

Behold,
THE LAMB OF GOD,
who takes away
THE SIN
OF THE WORLD!"

JOHN 1:29, ESV

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

January 19, 2020
Second Sunday after Epiphany

Welcome to Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

A Note to Visitors

Thank you for worshipping at Grace today. We invite you to fill out a yellow "Welcome" card and place it in the offering plate. For more information about Grace and its ministries, please visit our website www.graceboone.org or speak with a member of the Hospitality Ministry or one of our ushers who are waiting in the Narthex. Please join us at 8:45 a.m. for our Coffee Hour, hosted by members and ministries of the church.

During Worship:

- Bulletin Notes: Congregation responses are in BOLD print; "ELW" refers to the red hymnal; "WOV" refers to the blue hymnal; The Holy Bible is in the lower racks below the pews.
- Devices for the hearing impaired and large print bulletins are available from the ushers.
- Please turn off all cell phones or place in silent mode.
- We especially welcome and encourage families with young children to join us for worship. Quiet bags are available with the ushers. Sunday School is held at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings and the children are invited to attend Children's Church following the Children's Sermon.
- Nursery care is available for children up to 4 years old.
- To reach the restrooms and water fountain, exit through the double doors at the back of the Sanctuary and turn right.
- Sermons, worship bulletins, the newsletter, and information about upcoming events are available online at www.graceboone.org.

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church Affirmation of Welcome

In the name of Jesus, who invites us with reconciling love and grace to join in the kingdom of God, Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church welcomes all who profess, or seek to profess, Jesus Christ as their Savior. Believing that the Gospel is God's gift to all, we rejoice in the diversity of God's people and welcome all, regardless of age, cultural and economic background, ethnic and linguistic heritage, gender, marital status, physical and mental ability, race, sexual orientation, or any other distinction. We are all one in God's eyes, sharing in the free gifts of the Gospel and the Holy Spirit. Therefore, we encourage all to take part in the life of this congregation as we worship, witness and openly share the love of God through Christ our Lord.

Today's Worship Theme

Today's gospel opens with further reflection on Jesus' baptism. He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world and the one anointed by the Spirit. In the liturgy, we come and see Christ revealed among us in word and meal. We go forth to invite others to come and worship the Holy One and to receive the gifts of grace and peace made known among us.

✠ GATHER ✠

WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENTS & LSA TEMPLE TALK

PRELUDE - *"Wojtkiewicz" arr. David Cherwein*

Please hold a time of quiet prayer and reflection. Prayer cards may be held up to be collected by Ushers.

Please stand.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the eternal voice from heaven, the anointed and beloved one, the Spirit moving over the waters.

Amen.

As we approach the mystery of God, let us come in confession, trusting the love of Christ crucified and risen. God who searches us and knows us,

you have shown us what is good, but we have looked to other lights to find our way.

We have not been just in our dealings with others. We have chosen revenge over mercy.

We have promoted ourselves instead of walking humbly with you.

With what shall we come before you?

Forgive us our sin, and show us your salvation in the face of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Beloved of God,
you have not received the spirit of the world,
but the Spirit that is from God,
poured out for you in the faithfulness of Jesus Christ.
Receive the promise of baptism:

You are God's child; ☩ your sins are forgiven.

Rejoice and be glad, for yours is the reign of heaven.

Amen.

Please stand and turn with the cross as the crucifer processes forward.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN - "Christ Be Our Light" – 715 ELW

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

KYRIE

Refrain

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.

1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the

u-ni-ty of all; for
hun-gry and the poor; that
friends and fam-i-ly; for
wa-ter and the word; that you

this ho-ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus-tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod-y and blood,

Refrain

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

✠WORD✠

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S TIME & CHILDREN'S CHURCH

The children are invited to come to the front for the children's sermon and then are invited to the Sunday School classrooms upstairs to learn the Creeds and the Lord's Prayer, make crafts and to talk more about the readings for the day. The children will return to the worship service before Holy Communion is distributed.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 49:1-7

Here the servant, identified as Israel, speaks for herself and describes her honored mission. Called before her birth like Jeremiah and John the Baptist, the servant is not only to restore Israel. The servant's ultimate assignment is to bring news of God's victory to the ends of the earth. God in faithfulness has chosen Israel for this task.

¹Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away!

The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me.

²He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me;

he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away.

³And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified."

⁴But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God."

