

**GRACE CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
2801 GARFIELD ST. TWO RIVERS**

**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES:
8:00 & 10:30 AM**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:15AM; ADULT STUDY 9:30 AM
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JANUARY 2018

**FOR UNTO US
A CHILD IS
BORN!**

HEAR THE ANCIENT STORY
AS TOLD BY OUR CHILDREN
**CHRISTMAS EVE
DECEMBER 24
9:30 AM**

ALL CHILDREN ARE
WELCOME TO
PARTICIPATE IN THE
PAGEANT. PLEASE
ARRIVE BY 9AM TO
RECIEVE A ROLE.

Christmas Eve by Candlelight

CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
CHRISTMAS EVE, SUNDAY DECEMBER 24

9:30 AM CHILD-LED WORSHIP & PAGEANT
4:00 PM FAMILY SERVICE (WITH HOLY COMMUNION)
6:30 PM STORY AND SONG
10:30 PM THE HOLIEST OF NIGHTS
(WITH HOLY COMMUNION)

What has come into being in him was life,
and the life was the light of all people.
The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness did not overcome it.

The Gospel of John

TWO RIVERS AREA CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER.

Celebrate the Birth of Jesus by sharing a meal and fellowship with friends.

A community buffet style dinner will be served on **Christmas Day, December 25, 2017** at Grace Congregational United Church of Christ, 2801 Garfield Street, Two Rivers, Wisconsin 54241. Guests are invited to partake in the meal at no personal expense. Reservations were to be made by December 20th to (Marilyn) 920-793-4043

Doors will open at **11:00 AM**. A buffet meal will be served from **11:30 AM to 1:30 PM**.

The event is jointly sponsored by the members and generous benefactors of St. Peter the Fisherman Catholic Church, Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church, Grace Congregational United Church of Christ, and Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

Stille Nacht

At the beginning of our worship service last week, we were taught Stille Nacht. Anita Rappe told the story of Silent Night's origin. Joseph Mohr wrote the lyrics; Franz Gruber composed the music. In 1818 the waters of the river in Oberndorf bei Salzburg, Austria damaged the church organ. So on Christmas Eve that congregation sang Stille Nacht accompanied by a guitar.

This year at our Christmas Eve Candlelight services, we are going to sing the first verse of Silent Night in German. In preparation for December 24, we want to teach the meaning and correct pronunciation for the German version of this hymn. Phrase by phrase we recited after Anita:

Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht (the 'e' at end of stille and heilige are a short 'e' sound)

Alles schlaft, einsam wacht (that 'w' is actually a 'v' sound)

Nur das Traute hoch heilige Paar (heilige=holy; Paar=Pair (Mary and Jesus))

Holder Knabe im lockigen Haar (gentle boy with curly hair)

Schlaf im himmlescher Ruhe (sleep in heavenly Peace)

Schlaf im himmlescher Ruhe

As you might know, after worship on December 10, about forty of us went Christmas caroling. What joy! It is impossible to describe the happiness of that time. There was so much joy all around.

As we walked through nursing homes, individuals came out of their rooms; they walked the hallway with us. Some youngsters visiting grandparents stared with amazement. We saw family members holding hands as they sang with us. Some residents seemed a bit disoriented; but they sang word-for-word the great Christmas carols. Tears were all around as we shared the musical joy of our Lord's birth.

We sang for over two hours; one group in Two Rivers and one in Manitowoc. In Manitowoc, our last stop was at 'The Gardens' which is part of Felician Village. As we walked into the dining hall, one of our carolers, Emily Stoeger, suggested we sing Stille Nacht. We thought we give it a try.

As we sang that hymn, one woman who lives at 'The Gardens' sang with unusual gusto. She and others knew the words, and that dining hall was filled with singing. It was such an experience! When we finished, we sang "We wish you and merry Christmas" and made our way to the door. On the way out, that one woman stopped us and told a story.

