



# GLOW

*Grace Lutheran Church of Winchester*

## November



## 2017

### Ruth's Pantry

ALWAYS needs  
canned fruit  
and canned meat



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### *From the Desk of Pastor Connie...*



Greetings,

Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together." John 4:34-36

This month we will gather around our Thanksgiving tables. For many people in the United States, the Thanksgiving dinner is the focus of the Thanksgiving celebration. Food is a blessing, and a necessity of life. Give generously to our ministry at Ruth's Food Pantry, with both your time and treasures, so that all people in our community may share in our blessings throughout the year.

In John's Gospel, Jesus reminds the disciples that earthly bread does not last. Food represents far more than satisfying their hunger for one day. He tells the disciples about the food that endures for eternal life. This food he himself will give to them. Just as the human body needs food to sustain life, so the soul requires food to promote life that has eternal quality. This food is everlasting and beyond the reach of decay and death. It is the food found in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

By faith we receive Jesus' life into our very being. His life nourishes us and abides in us every time we gather at the Lord's table and hear the words, "This is my body broken for you, this is my blood shed for you." With joy and gratitude we eat the bread and drink the wine. Our souls are strengthened and our lives refreshed.

Every week we gather to worship and give thanks to God for the abundance of material blessings that we have received. But our deepest thanksgiving is for the greatest gift of all, the bread of God which gives life to the world, the gift of Jesus Christ! Be thankful for food for the body and food for the soul. Both are gifts from God that are meant to be shared!

Thanksgiving Blessings!

*Pastor Connie*

## First Communion

A First Communion Workshop has been scheduled for Saturday, November 18, 10:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

On Sunday, November 26, another significant event will occur within our congregation when some of our young people will be invited for the first time to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. In preparation for this event, children first grade age and older who have not yet received the Sacrament are invited to attend a special workshop at the church on Saturday, November 18, 10:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. for First Communion instruction.

If you feel that your child is not ready to receive this Sacrament, or would like to discuss it with me, please let me know. I sincerely hope this time frame will fit into your family schedule and that it will be possible for you to participate. I will be offering another First Communion workshop next spring for those unable to attend this Fall.

Parents are not required to attend but are certainly welcome. I will need a couple of parents to volunteer their time during this workshop to assist the children with bread baking and cleanup while the children are participating in other learning activities. Please let me know if you would be available to assist during the workshop.

Certainly, I hope that our parents and young people look upon this ministry as an exciting experience of fun, fellowship, and learning, and I look forward to working with them and you at that time.



Peace,  
Pastor Connie

## OWLS

OWLS at Grace Lutheran is made up of anyone who is retired and wants to get together with other parishioners periodically for a good meal and some good fellowship. The OWLS group meets the second Thursday of each month at noon. All are invited. The main part of the meal is provided and is always delicious! Bring a friend and some food to pass and spend a good time with your friends.



Mark your calendars for OWLS on December 14. We will be meeting at 11 a.m. and will have the privilege of sharing some great Christmas music with the McGinnis family. Plan to come.

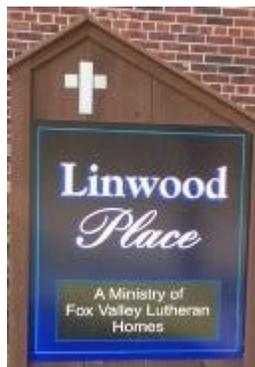
## Worship Team

A Worship Team meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, November 6. The Worship Team helps plan worship for special events, special seasons, or throughout the year.



Anyone who is interested in planning any of our worship is encouraged to come to this meeting and bring your good ideas about worship.

## FVLH



The names **Linwood Place** and **Fox Valley Lutheran Homes** will be used interchangeably, so don't be confused. We are still talking about the same wonderful place to live at 425 N. Linwood Place!

**Apartments for Rent:** One- and two-bedroom apartments will be available mid-November at Linwood Place. The two-bedroom apartment even has 1½ baths! Call to arrange a tour. Becky (734-7225), John (419-5754), Brian (840-3578).

## Did You Know . . .

. . . that in April of 1853 at a special meeting, a committee was formed to draw up and bring before the congregation plans for a church building 40' long by 35' wide by 20' high, equipped with a steeple?

. . . that from 1854 to 1871 little was done on the church which caused people to say the congregation had lukewarm interest in the cause of the Lord?

