIRIT...In Baptism we are adopted by God and gifted with both His promise and His Spirit. Just such a moment comes today at our 10:30 A.M. service, when Anastasia Annette Woytowich, born February 23, 2017, daughter of Michael and Jessica Woytowich, receives this holy sacrament. We welcome Anastasia into the Lord's family, a fellow member with us of the body of Christ, and a worker with us in the Kingdom of God.

FREE FAMILY MINISTRY RESOURCE...Are you making use of Grace's "Taking Faith Home" family ministry resource? On one double-sided piece of paper you'll find an entire week's worth of scripture, prayer, and faith activities designed to help your family grown in faith. The resource is updated weekly and is linked to the Sunday lectionary readings. Pick up your FREE copy at the Welcome Center!



LECTORS...The January & February sign-up sheets are in the narthex. Thanks to those who have served as lecturers in the past. Veterans and **new** readers of all ages are also encouraged to sign up!

GARDEN OF READIN'S next meeting is on Tuesday, January 16 at 10:30 am and 6:00 pm in Fireside. The book selection is *The Boys in the Boat* by Daniel James Brown and the facilitator is Susan Hirth.

CALLING ALL SINGERS!...Adult choir, led by Jayne Glocke, begins in January and is looking for singers – Calling all singers! The Grace Adult Choir has resumed rehearsals on Wednesdays from 7:30-9:00pm in the sanctuary and 10:00am Sundays in the choir room. Sunday, January 28, will mark the return of the Adult Choir's

weekly participation in the 10:30am service. Jayne Glocke is the new director of the choir. She has been a member of Grace Lutheran Church for 20+ years, and brings almost 40 years of experience directing public school and university level choirs to the position. Jayne has been on the choral faculty of the PSU School of Music for 19 years and has directed the PSU Chamber Singers and Women's Chorale. Currently, she is the director the PSU Oriana Singers and Campus Choir. Although singers of all ability levels are welcome, we are especially looking for singers who have had previous choral experience and/or read music. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Jayne at: jpg9@psu.edu.

The Bells of Grace is seeking one ringer and two substitute ringers for the spring semester. Bell choir rehearsals are each Sunday at 11:45 AM in the sanctuary, following the end of the 10:30 AM service. The first rehearsal of this semester is Sunday, Jan. 14. If interested, please contact Anna Carol Buffington at acbuffington@yahoo.com or (814) 531-4242. Come join us as we ring praises to our Lord.

WANTED: CHORISTERS FOR ECUMENICAL CHOIR
Choristers are wanted for our seventh annual Centre Region Ecumenical Choir (Laurel Sanders, director) for a March 28, 7 pm concert of music based on the Creed. Entitled ***Father, Son and Holy Spirit: Musical Inspirations from the Creed***, the concert features 12 pieces of music and poetry inspired by the 12 articles of the Apostles' Creed, presented by choir, youth choir, bells, and string ensemble. Includes choral music by Vivaldi, Schubert, Sweelinck, Vaughan Williams, and a Zimbabwean call and response. Rehearsals on Sundays from 2 -4 pm at Grace Lutheran Church beginning Feb. 18; make-ups offered. Modest music reading skills are helpful. Contact Laurel Sanders at (814) 238-2478 or lsanders@glcpa.org for details.

GRACE LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN...is looking for **substitute teacher's aides**. If you or someone you know may be interested in applying, please contact the school office at 814-238-8110 or glpk@glcpa.org.



Adult Forum

Join Us

Attend as your schedule allows
And topics are of interest!



Sundays
9-10 AM
Fireside Room

- Jan. 14 The Great Divorce (Part 2 of 4)
- Jan. 21 Devotional Writing Workshop (details below)
- Jan. 28 The Great Divorce (Part 3 of 4)
- Feb. 4 The Great Divorce (Part 4 of 4)

