



YOU ARE WELCOME! WORSHIP WITH US!

Grace Lutheran Church Mission Statement

To **ANSWER** the CALL of our Savior.

To **CONNECT** with people in their everyday lives.

To **ADVANCE** the Gospel through God's Word and fellowship.

To **LEND** ourselves in service, so that we may become instruments.
that **LEAD** others to salvation.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

12/13 5:00 pm (Communion)

12/14 8:00 am (No Communion)
10:30 am (Communion)

LSB 338 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

LSB 343 *Prepare the Royal Highway*

LSB 331 *The Advent of Our King*

Communion Hymns (5:00 & 10:30)

LSB 515 *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers*

LSB 375 *Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising*

LSB 554 *O Jesus, King Most Wonderful*

LSB 621 *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

Readings: Isaiah 35:1-10; James 5:7-11;
Matthew 11:2-15.

ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICE

WED., 12/17 7:00 PM

12/20 5:00 pm (Communion)

12/21 8:00 am (Communion)
10:30 am (No Communion)

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

12/24 5:00 pm (Communion)

12/24 11:00 pm (Communion)

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES

12/25 10:00 am (Communion)

SoG = Songs of Grace | LSB = Lutheran Service Book

SUNDAY SCHOOL

12/14/2025, 9:15 am

Age 0-3 & parents (Sunshine Room)

Age 4-4th grade (Fellowship Hall)

Jr. High (Jr. High Room)

Sr. High (Sr. High Room)

Adult Bible Classes

- Pastor Woods (Fireside Rm.)
- The Youngs (Boardroom)

12/21/2025, 9:15 am

Kids Christmas Program Practice

Jr. High (Jr. High Room)

Sr. High (Sr. High Room)

Adult Bible Classes

- Pastor Woods (Fireside Rm.)
- The Youngs (Boardroom)



KIDS OF GRACE SERVICE



Age 4 – 4th Grade Sunday, 12/14

During the **late service**, children are dismissed to the **Kids of Grace area in the gym** and return before the service concludes.

☺ Children ages 3 and under are welcome to attend **with a parent or grandparent**.

Please Pray For:

Members: for Dee Belden, Brad Hussung, Ron Cunningham, Sloan Schmidt, Kaden Woods, Emma Woods, Jim Furber, Tim Minich, Bill Boyd, Valetta Wehrenberg, Billie June Henley, Cora Keister, Sally McKnight, Carol Fischer, Harold Klapel, David Dehnke, Frank Putirka, Joe Franklin, Carie Lamb, Andy Razor, Harry Ross.

Friends & Loved Ones: for family and friends of Kaitlin Crouch (former member of Grace) as they mourn her passing; for Ben Mitchell (friend of Larry & Sandy Young), Max Stenberg (nephew of Paul & Rebecca Ginkins), Finley Singleton (niece of Lindsay Swearingen), Jennifer Parr (friend of Debbie Boyle), Elana Bussey (sister of Jean Brafford), Sharon Hunt (aunt of Terrie Robinson & sister of Mark Warren), Loretta Faith (great niece of Jeff, Sara, Chris & Ashley Faith), Linda Faith (sister-in-law of Jeff, Sara, Chris & Ashley Faith), Marjorie Barr (Rick Barr's mom), Catherine Brown (Rick Fetz's mom), for Stacy Tunnel (friend of Pat Curts), Linda Norton (Darrell Brumett's sister), Kellie Hougland (daughter of Karen Hougland), Rick Shafer (brother of Colleen Garber), Ali Forster (friend of Carol Hinz), Gary Sporleder (dad of Tricia Woods), Abo Asmah (friend of Emmanuel Ayiku-Teye), Charlotte Crockett (Rose Ebling's mom), Stephen Korner (Knut's brother), Joe Chester (family member of Danielle Delorme).

Other prayers: Prayers for those affected by recent disasters.

Prayers for Our Military: Shane McNamara (stepson of Ruth McNamara), Lukas Faith (Air Force, son of Jeff & Sara), Jeremy Hougland (Army), Stephen Hougland (Army, son of Jeremy), Thomas Kendall & Michael Kendall (Army, sons of Patrick & Ruthie), Alona Warren (Marines, California, daughter of Diana & Mark), Megan Harbol (Army, niece of Kathy Hayes & granddaughter of Barbara Fitzpatrick), Orrin Harbol (Army, husband of Megan), Will Mersmann (Navy, acquaintance of Becky Fetz), Lauren Mitchell (Navy, niece of Kathy Hayes & granddaughter of Barbara Fitzpatrick), Jonah Windell (Navy, grandson of Larry & Donna Oexman), Samuel Franks (Army, grandson of Luella Franks).

