

Ministry Announcements for the week of January 06, 2019

TODAY IN WORSHIP!

- ✝ Altar flowers are given by Rick and Cindy Wood in honor of Milena Slaybaugh's 16th birthday.
- ✝ As a gift of grace, members of the prayer team are available for you in the prayer chapel (across the hall from the chapel) following the 9:30 worship.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR IN BRENNER HALL TODAY!

Join fellow parishioners in-between services in Brenner Hall for some coffee, some conversation and some refreshments.

FOR YOUR BRAND NEW CALENDAR - GRACE GETTIN' TOGETHER

- Sunday January 27 - Semi-Annual Meeting
 - 10:00am (A gathering of meal, worship, and meeting all rolled into one. One worship service for the day.)
- Sunday, March 10 - Congregational Information-Sharing Day*
- Sunday, May 19 - Semi-Annual Meeting
- Sunday, August 11 - Congregational Information-Sharing Day*
- Sunday, October 13 - Congregational Information-Sharing Day*

*Congregation Information-Sharing Days are days Council has put on the calendar for the purpose of updating one another with information (e.g., ministries; financial reports; etc.). These are not intended to be one-way events from Council to the congregation. These are events for sharing information across Grace. So, if your ministry team is planning a kick-off on something, or an update - plan ahead to steward these dates well. These days may also offer a time of Q&A. (NOTE: These dates are not intended as Congregational Meetings, however, should we need to, they can be converted to Special Congregational Meeting days per following the constitutional guidelines for holding a Special Meeting to address unforeseen decision/business purposes.)

YOU'RE INVITED! (NO RSVP NECESSARY)

**4th Annual Multi-Faith Prayer Breakfast
Lucas County Human Trafficking Coalition**

January 19, 2019 10am - 12pm

UAW Hall | 2300 Ashland Ave., Toledo

Keynote Speaker: Kylee Gregg, human trafficking survivor and thriver. A light breakfast will be served. Please bring a hygiene item for local victims. For addition information, contact Amy LaGesse (alagesse@lssnwo.org) or visit the LCHTC Facebook page.

RUTH CIRCLE INVITES YOU!

Wednesday, January 9th, please join us in Ruth Circle. Refreshments will be at 9:00am with the meeting starting at 9:30am. Every woman at Grace is encouraged to come. Our guest speaker will be Gretchen Hiatt this month. Hope to see you there.

WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE FAITH COMMUNITY NURSE (PARISH NURSE) AT GRACE?

1. Counseling members on health related issues including review of medications.
2. Accompany members to doctor's offices or hospital as requested. Provide support to family during surgery as requested.
3. Conduct classes on health issues to individuals of all ages as requested or identified.
4. Help members to get needed health services or equipment.
5. Provide members with referrals to resources in community.
6. Create support groups within the parish as needed or requested.
7. Provide education and training to parish staff and members on CPR, Emergency Situations, and First Aid.
8. Visit members at home, hospital or nursing home as requested.
9. Develop outreach programs in the community.

The Faith Community Nurse (Parish Nurse) Office Hours - Office located in Library
Gretchen Hiatt

Wednesday: 9:00am - 2:00pm

Thursday: 9:00am - 12:00 pm

Or by Appointment (419) 944-5166

2019 IN NWO - THE YEAR OF SCRIPTURE

Here's a thought: Resolving for the new year to make yourself open to the depths of God.

How?

Read Scripture - the whole bible in a year.

How?

Join Lutherans across Northwestern Ohio in a 3-fold focus

1. Bible Reading
2. Bible Reflection
3. Bible Study

How?

Participate in the Synod wide "Read Through the Bible in One Year".

- Daily Reading Schedule
 - Available in the back of the Worship Space, along with a few thoughts and additional resource recommendations from Bishop Daniel
- Small Group Focus
 - Create a small group of family, friends, co-workers, neighbors, wherever or however the Holy Spirit leads.
 - Connect with the weekly e-mail from the Synod Office (send a request to info@nwos-elca.org)

BREATHING NEW LIFE INTO MINISTRIES OF ACOLYTING AND CROSS BEARING

Who may acolyte? Who may carry the cross? Anyone with a heart to answer God's call to serve Him by providing the gift of worship. There are no upper age guidelines or, necessarily, any lower age guidelines. Guidelines are a decision as to whether or not a person has the capacity to light candles safely, to carry the cross safely, to demonstrate a willingness to step-in for other duties that may arise, and to be an example of managing oneself in a serving way that includes leading in offering the gifts of quiet, calm, attentiveness, and respectfulness. Of course we are willing to help coach and guide toward maturity in such things.

Have you served as an acolyte or cross-bearer in the past and are willing to continue in that ministry? Please contact the Grace Office. There is hope that Grace might offer to her servants the gift of a schedule.

Would you like to attend, or bring a younger person to attend, an acolyte training? There is one scheduled for Saturday, January 19 from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. Please contact the Church Office to register, or Pastor Al for questions.

