

G.A.B. GUIDEPOST - December 2024

The Monthly NEWSLETTER OF:

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December 2024 Readings

Dec 1 Advent 1 Holy Communion

Jeremiah 33:14-16, Psalm 25:1-10, 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
Luke 21:25-36

Dec 8 Advent 2 Service of the Word

Malachi 3:1-4, Luke 1:68-79
Phillipians 1:3-11, Luke 3:1-6

Dec 15 Advent 3 HC – Bonnechere; SOW – Grace

Zephaniah 3:14-20, Isaiah 12:2-6, Phillipians 4:4-7
Luke 3:7-18

Dec 22 Advent 4

Bonnechere – **SOW**; Grace – Children;s Program
Micah 5:2-5a, Psalm 80:1-7, Hebrews 10:5-10,
Luke 1:39-45 (46-55)

Dec 29 1st Sunday of Christmas

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26; Psalm 148, Colossians 3:12-17
Luke 2:41-52

Lend a Poisetia

If you would like to “lend” a poinsettia for the Christmas Season, please bring it to the church anytime in December. Please put your name on it. You can pick up it up after the Christmas Day Service or later.
Thank you for your support.



Grace Lutheran Church - Ladies Aid Christmas Party
on Monday, December 2, 2024 at 2:00 PM.

A Christmas Program with Jim Beattie.
Craft and Bake table. Light lunch provided.

Everyone welcome.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Kelsey is busy planning for our **Christmas Program – December 22.** If you would like your child to take part in this, please let her know as soon as possible (kelseyscheer@yahoo.ca). If you have already done that, and if your child would like to read or act or both, please let her know your preference. Practice times are in the list below. We ask that you have your children attend as many practices as possible.

WOW!!!!



\$600.00 was the final count on Sunday's Bake Sale for Canadian Lutheran World Relief's outreach and the EDPS Food for Learning Program Thank you so much to Crystal for organizing this, the kids for making some great ornaments and to all the

families who donated and bought from our tables on Sunday, November 24th!! It was a great success! \$300.00 will go towards the EDPS Food for Learning Program and \$ 300.00 will be sent to CLWR. The Sunday School will chose items that will be matched (such as Emergency Food, seeds, garden tools, crop know-how, how to fight drought or flocks of chickens), all thanks to you!!

We are excited to have Shawna Plotz decorate our float for the **Eganville Christmas Parade – December 8 at 1:00 PM.** Thanks to Morley Hass who once again is providing the tractor and wagon for this. Please let me know if you and your children would like to be on the float this year. We will be having a hotdog lunch after church so everyone can get to the parade in time.



Sunday School Cont'd: Mark your calendars for these upcoming dates:

- December 1** - Start practicing songs for Christmas
- December 8** - Practice during Sunday School - Hotdog Lunch Eganville Parade
- December 15** - Practice during Sunday School and upstairs after church
- December 22** - Presentation of the Children's Christmas Program at 10:30 service - Please have your children to the church at 10:00 am. Refreshments downstairs after the Program.



On Wednesday, December 11, 2024, the Eganville Ministerial will be hosting an afternoon of **Caroling at the ECHO Centre** starting at 2:00 PM.

From Our Quilting Ladies



Monday Quilters – These quilts are hand stitched for a fee and money is given to the church. We welcome new quilters to join us.

Cuddles & Hugs – They will not be quilting for the month of December. Their next get together is Wednesday, January 15th. These quilts are lovingly made for and given to individuals undergoing cancer treatments.

COMMUNITY CHOIR



The Eganville Community Choir invites you to their 2024 Concert on Saturday, December 14th at 2 PM at Grace Lutheran Church. Free will offering. Reception to follow.

Grace Choir - Thursday mornings at 10AM. All are welcome.

Baptisms

On November 24th we welcomed through the waters of baptism Blake Bobby Neuman son of Nicholas and Victoria (Verch) Neuman

On December 6th we will welcome through the waters of baptism Scottie Ann Nephin daughter of Brendan Nephin and Lauren Felhaber

Pray that they may grow and know the love of Jesus.



In Memory of:

It is with sadness that we acknowledge the passing of:



Bruce Allen Kuehl
November 25, 1956 – September 27, 2024
Myrtle Alma Gust
April 10, 1929 – October 7, 2024
Bert Heideman
April 16, 1940 - November 7, 2024

Keep the members of their families and friends in your prayers as they mourn their loss.

