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### *Sunday Worship Schedule*

Worship	8:15 AM
Fellowship	9:15 AM
Education	9:30 AM
Worship	10:30 AM

Staffed Nursery Sunday Mornings

We celebrate Holy Communion on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month and special occasions.

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## December 2018



*The people of Gilbert Lutheran Church, gathered by God's grace and empowered by the Holy Spirit, invite and welcome all to join us in our journey of faith as disciples of Christ through meaningful worship and education while providing compassionate service for those in our community and world.*

#### **WE OFFER PRAYERS FOR . . .**

Kirsten Adams  
 Georgeanne Artz  
 Sharon Berryhill  
 Thea Boone (friend of Cindy & Jim Clark)  
 Gary Catus (brother of Chris Stokke)  
 Chad Christian  
 Jim Clark (shoulder surgery)  
 Jessica Frerichs (daughter of Bobbie & Guy Frerichs, granddaughter of Bob & Dorothy Schumer)  
 Donna Gommel (mother of Sharon Popp)  
 Alene Green (friend of Dick & Mary Cooper)  
 Beth Hochstetler  
 Donna Holtan  
 Bill Lindgren (father of Angie Bleich)  
 Rick Perrin (shoulder surgery)  
 Mike Raske (friend of Don & Karen Twedt)  
 Mark Schieber (father of Katie Fitz)  
 Janet Thornbloom (sister of Jon Strom)  
 Larry Warren (uncle of Jeri Saltzman)  
 Phyllis Witte (mother of Cindy Clark)

#### **WE BRING CONTINUING PRAYERS FOR . . .**

Ashley Cramer (daughter of Kori Cramer)  
 Ellie Dillon (friend of Dick & Mary Cooper)  
 Kyra Harbacheck  
 Rachel Henderson (daughter of Denise & Dennis)  
 Shirley Jackson (mother of Lynn Peterson)  
 Ruby McCullough (sister of David Berryhill)  
 MarJean Sutter (sister of Izzetta Bennett)  
 Lori Valline (daughter of Izzetta Bennett)

**For updates to the prayer list, please contact the church office at 515-233-2421 or [office@gilbertlutheran.org](mailto:office@gilbertlutheran.org)**



# Holiday Schedule

**Sunday, December 9:**

8:15 a.m.  
10:30 a.m.

New Member Welcome  
First Communion Blessing

**Sunday, December 16:**

9:00-10:00 a.m.  
10:00 a.m.  
11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Chris Cakes Pancake Breakfast  
Sunday School Christmas Program  
Chris Cakes Pancake Brunch

**Sunday, December 23:**

10:00 a.m.

Sunday Worship

**Monday, December 24:**

5:00 p.m.  
9:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Worship  
Christmas Eve Worship

**Tuesday, December 25:**

10:00 a.m.

Christmas Day Worship

**Sunday, December 30:**

10:00 a.m.

Sunday Worship

**Sunday, January 6:**

10:00 a.m.

Sunday Worship

**Regular worship schedule and Sunday school  
resume on Sunday, January 13.**

## Book Club

The next gathering is scheduled for Sunday, January 20, 6 p.m., Talbot-Breitling's home, 3807 Bridgeport Drive, in North Ridge Heights.

The two book choices are as follows:

- *Methland: the Death and Life of an American Small Town* and by Nick Reding
- *The Revenge of Geography : What the Map Tells Us About Coming Conflicts and the Battle Against Fate* by Robert Kaplan

## SOCIAL CONCERNS

### GLC GIVING MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Each month, a portion of the loose change collected during services is donated to a community or world outreach organization devoted to improving the lives of those in need.

This December, GLC's loose change will support Loaves and Fishes.

## High School Youth Ministry



Youth group will always be a safe place to learn, grow, question, wrestle with personal faith, invite friends, and so much more. ALL 9th - 12th grade students, regardless of where they are in their faith journey, are welcome here.

November was sad for me, as I was only able to make it to one youth group time. Learning was stimulated this month through two main stories - the conversion of Saul, and the story of Thomas after Jesus comes back. We improved our understanding of the challenges we will face in Christianity, but why it's even more worth it. The group expanded on their view of doubt, what it means to have doubt as Christians, and that it's okay to have questions about God!

One thing we are looking forward to in the coming months is the annual ski trip! More information about that is included below, and there are forms available outside the office. We are making some changes this year with our venue and number of days we will have together. It's going to be a blast!!

As we continue to look forward to writing the mime and continuing Tuesday morning bible study, I wanted to thank you all for your prayers for our youth. We are very blessed to have a growing group of teenagers who are so faithful in coming to youth events even though they are so busy with their lives. We ask that you would continue to pray for us as we move into December. This season of Advent is a powerful season of waiting and celebration, but we also tend to get wrapped up in our own lives - preparing for Christmas by decorating, baking, and getting presents; trying to finish up big end of the year projects at work or school; and, as always, the change of the sports season means more practices and games added into the schedule. Let's pray that we always remember the reason for the season we're in.

