



Grace Notes

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October 2018

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CrossGen Fall Fest
Sunday, October 7, 2018
12:00-3:00 p.m.

All of the Grace family and friends are invited to attend a Cross Generational Fall Festival on Sunday, October 7, from 12:00-3:00 p.m. Bruce and Melissa Hockenberry and family are graciously hosting the event at their home in Linden Hall outside of Boalsburg. If the weather turns unfavorable, we will be holding the event in the Miller Center at church.

Come help us celebrate the harvest and changing of the season with an APPLE & PUMPKIN PIE COMPETITION, CAMPFIRE FOOD, AND PUMPKIN CARVING!



The church will provide hot dogs and s'mores for roasting. Please bring a side dish to share, a chair, and a pie for the competition if you desire. Dessert will be s'mores and the pies!

We will gather at Bruce and Melissa Hockenberry's house (140 Rock Hill Road, Centre Hall) for a time of fellowship, fun, and food. Please RSVP to Cindy or Peter at faithformation@glepa.org, so we can have an approximate number, but come on out even if you don't RSVP!



Cross Generational activities like this one are about building life-giving relationships across the generations that exist in a congregation. These activities help us, as a church, fulfill the baptismal promises we made as a congregation to help each other grow in faith together regardless of how young or old we are. We need each other to grow. We need church grandparents, church aunts and uncles, church parents, and church children for whom we all care.





Doubt, Hope, and Prayer

One of the most profound theological books on my shelf is Herman Melville's *Moby Dick*. In a book filled with provocative lines, this one always grabs me the most: "Faith, like a jackal, feeds among the tombs, and even from these dead doubts she gathers her most

vital hope." When I read this, I'm comforted by the thought that God is relentlessly present and working in our lives – especially during the times when we are struggling the most and filled with doubts about ourselves, about God, and about the course of our lives. In God, there is always hope. As we read in Psalm 62:5, "For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from him."

Indeed, living in hope is vital for a happy and fulfilling life. Sometimes, however, we can understand this on an intellectual basis and yet struggle to experience it in our daily life. It is hard to place our hope in the mere *idea* of God. But it is a very different thing when God becomes *personal* to us. Hope blooms when we are able to form an authentic relationship with God. And how might we do that? It unfolds the same as all of our other relationships; through a combination of time and honesty.

How much time are you investing *speaking* to God and *listening* to God? And how honest are your prayers? The noted pastor and writer Eugene Peterson once wrote that "It's easy to be honest before God with our hallelujahs, somewhat more difficult with our hurts, nearly impossible to be honest before God in the dark emotions of our hates." So I want to encourage you to be honest, direct, and vulnerable with God in your prayers. Whatever you have to say, I know God can take it. But be prepared: God will be just as bluntly honest with you. It might not always be what you *want* to hear, but it will always be just what you *need* to hear.

Coming up...

- Our next **New Member Sunday is October 14**. Is Jesus nudging you to become a member of Grace? If so, let's schedule a time to meet. We would love to have you as part of Grace.
- One of my goals is to strengthen our ministry partnerships with our fellow downtown mainline churches. To that end, I am pleased to report that on **Tuesday, October 16**, Grace and St. Andrew's Episcopal Church will be participating together in our first ever **Ecumenical Healing Service**. The service begins at 6 p.m. and will be held at Grace. Together, we will offer prayers for healing and share Holy Communion. In 2019, this service (always held in mid-October near the commemoration date of St. Luke the Physician) will be hosted by St. Andrew's. I hope you will be able to join us for this historic "first" for our two congregations.

- **Our Old Friends luncheon** will be held on **Thursday, October 18** beginning at 11 a.m. This treasured semi-annual tradition is a joyous time of reunion as we help our homebound members return to Grace for worship and a fellowship luncheon. We are always seeking more volunteers for this event. If you would like to get involved with transportation, greeting/hosting, or serving the luncheon, please let me know.
- My formal **installation as Grace's Senior Pastor** will take place at all four of our Sunday services on October 21. Bishop Rhyne will be with us, along with Rev. Dr. Gerald Christianson (one of my seminary professors), who will be our guest preacher. The day will also include lots of very special music. I hope you can be with us that day.

Call Committee

Our Call Committee is working diligently as Grace searches for a new associate pastor. We are currently working with a candidate and hope to have further updates for you soon. In the meantime, please pray for Grace and for our candidate that God's choice becomes our choice.

Finally...