⁵And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength—

⁶he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

⁷Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Though God's church in Corinth is a fractious congregation beset with many conflicts, Paul opens this letter by spotlighting the multiple ways God has enriched and sustained its life as part of the divine call into the fellowship of our Lord Jesus Christ.

¹Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL READING: John 1: 29-42

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

John the Baptist's witness to Jesus initiates a chain of testimony as his disciples begin to share with others what they have found.

²⁹[John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"³⁰This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' ³¹I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." ³²And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him." ³³I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

³⁵The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" ³⁹He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). ⁴²He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Please stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY - "Lamb of God" – 336 ELW

APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son,
our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.***

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the
Father,
and he will come to judge the living and
the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

Please kneel as you are able.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each portion of the prayer ends with these words:

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Please stand.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

✠ MEAL ✠

Please be seated.

OFFERING – "Lord, Here Am I" - John Ness Beck

Please stand.

OFFERTORY HYMN - - "As with Gladness Men of Old" – 302 ELW verse 3

3 As they offered gifts most rare
at thy cradle, rude and bare,
so may we with holy joy,
pure and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to thee, our heav'nly king.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

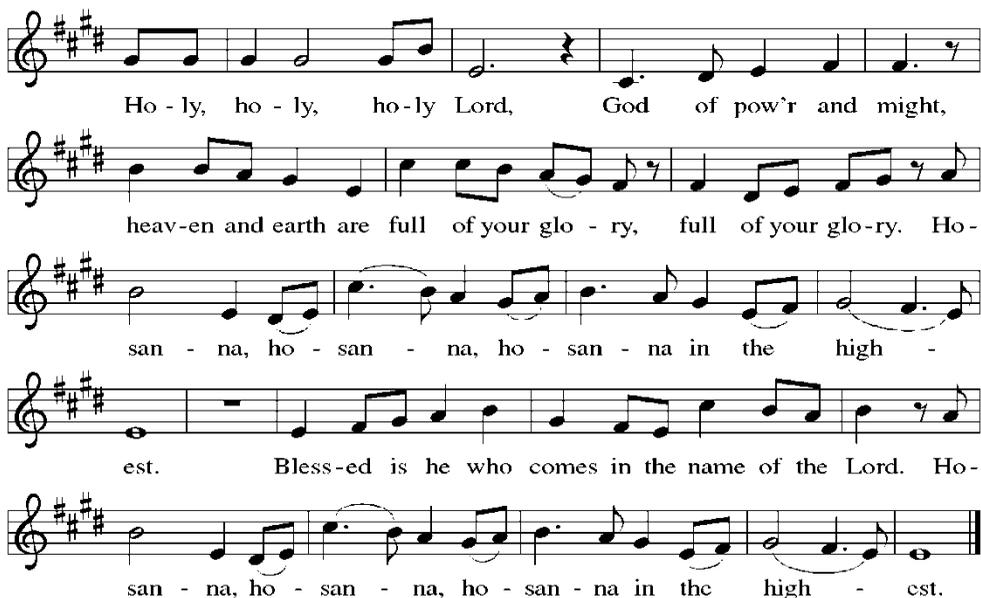
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy..... join their unending hymn of praise.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho-
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

Come to the table of mercy and joy.

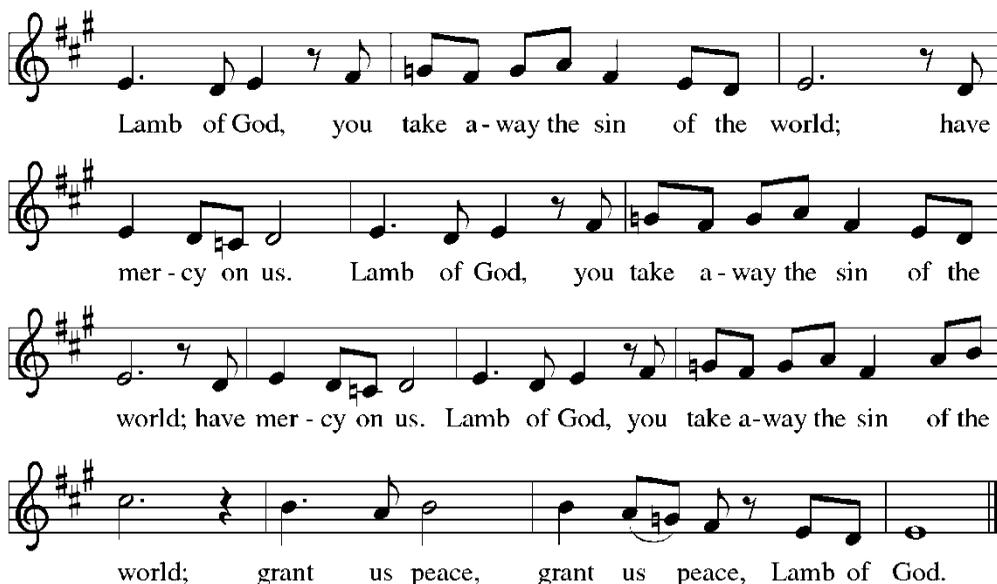
Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