She was born in Austria. In fact (this is the best part), Oberndorf bei Salzburg was her home town and she knew precisely where Stille Nacht was sung for the first time. As she and we sang, all kinds of barriers were crossed. It was one of those indescribable moments when again I was so grateful to be a Christian and part of the church and with people who dare to reach out in faith. Praise God!

CHURCH FAMILY MEETING

The Trustees would like to sit down and talk with our church family after both services on January 14th. They wish to update us on the decisions they are making that impact all of us.

**COUNT YOUR
BLESSINGS.
NAME THEM ONE BY ONE.
COUNT YOUR
MANY BLESSINGS
SEE WHAT GOD HAS DONE.**

PASTOR COLIE'S CORNER

A New Class for Sunday Mornings

Dear Congregation,

Mark your calendars! Starting in February, I will be offering another option for Sunday morning adult education. This class will meet Sundays at 9:30am, in the Youth Room (off the Fellowship Hall). We will have coffee, tea, and donuts! Our conversations will make connections between our faith and the things that are happening in our everyday lives and the wider world. Every 4 weeks or so, we will have a new theme to base our conversations around.

I have some suggestions of topics I would like to talk about, but I am also open to suggestions! If there is something faith-related that you have always had questions about, or a conversation you would like to have in the context of the church, let me know and we can see if that might lead to something for the class.

Our first topic, for the month of February, will be discussions about Social Media and the “Internet World”. As many of you may know, one of the classes that I took this past semester for my Doctoral program was *Faith Formation in the Internet World*. I am excited for an opportunity to bring some of these conversations to our wider church community.

Whether any of us personally are on social media platforms like Facebook or YouTube, there is no escaping that many people are plugged into these places on the internet, and that is affecting our modern culture in a big way. Some of the questions this Sunday School class will address are: How are today’s young people using social media (and are teenagers really “addicted” to it)? How are people using and misusing these social networking platforms? Especially in light of the overabundance of TV and movie programming, how do we as people of faith consume TV or movies, and is there anything that we can learn about our faith from these media? How can we use the internet help us build community? How should the Church respond to all of this?

The ways we talk about and answer these questions may or may not line up with how churches have “traditionally” addressed the issues of new technology and modern society. My hope is that we can have honest, thoughtful, and real conversation about our lives and our faith.

I’m looking forward to it! I hope you will consider joining me in this now, or in the future.

Pastor Colie

CONFIRMATION UPDATES

NO CLASS on December 27th or January 3rd. Enjoy the time with your family!

Classes continue Wednesday night with two time options: 4:00-5:10 and 6:20-7:30

January 10: Jesus—How do we picture Jesus? ***Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore***

January 17: ***MENTOR NIGHT. Tough Questions*** (Discipleship—

Can I be a Christian without going to church?) ***Hymn—Youth/Mentor Choice***

January 24: Discipleship—Why should I follow Jesus; can’t I just say I believe in him?

The Church’s One Foundation

January 31: Jesus—Is believing in Jesus really the only way to get to heaven? ***Gather Us In***

PARENTS’ SUPPORT GROUP

Our Parents’ Support Group is sponsoring a **family movie night!** Join us here at church on **Friday, January 12th**, for a night of conversation for parents and movie fun for the kids. Pizza at 5:30, movie will start around 6pm. Movie title is TBD but will be fun for the whole family. We will have pizza and fresh popped popcorn! Please bring your own beverages, and a pillow, sleepingbag, or mat for the kids to sit on the floor and watch the movie. While the kids watch the movie, parents can gather at the other end of the hall for conversation together.

Friday, January 19—Church Ski Trip!

We leave early in the morning and will be back Friday evening. Friends invited! There is a sign up form with this newsletter. For more forms, contact the church office.

3rd GRADE BIBLES

Here at Grace Congregational United Church of Christ, we seek to support, encourage, and value our children at all stages in their faith journey. As part of our commitment to care for the children in our community, we present to children in third grade a Bible engraved with their name. We hope that this gift will be a symbol of our care for them, and that they will see this Bible as their own which they can read and begin to know.

