

G.A.B. GUIDEPOST - December 2025

The Monthly NEWSLETTER OF:

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December 2025 Readings

Dec 7 Advent 2 Holy Communion

Isaiah 11:1-10, Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19, Romans 15:4-13
Matthew 3:1-12

Dec 14 Advent 3 Service of the Word

Isaiah 35:1-10, Psalm 146:5-10; James 5:7-10,
Matthew 11:2-11

Dec 21 Advent 4 Bonnechere – SOW; Grace – Children's Program

Isaiah 7:10-16, Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19, Romans 1:1-7
Matthew 1:18-25

Dec 28 1st Sunday of Christmas – Holy Communion

Isaiah 63:7-9; Psalm 148, Hebrews 2:10-18
Matthew 2:13-23



Lend a Poinsettia

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.

Worship Schedules for the month of December:

Sunday, December 7th - Advent 2

10:30 AM - Grace - Holy Communion
Sunday School

Sunday School Craft and Bake Sale following
worship



Saturday, December 13

2:00 PM - Eganville Community Choir
Program

Sunday, December 14 - Advent 3

10:30 AM - Grace - Service of the Word
Sunday School

Sunday, December 21 - Advent 4

9:00 AM - Bonnechere - Holy Communion
10:30 AM - Grace - Children's Christmas Program
Following the program, join the Sunday School downstairs for refreshments and fellowship



Christmas Eve

4:00 PM - Bonnechere - Lesson and Carols
8:00 PM - Grace - Lessons and Carols
Holy Communion

Christmas Day

10:30 AM - Grace - Holy Communion

Sunday, December 28th - 1st Sunday after Christmas

9:00 AM - Bonnechere - Holy Communion
10:30 AM - Grace - Holy Communion



We would like to extend an invitation to one and all to join us for our annual **Ladies Aid Christmas Party** in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday December 3, 2025, beginning at 1:30 pm with music and storytelling featuring our guest, Gillian Rutz followed by refreshments. It's sure to be a fun-filled afternoon. Everyone is welcome.

EGANVILLE COMMUNITY CHOIR



The Eganville Community Choir presents "A Smorgasbord of Christmas Music" Featuring: The Eganville Community Choir, Jonathan Schaeler – Cello; Janet Adams – Violin; Genevieve Harrisson – Violin; Patricia Hazelton – flute. on Saturday, December 13th at 2 PM at Grace Lutheran Church. Free will offering. Reception to follow.

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

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 be quilting on December 17, 2025. These quilts are lovingly made for and given to individuals undergoing cancer treatments.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Kelsey is busy planning for our **Christmas Program – December 21**. 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 on the list below. We ask that you have your children attend as many practices as possible.

Mark these dates on your calendar:



November 30 – Craft Day – making items to be sold at our Bake Sale
December 7th
- Practice during Sunday School
– Craft and Bake Sale following worship
December 14 - Practice during Sunday School and upstairs after church (hot dog lunch)
December 21 - 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.

In Memory of:

It is with sadness that we acknowledge the passing of:

Valeda Bertha Ernestine (Miller) Ziebarth
August 17, 1927 – October 30, 2025

Eldon Adolph Ziebarth
September 21, 1927 – November 5, 2025

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



Bible Study



Pastor Ralph continues to offer an Adult Bible Study, Tuesday mornings at 10AM in the Fellowship Hall of Grace. We will meet till December 16, 2025, and then take a break until January 6, 2026. Everyone is invited to join and share insights with each other on Bible texts and life experiences.

From the Pastor's Desk



The Advent season is a four week period of preparation for the coming of Jesus Christ. 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 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 (Hope, Love, Joy, Peace) 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 faithfully 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 Advent season and a Happy Christmas.

Pastor Ralph and Ellen



Blood Donor Clinic - December 18, 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 12 Noon to 8 PM.



STARRY STARRY NIGHT AN EPIPHANY CELEBRATION

Sunday, January 4, 2026
4:00PM

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
454 Miller Street, Pembroke

The Ottawa Valley Lutheran and Anglican churches are invited to gather for an epiphany worship service.

From the Church Office:



The Church office will be open December 23rd and 24th and December 30th and 31st. 2025

Pastor Ralph will also be taking vacation time from December 26 to January 2, 2026. 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 2026.

December 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Grace Quilters 9-3 Confirmation 4:00	2 Bible Study 10:00	3 Ladies Aid Event 1:30 Community Choir 7:00	4 Toy Bus 9-11 Grace Choir 10:00	5 Pastor Day Off	6
7 Advent 2 HC Grace 10:30 SS SS Bake Sale	8 Grace Quilters 9-3 Confirmation 4:00	9 Bible Study 10:00	10 Community Choir 7:00	11 Toy Bus 9-11 Grace Choir 10:00	12 Pastor Day Off	13 Eganville Community Choir Concert – Grace 2:00
14 Advent 3 SOW Grace 10:30 SS SS Rehersal	15 Grace Quilters 9-3 Confirmation 4:00	16 Bible Study 10:00	17 Cuddles and Hugs 9-3	18 Blood Donor Clinic 12-8 Grace Choir 10:00	19 Pastor Day Off	20
21 Advent 4 SOW Bonnechere 9:00 Grace 10:30 SS Sunday School Pageant Fellowship	22	23	24 Christmas Eve Bonnechere 4:00 Grace 8:00	25 Christmas Day Grace 10:30	26 Pastor Day Off	27
28 Christmas 1 HC Bonnechere 9:00 Grace 10:30	29 Pastor on Vacation	30 Pastor on Vacation	31 New Year's Eve Pastor on Vacation	January 1, 2026 Pastor on Vacation	2 Pastor on Vacation	3

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

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