



# Grace Notes

## November 28, 2021

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## First Sunday of Advent

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### Christmas is coming! Help Needed!!

Please join in to help decorate for the Christmas season on **Sunday December 12** after the service for the narthex and on **Sunday, December 19** after the service for the sanctuary. And since what goes up must come down, please also help us on **Sunday January 2** after the service to pack the decorations away. Contact Claire Vail with any questions.

## HOPS AND HYMNS



**DECEMBER 5, 2021**  
**FROM 4:30PM**  
**AT RIGGS BEER COMPANY**

### Special Prelude on December 19

Please join us at **9:15 a.m.** on December 19th for a special extended prelude by the Mahomet-Seymour High School Madrigals! Abby Loven sings in this group! We invite you to come early and enjoy the sounds of the seasons and support Abby! This will also be live-streamed for those who attend online.

### LSSI Christmas Gifts for Foster Kids

Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI) is asking for your help to make Christmas special for the children in their foster care program. Due to COVID restrictions, they are requesting monetary donations only this year, and then LSSI staff will use the money to purchase gifts for each child. You can donate to the GLC fundraising page online at this link, (<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/grace-lutheran-church-champaign1>) or bring/mail a check to the church with "LSSI Christmas" in the memo. Donations can be made anytime from now until December 5. Our goal is \$3500 from our church. All contributions of any size will help us reach that goal. Please contact Amy or Brian Nicely with questions.

### Advent Devotionals Available

Advent devotionals are available in the narthex for adults, teens, and children. Pick up one this weekend. Advent starts today!

### No Adult Sunday School This Week

We're on a short break for the holiday weekend. Also please note that next week is our monthly parking lot distribution of communion, so there will be no class next week either.

### Stitch & Craft – Date Changes

November & December meetings::  
**Nov. 26, 2021** has been cancelled (Thanksgiving)  
**December, 2021** dates have been changed to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> weeks; Dec 3, 17, and 31.  
**In January, 2022** we will go back to 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays again.

## Time and Talent Survey

The Stewardship Committee sends thanks to those who have completed our Time and Talent Survey!

Jim and Ruth Anderson	Randy Laugges
Russell Dankert	Meg Loven
Kathy and Van Bowersox	George and Beverly Kieffer
Emily Dorsey	Elizabeth Mazurak
Mary Jo Erickson	Carol Shupp
Tina Fehrenbacher	Claire Vail
Eileen Herrstrom	Thomas Warda
Grace Schoedel	Lois Wilken
Julie Johnson	Alicia Winter
Christina Fliege	

If you haven't responded, here's another chance to consider how you can use your talents and gifts in loving service to God, our church family and our community. [Survey link](#)

Once the survey data is collected, a committee chair will contact you to discuss specific volunteer opportunities in your area of interest.

## Chancel flower Sign-Up

Chancel flower beautify our Sanctuary and glorify the Lord for our worship services. You may sign-up for flowers for 2022 through the month of November. Let us know the date you would prefer and your dedications (in memory of, in honor of, in celebration of, etc.) You may send in your check (one Sunday - \$50) **payable to Grace Lutheran Church -memo: Chancel Flowers** or to Shirley Traugott.



**Dates Available are as follows:**

**January:** 9, 23, 30 **August:** 14, 21, 28 **September:** 4, 11 **October:** 9,16,23,30 **November:** 6, 13

Thank you for your support and generosity  
Warm Regards, Shirley Traugott

## Box of Warmth

Thanks to the generous donations of members of our Grace congregation. It was my pleasure to take 9 hats, 5 pairs of gloves, and 10 pairs of mittens for a total of 24 items of warmth for the children and youth served by the Francis Nelson Health Center. Please keep them coming. Our Illinois winters are cold!



Please place your donations in the "Box of Warmth" under the mailbox in front of the church. They will be taken to the Francis Nelson Health Center in Champaign with deliveries there from November through February. Questions? Contact Marcia Licquia for your social ministry committee.