Holy Communion will be served around the altar today by intinction. Please come forward in two rows by the center aisle. On the lectern side, please begin filling in at the back of the altar rail, halfway around to the front of the rail. On the pulpit side, please begin filling in at the front of the altar rail and halfway around to the back of the rail. Kneel as you are able. Receive the bread and dip it into the wine (first cup) or the grape juice (second cup). The bread served today is homemade and gluten-free. Anyone who may require the sacrament to be brought to their seats should alert an usher.

This is the Lord's Table, so all who seek Christ's true presence promised to us through this bread and wine, body and blood, are welcome and invited.

COMMUNION SONG



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

HOLY COMMUNION SONGS

"Come to the Table" -481 ELW

"Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am" -814 ELW

"Drawn to the Light" -593 ELW

Please stand.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Faithful God, you have kept your promise to us in this meal, nourishing us with the gift of salvation. Now send your servants forth in peace, that we may testify to your goodness and share the hope that is ours in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN - "Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen"—548 ELW

Please turn with the cross as the crucifer returns to the entrance.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share God's love.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE - *From God the Father, Virgin-Born arr. Benjamin M. Culli*

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY:

Preaching	<i>Pastor Steve Troisi</i>
Liturgist	<i>Vicar Christopher Shealy</i>
Assisting Minister	<i>Justin Wilson</i>
Lector	<i>Judy Michael</i>
Acolyte	<i>TBD</i>
Crucifer	<i>Joanna Rink</i>
Director of Music	<i>Libby Brown</i>
Organist	<i>Susan Frank</i>
Altar Guild	<i>TBD</i>
Greeters	<i>Annette Clinebell</i>
Ushers	<i>Roger Bodo, Wayne Powell, John Smyre, Carolyn Witt</i>
Nursery Volunteers	<i>TBD & Savannah Thomas</i>
Card Ministry	<i>Annette Clinebell</i>
Pew Helper	<i>Sandy Moretz</i>
Fellowship Hosts	<i>Janice & Jeff Voss</i>

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by John & Lucy Smyre

The Sanctuary Lamp is burning to the glory of God in memory of Al Williamson.

Additional Prayers:

Sunday, January 19th

8:45 am Coffee Hour (FH)
9:00 am Sunday School
10:00am Worship (S)
11:30 am Ringers of Grace Rehearsal (CR)

Monday, January 20th

8:30 am Wildwood (CH)
8:30 am Hebrew (LLFH)
10:30 am Wood Lot Workday (OS)
11:00 am Staff Meeting (P)
6:45 pm AA (LLFH)

Tuesday, January 21st

8:30 am Wildwood (CH)
5:30 pm Habitat for Humanity (FH)
6:00 pm Reading Between the Wines (OS)
8:00pm AA (LLFH)

Wednesday, January 22nd

10:00 am Quilters (QR)
4:45 pm Via de Cristo (C)
6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (CL)
6:00 pm LSA (CH)

Thursday, January 23rd

8:30 am Wildwood (CH)
9:30 am Via de Cristo (C)
10:30 am Bible Study (C)

Friday, January 24th

Saturday, January 25th

9:00 am Piano/Organ Rehearsal (S)
10:00 am Council Retreat (FH)

Sunday, January 26th

8:45 am Coffee Hour (FH)
9:00 am Sunday School
10:00am Worship (S)
11:30 am Ringers of Grace Rehearsal (CR)

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Readings for January 26th

Isaiah 9:1-4

Psalms 27:1, 4-9

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Matthew 4:12-23

Key ~C – Chapel; CR – Choir Room; CH – Councill House; FH – Fellowship Hall; L – Library; LLFH – Lower Level Fellowship Hall; N – Nursery; O – Church Office; P – Parlor; QR – Quilter's Room; S – Sanctuary; VdC – Via de Cristo Reunion Groups; Off Site – OS; SS – Sunday School Rooms

