

# Grace Lutheran Church



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### From the Deacon

**W**ell, did everyone get what they wanted for Christmas? If you answered no, remember you have received the greatest gift that anyone can receive: the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Remember the themes of the carols, Joy, Peace, and Love. Show everyone that you are filled with each of these.

This past year has seen many changes here at Grace Lutheran. Pastor Bernard retired and you called me to serve. We have had our growing pains like any new relationship, but overall I feel we have come together for one common goal. Showing each other and the community around us God's Love! We as a church still have much work to do and cannot rest on our laurels or pat ourselves on the back. There are still people who go to bed hungry, or don't have warm clothes to wear. Remember the blessings that you have received, and help those in need.

We have had family members called home to be with our Lord. We remember Paul Clark, Anne Eldred, and Barb Richmond. While we grieve and miss them, let us rejoice in the fact that they are with our Lord in Heaven. Let us also remember our Shut-Ins and simply give them a call and let them know that they are not forgotten.

Grace's family has also grown. We have added two families, the Sauvés and the Koriks. If you do not know them, greet them and get to know them better. We are all part of God's family.

### Looking Forward

We are beginning a new year and we must focus on the task at hand and who we are as a church.

Isaiah 40: 30-31 states:

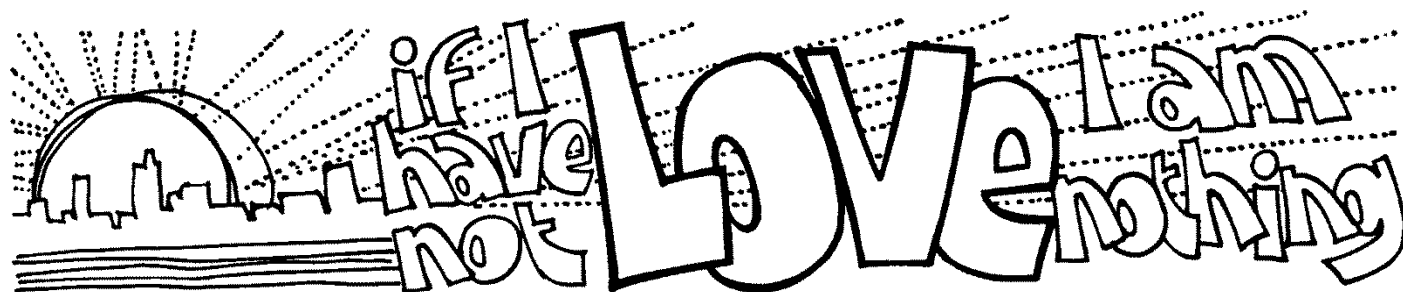
“Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.”

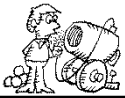
So when you feel that you cannot go on, remember to HOPE IN THE LORD for he will renew you.

It is also time for us to prepare ourselves for the Lenten season, but we will discuss that in our next newsletter.

*Praise and Glorify God. Amen.*

*Deacon Jim*





## Paul Says...

**IN A WORLD GONE MAD, ONE MAN STANDS ALONE**  
*... at the coffee pot, eating a cupcake that he found in the fridge.*

### Grace Lutheran Church Website

The website has an active events calendar, and past issues of our newsletter can be found there. If you would like something else posted on the website, please contact Kathy Pavelock.

<http://www.gracelutherancny.org/>



### Grace Lutheran Church is on Facebook

You can now find us (and "Like" us) on Facebook. The account is called:

**Grace Lutheran Canastota**

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[Gracelc.canastota.ny@gmail.com](mailto:Gracelc.canastota.ny@gmail.com)



### Daily Rules from God for 2014

- **Wake Up!** Decide to have a good day. "Today is the day the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." *Psalms 118:24*
- **Dress Up!** The best way to dress up is to put on a smile. A smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks. "The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance; but the Lord looks at the heart." *1 Samuel 16:7*
- **Shut Up!** Say nice things and learn to listen. God gave us two ears and one mouth, so He must have meant for us to do twice as much listening as talking. "He who guards his lips guards his soul." *Proverbs 13:3*
- **Stand Up!** for what you believe in. Stand for something or you will fall for anything. "Let us not be weary in doing good; for at the proper time, we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good" *Galatians 6:9-10*
- **Look Up!** to the Lord. "I can do everything through Christ who strengthens me." *Philippians 4:13*
- **Reach Up!** for something higher. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not unto your own understanding. In all your ways, acknowledge Him, and He will direct your path." *Proverbs 3:5-6*
- **Lift Up!** your prayers. "Do not worry about anything; instead pray about everything." *Philippians 4:6*

*Pat Clark*

## The Twelve Gifts of God

There is one Christmas Carol that has always baffled me. What in the world do leaping lords, French hens, swimming swans, and especially the partridge (who won't come out of the pear tree) have to do with Christmas?

