

January, 2019

Grace to Host Kindness Week Service

Please join us Thursday January 24 as Grace has been selected to host a special service during Kindness Week. We will host a special worship service in partnership with Poor People's

Campaign at 6:30 p.m. Please join us for this special service and wonderful chance to welcome new friends into our church.

Major Donations Boost Infant Moses Ministry

We applied for St. Matthew's Community Tithing program in October, 2018. We received notice in December that Infant Moses ministry was selected to receive a \$350 grant to purchase diapers for our on-going community service outreach.

Thank you very much, St. Matthew's!

Infant Moses held an open house display during the Advent



Brunch on December 1 explaining how our program works.

Thrivent Action Program helped with a donation of \$250, and our program received \$64 from a free-will offering.

Thank you to all who participated.

Donations are always welcome. If you would like to donate diapers, we are particularly in need of sizes 4 and 5.





Pastor Jonathan's Page

It Takes Each of Us

There are too many things to name in 2018 that I am grateful for; but one of the moments I give God praise for is when Harborside Academy students donated art to Grace Welcome Center. One six-piece painting in particular speaks to my soul—it is a vine that weaves its way through the six panels and each of their different colors. It speaks to my soul because in it I see that even in differences we have unity and that we are stronger when we depend on each other.

Luke describes the first church in Jerusalem in similar terms, “now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul... there was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold...There was a Levite, a native of Cyprus, Joseph, to whom the apostles gave the name Barnabas (which means ‘son of encouragement’). He sold a field that belonged to him, then brought the money, and laid it at the apostles’ feet.” (Selections from Acts 4:32-37)

In this first church they were unified and were able to accomplish the miraculous goal that there was not a needy person among them.

I see strong similarities between the first church at

Jerusalem and our church Grace Lutheran. In 2018 we accomplished many miraculous things: a.) students were confirmed b.) infants and children were baptized c.) worship on the organ moved our hearts d.) tens of thousands of diapers were distributed e.) quilts were made and given to those getting their first apartments f.) thousands of friends got to eat that otherwise wouldn't have and g.) God gave us a renewed sense of purpose with our redevelopment core values. These miraculous events were made possible because each one of us came together as a church. Each person that gave an offering; donated a can of coffee; volunteered a morning or



afternoon; counted an offering; maintained our furnace made all of this possible. The biggest difference I see between Grace and the Jerusalem Church is they only had one Barnabas, we've got thirty or more. Each person here at Grace contributes and contributes to make the miraculous work of Grace Lutheran continue on. Thank you each for your faithful and wonderful contributions!

As we enter 2019 we know we face some financial challenges—we've got to finish paying for our paint job and pay

for organ repairs as well as continuing to find creative ways to keep our building maintained and ministries moving forward. In the face of these obstacles I have tremendous faith that if we continue to stick together God will find ways for us to keep going forward into the future God is opening up for us.

This year my hope is that all of us will make a pledge to show our mutual support for our congregation. God had entrusted each one of us with different amounts of financial and volunteer resources. For some of us God might be calling us to make our first pledge ever and maybe it's fifty cents a week which for the year would be \$26—enough to buy half a can of paint—an important gift. For others of us God is calling us into a yearly tradition of praying about what we are called to give.

Pledge Sunday will be **Sunday, January 25**, and there is pledge sheet on page 3.

I know that in 2019 if we continue to come together in faithfulness God will continue to find beautiful, amazing, and abundant ways forward. Thank you to everyone who made our miraculous 2018 possible and thank you in advance to everyone who is going to come together with us in 2019. Each one of us is an important part of the vine that is Grace Lutheran.

Thanks for being part of this wonderful church family,
—Grace Council and Rev. Barker

2019 Estimate of Giving Card for Grace Lutheran Church

In grateful response to God's love and mercy, I/We estimate my/our giving will be:

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 \$ _____ per month Current \$ _____ Benevolence \$ _____
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Name _____ Date _____/2019

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Annual Congregational Meeting Scheduled in February

Grace Lutheran will have its annual meeting immediately after worship on



Sunday, February 24. Please join us for this important day where we celebrate

all God has done for us in 2018 and pray, dream, and discern where God is leading us in 2019.