The Great Divorce by C. S. Lewis

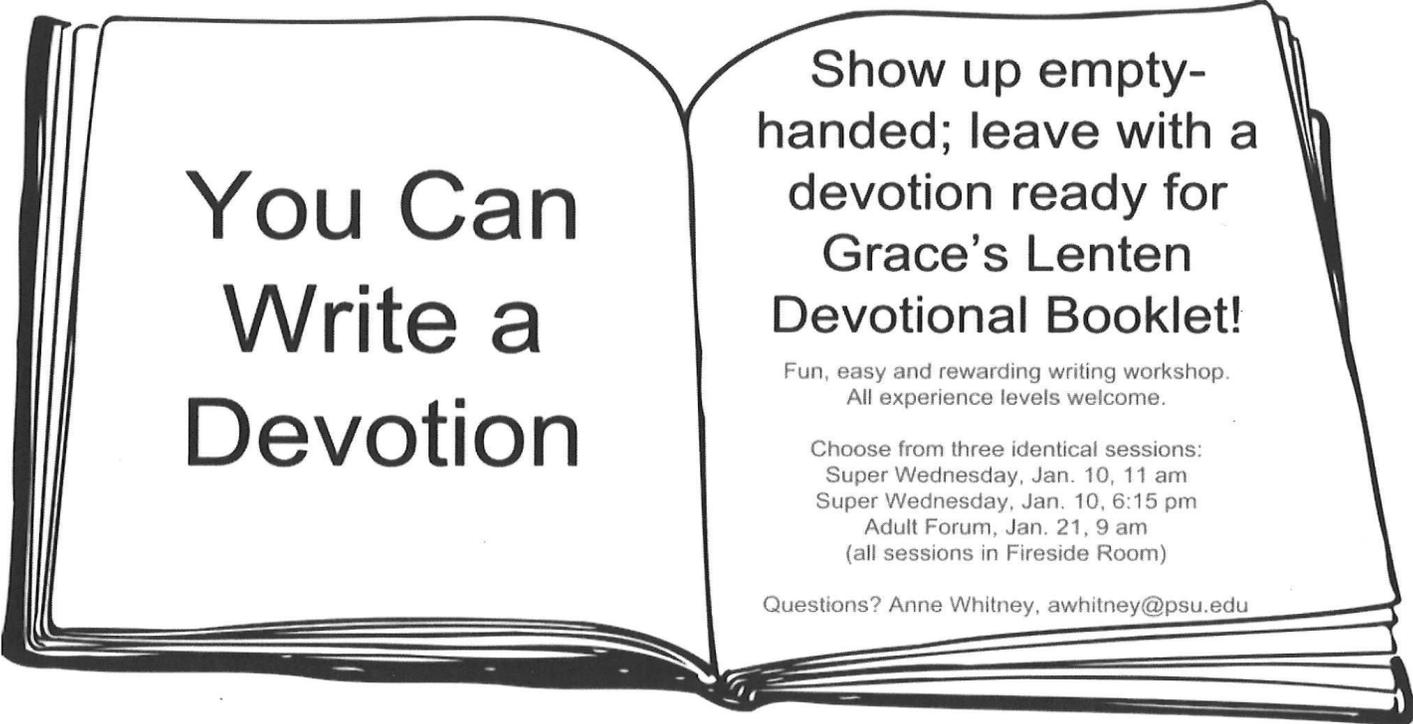
The Great Divorce by C.S. Lewis confronts the Christian concepts of Heaven and Hell through a dream sequence narrated by the author.

The story develops from the narrator taking a bus ride up and out of a grey and dank city away to the countryside; he finds himself within the earliest parts of Heaven upon getting off the bus, a land of intense beauty and perfection. Everything that follows provides some unique ideas and speaks to the reader about the baggage we each try to carry with us on a journey that demands us to let go.

While the book is short and a comparatively easy read it does stimulate much thought and introspection regarding our own understanding of how we perceive Heaven and Hell.

Individual reading outside of class and subsequent group discussion is a great way to maximize our understanding of the main points the author is trying to convey.

These sessions will be led by Don Widener. Contact Dotty Delafield (readoodles@gmail.com) for a copy of the book.



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Devotion

Show up empty-handed; leave with a devotion ready for
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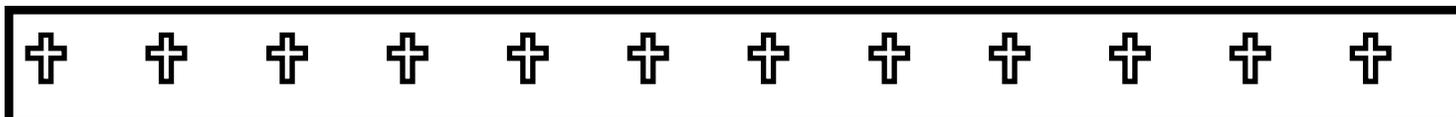
Fun, easy and rewarding writing workshop.
All experience levels welcome.