This week, I found out.

From 1558 until 1829, Roman Catholics in England were not permitted to practice their faith openly. Someone during that era wrote this carol as a catechism song for young Catholics. It has two levels of meaning: the surface meaning plus a hidden meaning known only to members of their church. Each element in the carol has a code word for a religious reality which the children could remember.

- The partridge in a pear tree was Jesus Christ.
- Two turtle doves were the Old and New Testaments.
- Three French hens stood for faith, hope and love.
- The four calling birds were the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke & John.
- The five golden rings recalled the Torah or Law – the first five books of the Old Testament.

- The six geese a-laying stood for the six days of creation.
- Seven swans a-swimming represented the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit—Prophecy, Serving, Teaching, Exhortation, Contribution, Leadership, and Mercy.
- The eight maids a-milking were the eight beatitudes.
- Nine ladies dancing were the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit—Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self-Control.
- The ten lords a-leaping were the ten commandments.
- The eleven pipers piping stood for the eleven faithful disciples.
- The twelve drummers drumming symbolized the twelve points of belief in the Apostles' Creed.

So there is your history for today. This knowledge was shared with me and I found it interesting and enlightening, and now I know how that strange song became a Christmas Carol.

*Submitted Anonymously*

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## OUTREACH

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We are going to hold a Lock-In for Confirmation students and Post-Confirmands on Friday February 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Our young adults and I are developing a program that will not only ensure that they have a good time, but will teach them that electronic devices are not needed on a 24/7 basis. There will be a service project on Saturday to teach them that *service* to others is what God's love is all about.

*Deacon Jim*





## Sayings

What were your mother's favorite sayings?

Which sayings bugged you the most?

What was the most important thing your mother taught you?

What did your mother teach you that you would like to unlearn?

What sayings did (do) you use on your children?

*(list continued from last newsletter)*

Am I talking to a brick wall?

Beds are NOT made for jumping on.

Did you comb your hair?

Don't break your arm patting yourself on the back.

Don't pick that scab, it'll get infected.

Don't talk with your mouth full!

Go play outside! It's a beautiful day!

How do you know you don't like it if you haven't tasted it?

I don't care what "everyone" is doing. I care what YOU are doing!

I will always love you – no matter what.

If you could stay out last night, you can get up this morning.

I'm doing this for your own good.

I'm not your waitress!

Look at me when I'm talking to you.

Over my dead body!

Say that again and I'll wash your mouth out with soap.

So what if Bob's mom let him do it? If Bob's mom let him jump off the Empire State Building, would you want me to let you do it too?

Turn that racket (music) down!

What did I say the FIRST time?

When I was young we had respect for our elders, now look at the world!

Where do YOU think you're going?

Wipe your feet!

You can't find it? Well, where did you leave it last?

You kids are trying to drive me crazy!

*Submitted by LeeDella Longway*



## Paul Says...

*Metaphors be with you.*

### The Lord Is My Rock

*Jesus told the people, "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock." Matthew 7:24–25*

How many times have you felt the rain come down, the streams rise and the winds blow against you until you thought you would cave in to the problems that were attacking you? Perhaps you did cave in to the trials of this world and now you feel lost, confused, frightened, exhausted, depressed and ashamed. There is hope; do not despair! In Christ, God is your rock. God is always there for you and eagerly awaits your call for help. He already knows your situation and has your answer, but He waits for you to call on Him. God will not force Himself on you.

Psalm 86:7 tells you where to turn when you think you can't go on. "In the day of my trouble I will call on You, for You will answer me." God knows exactly what you are going through and wants you to call on Him for help. You are His creation and He cares for you. Call out to God! He is waiting to hear from you. Don't delay! Your situations will not get better without God as your rock.

*Lord God, You know everything about me and still love me. Help me to make You my rock and my salvation, through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.*

*Pat Clark*

### Sunrise, Sonrise!

Rises in the East, sets in the West! Right? Not really. The sun does not actually move at all. It's us, Earth that does all the moving. It's just a way of saying that we see the sun in the East first and those who live in the West see the sun last.