Fall is an exciting time at Grace, with options for all ages for Christian education, musical ensembles, and meaningful worship. I hope these are blessed opportunities for you to reconnect with Christ and with your Grace family. As always, thank you for your prayers. I am praying for you as well.

~Pastor Schul

Preparing our Hearts and Minds for Worship

Sunday	First Reading	Psalms	Second Reading	Holy Gospel
October 7 20 th Sunday after Pentecost	Genesis 2:18-24	Psalms 8	Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12	Mark 10:2-16
October 14 21 st Sunday after Pentecost	Amos 5:6-7, 10-15	Psalms 90:12-17	Hebrews 4:12-16	Mark 10:17-31
October 21 22 nd Sunday after Pentecost	Isaiah 53:4-12	Psalms 91:9-16	Hebrews 5:1-10	Mark 10:35-45
October 28 Reformation Sunday	Jeremiah 31:31-34	Psalms 46	Romans 3:19-28	John 8:31-36

MUSIC IN THE LITURGY

Johann Walther: Luther's Partner in Church Music

Although Martin Luther was an accomplished writer of hymn texts and tunes, his younger colleague, Johann Walter (1496-1570, also known as Johann Walther or Johannes Walter), was instrumental in the development of Luther's ideas about hymnody and congregational worship. Born as Johann Blankenmüller, he was adopted out of poverty, educated, and given the family name Walter. Educated as a cantor and composer, he started his career at the age of 21 in 1517--the beginning of the Protestant Reformation--and became an advocate for Lutherans.



Johann-Walter/alchetron.com

Walter's greatest gift to hymnody was his work as editor of the first-ever Protestant hymnal, *Eyn geystlich Gesangk Buchleyn* (the original spelling for *Ein geistliche Gesangbüchlein*, or *A Spiritual Song Booklet*), published in Wittenberg, Germany, in 1524. The book contains 32 German hymns, 24 penned by Luther in 1523 and 1524 and harmonized by Walter in three, four, and five parts for congregational singing, with the melody typically in the tenor part (a standard convention of the time). This collection is considered the foundation of Protestant singing; we owe much of our part singing to Walter's work. Four hymns Walter composed remain in our current hymnal: *Savior of the Nations, Come* (#263 - Advent), *Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands* (#370 - Lent), *Now to the Holy Spirit* (#743 - prayer), and *O Lord, We Praise You* (#499 - Communion), distinctive for its joyful, dance-like celebration of God's gift of grace.

Walter's legacy went beyond hymns; he influenced chorales in the centuries that followed by placing some tunes in the soprano line, the standard form we use today. He also influenced the sung Passion (Lent), linking chorales (the sung reaction of the people to Christ's journey to the cross) with a chanting evangelist, who brought the story line forward.

Without Johann Walter as Luther's musical consultant, who knows where Protestant hymnody would be today. Thank you, Johann!

Looking Ahead to AdventFest 2018

Wanted: Mexican décor for December 2 AdventFest at Grace – On Sunday, December 2, we will hold our second annual internationally themed AdventFest at Grace after the 10:30 service to usher in the season of waiting in a festive way.

A potluck lunch in Harkins Hall featuring Mexican fare, displays, activities, and presentations by students from our Sunday School and kids' choirs will add to the fiesta celebrations that lead us toward Christmas.

If you have a Mexican nativity scene, punched tin or other native ornaments, a seven-pointed star pinata (to teach about the seven deadly sins), or other common symbols used in Mexico around the Advent and Christmas holidays, please consider sharing them for our display. Call Cindy Fritz, Peter Horn, or Laurel Sanders at 238-2478 or email our Faith Formation team at faithformation@glcpa.org if you can contribute décor – or even a festive dish for the occasion.



A Hymn for Contemplation

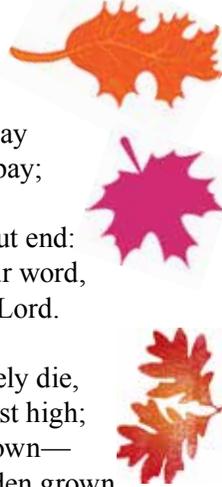
I usually select our monthly hymn for contemplation primarily on the basis of the words, but this month I was attracted to the hymn because of the music. The hymn, “*O God beyond All Praising*,” uses the tune “Thaxted” by 20th century British composer Gustav Holst (1874-1934). He is best known for his orchestral suite *The Planets*, from which this tune was drawn. If you were at the 9 or 10:30 services on September 16 at Grace, you heard Anne Sullivan play it magnificently on the harp. The text of the hymn was penned by Michael Perry (1942-1996), who was an Anglican priest. Perry paints a gorgeous picture of the fragile beauty of creation and acknowledges that all mortality must pass. But Perry concludes that in Christ, hope exists, because in him we are “given the final victory.”