Prayer List Updates Needed

If you have a friend or loved one listed on our Sunday prayer list or in the weekly Prayer Letter, we'd love to hear how they're doing. Whether there's an encouraging update to share, a new request for prayer, or it's time to remove a name, your updates help us pray more meaningfully. Please reach out to Karen in the church office by phone or email her at secretary@glcna.org.

ALTAR FLOWERS CHANGES and COST for 2026: You may sponsor altar flowers for any worship weekend in honor of someone's birthday, anniversary, memory, or simply to the Glory of God. Please call or e-mail Karen in the church office to sign up. The cost is \$40 per vase. Checks payable to "Grace Lutheran Church." Please place payment in envelope marked "Altar Flowers" or mark on memo of check "Altar Flowers." When taking flowers home, please leave the green metal insert—those are returned to the flower shoppe.

The Flowers on the altar this week are
In Celebration of Christina Brutscher's Birthday from Mom.

ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17 at 7:00 pm
The House of David (The eternal promise)

At our final Advent service on the 17th, we journey once more to Bethlehem—the place where Jesus was born.

We have visited the first house of Adam and Eve, who bore the image of God. Then we visited the second house which is our homes--meant to be a place where God dwells.

Now we arrive at the third house: the place where Jesus comes to us--He who is also the house promised to David long ago. This is the Father's house which is promised and opened to all believers.

A Night in Bethlehem

By order of his Royal Majesty, Caesar Augustus, it is decreed that all the world is to be counted and taxed.

Therefore,
let each person and family come for...

“A Night in Bethlehem”

Wednesday, December 17
from 6:00-8:00

This event will take the place of dinner and our regular Grace on Wednesday program. Children must be accompanied by a parent.

At 7:00 the Roman Guards will escort everyone to the Sanctuary for the Advent Service.

*Taxes will be assessed in the amount of **one canned good** per family or a monetary donation to the food bank.*

***Supper served
In the Open Market
of Bethlehem.***



Food Donations Needed for *OUR NIGHT IN BETHLEHEM*



Our “Night in Bethlehem” event is coming up on December 17, and we are seeking food donations to help make it a memorable evening.

Sign-Up Location:

Please visit the narthex area to sign up for the item(s) you would like to donate. A sign-up sheet is available with a list of things needed. Your contributions are deeply appreciated and will help bring warmth and hospitality to this special night.

Gifts for Kids


The shoppers and wrappers are in full swing buying and wrapping gifts for children of needy families. If you still want to donate, please place donation in the offering plate, designated “Gifts for Kids.”



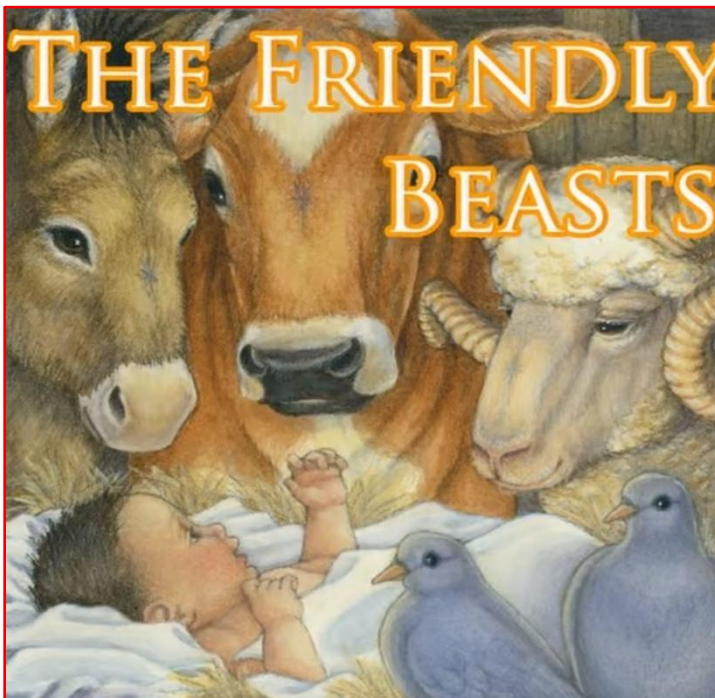
WELCOME TO OUR
Grace on Wednesdays
Classes for age 4 thru adult

December 17 is A Night in Bethlehem Event
Begins 6:00 pm. Takes the place of regular Grace on Wednesday program. Come, have supper in the open market of Bethlehem, and be escorted to Advent worship in the Sanctuary at 7:00 pm by the Roman Guards. Hope you can make it!