For a few hours, we see the light, and then there is the darkness over all.

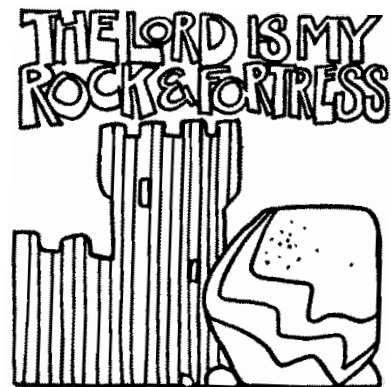
While our Lord Jesus walked the Earth, many people saw the LIGHT each day all day, but many did not really know that He was the very light shining in the darkness that would save us from our sinful lives, and make us the new, perfect beings living with Him in heaven.

Isn't it wonderful that our Lord, Jesus Christ, God's true SON actually ROSE? There is no doubt. Even though our world revolves, the SON shines over us at all times. We don't wait for the SON the way we wait for the sun, do we? Instead, He waits for us! He lovingly and patiently waits for us to know Him. Not only do we see the SON first, we see the SON last. We see the SON always and for all time. No beginning, no end.

We see the LIGHT all the time; no darkness does He let us suffer. For this darkness represents time without the SON. He truly is the LIGHT and as we believe in Him and trust in Him, we will surely bask in the rays of the SON forever!

*Another old article that bears repeating.*

*Pat Clark*



**Birthdays, Baptismal Birthdays  
& Anniversaries**

If you are new to our family at Grace and have not given your information to our newsletter editor, Aaron Bahr, please take one of the pink forms on the corkboard in the foyer, fill it out and hand it to him. You can find him in the organ/choir area after worship.



**Prayers**

Please remember those in need and keep them in your prayers...

Remember those who serve in the military, our family of Grace, Janice Durant, Sharon Knapp, Pauline Smith, Grover Hedgecock, Jean Case, James T. White, Lorraine Sobieraj, Jenn Hedgecock, Mandie Egelston, Dan Smith & Tony Farrara, Robin Piersall, Hayley Miller, Jill Froelick-Jones, Tim Haley, Tyson Fowler, Glade Cook Jr., Ed Snyder, Billy, Savannah, Barbara, James & Rebekah, Jackie Grimes, Josh Sobieraj, Trudy Fike, Barbara Brinck, Pastor and Ruth Bernard, Sheree Manley, Russell Everitt, Florence Manders, Pam Hylla, Florence Hylla, Sharon, Jim W., Mary Bones, Annie Whitney, Adam Sobieraj, Robin Whipple, Cindy Farnach, Michelle & Denise, Ron Chase, Darin O’Shea, Pastor Schneider, Eleanor Redman, Christine Treece, Ron Kohli, Judy Williamson, Marie, Jeanne, Alice House, Rebecca Harrington, Lcpl. Brett A. Seeber, Gale Hedgecock, David Metott, Ira Brecher, Linda Bahr, Kathy Moore, Gale’s sister Dot, Pastor Cory Eckstrom, Maura Longway, Derek Thomas, Kathryn Fidler, Ray Gilbert, Bob Hedgecock, the family of Michael Tickett (Jeanne Harmon’s brother-in-law), the family of Barb Richmond, LeeDella’s sister Genaveria, Lloyd Stoker, and any others that have appeared on our prayer chain.

**You Can Make a Difference!**

Do all the good you can,  
By all the means you can,  
In all the ways you can,  
In all the places you can,  
At all the times you can,  
To all the people you can,  
As long as ever you can.

— John Wesley,  
“Letters of John Wesley”

*Submitted by LeeDella Longway*



**Voice of the Shepherd**

If you have a desire to sing, come along and join us as we rehearse each Tuesday, 6:00 PM.

All you need is a commitment of your time and talents. Please speak with the Choir Director, Karen Devan (761-4004) for more information. Holy Scripture tells us to rejoice with singing and to lift our voices to song.

## KIDZ KORNER

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Wow!! That was a terrific Children's Christmas musical! Thank you to all the children, staff, parents and grandparents that helped to make "Away From the Manger" a great success. You youngsters were awesome! I loved it!

In case you missed it, our Sunday school children put on a Christmas musical during our church time on Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>. We had about seventeen children that participated. The musical focused on those who did not visit the manger on the night Christ was born.

