

G.A.B. GUIDEPOST - January 2026

The Monthly NEWSLETTER OF:

(Grace, Bonnechere)

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January 2026 Readings

Jan 5 Epiphany of our Lord Holy Communion

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

Jan 11 Baptism of Our Lord Holy Communion

Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17

Jan 18 2nd Sunday after Epiphany Holy Communion

Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-11; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42

Jan 25 3rd Sunday after Epiphany Service of the Word

Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1, 4-9; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23

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 thank you 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, Bonnechere TBA

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

Grace Lutheran Church, Eganville – Our Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 22, 2026, following worship

For our groups and/or committees, could you please have your reports in to the Church Office the week of January 27th, 2026 Electronic copies are greatly appreciated.

Sunday School –

WOW!!!!

\$1,000.00 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, December 7!! It was a great success!

\$ 500.00 will be sent to CLWR. The Sunday School has chosen garden seeds, gardening tools, a pair of goats, 3 fishing kits, a flock of chickens, veggie seeds, saplings, bees, ducklings, fish, Emergency food, and a dignity kit, these will be matched by CLWR, all thanks to you!!

We are planning to begin our spring session of Sunday School on **Sunday March 15** at the 10:30 service, and then continue until **Sunday May 10**. This is only possible if we have our wonderful volunteer teachers returning. We would also welcome any new ones.

If there is a week or a two that you can help out, please let me know.

An exciting new event we are planning is a congregation skate (see below). Hope you can join us!! (Don't forget your foodbank donations)

We would like to invite you to strap on your skates and come skate with Grace.



WHO: Grace, Bonnechere, and friends

WHEN: Sunday February 15th, 2026 at 3:00 pm

WHERE: Eganville Arena

Please join us for this fun, **free**,
community building activity.

Hot chocolate will be provided to children attending.

If you need to borrow skates, please contact
Crystal at 613-281-6351

Donations to Eganville Foodbank will be accepted

Hosted by Grace Sunday School

Confirmation Class is in full swing with 9 students. They are currently studying Church Doctrine in 2025/26. Confirmation Sunday is tentatively on Pentecost Sunday, May 24, 2026, where we will have four confirmands.



The **2026 Offering Envelopes** are ready for pick up. They are available at your own churches. Please **DO NOT** use till January 2026. 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 start quilting for 2026. Their next get-together is Wednesday, January 21stth. These quilts are lovingly made for and given to individuals undergoing cancer treatments.

Pastor's Visitation - (Home Communions 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's Message for January 2026



Grace and Peace to you 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?

When I reflect on the past year, I am encouraged with all the positive things happening at Grace: our Sunday School program is thriving (thanks to all those who volunteer to make this happen),

Bible Study group has grown in leaps and bounds, even our choir has grown, and Sunday attendance has increased as well. We also have a strong group of volunteers who make church happen, thanks to you all.

I cannot forget to mention one sad note, the closing of St.John's, Augsburg. This has been a very difficult year for the members of that congregation. Some have come to worship with us and at St. John's Bonnechere. We should continue to pray for them for the loss of their building and community. On a personal point, last year was a hard time for me with the diagnosis of cancer. As you know, I have been taking immunotherapy for the past 11 months, and as off today I only have one more treatment to go in February. Then, comes the long wait and see period, if the cancer is gone or will it come back. Thank you all for your prayers and support in this challenging time for me. I will beat this!!!

So, what is in store for this New Year? What exciting things will happen in the church? What exciting things will happen with you? Let this be a year of rebirth in the church. Let us reach out to those who are seeking hope, peace and love. Remember that our Lord Jesus Christ is with us always!!

As Tiny Tim said in Scrooge, God Blessed Everyone!!

Amen

Pastor Ralph and Ellen