As always, we are so thankful for all you do for us! Your support means the world to GLC's youth group! On a personal note, I just wanted to extend a thank you to everyone for their support of me while I am recovering from surgery. It has been a slow process so far, but I am so thankful for everyone stepping up while I've been gone.

Blessings,

*Kirsten*

Kirsten Adams Youth Coordinator



### Opportunities coming up:

**Tuesday Morning Bible Study** - Come join us for breakfast, chocolate milk, and Jesus on Tuesday mornings at 7:15!

**Les & Barb Licklider Scholarship** - We were blessed to start this last year, and it's continuing. For specific information, you can contact Barb Licklider.

**Ski Trip** - We will be traveling to Buck Hill Ski Resort on January 19-21 2019! The cost sheets and schedule are in front of the office. Deadline to sign up is January 7th. If you have any questions, please let me know at [kirsten@riversidelbc.org](mailto:kirsten@riversidelbc.org) or shoot me a call or text at 515-320-5119.

**Coming up in Youth Group: December 12** - NO YOUTH GROUP

**December 19** - Christmas Party!!!!<sup>[SEP]</sup> **December 26** - NO YOUTH GROUP (Christmas Break...see you in January!)

**Other things for Parents:**<sup>[SEP]</sup> **Fellowship Treats** - There is a Sign-Up Genius for fellowship treats. We need some more people to sign up for upcoming months. Contact me if you'd like to be resent that email.

**Youth group volunteers** - We need volunteers to sit in with youth group. There are many dates open. If you are willing to help out, please let me know!

## December Birthdays

Connie Safly	12/01	Dylan Zierke	12/14	Emma Kruse	12/24
Ruth Henely	12/01	Jamie Stevens	12/14	Gene Upstill	12/24
Shelley Taylor	12/03	Steve Gent	12/16	Emma Nelson	12/24
Hillary Eckert	12/03	Jerry Holtan	12/17	Peyton Clatt	12/24
Bradley Fitz	12/04	Nancy Bates	12/19	Katie Gescheidler	12/26
Ally Nelson	12/05	Leta Jaquis	12/19	Doyle Jobe	12/26
Marjie Scott	12/06	Kelly Gauck	12/20	Aaron Kester	12/26
Mary Vannoy	12/06	Rhonda Nelson	12/20	Kyle Blair	12/28
Sadie Breyfogle	12/08	Taylor Scott	12/20	Jonathan Popp	12/28
Maggi Kester	12/08	Tracy Harbacheck	12/20	Don Uthe	12/29
Kristi Perrin	12/08	Gabe Hicks	12/20	Paul Nees	12/31
Kirk Geist	12/09	Janet Boehme	12/21		
Aubrey Moore	12/11	Peyton Jones	12/21		
Lila Kruckenberg	12/13	Carter Olson	12/21		
Joseph Brause	12/14	Catherine Olson	12/21		
		Eli Roske	12/22		
		Ian Roske	12/22		

## December Anniversaries

William & Marjorie Scott	12/05	20 Years	Donald & Marcia Law	12/08	45 Years
Chris & Amanda Roske	12/06	21 Years	Daniel & Kelly Binkowski	12/19	14 Years
Dean & Mary Jordison	12/07	51 Years	Merlin & Marilyn Zeigler	12/30	29 Years

## December Service Committee

Chairman: Cindy Clark

Aaron & Pam Overland 515-450-8275

Kori Cramer 515-708-2766

Josh & Renee Hansen 515-290-8224

Jake & Lindsey Moore 515-297-1348

Sandy Hansen 515-520-0353

Krissy Leinen 712-269-8709

Don & Janice Uthe 515-296-2664

Dave & CoAnne Hartman 515-212-9456

Andy & Hillary Eckert 515-231-3495

Mary Shahan 515-232-7305

Al & Connie Bergman 515-296-0032

Craig & Kris Kemp 319-269-4073

## Roof Project Report

The flat roof project was completed this spring and all is well. Through the rains of June, no leaks were present, much to the delight of those on “mop-up” duty. The project was completed by Central States Roofing with Scott Nelson in charge. The job came in on budget and on time. Sincere thanks to all of you who helped in any way or who generously gave funds for this project. Our goal was to replenish our building fund back to the starting balance. As of October, we are about \$30,000 short of that goal. As the end of the year approaches and financial planning is done, prayerfully consider a gift designated for this project. GLC has always met their financial goals and we can meet this one too. We are thankful for the roof over our heads.

