

# Youth and Family Ministry

## **Sunday School: Sundays at 9 a.m.**

PK and SK: meet in the nursery

Grade 1-6: meet in the 3rd Floor Commons

### **Schedule:**

Dec. 7: John the Baptist (Luke 3:1-18)

Dec. 14: Mary Visits Elizabeth (Luke 1:39-58)

Dec. 21: Angels Visit (Matthew 1:18-25)

*We will be on break from Dec. 28 to Jan. 18. More information will be shared in the announcements.*

## **Confirmation: Sundays at 9 a.m. (Youth Center)**

### **Schedule:**

Dec. 7: The Letter to the Hebrews and Universal Letters

Dec. 14: The Revelation to John

Dec. 21: The Bible and My Life

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## **Bible Exploration: Friday, January 30, at 6 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)**

Fifth and sixth grade students with their parents are invited to join the pastors and Julie Modrich for a time of Bible exploring. More information will be shared in January.

## **High School Service Project:**

### **Saturday, December 13, from 8:15 - 10:30 a.m.**

Grace High School students will be volunteering at Beyond Hunger food pantry in Oak Park during their Saturday distribution. Reach out to Pastor Troy if you are interested or have questions (tmedlin@graceriverforest.org).

## **Adult Education: Sundays at 9 a.m. (Seminar Room)**

Dec. 7: Elizabeth Palmer on the best books of the year

Dec. 14: Appalachian Service Project (ASP) Mission Team

The high school students who went on the ASP mission trip last summer will share about their experience serving in Harlan, KY, and their reflections on this transformative time.

# Upcoming Holiday Concerts



## **Winter's Tale**

Sunday, December 7, at 4 p.m. (Sanctuary)

Gather near this holiday season to hear musical stories of winters past and present in *Winter's Tales*. Featuring talented treble

singers ages 8-18 from across the Chicagoland area - as well as our brother ensemble, Fratelli men's chorus - Spirito Singers will shine in a program that includes holiday favorites new and old. From jazz standards like "The Man with the Bag" to hilarious songs like "The Twelve Dogs of Christmas" to Benjamin Britten's sublime A Ceremony of Carols, this program will leave audience's hearts glowing, even as the days grow shorter. Tickets are \$27 in advance (\$22 students and seniors with valid ID). For more information and to purchase tickets, please visit Grace Links or their website ([www.spiritosingers.org](http://www.spiritosingers.org)).

## **Advent Christmas Concert**

Sunday, December 14, at 4 p.m. (Sanctuary)

This year's theme is Sing the Songs of Bethlehem. The Parish Choir of Grace Lutheran Church and fifth through eighth grade choir of Grace School will sing familiar carols and anthems of the season with orchestra and congregational participation. The work that anchors this year's program was composed by K. Lee Scott, *Sing the Songs of Bethlehem*, which itself is presented in the familiar pattern of lessons and carols. Join us for this annual tradition to listen to music for the season and to add your voice to the song!



## **Holiday Brass & Choral Concert**

Thursday, December 18, at 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

They will bring to life festive music from the medieval era through the Baroque, including works by Gabrieli, Palestrina, Josquin, Praetorius, and many more. Principal Guest Conductor Nicholas Kraemer conducts this treasured Chicago tradition. Tickets are \$43-\$103 and may be purchased online at [baroque.org/holiday](http://baroque.org/holiday) or by calling 312.551.1414. It can also be found on Grace Links. Use code GLC20 to receive 20% off all available seats.



## **A Christmas Carol**

Friday, December 19 at 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

Sunday, December 21, at 3 p.m. (Sanctuary)

With arrangements of traditional carols and original music by Benedict Sheehan, this performance promises to bring the festive spirit to life in Charles Dickens' beloved tale. We will again be joined by voiceover artist Bill Rohlfing. Tickets are \$45 for adults and \$35 for seniors. To purchase tickets, visit Grace Links or go to [consonancechicago.org](http://consonancechicago.org).