. . . that in June of 1855 two men were paid \$82 to fix up the unfinished portion of the church building? For the first few years after the main part of the church was built, only half of the floor was completed, running lengthwise. The north half was earthen floor, and this is where the women and children sat.

. . . that the first annual meeting was held in a parishioner's home in May of 1855?

## November Birthdays

- 1 Abe Eckstein  
8654 County Road M  
Larsen, WI 54947
- 2 Marilyn Pagel  
Apt. #203  
160 S. Green Bay Road  
Neenah, WI 54956
- 10 Dan Pockat  
8133 S. Oakwood Avenue  
Neenah, WI 54956

## Thank You

Thank you to Jerry Julius and the Christianson family for the donation of a new flag in memory of Charles Christianson.

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*Love flows from Grace*

*May you have the power to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ!*

# November 2017

| Sun   | Mon  | Tue   | Wed   | Thu   | Fri  | Sat |
|---|--|---|---|---|--|-----|
|    |  |   | 1<br>6:30 p.m. Worship<br>7:00 p.m. Confirmation  | 2   | 3  | 4   |
| 5<br>8:15 a.m. Worship Service<br>9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Confirmation<br>9:30 a.m. Adult Forum<br>10:30 a.m. Worship<br><b>11:30 Potluck and Congregational meeting.</b> | 6<br>9:00-11:30 a.m. Ruth's Pantry<br>4:30-6:30 p.m. Ruth's Pantry<br>6:00 p.m. Worship Team | 7<br>8:00 a.m. Weigh-In Group                             | 8<br>1:00 RNM Women's Circle at Henrietta<br>5:00 p.m. Cackles and Cards<br>6:30 p.m. Worship<br>7:00 p.m. Confirmation | 9<br>12:00 Noon OWLS<br>6:30 Congregation Council | 11 (Saturday)<br>2:00-4:00 p.m. Bingo Fun!   |     |
| 12<br>8:15 a.m. Worship Service<br>9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Confirmation<br>9:30 a.m. Adult Forum<br>10:30 a.m. Worship  | 13<br>9:00-11:30 a.m. Ruth's Pantry<br>4:30-6:30 p.m. Ruth's Pantry                          | 14<br>8:00 a.m. Weigh-In Group                            | 15<br>8:30 Sewing Circle<br>6:30 p.m. Worship<br>7:00 Confirmation  | 16<br>6:00 p.m. Meals Ministry                    | 18 (Saturday)<br>8:00 a.m. Meals Ministry<br>10:00 to 12:15 p.m. First communion workshop. |     |
| 19<br>8:15 a.m. Worship Service<br>9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Confirmation<br>9:30 a.m. Adult Forum<br>10:30 a.m. Worship  | 20<br>9:00-11:30 a.m. Ruth's Pantry<br>4:30-6:30 p.m. Ruth's Pantry                          | 21<br>8:00 a.m. Weigh-In Group<br>6:30 p.m. Property Team | 22<br>6:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Service<br>NO Confirmation   | <b>Thanksgiving</b>                               |  | 25  |
| 26<br>(First Communion)<br>8:15 a.m. Worship Service<br>9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Confirmation<br>9:30 a.m. Adult Forum<br>10:30 a.m. Worship                               | 27<br>9:00-11:30 a.m. Ruth's Pantry<br>4:30-6:30 p.m. Ruth's Pantry                          | 28<br>8:00 a.m. Weigh-In Group                            | 29<br>6:30 p.m. Worship<br>7:00 p.m. Confirmation   | 30  |  |     |

# Council Highlights



October 12, 2017

- Ruth's Pantry reopened for business, successfully, on Monday, October 2.
- Pastor Connie and Alissa developed a draft job description for Alissa. Approximate percentages of time: Financial Clerk, (50%), L.Y.F. (30%), and Communications (20%).
- Treasurer's Report: The report will be posted on the bulletin board. It shows September net income of negative \$2,463. Year-to-date income is negative \$35,787.
- Due to lack of volunteers, *Night in Bethlehem* is postponed to 2018. The Council suggests we go to project orientation focus vs permanent standing committees, as people are too busy to commit time.
- Ryan placed ad in the *Winneconne News* for another organist/pianist. The council will continue to explore other options.
- Youth Bibles will be handed out on the second Sunday in December during our Christmas Program.
- The council is exploring options for a new phone system.
- The Council approved 2018 Budget that will be presented at the November 5 Congregational Meeting. An opinion poll regarding going to one service or staying with two services on Sunday mornings will be included in the mailing on October 20 announcing the November 5 Congregational Meeting. The Council is looking for consensus and feedback from the congregation.
- The photo directory is being revived. The project will be headed up by Margo Harrison. Details to follow.