Jesus won that victory for *you*. So treasure that sunset and the aroma of that rose, however fleeting it may be. And drink deeply of today’s blessings, regardless how temporary they may seem, because in Jesus Christ your eternity is secure.

~ Pastor Schul

O God beyond All Praising (ELW #880)

- 1 O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder at ev’ry gift you send,
at blessings without number and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.
- 2 The flow’r of earthly splendor in time must surely die,
its fragile bloom surrender to you, the Lord most high;
but hidden from all nature the eternal seed is sown—
though small in mortal stature, to heaven’s garden grown.
for Christ, your gift from heaven, from death has set us free,
and we through him are given the final victory.
- 3 Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favor may serve you as our King;
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
we’ll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.



Annual Healing Service

Grace will hold its annual Healing Worship Service on **Tuesday, October 16, at 6:00 p.m.** We hold this service near The Feast Day of St. Luke, because he was an apostle and physician who devoted much of his life to healing those who were sick. For the first time ever, we will be jointly sponsoring this service with St.



Andrew’s Episcopal Church. Their pastor and members will be in attendance with us as we pray and commune together.

The service provides an opportunity for worshipers to come forward to receive a prayer and blessing, asking God to grant healing and wholeness. There are many kinds of healing within life that lead to wholeness. Physical, emotional and spiritual healing is what we will be asking God to bless us with.

If you think this service could be meaningful to you, come to our sanctuary on the 16th at 6:00 p.m.

Dear Grace Family,

Thank you all for your love, support, and prayers during my recovery after my car accident. Thanks to all who made us dinner or sent us gift cards. I am recovering well and am so thankful for such a loving and supportive church family!

*Sincerely,
Rachel Griel*



New Member Sunday: October 14

Is Jesus nudging you to become a member of the Grace family? Contact Pastor Schul to schedule a meeting to learn more. We will be receiving new members at the 10:30 service on October 14.



ADULT FORUM Sundays 9-10 a.m. in Fireside

Join us as your time allows
and topics are of interest

October 7 - Lutheran, Transgender, and Loved

Among our youth's favorite speakers at the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering were eleven-year-old transgender girl Rebekah Bruesehoff and her mom, Jamie Bruesehoff. Join us to view the video of Rebekah and Jamie's talk about the love and grace of Jesus.

October 14 - Speaker: Mikah Meyer

Inspired by his late father's love for the road and devotion to God, Mikah Meyer is in the middle of a three-year quest to visit every National Park Service site. But his own faith has taken him on a completely different journey, bringing together LGBTQA issues, Christianity and environmental justice.

"Dialogues On" is a new series of studies examining topics of conflict and global issues focused on how they relate to local communities. Adult Forum will be using "The Refugee Crisis." Text, scripture, video and discussion will be central to this study.

Oct. 21: "The Church and the Refugee Crisis" The church has a long history of serving refugees in the United States and around the world. How does this history and even our personal history inform the present? Ephesians 2:19-22

Oct. 28: "A People Without a Place" Global migration and the problem of displacement reaches beyond housing or location. Displacement affects people social, emotionally and spiritually. How can we relate to these impacts? 1 Corinthians 12:20-26

Facilitators: Anne Whitney and Dotty Delafield



Mikah Meyer
Sunday, October 14 at
2:30 p.m. at State College
Presbyterian Church

Join Today Show-featured, National Cathedral countertenor singer, Mikah Meyer, at State College Presbyterian Church on October 14th for a cabaret concert sharing songs & stories from his nonstop, 3-year road trip to all 417 National Park Service sites. To fund this project, Mikah "sings for his supper" and receives donations at churches across the United States. For more information, contact Alicia Anderson, ara2@psu.edu.

DID YOU KNOW...

... that there is a gentle and contemplative worship service for everyone who is feeling a little down at a time of the year when so many others seem to be celebrating? Mark your Christmas calendar for *Blue Christmas*. This ecumenical service will be hosted by State College Presbyterian, in partnership with St. Paul Methodist, and Grace on December 21, the longest night of the year. Watch for further details.