Choose from three identical sessions:
Super Wednesday, Jan. 10, 11 am
Super Wednesday, Jan. 10, 6:15 pm
Adult Forum, Jan. 21, 9 am
(all sessions in Fireside Room)

Questions? Anne Whitney, awhitney@psu.edu

Worship Assistants for Sunday, January 14, 2018

	8:00 A.M.	9:00 A.M.	10:30 A.M.
Lectors	Jennifer Pencek	Angie Hardyk	Ron Banerjee
Greeters	Carla Rossi	Mardi McDonough Nick Downs Susan Bardo	Jonna & Joe Belanger Mary & Phil Bucher
Acolytes		Annika Bechtel Alexis Weyandt	Patrick Williams Izzy Williams
Deacons	Nancy Reinert	Mardi McDonough Nick Downs	Brian Bills
Worship Assistant	Leonard Ellenberger		
Cantor		Tara Banerjee Bob Favorite	Tara Banerjee Bob Favorite
Ushers		Carl Bankert Sally Keiser- Bankert Ken Fogleman Don Coine Greg Kewitt	Karl Hosterman Brandon Hosterman Chris Hollobaugh David Heatwole Troy Heatwole Bill Ammerman
Radio Ministry; Sound			Lester Griel, Jr.
Coffee Hour Hosts 10:00-10:30 a.m.			Greg & Sue Ferro
Welcoming Center Hosts		Linda Domin	Jim & Lynda Stephenson



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PRAYER CONCERNS for January 14, 2018

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those serving in war-torn
Countries

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Sara Cocolin

Cathy Antes, friend of Deana Coine

Pastor Alison's mother, Christie

Paul & Lois Confer & family,
friends of Phil Vollmer

Emma Deppen, granddaughter of
Winnie & Marion Deppen

Pastor Dowhower

Rich Gable, Holly Stoltzfus' father

Vicki Garvin

Megan Grunthamer, Kathy Cathcart's
daughter-in-law

Sherry Harrington

Skylar Hill

Shawn Hintosh, brother of Melissa
Chapman

Lenore Horner

Sadie Hounshell, friend of the Davis'

Curtis Krebs, brother of

Sandy Cassidy

Pete Krewson, father of Erin Tusar

Nick Lingenfelter

Frances Michalkiewicz, sister of

Sandra Larson

Al Musgrave

Amy Nevling

Maryann Newcomb

Nick Scholz, friend of Ethan &

Morgan Wagner

Margaret Schrock, Kathy Weimer's
mother

Scott—Sally & Carl's friend

Marty Shultz, Deana Coine's cousin

Kay Smith

Victoria Smith

William Snape, Sr., brother of

Phyllis Favorite

Carol Spangler

Marlowe Stiger

Mary Utzman, Jane Utzman's mother

Betty Waite, sister of Martha Musser

Ross Weimer, Greg Weimer's father

Kathleen Wolfhope, friend of the
Flanagan family

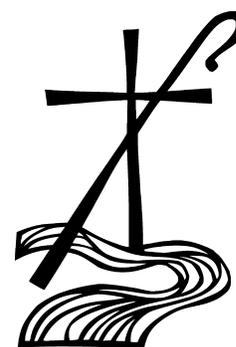
Members in the hospital

Beth Shafranko

Great Blessings through Small Things

2018 Grace Lutheran Lenten Devotional

By God's grace, a single person can have a huge impact on the world. Likewise, a single verse of scripture has the power to change hearts and lives. This Lent, we invite you to explore how God brings about great blessings through small things. Our 2018 Lenten devotional will offer a series of small but powerful verses from the Book of Psalms that bear within them God's big blessings. You will be inspired as the reflections of our friends here at Grace, paired with these brief snippets of scripture, accompany you on your Lenten journey and fortify your prayer life.



Please consider being a devotional writer this year. A signup sheet is available in the Upper Commons.



Prayer is a powerful gift and tool God gives to us.

Each Sunday, there will be a "Grace Prayer Request" in Sunday's bulletin. Please pray for the request each day of the week during your daily prayer time. Just think how powerful it would be if all our members prayed for the same thing each day.

Please pray that God blesses our State College Area School District as the High School has entered the new building. Please pray for students, teachers and administrators and all school staff.