Sincerely,  
Board of Property  
Joel Kruckenberg, Chairman

**RPM IS THE MIME MINISTRY** that is using GLC to practice for their tour in the spring. They have asked if anyone is willing to provide meals for their group. Friday evening meals start at 6 p.m. The dates are January 11 and February 1. Saturday meals start at 12 noon. The dates are November 3, January 12, and February 2. If you are interested in serving in this capacity, please let Kirsten know and she will contact the RPM Executive Team. Thank you for being accommodating to our guests!

# December 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
8:15 AM Worship 9:15 AM Fellowship 9:30 AM Education 10:30 AM Worship		7:15 AM High School Bible Study 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Prayer Group 6:30 PM TOPS	3:20 PM Hosanna Choir 6:30 PM Worship 7:20 PM Confirmation 7:20 PM Youth Group 7:30 PM Mixed Choir 8:15 PM Bell Choir	6:30 PM Women's Book & Bible Club		8:00 AM Men's Bible Study 4:00 PM Parent's Night Out
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
8:15 AM Worship/New Member Welcome 9:15 AM Fellowship 9:30 AM Education 10:30 AM Worship/First Communion		7:15 AM High School Bible Study 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 12:00 PM 50+ Luncheon 6:00 PM Prayer Group 6:30 PM TOPS	3:20 PM Hosanna Choir 3:20 PM Wonderkid Wednesday 6:30 PM Worship 7:30 PM Board Meetings 7:30 PM Mixed Choir 8:15 PM Bell Choir			8:00 AM Men's Bible Study
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
9:00-10:00 AM Chris Cakes 10:00 Christmas Program 11:00 AM-12:00 PM Chris Cakes		7:15 AM High School Bible Study 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Prayer Group 6:30 PM TOPS	3:20 PM Hosanna Choir 5:00 PM Congregational Council Meeting 6:30 PM Worship 7:20 PM Confirmation 7:20 PM Youth Group 7:30 PM Mixed Choir 8:15 PM Bell Choir			8:00 AM Men's Bible Study
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
10:00 AM Worship	5:00 PM Christmas Eve Worship 9:00 PM Christmas Eve Worship	10:00 AM Christmas Day Worship	No Wednesday Worship			8:00 AM Men's Bible Study
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>					
10:00 AM Worship						

**TLC Coordinators for December**  
 1-15 Pam Abarr  
 16-31 Deb Anderson

# December Worship Assistant Schedule

	December 2	December 2	December 9	December 9	December 16	December 23	December 24	December 24	December 25	December 30
	8:15 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	8:15 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	5:00 p.m.	9:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
Acolyte	Ava Henningsen	Ally Nelson	Paul Marpe	Johnna Rotto		<i>Needed</i>	<i>Needed</i>	<i>Needed</i>	<i>Needed</i>	<i>Needed</i>
	Ella Henningsen	Emma Nelson	John Artz	Zak Buffington		<i>Needed</i>	<i>Needed</i>	<i>Needed</i>	<i>Needed</i>	<i>Needed</i>
Advent Wreath Lighting	Hicks Family	Nelson Family	<i>Needed</i>	Cramer Family	Nees Family	Strom Family				
Greeter	Mary Vannoy	Al Metz	<i>Needed</i>	Hans Rotto	Randy Sniezek	Mary Shahan	Laura Melton	Mary Shahan	Mary Shahan	<i>Needed</i>
	Rhonda Nelson	Deb Metz	<i>Needed</i>	Mary Rotto	Staci Sniezek	<i>Needed</i>	Emily Sowienski	<i>Needed</i>	<i>Needed</i>	<i>Needed</i>
Usher	Brent Henningsen	Scott Nelson	Darrell Anderson	Steve Gent	Ryan Saltzman	<i>Needed</i>	Brent Henningsen	<i>Needed</i>	<i>Needed</i>	<i>Needed</i>
	Beth Henningsen	Nancy Nelson	<i>Needed</i>	Bob Jaquis	Jeri Saltzman	<i>Needed</i>	Tanner Henningsen	<i>Needed</i>	<i>Needed</i>	<i>Needed</i>
Reader	Karen Twedt	Barb Lickliger	Deb Anderson	Marcia Prior-Miller		Daniel Hartman	Daniel Hartman	<i>Needed</i>	<i>Needed</i>	<i>Needed</i>
Communion Assistant	Chad Kruckenberg	Dorothy Schumer	<i>Needed</i>	<i>Needed</i>			Daniel Hartman	Mary Shahan	<i>Needed</i>	<i>Needed</i>
	Holly Lester	Jerry Holtan	<i>Needed</i>	<i>Needed</i>			<i>Needed</i>	<i>Needed</i>	<i>Needed</i>	<i>Needed</i>

To sign up to assist, please email the office ([office@gilbertlutheran.org](mailto:office@gilbertlutheran.org)), or follow the Signup Genius link in the weekly email.  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090544ada929a13-201812>