We will soon be ordering for our children leather-bound Bibles with their name engraved on the front cover. We will be presenting the Bibles during worship on Sunday, January 28th, at both worship services. If you have a child or grandchild in our church in 3rd grade – or if you have come to our church more recently and have children older than 3rd grade who need their own Bible – please give to the church office or Pastor Colie the details of how you would like their name to appear. Call the church at 553-1222 or email Pastor Colie at pastorcolie@gmail.com

READING THE BIBLE BADLY:

What happens when we read the Bible in ways it was not meant to be read?

On Monday January 8 and Monday January 29, the Dr. Rev. Karl Kuhn will be leading two classes: “Reading the Bible Badly.” The classes will be taught at Grace Congregational Church at 6:30 p.m. Here is a synopsis of the two classes:

January 8: Reading the Bible as if it were written for us—ignoring the context of Scripture

This session will help participants understand the importance of reading Scripture texts in their own historical and cultural contexts, focusing on the story of the magi in Matthew 2, and the story of Jesus’ birth in Luke 2.

January 29: Reading the Bible with a wayward heart—the tragedy of a hateful hermeneutic

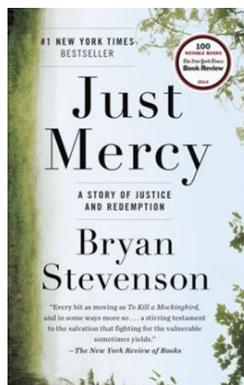
The Bible requires interpretation. But our principles, dispositions, and commitments shape the “lenses” through which we read and reflect upon Scripture. This session will explore what it means to read Scripture through the heart of Christ rather than through a heart of pride and hate.

“JUST MERCY”

Many of you are familiar with the Rev. Jerry Hancock, a pastor of the United Church of Christ who once served as a lawyer in the Attorney General’s office in Madison. ***On January 15 and 22, Jerry Hancock has offered to come to Grace Congregational United Church of Christ and lead a book study at 6:30 p.m. using Bryan Stevenson’s book, “Just Mercy.”***

“Just Mercy” is a powerful true story about the potential for mercy to redeem us, and a clarion call to fix our broken system of justice—from one of the most brilliant and influential lawyers of our time. Bryan Stevenson was a young lawyer when he founded the Equal Justice Initiative, a legal practice dedicated to defending those most desperate and in need: the poor, the wrongly condemned, and women and children trapped in the farthest reaches of our criminal justice system.

If you choose to prepare in advance of this class, Jerry Hancock suggests that you read the book, Just Mercy.



MESSAGE FROM THE MODERATOR

Our Nominating committee has been working to fill positions of officers and members of boards and committees whose term expire at the end of January. They will present a slate of nominees for election at the annual meeting of the church on January 28, 2018. Positions up for election include: Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Historian, Librarian, Head Ushers, Members-at-Large for Cabinet, and members for the Diaconate, Boards of Trustees, Christian Education, Mission and Outreach, Endowment Board, Pastor-Parish committees, Nominating committee, Delegate committee, Flower committee, Special Gifts and Memorial Fund committee, and Two Rivers Ecumenical Ministry committee.

If you have interest in serving in a particular office or committee, please contact one of the Nominating committee members: Connie Blashka (553-4028), Ginny Engstrom (732-3228), Donna Fehrman (553-6311) or Adrienne Ewald (860-7336). They can provide a job description and let you know the times and frequency of meetings involved. If you receive a call from them, it is because your name was suggested as a possible nominee. Please prayerfully consider whether you can serve. Our Christian community needs your gifts to be shared in the service of God in this time and place. Keep our Nominating committee in your prayers and join me in thanking them for their important work on behalf of Grace Church. And thanks to all who are completing their terms of service on Boards and committees for giving your time and energy to make ministry happen.

