



# THE MESSENGER

A Monthly Newsletter of Grace Lutheran Church  
Monroe, Michigan 48162

JANUARY 2011

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## Bible Studies for January

The New Testament classes for The Bethel Series will begin on **Wednesday, January 12** at 7:00 p.m. in the Classroom near the gym and kitchen. The cost of materials for the term is only \$7.00.

Following Confirmation in the Christian Faith we offer the Bethel Series; a basic study of the Holy Scriptures to all adults. The following are students in this exciting class: Bryan and Mary Weber, Kathie Simmons, Craig Kling, Dave Shadle and myself, Pastor Ron Schultz.

We started Bethel in the fall of 1991. Since then, many

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## Voter's Meeting

The January Voter's Meeting will be held **Sun., January 30**, after the 10:30 a.m. service. The HS Youth will provide lunch before the meeting. On the agenda will be the approval of the 2011 budget. Boards should have their reports for what they have accomplished in 2010 and their plans for 2011. Council will meet **Tuesday, January 18**, at 7:00 p.m.



## Grace Ladies Society



The January 6 meeting of Ladies Society will start at 12:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. In the event of bad weather and if the schools are closed in Monroe District, our meeting will be held the following Thursday. Lois Seitz and Marlyn Smith will be our hostesses. The 2011 Program booklets will be handed out. All ladies of Grace are most welcome to attend any of our meetings.

At the December Christmas Potluck, Shirley Kovacs and Lee Yoas became new members.

Welcome!

### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Kathie Simmons
- 11 Donna Rafko
- 12 Judy Younglove
- 19 Winter (Grillot) Pollock
- 20 Eleanor Krueger



## January Birthdays

*Friends of Grace celebrating birthdays this month.*

*If yours isn't listed, we may not have it in our records. Contact the Church Office and we will gladly include it.*

***God's blessings and happy birthday!***

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| 1 Marc Thom   | 16 Sabrina Phillips                              |
| 2 Sara Schultz  | 17 Don Blohm<br>Hunter Held                      |
| 3 Deb Schmidt<br>Kathie Simmons                       | 18 Charles Morris<br>Clay Thorn                  |
| 4 Jonah Witte<br>Meredith Niedermeier                 | 19 Winter (Grillot) Pollock                      |
| 5 Jeanette Morris                                     | 20 Eleanor Krueger<br>Nancy Berry                |
| 7 Betty Wigman<br>Jaida Graves                        | 22 Arthur Bitz<br>Janet Bitz<br>Dawn Breitenbach |
| 8 Lorri Wehner<br>Owen Sharp<br>Gregory Hall          | 23 Kameron O'Leary                               |
| 10 Herman Moyer, Sr.<br>John Bourland                 | 24 Tonja Koenemann                               |
| 11 Judy Younglove<br>Donna Rafko<br>Tyler Castiglione | 27 Mike Rivet                                    |
| 12 Beth Rzepa   | 28 Keeli Ernst<br>Ethan Russeau                  |
| 13 Stephanie Turner                                   | 30 Katie Castiglione                             |
| 15 James Carter<br>Ryan Cunningham                    | 31 Michael Lentz                                 |

## Greeter Schedules

Please check your mailboxes for the new greeter schedules for January-April, 2011. Mark *Saturday, January 15* on your calendar for the greeter seminar, for those who were unable to make the first session that was given.

(Bible Studies for January continued from page 1)

members of Grace have completed its lessons and will tell you that this was the best, most unique Bible study they have taken.

Would you look amongst your family and friends and see who might enjoy this study and join us? Come on Wednesday evening at 7:00 in the Classroom or phone me at 242-1401.

Pastor Ron Schultz

## Revelations Bible Study

In the Sunday morning Bible Study we are taking an engaging walk through the Book of Revelation. We are looking verse-by-verse at what God has to say to us about the end times, and even more importantly, about Jesus Himself. Did you know that ultimately, Revelation is a book not so much about the End Times, but a Book about the victory of Jesus Christ in the world? How amazing a God we have indeed.



## Thursday A.M. Bible Study

The Thursday morning Bible Study will start January 13 at 9:30 a.m. During the first session we will plan our topic of study. Phone me if you'd like to join this popular study.

