

G.R.A.C.E. PLACE FALL NEWSLETTER

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Join Kelsey for a short zoom check-in on Sunday from 9:00-9:30am! Meeting password is 09192020
Join Zoom Meeting:
<https://luthersem.zoom.us/j/5771068839?pwd=eFdhaXgxZUtGNj8reCtJaS9VTUZsdz09>

We've made it to Advent! Welcome to week 1 of Advent, a time of preparing for Jesus' birth. This week's lesson we are going to prepare our hearts, minds, and our bodies! We are going to be tying physical health into

Advent. I invite you to do some faith formation during the next 4 weeks with an advent wreath. There are links on page 2 of different ways to create your own Advent wreath.

Prepare

Physical (Decorations):
Get ready for Jesus' birth! Decorate your home! Put up the Christmas tree and all the ornaments! Decorate the outside of your home and put up garland!

Prepare

Physical (Health):
Take a walk with your family around your neighborhood to see how others are preparing for Jesus' birth.

Prepare

Mental/Spiritual:
Watch a worship and join in on the Advent wreath lighting. Or take a moment each day with your family to read a chapter of the New Testament, Matthew 1:1. Pray with your family each night and ask God to help prepare your family for Christmas.



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THANKFULNESS

Mark 1:1-8

(pg 195 in Spark Storybook Bible)

“A wonderful leader is coming”

A Wonderful Counselor! We are preparing our hearts and minds for the birth of Jesus! Advent 1 we want to discuss hope! We have so much hope in the Wonderful Counselor that God has promised us. Our hope for God working in this world. Our hope in God's people. Our hope in God's love.

This week, find a space in your home to set-up your family advent wreath. Each newsletter will have an advent wreath activity. Prepare a space in your home to help you prepare for Christmas.

Light the first candle and designate one family member to be the leader of today's Advent candle lighting.

Leader: When the world seems scary or uncertain,
Others: Our hope is in the Lord.

Leader: When things aren't as they should be...
Others: Our hope is in the Lord.

Leader: When people mess up...
Others: Our hope is in the Lord.

Leader: When things are good...
Others: Our hope is in the Lord.

Leader: Today we light the candle of hope...
Others: Our hope is in the Lord.

Leader: Dear God. Thank you that you are with us. Thank you for your faithfulness to your children. May the candle of hope be a reminder of today and throughout the Advent season that our hope is in you. Amen.

Service Project

Are you missing our church community? So are others. Come together and write a Christmas card to a family at Grace. If you'd like to participate in this service project, please email Kelsey to get a name!



Make Your Own Advent Wreath!

<https://www.catholicicing.com/advent-ideas/>