January 7, 14, 21, 28
Supper 5:30-6:00 | Classes 6:00-7:30



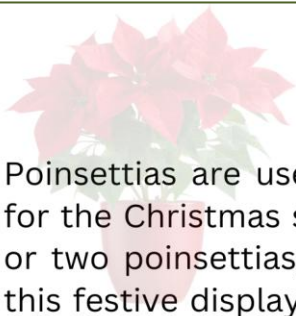
Dessert Donations for Grace on Wednesday's meals is appreciated. Brownies, cookies, cupcakes, pies, cakes (9x13), etc., in any amount. We serve 75+ people.



Children's Christmas Program **DECEMBER 21** DURING 10:30 AM SERVICE **Ages 4 - 4th Grade**

- Practices during Grace on Wednesdays and Sunday School.
- Dress Rehearsal December 20 10:00-11:15.
- Practice December 21 during Sunday School.

Merry Christmas to our Church Staff: As we celebrate the birth of our Savior, we invite you to join us in expressing gratitude to our dedicated church staff for their faithful service to the Lord and our congregation. If you would like to contribute, please place a cash gift in an envelope marked “Staff Christmas Gift” and drop it in the offering plate before Christmas. To assist the Elders in distributing the gifts, cash contributions preferred over checks when possible. Thank you for your generosity and may the peace and joy of Christ fill your hearts this Christmas. — The Elders Team, Grace Lutheran Church



POINSETTIA ORDERS

Poinsettias are used to adorn the church for the Christmas season. By ordering one or two poinsettias, you can contribute to this festive display while honoring a loved one's memory, seeking God's blessings, or simply celebrating the glory of God.

To participate, please [sign up on the sheet](#) outside the church office.

Your contribution will help create a warm and welcoming environment for all who visit during this special time of year.

\$9.00 each Checks payable to:
Grace Lutheran Church

Payment envelopes are on the table under the sign-up sheet, or place in an envelope marked "Poinsettias" along with your name.



We Need Your Help!

As we prepare for our 100 Years of Grace Celebration in 2027, we are looking for someone willing to scan documents and pictures into PDF format.

✓ This project must be completed before January 2027.

✓ Files can be saved on a flash drive to ensure they are preserved and easily shared with others.

If you can help, please contact Debbie Boyle at 502-541-5059 or leave a note in her mail slot at church.

Your assistance will help us preserve precious memories and make them available for everyone to enjoy during this special milestone!

Christmas Worship Services

Celebrate the Season with Us

Dec 24 at 5:00 pm with Communion

**Dec 24 at 11:00 pm
Candlelight service with Communion**

**Christmas Day, 12/25
10:00 am with Communion**



Sunday, 12/14
Stephanie Andrews

Monday, 12/15
Chuck Timberlake
Maria Hobbs
Peggy Schissel
Chris Faith
Jonathan Sieg

Tuesday, 12/16
Paul Speerbrecker
Nick Isenburg
Ian Hadley

Wednesday, 12/17
Audrey Scott
Ruth McNamara

Wednesday, 12/17
Sandy Conrad
Brianna Siebert

Thursday, 12/18
Nancy Swearingen
Bob Erber
Noah Mensendiek
Sophia Thompson
Isabella Essig

Friday, 12/19
Jason Nierman
Savannah Scrivner

Saturday, 12/20
Doug Longest
Patti Williams
Lynn Schultheiss
Elizabeth Schmitz
Sara Shelton