Pastor Ron Schultz

## Adult Information

This ongoing class teaches the basics of the Christian faith. A new session will be starting in January. Contact Pastor Schultz or the Church Office for more information

## Memorials

November 16 – December 15, 2010

A gift has been given in memory of:

WILLIAM V. MCLEOD to the **Memorial Fund** from Mildred McLeod.

JACK PRICE, SR. to the **Boiler Fund** from Rose Price.

## L.W.M.L.

Hope you have a Blessed New Year. The next Lutheran Missionary Women's League will be in March. Watch the Bulletin for more details.

Thank you to everyone who donated mite boxes or contributed to Lutheran Women's Missionary League Missions. Your generosity is appreciated.

## O.W.L.S.

The Older Wiser Lutherans Serving hoped you had a Merry Christmas and will have a Blessed New Year. Our first meeting of the year will be *Wednesday, January 19*. We start with a lite lunch at 12:00 p.m. followed by some Christian fellowship. Hope to see your there.

Yours in Christ,  
Phyllis Miller

## Audio Cassettes

Tapes of Sunday worship services are available by calling the Church Office. If you know of someone who is homebound, we can make arrangements to have one delivered. Sermons are also available online at [www.gracelutheranmonroe.org](http://www.gracelutheranmonroe.org)

## Youth Group Days

- **High School** (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade)

**January 9** 3-6 p.m.  
Laser tag

**January 30**  
Youth Service

- **Super Youth** (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade)

**January 21** 7-9 p.m.  
Lutheran Home

- **Mighty Youth** (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade)

**January 23** 12-2 p.m.

Watch for more information on these events in the weekly bulletin.

## Men's Club

Our first meeting of the New Year will be held on **Tuesday, January 11**, beginning with a supper at 6:00 p.m. Why not start the New Year right by letting me know you will be there? See me at church or call 241-6498 and I will be waiting to hear from you.

**Remember!** All men are most welcome.

In His Service

Art Miller



## Thank You

The Board of Parish and the Dakota Boys and Girls ranch thank you for your support in our Honey Sale. We sold 81 bottles of honey. The sale netted \$486 with 70% of the sales going to the ranch and 30% going to the board of Parish Life. The Board will use their portion for projects in 2011. The bottles of honey should reach your homes by early January.

## Altar Guild

On **Saturday, January 8, 2011**

at 1:00 p.m. the Altar Guild will have their annual meeting, with pizza being served, after the meeting we will undecorated the church. . If you have any questions or wish to participate, please contact Dawn (243-0529) or Prudy (242-0172).

The Altar Guild would like to thank all who have donated to the Guild over the past year.



The **January** menu from Angel Food Ministries is now available and posted on Grace bulletin boards or can be viewed online

This is a community bulk-food program offering high-quality fresh, frozen and pantry groceries at very low cost to anyone of any income level. *You must pre-order and pre-pay.* **Online Order Deadline:** 1/23/11 at 11:59 p.m. **On-Site Order Deadline:** 1/20 and 1/22 from 10-11:30 a.m. **Distribution Day:** 1/19/11 from 9:30-11:00 a.m. Orders may be placed online at [www.angelfoodministries.com](http://www.angelfoodministries.com). or at the Dundee Assembly of God Church, 13790 S. Custer Rd. Dundee, MI (517) 265-5038.



