

Events for the week of December 22—29, 2013

Sunday, December 22 - 4th Sunday of Advent

9:00 AM Sunday School

10:00 AM Worship w/Sunday School Program

Monday, December 23

1:00 PM No Quilting

Tuesday, December 24

5:00 PM Christmas Eve Candle Light Service

Wednesday, December 25

Office Closed

Thursday, December 26

9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline

Friday, December 27

Saturday, December 28

Sunday, December 29—1st Sunday after Christmas

9:00 AM NO Sunday School

10:00 AM Worship w/ Living Nativity of the Nine Lessons

10:15 AM NO Children's Sunday School

VISITORS: Please fill out a yellow card found in the pew and place it in the offering place.

North Star District Prayer List for this week includes:

Bemidji UMC—Gay Albers

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**GRACE UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH**

One Night  in a Stable



WORSHIP LEADERS

Ministers: All the People

Organist: Mark Forkner

Choir Director: Isaac Lovdahl

Scripture Reader: Lori Burkhardt

Pastor: Roger Grafenstein

Violinist: Kay Forkner

Pianist: Sharon Fangsrud

Ushers: Bill Port,
Mary Port and Mike Hamm

ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 22, 2013

4th Sunday in Advent

10:00 AM

Three Chimes signals the beginning of Worship

Learning to Live and Love like Jesus

You are never a stranger here. You are a child of God.

We gather as brothers and sisters in Christ. Welcome.

GATHERING POINT & PRELUDE:

As the choir and pastor are seated during these last moments before worship you are invited to pray:

For a person on the prayer list;

For the morning worship leaders and visitors

For a person the Spirit moves you to pray for

For your heart to be ready for the gospel of hope. Welcome.

(If you wish to have someone pray with you, following worship one of Grace's prayer/care team will be in the library ready to listen and pray).

Announcements and Time of Christian Greeting

*Indicates those able may stand

WE GATHER TO PRAISE AND PRAY

LIGHTING THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE:

Lori Burkhardt

"O expectancy, born of fertile wonder, belabored by narrowed hope; craning curious lives forward, drawing in the lonely and longing.

You are imagination's sister and the brother of holy surprise.

Come, startle awake our dozing apathy, our complacent dreams, that we may behold your borning Advent cry."

Light our way to the manger where a new way of living is born among us. Amen.

-Prayer by Pam Hawkins, *Behold!: Cultivating Attentiveness in the Season of Advent*

*HYMN: #209 (Blue Hymnal) "Blessed be the God of Israel"

RESPONSIVE PSALM: #801 (Blue Hymnal) Psalm 80:1-7

SHARING OF JOYS, CONCERNS, AND PRAYERS: -

(Please wait for the microphone and speak clearly, keeping it about an inch or two from your mouth.- Thank you)

THE LORDS PRAYER:- #895 (Blue Hymnal)

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Romans 1:1-7, 16-17 (NRSV)

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM:

ONE NIGHT IN A STABLE:

A CHRISTMAS STORY

Written by:

Faith Hamm, Olivia Larson and Katelinn Beck

ANGELS:

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 1:18-24

Luke 2:8-14

SHEPHERDS

HYMN: "Hark the Herald Angels"

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 2:1-12

HYMN: "We Three Kings"

KINGS:

ANIMALS:

HYMN: "Away in a Manger"

OFFERING:

TO BE SENT FORTH

BENEDICTION:

Pastor Roger Grafenstein

HYMN: #238 (Blue Hymnal)

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

All prayer requests are welcome. Please write them in the book on the desk in the narthex.

MEMBERS: Please sign the pew pad and pass it down the pew and then back to the start. The last person should put the sheet in the offering plate. All e-mail addresses will be protected in blind copy so no one else sees your e-mail address. If you are receiving regular e-mails from Church, it is not necessary to write it in again.