Service at Fairfields – 1:00 PM

On Saturday December 21st, Pastor Ralph will be leading worship with our home bound members at Fairfields (in the dining room at 1:00 PM) and sharing communion with them. This has been a welcome ministry by the Fairfield' residents and will occur on a monthly basis in the Fairfields dining room. Everyone is welcome to attend and if anyone wishes to help Pastor just let him know.



Bible Study



Pastor Ralph continues to offer an Adult Bible Study, Tuesday mornings at 10AM in the board room of Grace. Everyone is invited to join and share insights with each other on Bible texts and life experiences.

CPR And Defibrillator Course



Tuesday, December 3rd at 1:00 to 5:00 PM is the CPR and defibrillator course at Grace Church upstairs in the council room. Cost is \$25 for the course. Thank you. Ed Byers

Blood Donor Clinic - January 2, 2025



Blood supplies are always in demand after the summer holidays. If you are able, call 1-888-236-6283 to make an appointment. Hours at Grace Fellowship Hall are from 1 PM to 6 PM.

From the Church Office:



The Church office will be closed from Tuesday, December 24 to Tuesday, January 7, 2025

Pastor Ralph will also be taking vacation time from December 26 to January 4, 2025. Pastor Ralph is available for urgent pastoral care by calling the parsonage (613) 628-2867

On behalf of Pastor Ralph and Karen Sell, we would like to wish everyone a Blessed Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. All the best for 2025.

From the Pastor's Desk

The Advent season is a four week period before Christmas that celebrates the anticipation and coming of Jesus Christ, the Messiah. The origin of "advent" is from the Latin

word *adventus* which simply translates "coming" or "arrival". Not only is the Christian meaning for preparation and celebration of the coming of Jesus Christ, his birth at Christmas, but also to celebrate the new life when someone accepts Jesus Christ as their Savior, and lastly, the anticipation of Jesus returning again. The color of blue is used in our paraments and vestments, as a symbol of our hope and of our waiting. There are beautiful and rich traditions behind the celebration of Advent. The four Sundays of Advent each have a specific theme or focus. The purpose of each theme is to spend time reflecting on the true meaning of the season - the life of Jesus Christ and in the preparation and waiting for his coming. The goal should be to come before God with a sincere heart and to worship Jesus Christ.



May you find time to slow down this Christmas season, say "no" to the things that distract you from Jesus and say "yes" to the gift that God wants you to experience. Ellen and I would like to thank you all for your support this past year and may you have a Blessed and Happy Christmas.

Pastor Ralph and Ellen

December 2024

<i>SUNDAY</i>	<i>MONDAY</i>	<i>TUESDAY</i>	<i>WEDNESDAY</i>	<i>THURSDAY</i>	<i>FRIDAY</i>	<i>SATURDAY</i>
1 Advent 1 HC Augsburg 9:00 Grace 10:30 SS	2 Grace Quilters 9-3 Ladies Aid Party 2:00 Confirmation 4:00	3 Bible Study 10:00 CPR & Defib course 1-5 (\$25)	4 Community Choir 6:30	5 Toy Bus 9-11:30 Grace Choir 10:00	6 Baptism at Grace 10:00	7
8 Advent 2 SOW Augsburg 9:00 Grace 10:30 SS – Santa Clause Parade 1:00	9 Grace Quilters 9-3 Confirmation 4:00	10 Bible Study 10:00	11 Caroling at ECHO 2:00 Community Choir 6:30	12 Toy Bus 9-11:30 Ottawa Valley Cluster at Grace 9:30	13 Community Choir 6:30	14 Community Choir Concert at Grace 2:00
15 Advent 3 Bonnechere 9:00 HC Grace 10:30 SOW	16 Grace Quilters 9-3 Confirmation 4:00	17 Bible Study 10:00	18	19 Toy Bus 9-11:30 Grace Choir 10:00	20	21 Fairfield Worship 1:00
22 Advent 4 SOW Bonnechere 9:00 Grace 10:30 Sunday School Program Refreshments	23	24 Christmas Eve Augsburg 4:00 Bonnechere 6:00	25 Christmas Day Grace 10:30 with Holy Communion	26 Boxing Day Holiday	27 Pastor Vacation	28 Pastor Vacation
29 Christmas 1 SOW Joint service at Grace 10:30	30 Grace Quilters 9-3	31 New Years Eve Pastor Vacation	1 January 2025 Holiday	2 Pastor Vacation Blood Donor Clinic at Grace 12-8	3 Pastor Vacation	4 Pastor Vacation

Notes: HC – Holy Communion, SOW – Service of Word, SS – Sunday School

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