I want to thank our Stewardship committee for presentations which helped us see ways our ministry reaches people beyond our congregation, bringing Christ's presence and the good news of God's love. They also led us to reflect on the blessings we have received as members of this church. I hope each of us will respond with our financial support, as we are able.

At this time of year, I am reminded that the church is a community that relies on all of us to carry out our mission of love, service and growth in faith. Thank you for doing your part.

WOMEN OF GRACE NEWS AND NOTES

Note: **There will not be a meeting for the Women Of Grace in January, 2018**

The Women Of Grace had a short meeting and then enjoyed their annual Christmas Cookie and Sock Exchange on Dec. 2nd, 2017. We had a great time sharing, laughing and enjoying one another's friendships at our party. The event was well attended and we will do it again next year!

We are planning on some fun events: Canvas Painting in February, another trip to Door County - Hands On Art Studio in May, and thinking about a few other events throughout the next few months!

If you want to join us, all you have to do is come to our meetings. It's the **first Saturday of the month** at 9am in the Fellowship Hall. If you need a ride to our meetings/events, let us know and we will pick you up.

Remember all women of Grace, are members of Women Of Grace!

The Women Of Grace wish each and everyone of you a Most Blessed Christmas and New Year!

Note: **Our NEXT meeting will be on SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD, 2018 @ 9am in the Fellowship Hall**

We will have a short meeting and then we will have a Canvas Painting event led by Donna Weier. It will cost \$20 per person and will include all materials that you will need to paint a picture. We had a great turn out last year! Please come and join us! Men, youth and your friends are invited to join us, too.

If you are attending, **please sign up at the Information desk**. We need to know how many to plan for this event. Remember all women of Grace are members of Women Of Grace!

Yours In Christ, Amy LeGreve and Renee Anderson

EQUAL EXCHANGE

Mission & Outreach will continue to have their twice a month Equal Exchange sales. They have also decided to continue the new concept of the Gift certificates. They will be available whenever EE is sold.

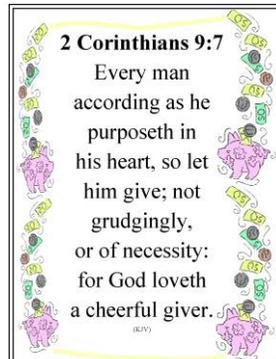
PLEDGE CARDS RETURNED AS OF NOVEMBER 20, 2017

DOUG ALBRIGHT
ANDREA ALLINGTON
FRANK & CHRIS BAUKNECHT
DAN & CONNIE BLASHKA
RYAN BLASHKA
DOUG & NANCY CHARLES
JOHN & MARY CHRISTENSEN
BUDDY & BARBARA DAVIDSON
JOE & DWYN DEGROOT
MARCIA DONLON
GINNY ENGSTROM
DICK & HELEN ERTMAN
DAVID & SARAH GALLAGHER
SUE GEROSO
JACK GOEDJEN
JEAN GUNZEL
NAN JAGEMANN
VICTOR & ROSIE JONES
LARRY & BARBARA KRUEGER
CATHY LAMBRIES
JUDY LANGO
BARBARA LAURENT
TRUDY LECLAIR
JEAN MACHUT
DORIS MATTE
MIKE & JULIE MCCORMICK
TODD & MANDY MOOLENAAR
CAPTAIN ALBERT & DIANE NELSON
JERRY & KATHY NICHOLS
MAX & LISA ONDERBEKE
VIRGINIA POSNY
BOB & SHELLY RANDERSON
SANDY SCHEER
PAUL & JOAN SCHMID
ERIC & JOY SCHRAMM
BRENDA SENOVICH
MAREN SLICKMAN
LOU ANN SMITH
ALAN SPEARBRAKER
DEBBIE SPINDLER
JEFF & ROBIN BRYANT-STOEGER
JEAN SUTTER