Kempinen, Pastor Jonathan to Be Honored at MLK Event

Monday, January 21 at 11:30 a.m., at Madrigano Auditorium, 3320 30th Ave. in Kenosha, Pastor Jonathan and Karen Kempinen from St. John's Lutheran will receive MLK

Humanitarian Awards for co-founding EmpowerUptown! There will be 500 + guests at this free event and will be a tremendous honor for Grace Lutheran. Please join us.

We've No Less Days to Sing God's Praise

Join the Grace Choir! No experience needed. We rehearse on Sunday mornings at 8:30 in the choir room.

There will be no choir rehearsal on January 13 or February 17, when Music

Director Joe Dominic will be away.

Let's Bestow These Laurels

Laurels to Garriet and Dean for all your work coming up with a solution to our roof leak. During our Advent Brunch, Garriet and Dean rigged up a make-shift pump system to collect water and send it to the drain in our kitchenette. Thank you so much for your tireless work to keep our building operating!

Laurels to Patsy Callahan and Altar Guild for all the love and care they put into setting up communion and vestments during Advent and Christmas. Their work invited us into a deep spirit of worship.

Laurels to Donna Cristiano, Ruth & Dean O'Hanlon, Eleanor Gapko, and others for their work setting up Christmas decorations this year. This is a big job that involves many helpers over the course of many different days. The Christmas decorations really help make

this such a special season. Thank you so much!



Laurels to Danielle & Paul Rasmussen and Jean Boothe for baking over 10,000 cookies for

Grace Welcome Center and raising over \$7,000.

Laurels to Dean O'Hanlon for all the additional work of keeping our church beautiful and clean over the holidays with so many extra services and events happening at Grace.

Laurels to Sydney Houston for blessing us with violin music at our Christmas Eve Service.

Laurels to Joe Dominic and our choir for all the work they did preparing for Advent and Christmas and blessing us with their music of praise.

Laurels to Jarlene for making all the Powerpoint presentations for worship during the busy Advent and Christmas Season.

Laurels to Paul Berge for all his work in our church office printing extra bulletins and inputting extra services during our Advent and Christmas Season.

Laurels to Jim Maynard for writing a grant to Kwik Trip, which got Grace Welcome Center \$1,500; and for all his hard work this fall at Grace Lutheran.

November Culver's Event Raises Funds

By Joyce Swift




The November 25 Culver's Night Fundraiser brought in a total of \$163.78. This was from the Culver's on south Sheridan Road, which doesn't usually bring in as much for us as the Green Bay Road location does; but it's money we didn't have before.

Thanks goes out to the O'Hanlons, the
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Gapkos, Jarlene Kriehn, Vi Dreger, Keith Dreger and Joyce Swift who faithfully worked passing out trays and washing off tables and seats. Hopefully I didn't forget anyone. These fundraisers are very beneficial for us because it's new money with very little effort.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>6 Epiphany 8:30 am Choir 9:30 am Worship service 1:00 pm Welcome Center fund raiser at Flints Inn 7:00 pm NA</p>	<p>January 2019</p>	<p>1 Name of Our Lord 1:00 pm J Group Bible study</p>	<p>2 4:30 pm Shalom Center soup kitchen 5:30 pm Prayer group 6:30 pm Holden Evening Prayer</p>	<p>3 7:00-10:30 am Grace Welcome Center 2:00 pm Infant Moses ministry</p>	<p>4 7:00-10:30 am Grace Welcome Center 6:30 pm NA</p>	<p>5 Twelfth Night</p>
<p>13 Baptism of Our Lord 8:30 am Choir 9:30 am Worship service 7:00 pm NA</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 10:00 am Grace Council mtg.</p>	<p>16 4:30 pm Shalom Center soup kitchen 5:30 pm Prayer group 6:30 pm Holden Evening Prayer</p>	<p>17 7:00-10:30 am Grace Welcome Center 2:00 pm Infant Moses ministry</p>	<p>18 Confession of St. Peter 7:00-10:30 am Grace Welcome Center 6:30 pm NA</p>	<p>19 </p>
<p>20 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 8:30 am Choir 9:30 am Worship service 10:30 am Redevelopment listening session 7:00 pm NA</p>	<p>21 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day 11:30 am MLK Humanitarian Awards, Madigrano Auditorium</p>	<p>22 </p>	<p>23 9:00 am Dorcas Circle 4:30 pm Shalom Center soup kitchen 5:30 pm Prayer group 6:30 pm Holden Evening Prayer</p>	<p>24 7:00-10:30 am Grace Welcome Center 2:00 pm Infant Moses ministry 6:30 pm Kindness Week service</p>	<p>25 Conversion of St. Paul 7:00-10:30 am Grace Welcome Center 6:30 pm NA</p>	<p>26</p>
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Carthage Quartet Entertains at WELCA Brunch