## Grace Food Pantry Update

You may have seen on our calendar that we have slotted the second Sunday of each month to be "Grace Food Pantry Sunday." We include this to encourage financial support for this ministry once a month. Food Pantry does not operate out of the General Fund, which is the destination for Sunday morning offerings unless otherwise designated. Because of this, Food Pantry depends on special designation for donations from those in the congregation that wish to support this ministry. Financial contributions are a great way to support Food Pantry, because every \$1 that is given can have the purchase power of much as \$10 at the Eastern Illinois Food Bank. Please consider making an extra donation to the Pantry at this.



## Volunteers Needed

Help wanted! We need volunteers to work on the Nominating Committee. The task of this committee to reach out for people to fill the council, church officers, and delegates to the Synod Assembly. Please contact Claire Vail if you are willing to serve

	Worship Support –November - December			
Worship Support	<u>November 28</u>	<u>December 5</u>	<u>December 12</u>	<u>December 19</u>
Assisting Minister	Kathy Bowersox	Claire Vail	Jo Fleming	
Reader	Rodney Marshall	Deborah Miller	Ja'Net Miller	Paul Tessene
Deacon	Art Traugott	Steve Blanke	Gail Hug	Daniel Lepp
Greeters:	Carolyn Pater & Elizabeth Mazurak	Jeff & Tina Fehrenbacher	Dennis & Allison Archer	Joe Meyer & Erika Bilger & family
Video Technician	Dave Brown	Andy Bruhn	Dave Brown	Michael Miller
Flowers:	Larry and Carolyn Pater			
Reason for Flowers:	In honor of our Anniversary			

### Prayer Requests

We have two formal ways of praying for one another at Grace. One is in the Sunday morning worship service, where we pray for people by name in the Prayers of Intercession. They will also be listed in the emailed and printed versions of GraceNotes, but not in the web version. The other way is the Prayer Chain. This is more private, and prayer requests are shared only with the Prayer Chain team and not listed in GraceNotes.

Please send prayer requests for the Sunday-morning prayers to Lyla at [office@glccu.org](mailto:office@glccu.org). We also have a tab on our website for prayer requests that you can access at <https://glccu.org/prayer-requests/>

Prayer requests for the Prayer Chain should continue to go Lyla at [office@glccu.org](mailto:office@glccu.org).

**Grace Meeting Zoom Link and Web Pages and Access Links and passwords are available at Email version of Gracenotes.**

**This Week at Grace: November 28, 2021 – December 5, 2021**

<b><u>Event</u></b>	<b><u>Time</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>
<b>Sunday, November 28, 2021</b>		
<i>World Hunger Sunday</i>		
Worship (Hybrid)	9:30 AM	Sanctuary & Live Stream
Women's AA	12:30 PM	Hoffmeister Room
<b>Monday, November 29, 2021</b>		
Bell Choir Rehearsal	7:00PM	Sanctuary
<b>Tuesday, November 30, 2021</b>		
Sweet Adelines	6:00PM	Fellowship Hall
Women's AA	7:30 PM	Rainbow Room
<b>Wednesday, December 1, 2021</b>		
Bulletin Deadline	5:00 PM	
Choir Practice	7:30 PM	Sanctuary
<b>Thursday, December 2, 2021</b>		
Food Pantry	10:00 AM	Fellowship Hall Hoffmeister Room
Hymn Selection Committee	10:00AM	Zoom
Worship & Music	11:00AM	Zoom
<b>Friday, December 3, 2021</b>		
Stitch & Craft	7:00PM	Narthex
<b>Sunday, December 5, 2021</b>		
Worship (Hybrid)	9:30 AM	Sanctuary & Live Stream
Communion Distribution	10:45 AM	Parking Lot
Confirmation Class	11:00 AM	Google Meet
Women's AA	12:30 PM	Hoffmeister Room