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Giving Report			
<i>Giving as of December 31, 2019</i>			
December Giving	December Budgeted Giving	Year-to-Date Giving	Year-to-Date Budgeted Giving
\$34,550.31	\$25,000.00	\$101,089.00	\$100,000.00

Altar Flowers

It is time to look forward to 2020 and to select your week to place flowers in the Sanctuary. The cost did not change. It will again be \$74.73, which covers the cost of the flowers and delivery. You may do this individually, or you may invite someone to share with you and split the cost. The new flower chart, for sign-up, is posted in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Gail Hauser, Flower Ministry Coordinator.

Community Action Winter Blood Drive

Grace will host a Red Cross Blood Drive Saturday, February 8th, from 9-1:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Please call the office for assistance for sign-up or sign up in the Fellowship Hall during Coffee Hour. Online registration is also an option: redcross.org, just search for Grace as the location.

Invitation for Ringers and Singers

Happy New Year!!! If you have been thinking how much you love music and are looking for a fun group to sing or ring with... Or you used to be in an ensemble and miss the music and fellowship.... We have the place for you!!! Consider becoming a part of the music ministry at Grace... Now is the perfect time to join the Ringers of Grace or Chancel Choir!!! The Ringers of Grace provide music for worship approximately one Sunday a month and rehearse every Sunday after morning worship. The Chancel Choir leads worship and provides special music weekly for the 10:00 a.m. service and rehearses every Wednesday at 6:00 in the sanctuary. Contact Libby Brown (Libbster9988@gmail.com) for more information or just come to rehearsal next Wednesday or Sunday!!!

OPUS --January

OPUS will not meet this month. February we will support the Valentine’s dinner for a mission trip.

Reading Between the Wines -- January

Join Grace's book club that meets the third Tuesday of each month. For our January meeting, we will meet to discuss "*A Gentleman in Moscow*" by Amor Towles on January 21, at 6:00 p.m. at Casa Rustica. If you would like to read ahead for February, we will be reading "*A Single Thread*" by Tracy Chevalier. See you there!

Women's Bible Study

Next Tuesday, at 6:45 p.m. in the Grace Fellowship Hall, Dana Holden will continue leading us in an 8-week study of Paul's letters. The title of the study is "*Dear Church...Love, Paul.*" We will NOT meet this Tuesday due to Reading Between the Wines book club. See you next Tuesday, 1/21/20.

Campus Ministry

The Lutheran Students of Appalachian are heading on our annual spring break trip and we need your help! This school year we will travel to Charleston, South Carolina, to volunteer with Habitat for Humanity. We are so excited to take this trip and support others! Please help send us on our way by sponsoring a student for a day of work with Habitat (or a whole week)! Thank you for all of your prayers and your help; we appreciate you and your kindness!

Sponsors -- *If you'd like to make a donation, please place a check made out to "Grace Lutheran Church," memo: LSA mission Trips, in offering plate or Deacon Stacey's office box.*

- A student for a day of Habitat: \$25
- A student for two days of Habitat: \$50
- A student for three days of Habitat: \$75
- A student for the week of Habitat: \$100
- The rental van: \$700
- Food for the week per student: \$150

Council Meeting

The Congregational Council will meet this month on Saturday, January 25th, at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The Council will be holding their Annual Strategy Retreat. This retreat gives the Council a chance to make a strategic plan of action for the remainder of the year.

The next regular Council meeting will be held on February 17th; remember, Council meetings are open; speak to an Executive Team member about adding your item to the agenda. The Executive Team will meet Monday, January 20th, at 5:30 p.m.



“Working together, we can begin to make a difference with the hungry families and kids in the High Country.”

1. Take home a green Simple Gestures bag.
2. Fill it with nonperishable foods.
3. Bring it back to Grace on
Sunday, February 2nd.

Grace Builders - Wood Lot Workday Update

The next work day is Monday, 1-20-20, Martin Luther King Day. We expect between 25-30 App. State volunteers with us that day. We will run all splitters and gather wood from several donor locations, so we need dump trucks, trailers and pickup trucks. We also need people to saw at the wood lot and at some remote pickup sites. We will start at 10:30 a.m. and finish at 3:30 p.m. The students will take a 30-minute lunch break. We will not work the regular Tuesday 1-21-20 schedule, but will resume our Tuesday routine the next week.