## Mission Statement

*Our purpose is to:*

**CALL** people to faith in Jesus Christ

**CELEBRATE** God's presence among us through worship

**CONNECT** people together in caring relationships

**COMMIT** to growth in the knowledge and love of God

**COMMISSION** every member to serve in ministry

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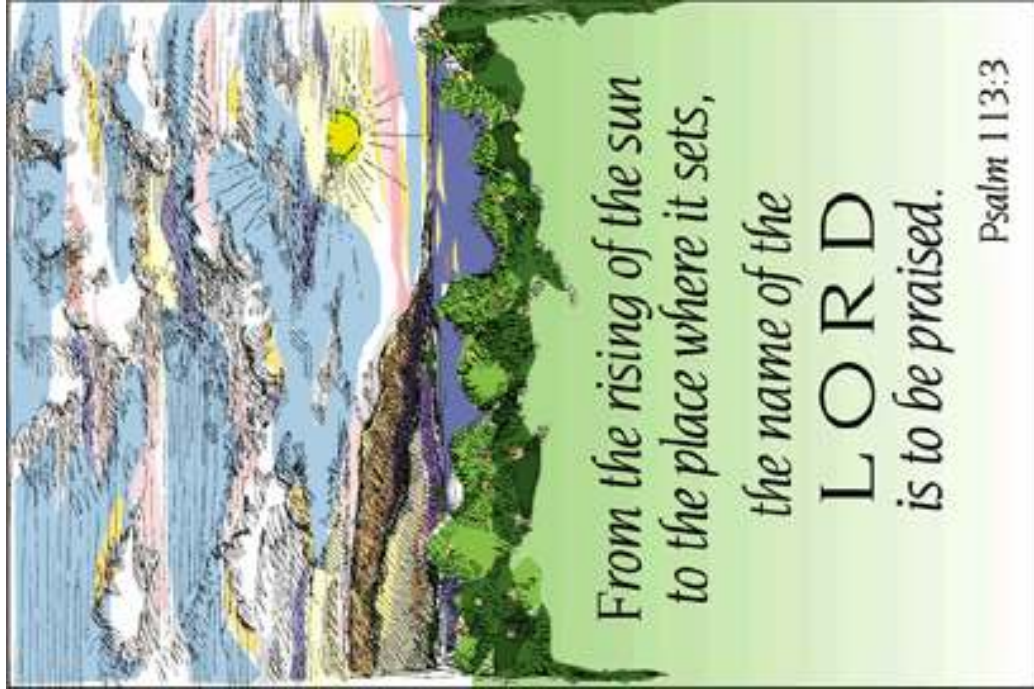
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<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px;"> <p><b>Ladies Small Group Bible Studies *</b>  Saturdays 9:30 a.m. at Panera-Chris Schultz (241-1607)</p> </div>						<b>1</b> <i>No Ladies Study*</i>
<b>2</b> 8:00 a Worship/Communion 9:15 a S.School/Bible Study 10:30 a Worship	<b>3</b> 5:00 p Evang Board 7:00 p Worship 8:00 p HS Bible Study	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 5:30 p Weekday Schl 7:00 p Youth Board	<b>6</b> 12:30 p Ladies Society 5:00 p Men's BBall 5:45 p Handbells 7:30 p Choir	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 8 a-1 p Truth Project leaders meeting 9:30 a.m. Ladies Study* 1:00p Altar Guild Meeting & Undecorate Church
<b>9 Epiphany</b> 8:00 a Worship 9:15 a S.School 10:30 a Worship/Communion 3:00 p HS Youth-Laser Tag	<b>10</b> 7:00 p Worship/comm. 8:00 p Elders 8:00 p HS Bible Study	<b>11</b> 6:00 p Men's club	<b>12</b> 5:30 p Weekday Schl 7:00 p Trustee meeting 7:00 p Parish Life 7:00 p Bethel	<b>13</b> 9:30 a Bible class 5:00 p Men's BBall 5:45 p Handbells 7:30 p Choir	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 9:30 a Ladies Study* 10 a-12 p Greeter's Training <i>Newsletter deadline</i>
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*From the rising of the sun  
to the place where it sets,  
the name of the  
L O R D  
is to be praised.*

*Psalms 113:3*

## January 2011

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### As We Start the New Year

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- JANUARY 8 ALTAR GUILD MEETING
- JANUARY 15 MASTER GREETER'S TRAINING
- JANUARY 30 YOUTH SERVICE
- JANUARY 30 VOTER'S MEETING

### WORSHIP SERVICES

- SUNDAY 8:00 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.
- MONDAY 7:00 P.M.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES

- SUNDAY 9:15 A.M.

To guarantee articles for "The Messenger" can be included, please have them into the Church Office by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month at noon.

Online calendar available at [www.gracelutheranmonroe.org](http://www.gracelutheranmonroe.org).. Click on the link to Grace Lutheran Church calendar.