Green Tip for October

With summer over and autumn upon us, many of us have probably recently bought the kids new school clothes, backpacks, sports items, etc. or purchased new seasonal things for the adults in the family. What do you do with the old items? Do you put them in the trash where they'll add to landfill volumes? Are they just sitting in your house in an over-flowing rag bin? Instead of those options, have you considered trying to "recycle" them instead? There are consignment stores, like Plato's Closet (North Atherton St), in the area as well as Goodwill or St. Vincent de Paul (both in Westerly Parkway Plaza) where you can donate clothing and some other household items.



In addition to those options, GreenDrop (www.gogreendrop.com or 888-944-3767), a for-profit organization that provides a portion of its proceeds to a non-profit organization of your choice (within groups it works with), will even pick up items from your home.



Finances for 2018-2019

	Actual Income vs Expense July 2018-April 2019	Budgeted Income vs Expense July 2018-April 2019	+ or (-)	%
Income	\$130,306.08	\$130,000.00	\$306.08	0.24 %
Expenses	\$134,360.25	\$135,837.42	(2,207.17)	-0.89 %
Net Income	(\$4,274.96)	(\$5,837.42)		

- We have seen a slight increase in electronic giving, which helps to ensure regular support of expenses. (Please contact Laurel Sanders at lsanders@glcpa.org if you wish to sign up for the monthly automatic bank withdrawal.)
- Income is on target--good news for the start of the fiscal year. Thank you. Please continue to give generously so that we meet our monthly and annual giving commitments.

Building Campaign

Actual Receipts this month	Monthly Mortgage*	Fiscal YTD Receipts	Fiscal YTD Mortgage
\$16,327.88	\$15,742.70	\$26,370.00	\$31,485.00

* Our monthly payment is \$15,972. Mortgage rates are due for renegotiation in 2021.

- Building contributions were above the mortgage payment this month, but we are slightly behind for the year.



Council Highlights for September

- Council reviewed the August 2017 report from Grace's communications consultant, Scott Vaughan, and evaluated our progress in implementing his suggestions.
- Council determined that Grace's highest continuing priority from the Vaughan Report will be to establish better wayfinding and signage within our building so that visitors are able to more easily navigate our sprawling campus..

Sunday Morning Sponsorships



Thank you to all who have signed up to sponsor the altar flowers, bulletins or radio broadcast. To help you

and the church office keep track of your payment for the sponsorships, please take an envelope located in the niche at the sign-up sheets to remind you of the date you selected and the amount due Grace Lutheran by your sponsorship date. A new procedure was implemented effective July 1, 2018 that if payment has not been received by the church office by the sponsorship date, a friendly reminder will be sent the following week to the person(s) who signed up to be a sponsor. If you feel you have received the friendly reminder in error, please by all means contact the church office (238-2478; churchoffice@glcpa.org) so we can straighten out the matter. ~Thank you!

Looking ahead to next month Pre-Advent Workshop: Punched Tin Floral Ornaments



The rose has long been an important symbol of our faith. From the presence of roses without thorns in the Garden of Eden to the long association of the rose with the Virgin Mary, its scent as a cleansing agent (incense) in the church, and Martin Luther's "Luther Rose," it stands for spiritual holiness and much more.

Join Julia Nelson, a Grace member, artist, and art teacher, at Grace Lutheran Church on Friday evening, **November 2, from 6:30-8:30 p.m.** for a two-hour craft workshop, where you will learn about floral symbolism in Christian traditions. Listen to the words of the *Magnificat* (Song of Mary), stories of miracles associated with the rose, and ponder what it means to accept God's will as you create one or more punched tin ornaments for the Advent and Christmas season. The workshop will take place in Harkins Hall. There will also be an option to make paper ornaments of Christmas flowers using layers of variegated paper. Please sign up in advance to reserve your place and materials; if you have a hammer, please bring it. Supplies have been donated, so there is no cost to attend. Refreshments will be provided.

Since tin has sharp edges, this workshop is designed for adults and children aged 12 and older who are under parental supervision.

Look for a sign-up sheet in the Upper Commons starting Sunday, September 23 or send an email to Laurel at lsanders@glcpa.org.

Worship at the Mountain - Fellowship says thank you!

Another year for Worship at the Mountain is behind us, and although it was a little different this year, it was again a truly enjoyable event. The day was cold and rainy, but the patio is covered, and we were prepared to make the best of it.

Thanks
for your
participation

Special thanks to Sue Matalavich who manages events at Tussey and generously moved us indoors to the lodge. It was beautiful setting for both the worship and the picnic, and everyone stayed dry!