We met the wise men who were busy attending a conference. They didn't even see the star because the conference was held inside where there were no windows. One group of shepherds didn't go because it was not in their Local Union 404 contract for them to leave their sheep on a cold night. The innkeeper's wife was way too busy with preparations for the census and taking care of the crowd of people that were staying at the inn.

There were a few new stars that were too shy to go and the animals felt that they were not good enough to see the Baby.

Our humble, capable, and warm-loving narrator was Emilee Gilbert, who talked to the people who passed by on the streets of Bethlehem in Judea. She talked to the shepherds, played by Parker Scholl, Dontai Burton, Kailee Underwood and Hannah Harrington. She spoke with the wise men,

played by Ashlee Gilbert, Ben Scholl and Bailee Underwood. The stars were brightly portrayed by Kiara Burton, Anna Gilbert, Emma Hurrele, Marilyn Jones and Toree Gilbert. The lowly barn animals were David Gilbert, and Colton, Kailee and Bailee Underwood.

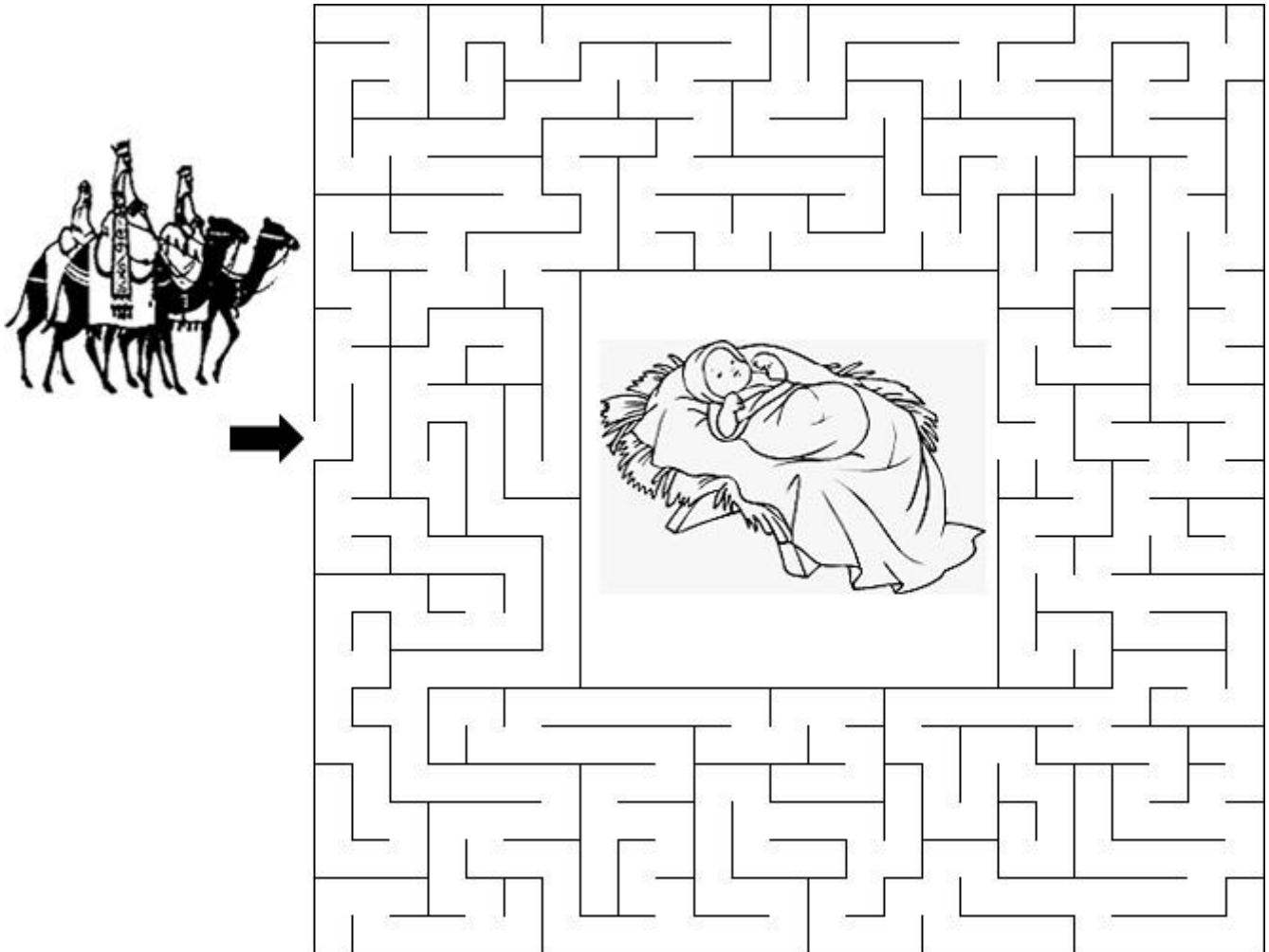
We had many people who helped us with the musical. Karen Devan, Aaron Bahr and Lorraine Sauvé helped with the music. Aaron Bahr and Paul Sauvé worked with the sound system. Beth Scholl provided most of the props and helped set up the scenery. Our Sunday School staff helped the children with their snacks, scripts, props and costumes. They are: Teri Devan, Kathy Pavelock, Lorraine Warren and Rachel Jones. Our choir at Grace added some accompaniment singing to the children's ensemble. Special thanks go to Joe Gilbert for controlling the projector, and for lighting the Moravian Star of Bethlehem at just the right time.