ALTAR GUILD

The Altar Guild would love to have some new members on their committee. Help is needed with the setting up and cleaning up after communion, changing paraments, filling altar candles etc. If you would like to help on this committee, please contact Beth Lohmann at 419-873-5039.

PERSONAL NEEDS

We would like to ask the congregation for donations of laundry soap and toilet paper for the rest of January. All items can be purchased at any dollar store. Thank you.

UPCOMING DATES OF NOTE:

January 13	Baptism of Our Lord
January 27	Semi Annual Meeting 10:00am
Year 2020	Grace Lutheran's 120th Anniversary (Sept. 13, 2020)

Sunday, January 6

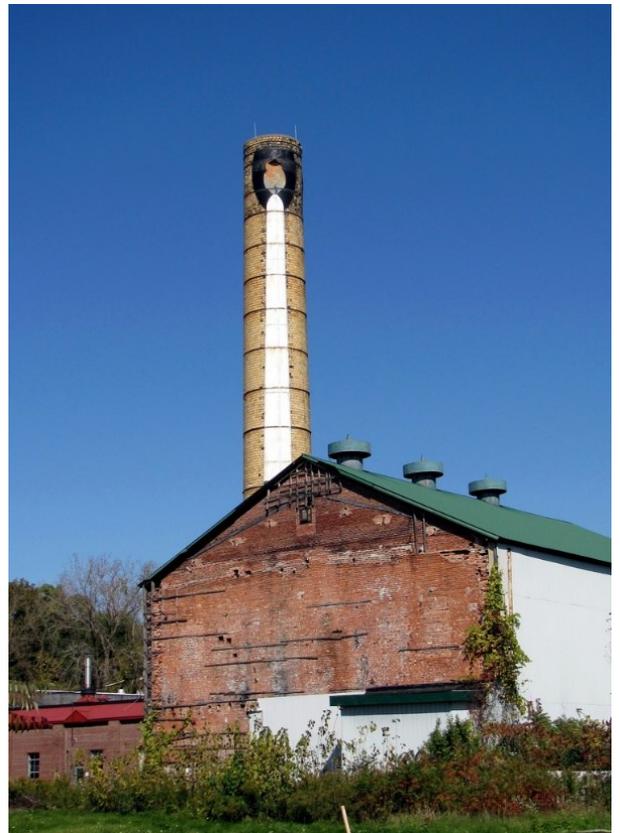
WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Assisting Minister:	David O'Brien
Acolyte:	Peter Kramp
Young Christians' Time:	Connie Thomas
Prayers of the Church:	Ron Hiatt
Communion Assistants:	Marilyn Lohmann, Peter Kramp
Pastor:	Jim Budke
Ushers:	Mike Holewinski, Rick Wood, Mary Schneider, Marsha Schroeder
Fellowship Hour:	Sue Wagner, Janet Moore

A STORY ABOUT A CANDLE FOR EPIPHANY.



Will and Bauman Office Building



***Candle on smoke stack of
Will and Baumer Factory***

My grandmother had this 15" Will and Baumer Red Cascade Candle that was the center piece of her formal table. It was on display whenever the family got together for special events, like birthdays, holidays, and special meals. Only on Christmas and Easter would it be lit. I inherited the candle when Gram passed away. It has graced our Christmas table only a few times since. I have no idea how old the candle really is, since I can remember back to when I was about 10 or so, I'm guessing the candle could be as old or older than 50 years. It is now 9" tall, so it has been burned down 6 inches in those 50 or 55 years. Gramma Hiatt would light the candle as we sat down to dinner just before we said grace. As soon as we were finished eating, she would extinguish it, so it burned for only about an hour each time it was lit. Most of the time, it was only Gram and Pop, Mom and Dad, my two brothers and me who were at the table. We had many enjoyable meals at her table.

As I began to write, to share this story for our candle service, I decided to research the candle band name and see what I could find out. Turns out the Will and Baumer Candle business was established in 1855 in Syracuse NY and is the oldest candle company in America. For over 160 years the company has been making beeswax candles mostly for Catholic Church use. The company was started by Anton Will, a Bavarian immigrant. After his death, his wife Rosina continued to run and expand the company. In 1896 the company was merged with Baumer Candle Company, owned by another Bavarian immigrant Francis Baumer, becoming the Will and Baumer Candle Company located in Syracuse NY. Although operations were merged and moved to Lewisburg, Tennessee in 2012, and is now part of the Christian Brands Church Supply Company, the brand still lives on.

Ron Hiatt

Forget the January diet, join us at

Bubba's

For an early evening of fun.

Wed., January 16, 2019

At 6:00pm

**3634 Secor Rd. around the
corner from Grace.**

**They serve burgers, pizza, salads, a full
dinner menu, soups and beer.**

**Grab a friend and come on over for
fellowship. Bring someone new or
someone who has not shared their time
with us. THEY will get hooked!**

Sign up across from the office on the board.