Thank you to Psalm 151 Worship team for the joyful music.

Thank you to all who brought a side dish or dessert to share. Fellowship also extends sincere thanks to the many members who shared their time and talents to make this special event happen, especially with the challenging weather.

Looking forward to next year!

~ Joyce Arbutina

Old Friends/Homebounders Worship Service and Luncheon for FALL THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18

The biannual Old Friends/Homebounders Worship Service and Luncheon will be held on Thursday, October 18. The event begins with Holy Communion worship in the sanctuary at 11 a.m. Special music will be offered by the kindergarten children. Following the service, there will be a hot lunch in Harkins Hall.

If you would like to be a part of this important ministry to Grace's church or if you know someone who should/would like to attend, please let one of the following know: Linda Schul, (814) 954-4195, Gerry Slear, (814) 424-7610, or the church office, (814) 238-2478.

Transportation for the homebound member can be provided when and if required and requested.

For those seniors who are not homebound, this is a great opportunity to reconnect with Grace members you may not have seen in awhile and to let them know that their lives continue to be important in the life of our church.





Helping Hands Mission Trip 2018

The goal of this ministry team is to provide physical, emotional and spiritual encouragement to families affected by natural disasters.

Thanks to information provided by the ELCA, this ministry team will travel to and assist with the reconstruction of homes and any other building needs here in the United States.

DID YOU KNOW...



... that you can give monetary donations to **Lutheran Disaster Response** to provide help and hope for those whose homes have been devastated by Hurricane Florence?

Lutheran Disaster Response is coordinating with Lutheran Services Carolinas, Lutheran Family Services of Virginia, and the synods in the hurricane's path to respond to this disaster.

Your gifts designated for hurricane response will be used entirely (100 %) for direct response until it is complete.

Give online at <https://community.elca.org/hurricane-relief> or direct mailing to Lutheran Disaster Response, P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009, or submit your check to Grace and write "Hurricane Response" on the memo line.

This year the mission trip that will take place on **October 21 to 26**. We will be traveling back to New Jersey. The team will consist of 9-10 people who have varying degrees of experience. The Lutheran Social Services of New Jersey connected us with the **St. Bernard Parish volunteer group** whose goal is to get people back to their homes. The team will consist of adults. High school age students may attend if accompanied by an adult. All are welcome to join the team, no matter what level of expertise you have.



This is your opportunity to join our mission team and help make a difference to the lives of our New Jersey neighbors.

To learn more about this year's mission trip, please contact Susan Ferro, 237-8756 or by e-mail at ferro71@comcast.net.

2018 CROP Walk OCTOBER 21



The 5K State College Area CROP Walk will be held from 2-4 p.m. on Sunday, October 21. It will begin and end at University Baptist and Brethren Church at 411 Burrowes St. Registration will begin at 1:30 p.m. at UBBC, but we encourage walkers to register online beforehand at crophungerwalk.org/statecollegepa. Registering online not only saves paper, but time as well. Please consider donating to the Kistler Team (Ruth is the co-founder

of the SC CROP Walk). You will find it on the SC CROP Walk's website printed above.

Walker envelopes are available at the information table in the narthex on the following Sundays: 10/7, 10/14, and 10/21. They are also available in the church office.

75% of the monies raised will be donated to Church World Service and 25% will be donated to our local food bank, both whom help feed the less fortunate. The CROP Walk is a great family activity for helping others! Hope to see you there!

Coming Soon! Christmas in October!

Join in an effort once again this year to create **Christmas Cards for Inmates**. Cards will be due early in November, so stay tuned for details about card-making opportunities to come.





The Food Bank

The Food Bank of the State College Area, Inc. is always in need of donations. The church collects donations monthly in the church narthex on the first Sunday of each month at each worship service. Cash/check donations, grocery store gift cards, and brown paper grocery bags are always accepted. For the complete list, look at their website,

<https://www.scfoodbank.org/Page/59>

Items needed this month:

- Soup (especially Progresso or Chunky)
- Juice (100% fruit or vegetable juice)
- Canned corn
- Canned meats (tuna, chicken, or Spam)
- Tomato products (diced, stewed, paste, sauce, etc.)
- Canned mixed veggies
- Canned green beans
- Canned pasta and sloppy joe sauce (Chef Boyardee, Manwich, etc.)
- Canned fruits
- Oil
- Gluten-free products (any type, but especially pasta, cereal, etc.)
- Laundry detergent
- Shampoo & conditioner
- Toothpaste & toothbrushes
- Feminine hygiene products
- Soap (bar or liquid)

For the complete list, look at their website, <https://www.scfoodbank.org/Page/59>

The Jared Box Project

It is time once again to fill your Jared Box!

