



Grace to You

Grace Episcopal Church
The Very Rev. H. Scott Kirby,
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Our vision: "Come to know and live with God at our table."

The mission of Grace Church is to have a church committed to God and our neighbors, sustained by individuals dedicated to providing spiritual opportunities to enhance the feelings of family and community

Paul Chase to Lead Adult Study During Advent



Beginning on this First Sunday in Advent, December 3rd, Dr. Paul Chase will lead us in a study, taking a look at the roots of the Anglican Church in the Protestant Reformation. Our

Anglican ancestors followed a different path from that of Martin Luther and the continental and Scottish Protestants, finally finding middle ground between Catholicism and Protestantism. Using the Articles of Religion found in the Book of Common Prayer, in its section on Historical Documents, Paul will help us explore the foundation of our faith.

Please join us in the Great Room at 10:00 a.m. for coffee and conversation. Holy Eucharist will follow at 10:30 a.m.

Your Outreach Opportunities

"You have not lived today until you have done something for someone who cannot repay you" John Bunyan

Consumable supplies are always a need at the two shelters for homeless people in the Rice Lake area. Benjamin's House continues to be filled to its capacity of 24 people and has a waiting list of over a dozen people. The Family House, also located on Heart Island, is experiencing the need to house more people overnight than last winter.

Teachers and counselors at the Rice Lake High School speak about basic needs that are not being met for their students. They are trying to meet these needs through the addition of the "Caring Closet". Grace Church was assigned the month of January to furnish needed items.

On a board in the Great Room are individual tags for the supplies needed by all three entities. Take a tag; shop for the items; place them in the red buckets. We will sort the items and deliver them.

Thank you for participating in our outreach projects



Greta Franti has taken on the project of doing our Advent wreath this week. The wreath was lovingly assembled as a tribute to Greta's mother, Marjorie Peters. Thank you, Greta.



Thank you, Marv Thompson for ordering and delivering a pair of wreaths for the church and one for outdoors. This is a project of the Golden K. The wreaths will hang in memory of Ray and Lenice Ray. Ray was a member of the Golden K; and he always made sure we had wreaths.



The altar guild appeal for flower offerings comes twice a year-at Easter and Christmas. Won't you consider making a donation to help us purchase flowers for this season? Envelopes can be found on the buffet and in your offering boxes, if you use them.



"Ring the Bells"

There are opportunities to work for this organization by ringing bells at several sites. Go to this webpage to sign up:

http://www.salvationarmywi.org/wum/barron_ways_you_help

Most people are familiar with the red kettles and hear those bells ringing at locations throughout Barron County. The funds raised during November and December stay in our community to assist with emergencies like the ones listed below:

- Utility disconnects
- Rent when eviction notices are received
- Motel rooms when emergencies arise such as a house fire or to assist a stranded motorist due to inclement weather
- Restaurant meals when staying in motels
- Medical prescriptions
- Co-pays on medical prescriptions
- Gasoline for vehicles to travel to work
- Auto repairs

Prayer Chain

Requests may be

- Emailed to Mary Thompson at marthomp45@gmail.com
- Submitted on our website: www.gracechurch-ricelake.org

Vestry Meeting

Sunday, December 3
8:30 a.m

Your Vestry

Paul Chase, Sr. Warden
Marv Thomson, Jr. Warden
LaVonne Thompson, Clerk
Tom Yeakley, Treasurer
Janelle Gruetzmacher (2018)
Suzanne Funck (2018)
Ann Roeder (2019)
Eileen Yeakley (2019)
Lynn Fowler (2020)
Steve Harback (2020)



December Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 5 John Mommsen
- 8 Cory Cipra
- 9 Bill Olmsted
- 9 Donald Plourde
- 18 Mary Ellen Filkins
- 26 Nancy Pelish
- 27 Heidi & Peter Olson
- 27 Nancy & John Mommsen
- 28 Tyler Gruetzmacher
- 31 Stacey & Scott Tubbs

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- ME, EATING THROUGH A
CHOCOLATE ADVENT CALENDAR

ONE TINY TRIBE



December Ministries

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	Dec. 3 1 Advent Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m.	Dec. 10 2 Advent Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m.	Dec. 17 3 Advent Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m.	Dec. 24 4 Advent Morning Prayer in St. Mark's Chapel 10:00 a.m.	Dec. 24 The Mass of Christmas Eve 4:00 p.m.	Dec. 25 Morning Prayer in St. Mark's Chapel 10:00 a.m.	Dec. 31 1 Christmas Morning Prayer 10:00 a.m.
Celebrant	The Very Rev. H. Scott Kirby	The Very Rev. H. Scott Kirby	The Very Rev. H. Scott Kirby	The Very Rev. H. Scott Kirby	The Very Rev. H. Scott Kirby	The Very Rev. H. Scott Kirby	Greta Franti, Worship leader
Organist	Heidi Olson	Heidi Olson	Heidi Olson	X	Heidi Olson	X	Heidi Olson
Lector	Paul Chase	Jane Bender	Lynn Fowler	X	?????	X	Suzanne Funck
Readers of the Gospel according to St. Luke	X	X	X	X	1 st : Stacey Tubbs 2 nd : Lynn Fowler 3 rd : Mary Marsh 4 th : Father Kirby	X	X
Crucifer	Joe Burnap	Craig Fowler	Jon Olson	X	Paul Chase	X	X
Thurifer	X	X	X	X	Jon Olson	X	X
Eucharistic Ministers	Nancy Pelish	Marvin & Mary Thompson	Tom & Eileen Yeakley	X	Craig & Lynn Fowler	X	X
Ushers	Craig & Lynn Fowler	Jim & Nancy Pelish	Mary Marsh	X	Tyler & Janelle Gruetzmacher	X	X
Counters	Craig Fowler & Joe Burnap	Jim Pelish & Lynn Fowler	Craig Fowler & Nancy Bender	X	Joe Burnap & Nancy Bender	X	X
Coffee Hour Hosts	Mary Marsh & Heidi Olson	Jane & Nancy Bender	Mary Thompson & Lynn Fowler	X	X	X	Bring your leftover fruitcake to  share

Help do God's work in our Parish Family, our Community, and the World

Pledge Card



Grace Episcopal Church

Please accept my pledge to Grace Church:

\$_____ per week month year

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, and Zip: _____

Date: _____ Phone: _____ e:mail _____

This is a change to my current pledge.