Richard Terio, Secretary



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| <b>November Worship Assistants—8:15</b><br>Altar Assistant — Dave Bork   |
| November 5 — Usher Team 2<br>Greeter — Mary Schmidt<br>Lay Reader — Kay Wisnefske<br>Communion Assistants — Team 5               |
| November 12 — Usher Team 3<br>Greeter — Paula Nyback<br>Lay Reader — Kay Wisnefske<br>Communion Assistants — Team 1              |
| November 19 — Usher Team 4<br>Greeter — Germaine Anderson<br>Lay Reader — Kay Wisnefske<br>Communion Assistants — Team 2         |
| November 26 — Usher Team 1<br>Greeters — Randy & Patti Doverspike<br>Lay Reader — Kay Wisnefske<br>Communion Assistants — Team 3 |

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| <b>Wednesday Reader — Confirmands</b>  |
| <b>November Worship Assistants—10:30</b>   |
| November 5 — Usher Team 2<br>Greeters — David & Gayle Wisnefske<br>Lay Reader — Holly Wisnefske<br>Communion Assistants — Team 5 |
| November 12 — Usher Team 3<br>Greeters — Ray & June Breaker<br>Lay Reader — Holly Wisnefske<br>Communion Assistants — Team 1     |
| November 19 — Usher Team 4<br>Greeter — Jane Moderson<br>Lay Reader — Holly Wisnefske<br>Communion Assistants — Team 2           |
| November 26 — Usher Team 1<br>Greeters — Emert & Sally Stacker<br>Lay Reader — Holly Wisnefske<br>Communion Assistants — Team 3  |

# Christmas Decorating

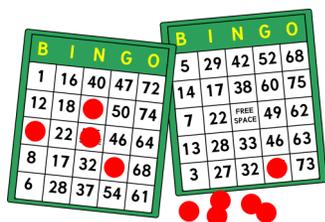
Planning is underway by the Christmas Decorating team for the congregational Christmas decorating event being held on Saturday, December 2, from 1:00-4:00 with refreshments afterwards. To help ensure we have a festive sanctuary and church building for the Christmas season, we need your assistance.

First and foremost, we want everyone of all ages to come help decorate. Second, we need your assistance with trees. The Christmas Decorating team is planning on using two live trees throughout the building, in addition to multiple artificial trees. If your family would like to donate funds to sponsor the purchase of a live tree, or a couple of families would like to pool money together to co-sponsor a tree, please let us know. If you have trees on your property that you would be willing to donate that you would like the team to come look at, please let us know. Assistance will also be needed to help pick up trees, deliver them to church, etc. Also, money collected during the Coffee/Fellowship hour between services will be used to help with the costs of trees, additional lights, and any other decorations needed to replace older worn-out decorations we have in storage.

If you have any questions or wish to offer assistance with our Christmas decorating activities, please contact any of the following members of the Christmas Decorating team: Morgan Zeinert, Camey Hall, or Holly Wisnefske.

## Bingo Fun!

Join us Saturday, November 11, from 2 to 5 p.m. for a day of Bingo Fun! Food and drinks will be available along with a chance to win fun prizes. All ages are welcome. We hope to see you there.



# LWR

At Grace, we have worked hard for a number of years to prepare baby care kits, personal care kits, school kits, and quilts to be shipped in October. Our shipment goes to a truck in Appleton and ends at the distribution center in Minneapolis (there is another distribution center in Maryland).

This year, we shipped 137 quilts, 302 school kits, 32 personal care kits, and 91 baby care kits. Many of you have helped with this process by purchasing the needed items for the kits or donating fabric, sheets, or lightweight blankets for the quilts. Many of you have also helped by assembling the kits and packing and sealing the boxes. All of that help is a gift from you to the people in the other parts of the world who are in such desperate need of the items we send. Thank you!

One aspect of this procedure that we haven't brought forward often at Grace is shipping costs for the quilts and kits. The table below shows the cost of shipping. For those of you who are able and would like to contribute to the cost of shipping, please place this contribution in the offering plate. Please clearly mark it to be used for LWR SHIPPING.