GEORGE TAYLOR
JAMES TAYLOR
MIKE & DEBBIE TIMM
KATHY TOLKSDORF
ERIC WANIGER
LARRY WENSAUER

**CONTINUING ELECTRONIC GIVERS WHO
DID NOT RETURN PLEDGE CARDS**

MATT & HEATHER ANDERSON
AL & DEBBIE AUGUSTINE
JON & STACY BACKUS
MARY BERGENE
KEN & ROBIN BERGMAN
CHELCEA BOESIGER
RON & HOPE BOUDNIK
TOM & MEGAN CHRISTENSEN
JOE & COLLEEN COLLINS
MELISSA DUPKE
SHAWN & SANDY ENGLEMAN
BILL & SHAY HAMPTON-GREGORY
ROB & NICOLE HERDA
RICK & COLLEEN INMAN
CHERYL JASPER
WADE & MICHELLE JUZA
TIM & ANN KLEIN
KARL & KATHRYN KUHN
CHRIS & ERICA MAINWARING
RANDY & MARY KAY MEISSNER
MARV & JOYLYN MOORE
AMY PETERS
CASEY RENNERT
RICH & JILL RICMOND
GINA ROHR
CHRIS & MARY SAYESKI
JIM & BEVERLY SCHLEIF
JEFF & CAREY SCHMID
BRUCE & THERESA TERP
TARA TETZLAFF
BRIAN & GINGER VAN ELLS
KEITH & PAM VAN ESS



CHURCH CABINET

Moderator, Don DeBruyn **Treasurer**, Linda Justema
Financial Sec, Chris Blimel **Trustee Chair**, Dave Loomis/ Mickey Velecke
Diaconate Chair, Hope Boudnik **Board of Christian Ed Chair**, Kelly Ruhbusch
Mission & Outreach Chair, Joe DeGroot **Pastor Kim-Pastor/Parish Chair**, Bill Heinsohn
Pastor Colie-Pastor/Parish Chair, Paul Schmid

Stewardship Corner for Grace Congregational United Church of Christ:

Total 2017 Expected Expenses for Grace Congregational UCC:	\$409,385
Amount of pledged income needed each month to balance our budget:	\$30,750
Pledged Income Received in November:	\$38,723

Please Note: Our constitution prohibits us from using any proceeds from our Endowment Fund to support our day to day ministry at Grace Congregational Church. Members are expected to support this ministry as an act of faithfulness to God.

(Your Trustees express gratitude for your healthy stewardship during the month of November. Your generosity is truly appreciated for three reasons: 1) We will be able make a payment on behalf of the congregation to the CAMPITAL Campaign; 2) January is one of the most financially challenging months of the year because of annuity, insurance, heating and snow removal payments. This will help us. 3) At this point, our commitments (pledges) for 2018 are not as healthy as we would have hoped. We will provide you with more information in the future. For now, you are helping us absorb a shortfall.

United Church Camps, Incorporated CAMPital Campaign

Grace Congregational Church has been invited to contribute \$300,000 towards a major capital fund campaign for the upkeep and improvement of our two church camps in Wisconsin, Moon Beach and Pilgrim Center. Thank you for those second mile contributions that you make to this effort.

Update:

Contributions through 2016:	\$39,438
Contributions received in November	\$307
Donations, January--November:	\$13,901.87

Thank you so very much for your mindfulness of this capital campaign for our two church camps. They are very valuable to the church's ministry in Wisconsin. We have a ways to go but our perseverance will lead us forward.....

Thank you for the spirit of faith you show forth through your offerings.



Christmas Fund The Christmas Fund has been a tangible expression of God's love and light in the world for 116 years. The Christmas Fund provides UCC congregations and members an opportunity to reach out in kindheartedness to those who have shepherded our church and now find themselves facing worrisome financial needs. Through your gifts to the Christmas Fund, you, too, can embody the light of Christ and pass it on to those in need.