Women of the ELCA held their annual Advent Brunch on December 1. 51 ladies representing twelve different churches and two from out of town attended the brunch. Joyce Swift led us with an Advent devotion.

The menu was egg dishes, fruit cups and muffins and breads and wonderful fellowship.

The President Quartet from Carthage College, consisting of three violins and a cello, played beautiful Christmas music for us.

While we were enjoying the music program, Pastor Jonathan, Mike, Ron, Dean, Garriet, Keith and Ian cleaned up and did the dishes. What a wonderful blessing for our group.

Thank you for serving, and thanks to Thrivent Action Program.



WELCA and Luther Men Plan Chili Dump

WELCA and Luther Men's meeting is scheduled for January 15, 2019. A chili dump is planned. Please see the sign-up sheet in the narthex.

Welcome Center Distributes Gift Packages

Bradford High School students did a wonderful food

drive for us, and St. Anthony's Catholic brought a treasure

trove of gifts for the Welcome Center's Christmas Party on December 13. We are so grateful for all this generosity and are calling for the many volunteers who helped us run our Christmas Party.



Would You Rather Read Grace Notes On Line?

Some people prefer to receive our church newsletter only through email. If this is the case, please sign up in the narthex to opt out of us mailing it to you—also that saves us money on postage. Thanks.

January Worship Assistants

	Altar Guild	Communion Asst.	Readers	Flowers
Jan. 6	N. Brichacek, J. Knoedler, K. Knapp	L. Martin	open	open
Jan. 13	P. Callahan, D. Cristiano	open	open	open
Jan. 20	E. Gapko, K. Knapp	L. Martin	open	open
Jan. 27	E. Gapko, P. Callahan, D. Cristiano	open	open	D. Houston.

Stewardship Update from Pastor Barker

As I reflect on our church life in 2018 I am so grateful for all we have accomplished together. During this time of year some of us are catching up on bills, making sure accounts

are in order, and thinking about taxes. As you get your 2018 finances in order please remember our mission at Grace and see if you are up to date on your pledges for the year. Then

in January we will have a 2019 pledge drive. Remember, our ministry is possible because of your generosity. Thank You ~
Pastor Jonathan Barker

January Birthdays

Jan. 11	Alyssa Caputo
Jan. 12	Ruth O'Hanlon
Jan. 13	Julia Sturino
Jan. 15	Ian Clyne
Jan. 21	Gregory Foster
Jan. 29	Rich Knapp
Jan. 30	Sydney Houston

Elsewhere in Our Area:

Outreach Center Plans Fund Raiser at Carthage

The ELCA Outreach Center invites you to take the chill out of winter 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Friday, February 1 at the Carthage College Science Center. Sample craft beers, sip on wines, enjoy delicious comfort food, and hear live music by the Lonely Ninjas.

The cost of \$55 per person benefits the Outreach Center, which recently sustained major foundation damage and extensive flooding in their building, destroying all their clothing, and lower level furniture and flooring. Damages exceeded \$27,000, but with your help and prayers, the Center can start anew!

Reserve your spot on line at www.elcaoutreachcenter.org or call 262-652-5545. Carthage's Science Center is at the north end of the campus; use the north campus entrance and parking lots C, H or N.



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Worship at Grace:
Sunday mornings at 9:30
Wednesday evenings at 6:30
Kindness Week January 24 at 6:30 p.m.

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Mission Volunteers from the Church of Latter Day Saints helped out at the Grace Welcome Center on January 3