We had a lot of fun and hope that those folks who came to see it were inspired by the message that none of us are good enough to see the Baby and that is precisely why He came to be with us. May love and joy come to all our family and visitors at Grace, and may God bless you and send you a happy new year.

*Mrs. Linda Bahr  
Chairman of Christian Education*

# Wise Men Search for Jesus

Can you help the Wise Men find the way to the baby Jesus?



## Memory Verse

“Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him. ”

Matthew 2:2 (NIV)

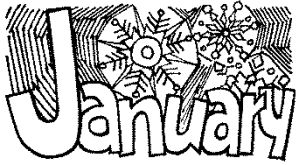
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**Birthdays**

- 1/5 Joshua Harrington  
Steven Minor
- 1/7 Linda Dishlaccoff  
Andrea Dodge
- 1/9 Sandra O'Connor  
Robert Smith
- 1/14 Kendall Seybert
- 1/15 Linda Bahr  
Tom Jones IV
- 1/16 Terry Hartman
- 1/18 Lorraine Warren
- 1/21 Tanya Cowin  
Tonya Everitt  
Anna Gilbert
- 1/22 Christopher Devan
- 1/23 Jean Case
- 1/25 Mikey Balbuena
- 1/26 Toree Gilbert  
Paul House
- 1/28 Kathy Pavelock
- 1/30 Tammy Moran  
Derek Thomas

**Baptismal Birthdays**

- 1/1 Phillip Neumiller
- 1/8 Dylan Narolis  
Robert Smith
- 1/17 Emilee Gilbert
- 1/19 Lauren Warren
- 1/20 Joshua Harrington  
Adam Moran
- 1/22 Mason Moran
- 1/23 Jean Case  
Paul Clark Jr.  
Kimberly Medley
- 1/27 Camerin Balbuena

**Wedding Anniversaries**

- 1/5 Fred & Dolly Fowler

**Birthdays**

- 2/1 Dontai Burton  
Daniel Harrington
- 2/2 John Richmond
- 2/3 Jo Clemens
- 2/4 Jennifer Smith
- 2/6 James Clark
- 2/12 Valarie Edenholm
- 2/14 Noah Devan  
Charles (Chuck) Flay
- 2/15 Ashley Croy
- 2/18 Bianca Brinck  
Chad Brinck
- 2/23 Dana Narolis
- 2/26 Howard Jones
- 2/28 Bailee Underwood



**Baptismal Birthdays**

- 2/9 Mark Antl  
Marie Romano
- 2/13 Melissa Varacalli
- 2/14 Pearl Romano  
Kendall Seybert
- 2/18 Lorraine Warren
- 2/22 Daniel Harrington
- 2/27 David Snyder
- 2/28 Anthony Balbuena  
Tanya Cowin  
Marie Romano
- 2/? Tabitha Minor

**Wedding Anniversaries**

- 2/14 Tanya & Brian Cowin



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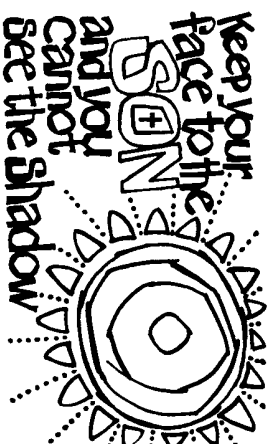
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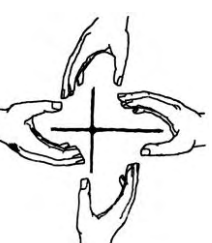


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