Weekly Prayer Letter of Encouragement

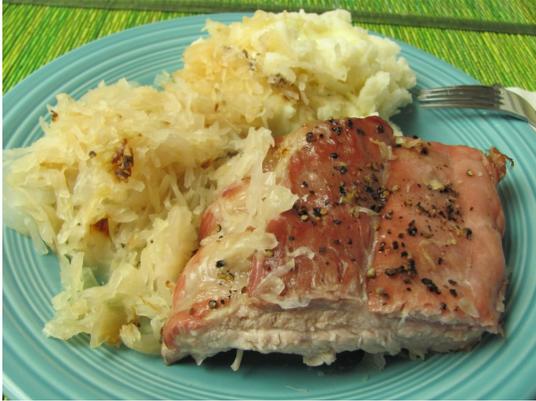
"Don't pray when you feel like it. Have an appointment with the Lord and keep it. A person is powerful on their knees." ~

Corrie ten Boom

We at Grace strive to be a people of prayer. And we should since prayer is how we talk with God. Each week in our bulletin we list Grace members or people connected to our Grace family who are in need of our prayers. A way of making those prayers and our intention to prayer more tangible, we are beginning a prayer letter ministry. Each week, one or two names will be selected from our prayer list to receive a letter acknowledging our prayers and signed by Grace members. Each week the letter, with ample room for signatures, will be placed in the gathering area outside the upstairs restrooms-what we are now calling - "The Commons." All who are willing to commit to pray for its recipient are invited to sign the letter. It is our hope that these letters and the prayers promised by the signatures of our members will serve as powerful encouragement and source of healing and wellness to those in need of prayer.

This week the Prayer Letter will be sent to Beth Shafranko.

Super Wednesday, January 17, 2018



Pork & Homemade
Sauerkraut, Mashed
Potatoes & Gravy,
Applesauce & dessert

SUPER WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

11:00 am—**Adult Bible Study**, Pastors Lynn & Schul leading a discussion about what does ministry look like in the Grace of 2018 & beyond

5:00-5:30 pm—**Angel Choir** (ages 3-5), Room 203

5:00-5:45 pm—**Sing 'n Ring Choir** (K-grade 5)

Choir room next to Harkins Hall; Kindergartners can choose either choir

5:30-6:30 pm—**Super Wednesday Supper**, Harkins Hall

6:30-7:15 pm—**Adult Bible Study**, Pastors Lynn & Schul leading a discussion about what does ministry look like in the Grace of 2018 & beyond

6:30-7:15 pm—**The Re:Formers** (5th-8th grades), HH Stage

6:30-7:15 pm—**Kid's Club**, Miller Center

7:30-9:00 pm —**Adult Choir Rehearsal**, Sanctuary

Help Wanted

Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward them for what they have done.

— Proverbs 19:17



Our congregation should have 2 members on the Interfaith Human Services Board of Directors. If you are interested in representing Grace with Janet Lybarger, please contact her at 814-308-8629 or jlpayne19@comcast.net. She'll let you know the particulars of the organization, as well as what will be expected of you as a board member, so you can better make your decision.

IHS is also in need of people to answer the phone in the office. There are two shifts daily; 9 - 12:30 and 12:30 - 4:00.



Sunday, January 14
Out of the Cold

- 8:00 a.m.....Worship with Holy Communion, Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m.....Youth Sunday School resumes
- 9:00 a.m.....Worship with Holy Communion
- 10:00 a.m.....Crossfire rehearsal, Room 203
- 10:30 a.m.....Worship with Holy Communion and Woytowich baptism
- 11:45 a.m.....Bell Choir rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 12 noon.....Confirmation Class, Miller Center
- 3:30 p.m.....Crossfire Rehearsal, Room 203
- 4:00 p.m.....Psalm 151 Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 6:00 p.m.....Casual Worship w/ Holy Communion, Sanctuary
- 6:45 p.m.....LSC Dinner, Fireside

Monday, January 15
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
GLPK—No school
No regular church activities

Tuesday, January 16

- 9:30 a.m.....Staff Meeting, Fireside
- 10:30 a.m.....Garden of Readin', Fireside
- 6:00 p.m.....Garden of Readin', Fireside

Wednesday, January 17

- 11:00 a.m.....Super Wednesday Bible study, Fireside
- 5:00 p.m.....Angel Choir, Room 204
- 5:00 p.m.....Sing 'n Ring Choir, Choir Room
- 5:30 p.m.....Super Wednesday Dinner, Harkins Hall
- 6:15 p.m.....Super Wednesday Bible study, Fireside
- 6:15 p.m.....Kids' Club, Miller Center
- 6:15 p.m.....Re:Formers (5th-8th graders), Harkins Hall stage
- 7:30 p.m.....Adult Choir rehearsal, Sanctuary

Thursday, January 18

- 7:00 a.m.....Women's Breakfast Prayer Group, Waffle Shop North

Friday, January 19
No regular church activities

Saturday, January 20

- 9:00 a.m.....GLPK Dads are Cool Breakfast, Harkins Hall