The goal of a Jared Box is to lift the spirits of a child in the hospital. The Jared Box Project was started locally by the children at Our Lady of Victory School to honor their classmate and friend, Jared. He was a brave little boy who battled cancer with courage, a positive attitude, and a sense of humor.



Jared Boxes help take away some of a child's fear of the hospital. The boxes provide a calming diversion for young patients in emergency rooms, patient rooms, surgical centers, and clinics as they receive chemotherapy and other medical treatments. To make a Jared Box, fill a plastic storage box (feel free to take one or more from the Narthex) with small toys, games, and fun activities, selected for a specific age and gender.

Dates to remember:

October 14—Jared Box Kick-Off—Plastic storage boxes, instructions, and suggested gifts lists will be available in the Narthex! Team members will be there to answer your questions. Everything you need to get started!

November 11—Jared Box Dedication—Bring your filled boxes back to Grace and place them before the altar prior to any morning service for prayers before they are delivered to hospitals in our region!

Learn more about The Jared Box Project at <http://www.thejaredbox.com> and follow on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=the%20jared%20box%20project>. It's worth taking a look to see the wonderful stories.



Thank you to Thrivent Financial for your support! The Kick-Off event is a Thrivent Action Team event. Thrivent is providing funds and supplies to help us help others! Learn more at <https://www.thrivent.com/making-a-difference/living-generously/thrivent-action-teams/>

Want to do more for this great project? We are looking for a few more members for our team! Contact Marilyn Peterson at 814-571-8673 or marilypeterson5@gmail.com.



On October 14, 2018 the Congregational Care team will be sponsoring a flu shot clinic.

The clinic will be conducted by Centre Home Care. It will be held in the church office between 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. The cost is \$35. Medicare, Geisinger Gold and Humana will be accepted. You will need to be at least 18 years old.

Please take advantage of this clinic and be prepared for the flu season. For more information call Susan Ferro at 814-237-8756.

Time for reflection and action during Domestic Violence Awareness Month

October is national Domestic Violence Awareness Month. It is time we all look inward—into our behaviors, into our families, into our churches, into our communities, and into the policies that impact women and families in particular—to figure out what we need to do shift our culture into one that does not stand for violence or abuse of any form.

I encourage all of you to spend this month investigating how you, your communities, and congregations are prepared to deal with domestic and intimate partner violence. Domestic/relationship violence involves people of all ages and identities. It truly impacts each and every one of us. Domestic violence or intimate partner violence is a pattern of assaultive and coercive behaviors, including physical, sexual, and psychological attacks, as well as economic coercion used by adults or adolescents against their current or former intimate partners.

The following questions come from umcjustice.org and I think it lends itself to thoughtful reflection and discussion:

- *How are women and girls valued, heard, respected, and believed in your community?* The most frequent age when intimate partner violence is first experienced by women is between 18-24 (39 percent), followed by age 11-17 (22 percent).
- *How are you talking about and modeling healthy relationships with young people in your family, church, and community?* Immigrant women are particularly vulnerable to domestic violence and may feel trapped in abusive relationships because of immigration laws, language barriers, social isolation, and lack of financial resources.
- *How are your church and broader community (including law enforcement officers) equipped to respect and honor the dignity of immigrants?* Among victims of child abuse, 40 percent report domestic violence in the home.
- *How are you breaking the societal silence about domestic violence so that children in your family, church, and community know that violence in homes and intimate relationships can end?*

Check out the flyer on the bulletin board by the church office to learn of events being held throughout the month. Consider attending the events and showing your support, as well as becoming more informed on this important issue.

I also encourage you all to watch a powerful TED Talk by Tony Porter, co-founder of A CALL TO MEN (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=td1PbsV6B80>). I'd love to hear what you think.

Remember, Awareness + Action = Social Change.