In 2016, UCC members generously contributed \$1,562,260 to the offering. These gifts enable our Pension Board to provide supplementation to those who live on small annuities or perhaps need Retiree Health Premium Supplementation. On behalf of the hundreds of clergy and lay employees who were touched through your support of last year's Christmas Fund Offering, we offer our sincere thanks for your generosity. In 2016, thirteen congregations gave more than \$5000 to the Christmas Fund; and 16 gave more than \$25/member.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 – Kayla Johnson
2 - Derek Slickman
Parker Reif
3 - Chris Bauknecht
Tammy Ricks
Jordan Baeckman
Kevin Gulseth
4 - Addisyn Schanilec
5 - Ty Wichlacz
Rich Richmond
Ben Handl
Craig Rysticken
6 - Jeff Jasper
7 - Nancy Charles
8 - Max Onderbeke
Brian Van Ells
9 - Aaron Schanilec
Sara Schuette
10 - Peggy Mueller
Amber Bohman
Allison Bergman

11 - Kevin Wargin
12 - Kristy Sherrod
13 - Hannah Juza
15 - Judy Lango
Michele Juza
Lincoln Bettivia
David Waniger
Lori Waniger
17 – Ron Boudnik
Kay Olker
Mickey Veleke
18 - Tim Hirvela
Karen Tadych
Karen Loritz
19 - Karl Kahlenberg, Sr.
Logan Novitski
21 - Frank Bauknecht
Ron Krizek
Rich Langman
22 – Alaina Novitski
23 - Douglas Albright
Dominick Springstube

Carson Kintgen
Autumn Buchholz
24 - Jason Duvall
Keenie Evenson
25 – Diane Kieffer
26 - Jean Gunzel
30 - Paul Schmid
Kathy Peterson
Ashton Stein

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

16 – Michael and Heather
Krueger
27 - Bill and Sandy Monka
29 - Richard and Roberta
Ott
Keith and Sarah Coenen
31 – Mike and Becky Price

OPPORTUNITIES TO VOLUNTEER FOR

There are so many things to choose from when you have free time. Here are a few more choices to care for the elderly in our church and in our community.

- Worship services at the Atrium Senior Living first Thursday of each month 10:30 -11:15
contact person. Chris Blimel 793-2204
- Worship services at Meadowview Assisted Living last Tuesday of each month 1:00 - 2:00
contact person Marsha Heuer 553-4051
- Delivering Meals on Wheels (from the Senior Center) 11:00 - 12:00
contact person Sarah Gallagher 553-8021
- Helping with bingo and senior lunches (next date is Dec. 5) **contact person is Marsha Heuer 553-4051**
- Serving Sunday supper twice a year **contact person is Charlene Dresang 645-1014**
- Christmas Day dinner for our community **contact person is Randy Ammerman 323-1819**
- Delivering soup/cookies to shut-ins several times a year **contact person is Marsha Heuer 553-4051**
- Volunteer at the Memory Café 1st Wednesday of each month from 10:00 - 11:30 *next meeting is October 4* at the Manitowoc Library **contact person is Heather Anderson 883-1443**
- Volunteer to provide transportation to church services / **call church office 553-1222**
- Call or send a note to our shut-ins check if they need anything **contact person Marsha Heuer 553-4051**
- Visit the residents at The Atrium, Meadowview, Wisteria House **contact person Lucy Zeldenrust 793-4647**
- If you have an elderly neighbor invite them to our senior events. **Contact person Marsha Heuer 553-4051**
- If you have any other ideas how to serve our senior population in our church or in our community please **contact Marsha Heuer 553-4051**

Thanks for considering these opportunities. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Blessings to all of you!

GRACE CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY HIGHLIGHTS

HOSPITALIZED

Florence Shekoski was a patient at Aurora Medical Center.

Katie Ver Haagh had surgery at Aurora Bay Care on December 7th.

Kathy Hirvela has been released from Aurora Bay Care.

