

G.A.B. GUIDEPOST - January 2025

The Monthly NEWSLETTER OF:

(Grace, Augsburg, Bonnechere)

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January 2025 Readings

Jan 5 Epiphany of our Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6, Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14, Ephesians 3:1-12,
Matthew 2:1-12

Jan 12 Baptism of Our Lord

Isaiah 43:1-7, Psalm 29, Acts 8:14-17
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Jan 19^{2nd} Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 62:1-5, Psalm 36:5-12, 1 Corinthians 12:1-11
John 2:1-11

Jan 26 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19,
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21

THANKS FROM THE ALTAR GUILD



Thank You to everyone who assisted in our preparations for Christmas: the decorators, those who lent poinsettias, the Sunday School, the Grace Choir, worship leaders, and a special thankyou to Brian and Margaret Weckwerth and Diane Moore for decorating the Christmas tree, Brian and Margaret Weckwerth for putting up the Christmas Lights, last but not least to the Resmer's for setting up the Nativity Scene.

Annual Congregational Meetings

St. John's Lutheran Church,
Augsburg TBA

St. John's Lutheran Church,
Bonnechere TBA

Please have all reports into the
Grace Church office in time for
Reports to be printed. Augsburg,
Bonnechere, in time to be printed 3
weeks prior to your AGM;



Grace Lutheran Church, Eganville – Our Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 23, 2025 following worship For our groups and/or committees, could you please have your reports into the church office the week of January 12th . Electronic copies are greatly appreciated.

Sunday School News



The next session of our Sunday School is scheduled to start in March. Watch bulletin or newsletter for more information or you will receive an e-mail from Peggy Verch.

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 24!! It was a great success!

\$ 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!!

Confirmation Class is in full swing with 5 students. They are currently studying biblical stories in 2024/25. Confirmation Sunday is tentatively on Pentecost Sunday, June 8, 2025, where we will have one confirmand.



The **2025 Offering Envelopes** are ready for pick up. They are available at your own churches. Please **DO NOT** use till January 2025. Thank you.

From Our Quilting Ladies



Grace 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 be start quilting for 2025. Their next get together is Wednesday, January 15th. These quilts are lovingly made for and given to individuals undergoing cancer treatments.

Pastor's Visitation

(Home Communion and Home Visits)

People in nursing homes, senior residences or shut-ins are on Pastor Ralph's regular visitation list. If however, you or anyone has a pastoral emergency, or would just like to visit, please call the Church Office 613-628-1392 or 613-628-2867 (emergencies only) and Pastor Ralph will gladly make a visit or send him an e-mail at ralph.weigold@sympatico.ca.

Pastor Ralph is on holidays

December 26 to December 28, 2024

December 31, 2024 to January 4, 2025.

If you need pastoral care please call the office 613-628-1392 and leave a message. Someone will get back to you within a day

*Our January GAB
has been sponsored by Erna Schruder
in loving memory of my husband
Elby Schruder who passed away
30 years ago, January 3, 1995*



*And my dear son Robert
who passed away 7 years ago November 20, 2018
Loved and missed. Erna*

Pastor's Message for January 2025



Grace and Peace to your from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ
Happy New Years! Another year has ended and a new one starts. How will you bring in the New Year? This past year has been inspiring for me in that Sunday school has grown in leaps and bounds, and confirmation class is in full swing. We have welcomed our brothers and sisters from

Melville United Church to our family and they have appreciated how we have accepted them. The wise men on Epiphany, which will be our first worship service of the new years, saw hope in a star and when they found the baby in the manger; they knew that the world would become better. In a reading from Isaiah it was written "Arise, shine, for your light has come and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.". As we look ahead, we are called to have faith and hope for a better future. I am not sure if the economic problems of the world will be resolved this coming year, or that there will be a peaceful end to all the wars that are going on, but one thing I do know is that with the gift of the Holy Spirit within us, and in the embracing of the Word and Sacraments, we know that hope is always there. Share this hope with other who may have doubt. Let your light so shine that all may see for who we are, Children of God.
Amen.

Pastor Ralph and Ellen

January 2025

<i>SUNDAY</i>	<i>MONDAY</i>	<i>TUESDAY</i>	<i>WEDNESDAY</i>	<i>THURSDAY</i>	<i>FRIDAY</i>	<i>SATURDAY</i>
			1 Holiday	2 Pastor Vacation Blood Donor Clinic 2-8	3 Pastor Vacation	4
5 Epiphany HC Augsburg 9:00 Grace 10:30	6 Pastor Day Off Grace Quilters 9-3	7 Bible Study 10:00 Ladies Aid 1:00	8	9 Ottawa Cluster @ Petawawa 9:30 Grace Choir 10:00	10	11 Fairfield Worship 1:00
12 Baptism of our Lord HC Augsburg 9:00 Grace 10:30	13 Grace Quilters 9-3 Confirmation 4:00	14 Bible Study 10:00	15 Cuddles and Hugs 9-3 Music and Worship 1:00	16 Toy Bus 9-11 Grace Choir 10:00	17	18
19 Epiphany 2 HC Bonnechere 9:00 Grace 10:30 Christian Unity Service @ St John's Anglican 3:00	20 Grace Quilters 9-3 Confirmation 4:00	21 Bible Study 10:00 Property 7:00	22	23 Toy Bus 9-11 Grace Choir 10:00	24	25
26 Epiphany 3 SOW Bonnechere 9:00 Grace 10:30	27 Grace Quilters 9-3 Confirmation 4:00 Grace Council 7:00	28 Bible Study 10:00	29	30 Grace Choir 10:00	31	

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

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