~ Jennifer Pencek, Friends Who Care ministry coordinator



Weekly Events

- Sunday Morning Worship with Grace Lutheran Church 8 a.m., 9 a.m., or 10:30 a.m.
- Sunday Evening Worship at Grace Lutheran Church 6:00–6:50 p.m.
- Sunday Dinner after worship at 7–8 p.m. (Including activity, discussion, or guest topic each week); Green Team dish washing 8:00–8:30 p.m.
- Wednesdays Table Talk Study & Discussion on campus, 12:10–1:00 p.m.
- Thursday Evening Worship at Pasquerilla Spiritual Center 6:00–6:45 p.m.; Thursday Dinner after Worship at 6:45–8:00 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sun., Oct. 14 and Mon., Oct. 15
Meet Mikah Meyer - three opportunities: **Sunday at 9 a.m.** at the Adult Forum, in Fireside Rm. at Grace Lutheran Church; **Sunday afternoon** - A community-wide event at State College Presbyterian Church; **Monday** at lunchtime (12 noon in HUB 234) on campus. (See page 5 for more detail).

Sunday, October 21

CROP WALK to help end hunger in our community and across the world! Sign up and walk, gather donations, help with logistics . . . there are lots of ways to get involved! Check out website for the link to sign up!

Tuesday, October 23

7:00–8:30 p.m.! Harry Potter Trivia Night. Let's get a team together and join the fun folks at Abba Java (Corner of Locust and Calder Way) for an evening of trivia! Check the website to sign up!

Women of Grace



The "Women of Grace" is a unit of the Women of the Allegheny Synodical Women's Organization (ASWO) of the ELCA. Programs are included that will help women grow spiritually, to enhance relationships and give opportunities for service in our congregation and throughout the world. If you are a member of Grace and interested in what the groups have to offer, please come to any of the following meetings or contact the person in charge.

Schedule

Naomi Circle - First Tuesday at 1 p.m. the Stinson Library

Contact Person: Carolyn Fishburn (cxfl@pps.u.edu)

October 2 - Devotions and Program - Carolyn Fishburn

Daughters of Eve Circle - Fourth Tuesday at 7 p.m. in Fireside

Contact Person: Bonnie Burris (bonnieburris@comcast.net)

October 23 - Hostess - Ruth Kistler, Meet at the Village in a meeting room. (Contact Bonnie Burris for information.)

Devotion of the Evening - ALL

Comfort Makers (Sewing Group) - Second and fourth Tuesday at 9 a.m. in the Stinson Library

Contact Person: Yvonne Koths (ygk1951@gmail.com)

October 9 and 23

Knit Wits (Knitting and Crocheting group) - Second Thursday at 10 a.m. in the Stinson Library

Contact Person: Cindy Tibbott (ctibbott1@verizon.net)

No meeting in October, next meeting November 8

Garden of Readin' (Women's Book Club) - Third Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. in the Stinson Library or 6 p.m. in Fireside (your choice).

Contact Person: Lois Lynn (loissteve@comcast.net)

October 16 - The October selection is *Porch Talk: Stories of Decency, Common Sense, and Other Endangered Species* by Philip Guley. Sharon Rivell will be the discussion facilitator. November's book will be *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott. Ellen Campbell will be our facilitator. Dig out your copy of this classic read.

Board Meeting - Every other month on the first Tuesday at 7 p.m. in Fireside. Contact Person: Susan Ferro (ferro71@comcast.net)

Next meeting, November 6

An Invitation from Knit Wits

- Do you like to knit or crochet, or would you like to learn how?
- Do you have a stash of bits and pieces of yarn you'd like to put to use?
- Would you like to try new yarn projects that help with various ministries at Grace?



Then please consider joining Knit Wits, a community of Grace members who love to knit and crochet! We meet monthly to share patterns, help solve problems, develop service ideas, and share in the fellowship of other yarn lovers. Our meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at 10 a.m. in the church Stinson Library. **(However, NO meeting in October.)** If you would like to join, but this meeting time doesn't work for you, please contact us to discuss.



Next meeting **November 8.**

Please join us! Contact: Cindy Tibbott; ctibbott1@verizon.net; phone 814-571-1157

Women of Grace Welcomes New Members!

There are many opportunities for women of Grace Lutheran Church to grow spiritually, become a part of new group, share your hobby, meet others with your interests, and serve the community. Please join us.

Baptismal Cloths

If you have volunteered for embroidering baptismal cloths and would like to continue to be a part of this group, please contact Susan Ferro at 814-237-8756. Our next project will begin next year. The goal is to complete at least 20 or more cloths. Thank you for the success of this project.