Jack Hodgson recently had surgery at Aurora Medical

Richard Ertman is a patient at Aurora Medical Center.

OUR SYMPATHY

We offer our sympathy to Carrie Curcio and Kristy Sherrod and their families as they grieve the death of their uncle, Allen Strutz. Allen died on Monday, November 27th. and his funeral was held on Saturday, December 2nd.

On Tuesday, November 28th. Lynn Ashenbrenner died. A Memorial Service was held here at Grace Congregational Church on Monday, December 4th. We offer our sympathy to Lynn's beloved children, grandchildren, and her many friends.

A memorial service was held on Monday, December 4th at Grace Congregational Church for Lynn Ashenbrenner. We offer our sympathy to the many who grieve Lynn's death.

We offer our sympathy to Brian and Ginger Van Ells as they grieve the death of Brian's uncle, John, who died on November 24th.

A memorial service was held December 9th for Shirley Suettinger, the sister of Ann Suettinger. We offer our love and sympathy to all who grieve Shirley's death.....



Thank you for your generous donation. It allows us to continue our work, helping families facing food insecurity. Blessings, Lynn Skarvan, Coordinator.



Dear Grace Congregational

Thank you for all your volunteer support and also for your monetary support you gave us for the month of December. Grace Congregational's next host week is December 17th – 23rd. We deeply appreciate these contributions, Sincerely Hope House Director Erin N. Schultz.

A PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY 2018 10 days STARTING FROM \$3498

Members and Friends of Grace Congregational United Church of Christ and St. Peter, the Fisherman Catholic Church are invited to a hosted tour of Italy. Educational Opportunities our of Lakeland, Florida will lead the trip---(the same organization used by Adam Hamilton for his book Moses: In the footsteps of a Reluctant Prophet). The trip will depart on November 6 and return November 15, 2018. The trip will include tours of Milan, Venice, Pisa, Lucca, Florence, San Gimignano, Siena, Assisi, Ancient Rome and Vatican City.)

It is our hope that this trip will be an opportunity to further the relationships of the ecumenical community in Two Rivers, and increase our appreciation of important religious sites in Italy. Registration forms are available at the Information Center. The all inclusive price includes basic tour and guided sightseeing; roundtrip International Airfare, daily buffet breakfast and dinner, motor coaches, and First Class Hotels.

Father Tom Reynebeau and Pastor Kim Henning

WOMEN'S LUNCHEON GROUP

We would like to invite ALL women of the church to our Women's Luncheon Group.

Announcements are usually in the bulletin and in the newsletter. If you need a ride we can usually provide it. **January 9th we are going to be at Perkins in Manitowoc at 11:30 a.m.** Contact Chris Blimel at 793-2204 or Sandy Monka at 553-2047 if you will be going.

TREATS FOR THE SWEET ELDERLY

Thank you to the group of people who helped serve them. Marsha Heuer for the soup and cookies, cookie makers Paul, Joan, Aurora, Morgen Schmid, Nancy, Charles, Buddy, Barb Davison, Mickey Veleke, and myself. Also for packing the treats Laura Slickman, Jeff & Ruthie Harding, Donna Weier and the rest of the group. I thank the Lord for you. Your willingness to help reflects a servant's heart. Having a heart that cares. Thanks to the deliverers: Pastor Kim, Marsha, Jeff, Ruthie, Jim Bohman. Thanks for your Big Hearts, Shelby Bohman



POINSETTIA'S FOR CHRISTMAS

NAME

GIVEN IN HONOR OR MEMORY

Joan and Paul Schmid
Lloyd & Aleda, Lynne & Ron & Lana & Scott

Lucy Zeldenrust(from friends of Jenny)
Diane & Ron Eggers
Lori, Eric & David Waniger
Steven & Charlene Dresang
Clare Schuette
Betty Becker

Tracy Smith
Nancy & Doug Charles
Pat & Bonnie Wichlacz
Chris Blimel

Frank & Chris Bauknecht

Bruce & Donna Fehrman
John & Mary Wallace
Nan Jagemann
Erin, Robin, Tony & Caroline
Laura & Jeff Jasper
Sue & Bob Brull
Capt. Albert & Diane Nelson
Bill & Sandy Monka
Marcia Robbins & Rico
Katina & Brian Shatter & Marlene Behrendt
Ginny Matthews
Randy & Lynn Kirt
David & Sarah Galliger
Gina Rohr
Patrick/Patrica Day Jr.