Thank you again for all you do for those who need our help.

| ITEM              | COST TO SHIP ONE | \$100 WOULD HELP SEND: |
|-------------------|------------------|------------------------|
| Quilt             | \$2.25           | 44 quilts              |
| School Kit        | \$1.40           | 71 school kits         |
| Personal Care Kit | \$2.65           | 37 care kits           |
| Baby Care Kit     | \$1.30           | 76 baby kits           |

*Note:* Unless someone comes forward to adopt the baby care kits portion of our LWR efforts, this is the last year we will be packing the baby care kits. All of our remaining baby care kit supplies will be donated to other churches where baby care kits are prepared.

## The Porcupines

The story is told about the coldest winter ever. Many animals died because of the cold. The porcupines, realizing their situation, decided to group together for warmth and protection. This way they covered each other saving precious heat.



But the closer they got to one another the more their quills wounded each other. Their closest companions inflicted the most pain as they gave off needed heat and protection to each other. After a while they decided to distance themselves from each other to diminish the pain. Soon they began dying. All alone and frozen.

So, the porcupines had to make a choice: either accept the quills of their companions or disappear from the earth. Wisely, they decided to go back to being together. This way they learned to live with the little wounds that were caused by their close relationship with their companions. But the most important part was the heat that came from the others. They survived and flourished because of the heat from one another.

Many leave the fellowship of the church because the warmth and security of the congregation grows cold. They don't understand the best relationships are not the ones that brings together perfect people, but the best relationships are when individuals learn to live with the imperfections of others, admiring the other person's gifts. —Christian Cross Ministries

## Worship Assistants

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**Greeters.** If you are scheduled to greet and cannot be present, please ask an alternate. Your schedule has a list of alternates with phone numbers. It is important to have greeters at every service.



**Communion Assistants.** When your team is scheduled and you cannot serve, enlist the help of someone else. Check with Pastor Connie to see if a full team is needed.

## Opportunities

Have you felt on the outside at Grace Lutheran because you aren't involved in any of the activities beyond Sunday morning worship?

There are many ways you can be more a part of the work of Grace. These opportunities can be matched with your talents or abilities and serve others at the same time. Here are some opportunities for you to consider:

### *Miscellaneous Opportunities:*

Help with **funeral serving**. This involves helping the serving team prepare the food from the grocery store, serving it to the families and friends who attend a funeral, and cleaning up afterwards.

Pick up **funeral food** at the Piggly Wiggly in Winneconne on the morning of a funeral at Grace.

Assemble a group of friends who will take over the **LWR baby care kits**. This involves assembling the supplies for the kits, putting them together, and having them ready for shipment in October each year. Training is available.

Help with **youth**. You don't have to be the parent of a youngster to be involved with the youth program. A variety of skills and personalities are needed for working with the L.Y.F. team. A number of new opportunities for lay leadership and involvement will be available throughout the next year.

### *Opportunities Related to Worship*

Help with **altar care**. This involves preparing weekly communion for a month at a time and cleaning up after Sunday worship.

Be a **greeter**. This involves standing (or sitting) at one of the entrances of Grace for 20 minutes prior to a Sunday service and welcoming worshippers to Grace. There are six teams, so you would participate in this way only once every six weeks.

Be an **usher**. Teams of ushers serve the congregation on a four-week rotation. Ushers greet worshippers, distribute bulletins, help worshippers find a place to sit, collect the offering, and assist with communion.

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# November



# 2017

## *Upcoming Opportunities*

- November 5, Sunday — 11:30 a.m. Potluck and November Congregational Meeting of Grace Lutheran.
- November 6, Monday — Worship Planning Team meeting. All are invited
- November 11, Saturday — 2:00-4:00 p.m. Bingo Fun!
- November 18, Saturday — 10:00 - 12:15 First Communion Workshop
- November 23, Thanksgiving — 6:30 Thanksgiving Eve Service
- November 26, Sunday — First Communion at both services.
- December 2, Saturday — Christmas Decorating Day
- December 14, Thursday — OWLS Christmas dinner with special music

## *Amazon Smile*

Do you shop at Amazon?  
Will you buy some of  
your Christmas presents  
this year from Amazon?

Did you know that Amazon will donate 0.5% of every dollar you spend at Amazon to Grace or the (registered) charity of your choice?

For complete information about the simple steps to translate your Amazon shopping into cash for Grace Lutheran, look on the News and Events page of the Grace Web site ([glcw.org](http://glcw.org)). The information about Amazon Smile is in the right column, down below the current calendar information.

Check it out and become an Amazon Smile contributor to Grace Lutheran.