Sunday, 12/21
Addie Bailey



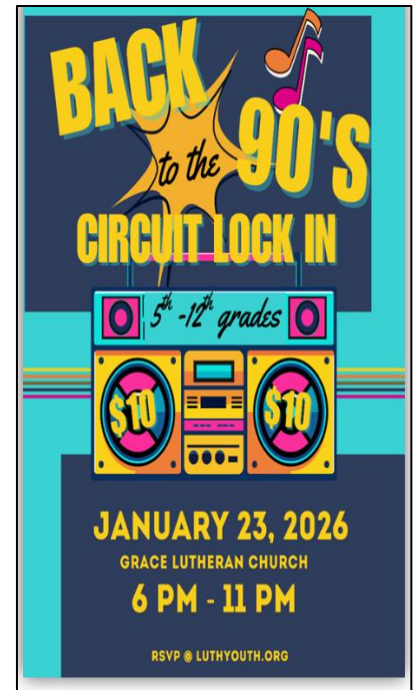
Happy Anniversary

Thursday, 12/18
Sean & Rose Ebling

Saturday, 12/20
James & Sandy Tanner

Free Christmas Concert

**Commonwealth
Brass Band,**
Friday, December 19
at 7:00 pm
St. Mary's Catholic
Church in downtown
New Albany.



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14 – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

DECEMBER 14, SUNDAY (Fellowship Hall reserved today)

- **Worship, 8:00 (No Communion)**
- **SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9:15**
 - Infants - Ages 3 & parents (Sunshine Room)
 - Ages 4 – 4th Grade (Gym)
 - Jr. High (Jr. High Youth Room)
 - Sr. High (Sr. High Youth Room)
 - Pastor Woods' Bible Class (Fireside Room)
 - The Youngs' Bible Class (Boardroom)
- **Worship, 10:30 (Communion)**
(Kids of Grace worship-dismissed during late service)
- GriefShare class, 1:00-3:00 pm (Fireside Room)

DECEMBER 15, MONDAY

- Scouts, 6:00 pm

DECEMBER 16, TUESDAY

- (Fellowship Hall reserved today)

DECEMBER 17, WEDNESDAY

- A Night in Bethlehem Event, 6:00 pm
- **Advent Worship, 7:00 pm**

DECEMBER 18, THURSDAY

- Thursday's Saints Bible class, 10:30 am (Fireside Room)
- Scouts, 6:30 pm (Fireside Room)

DECEMBER 19, FRIDAY

- Fellowship reserved (poinsettias delivery)
- Fireside Room reserved, 5:30-8:00 pm

DECEMBER 20, SATURDAY

- Church decorating for Christmas
- Children's Christmas Practice (Sanctuary), 10:00 am
- **Worship, 5:00 pm (Communion)**

DECEMBER 21, SUNDAY

Worship, 8:00 (Communion)

- **SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9:15**
 - Children's Christmas Program Practice
 - Pastor Woods' Bible Class (Fireside Room)
 - The Youngs' Bible Class (Boardroom)
- **Worship, 10:30 (No Communion) – Children's Program**
- GriefShare class, 1:00-3:00 pm (Fireside Room)

Children's Program,
10:30 am

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On Google, type *Grace Lutheran Church New Albany, Indiana*.

Click the map to the right of screen and take the 360° tour of our church.



The **Grace News & Tidbits** and **Pastor Woods' Weekly Devotion** is available via e-mail. If you would like to receive either or both of these weekly by e-mail, please call Karen at the church office, 812-944-1267 or e-mail her at secretary@glcna.org and let her know. (Please remember to check spam/junk folders and to make church a safe sender in your e-mail settings, so we are not blocked by your e-mail.)

PASTORAL CARE

If you are hospitalized or have a change of address or just something that needs pastoral care, please call the office, or let Pastor Woods know directly. Since hospital and nursing facilities are not allowed to disclose patient information of any kind, they do not call the church. If you cannot call the church or Pastor Woods yourself, please ask someone to do so for you. Pastor Woods would be grateful to hear from you or family when care is needed. We want to be there with you at such important times.

WAYS TO GIVE to GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Mail or place in offering plate at church.

or

Give online at www.glcna.org.

Weekly Attendance Report

Wednesday, 12/3	7:00 pm	77
Saturday, 12/6	5:00 pm	51
Sunday, 12/7	8:00 am	73
Sunday, 12/7	10:30 am	358

Budget: Needed weekly: \$17,003.00

Sunday, Dec. 7 Total: \$20,787.59

\$14,857.50	Envelopes
\$ 340.00	Loose Plate
\$ 5,590.09	Vanco

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Saturdays, 5:00 pm
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8:00 & 10:30 am

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