Memory of Georgene & Arthur Hoarth
Memory of Lois & Henry Freed and
Lowell Clarksen & Lee Clarksen
Memory of Jenny Van Bramel
Memory of Kay & Joby Eggers & Harold & Dorthia Kloss
Memory of Randy Waniger
Memory of our loved ones
Memory of our son Rob
Memory of Elaine Lintereur, Jeanette Becker & Theresa
Kapitz
Memory of Dave & Nancy Smidle
Memory of our parents
Memory of Mark Behle
Memory of Mother Shirley Anderson & Brother George
Anderson
Memory of our parents Floyd & Betty Bauknecht, & Bob &
Barb Smith(Taylor) & sister, Marcia Bergene
Memory of Jack & Shirley Fehrman & Ralph & Hilde Sierack
Memory of our parents
Memory of Paul Jagemann & Lloyd Bursek
Memory of Paul Jagemann & In Honor of Nan Jageman
Memory of Donald Jasper, Daniel & Rose Meissner
Memory of Marion Peters
Memory of Randy Waniger
Memory of loved ones
Memory of Loved Ones
Memory of Darryl Behrendt
Memory of Ed Bottger, Wayne Bottger, & David Wisniewski
Memory of Randy Waniger
Memory of Tom & Louina Reynolds
Memory of Lynn Ashenbrenner, Tom Rohr, Lucille Raab
Memory of Patrick & Alice Day

SkiBrule
Snow Skiing and Snow Boarding
Friday, January 19, 2018



Our annual ski trip is headed to a new mountain this year. Grace Congregational Church is hosting a trip to SkiBrule on Friday, January 19, 2018. We will travel by coach bus, departing from Grace Congregational Church at 6:00 a.m. The bus will be ready for loading at 5:30 a.m. We will arrive back by 5:30 p.m. You must be on time for departure or forfeit \$22 for the bus ride. Food may be purchased at the hill or bring a sack lunch along. Adults ski for same price.

Here's how the program works at SkiBrule. Everyone, skilled or not, needs to receive a brief instruction. If you handle yourself and skis well, you will be sent off to the hill. If you need further instructions, those will be available. Snowboard lessons are available for an additional \$20.

Participants traveling alone must be in at least 6th grade. No rude behavior is allowed. Younger children may come if accompanied by an adult. A child must be at least 10 years old to receive a group lesson. Give registration form/money/copy of insurance card to Pastor Kim Henning.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-Mail: _____

Check Appropriate Boxes

I am interested in being a Snow Skier or Snow Boarder.

I have my own skis; I need to rent skis (ask PK for a rental form)

I have my own snowboard; I need to rent a snowboard (ask PK for a rental form)

Helmets are required---and included in our ski rate.

Rental of poles is \$5.

Lunch (included!): hot dog, chips and fountain soda.

Cost Per Skier: \$42

As parent/guardian of _____ I give my permission for him/her to participate in the ski trip to SkiBrule on January 19, 2018. In case of an emergency occasioned by illness, accident, or injury, I give the chaperons permission to grant consent for needed medical attention by the nearest physician and/or hospital.

Medical conditions that a physician should be aware of: _____

Insurance Company _____ Insurance Identification # _____

Insurance Company Phone Number: _____

Other Vital Medical Information: _____

Father's Phone Number _____ Mother's Phone Number: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

(Attach a copy of your insurance card)

Amount Enclosed: _____ (make checks out to Grace Congregational Church)