OCTOBER CALENDAR

Wednesday, October 3
6:15-7:15 p.m. – Kids Club and Re:formers in Miller Center

Sunday, October 7
9-10 a.m. – Sunday School

Wednesday, October 10
6:15-7:15 p.m. – Kids Club and Re:formers in Miller Center

Saturday, October 13
8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. – Car Parking Fundraiser

Sunday, October 14
9-10 a.m. – Sunday School

Wednesday, October 17
6:15-7:15 p.m. – Holy Communion Instruction (Class #1 of 2) in Library

Friday & Saturday 10/19-20
Confirmation Retreat, Camp Krislund

Sunday, October 21

- 9-10 a.m. – Sunday School
- 10 a.m. – Munchkin Brunchkin in Miller Center

Wednesday, October 24

- 6:15-7:15 p.m. – Kids Club and Re:formers in Miller Center
- 6:15-7:15 p.m. – Holy Communion Instruction (Class #2 of 2) in Library

Saturday, October 27
8 a.m.-? – Car Parking (game time has yet to be announced)

Sunday, October 28

- 9-10 a.m. – Sunday School



Welcome Back to Sunday School

Sunday School for all ages meets each Sunday 9-10 a.m.

Classroom assignments are as follows:

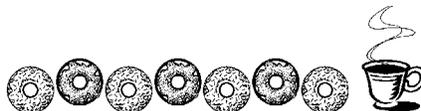
- Ages 3 and 4 - Room 201
- Kindergarten - Room 200
- Grade 1&2 - Room 103
- Grade 3, 4 and 5 - Room 105
- Middle School Youth will meet in the Miller Center Youth Room
- High School Youth will meet in the Narthex and then walk to Starbucks for java, juice, and Jesus discussions

Mustard Seed Ministry: Munchkin Brunchkin

Our first Munchkin Brunchkin will be **Sunday, October 21** at 10 a.m. in the Miller Center!

Munchkin Brunchkin is a new ministry for any family with one or more children age 0-3. Our hope is an intentional time for parents to gather, have a family Bible study time using the *Frolic First Bible*, and playtime for children as well as coffee and snacks for adults. Older siblings are welcome too; this is a family sharing time.

This will be a monthly ministry so mark your calendar for the **third Sunday of every month** for future Munchkin Brunchkin dates! Please come! Let's grow our faith together.



NOVEMBER PREVIEW



Sunday, November 4

- 9-10 a.m. – Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. – Holy Communion Milestone Worship

Wednesday, November 7
Super Wednesday Activities

Saturday, November 10
8 a.m.-? – Car Parking Wisconsin TBA

Sunday, November 11

- 9-10 a.m. – Sunday School
- 2-2 p.m. – Confirmation with Sermon Note #1 Due, Miller Center

Wednesday, November 14
5:30-6:30 p.m. – Super Wednesday Thanksgiving Meal, Miller Center

Friday, November 16
6-8 p.m. – CrossGen Advent Coloring Event, Harkins Hall

Sunday, November 18

- 9-10 a.m. – Sunday School
- 10 a.m. – Munchkin Brunchkin, Miller Center
- 6-7:30 p.m. – High School Youth Group, Miller Center

Wednesday, November 21

- 6:30 p.m. – Thanksgiving Pie Social, Harkins Hall
- 7:30 p.m. – Thanksgiving Worship, Sanctuary

Saturday, November 24
8 a.m.-? Car Parking Maryland - TBA

Sunday, November 25
No Sunday School

Wednesday, November 28
Super Wednesday Activities

2018-2019 Confirmation Classes Begin

Mark your calendar!

- September 23 – 12-2 p.m.
- October 19-20 – Retreat at Camp Krislund*** arrival time TBA
- November 11 – 12-2 p.m.
- December 9 – 12-2 p.m.
- January 13 – 12-2 p.m.
- February 8-9 – Lock-In in the Miller Center
- March 17 – 12-2 p.m.
- April 14 – 12-2 p.m.
- May 19 – 12-2 p.m.
- June 7 – Rehearsal for Affirmation of Baptism
- June 9 – Affirmation of Baptism at 10:30 a.m. worship service.

If you missed the first class but want to attend confirmation classes, please send us (Cindy Fritz & Peter Horn) an email at faithformation@glcpa.org It's not too late to join!

We provide lunch at the start of class (noon). Youth should plan to bring their Connect Bible and a notebook and pencil.

Parents: help is needed with lunch and small group leaders. Check your email for a Signup Genius to get involved. Confirmation is one more way that you share your faith with your child.

Holy Communion Instruction

Mark your calendar for Holy Communion instruction **October 17 and October 24 from 6:15-7:15 p.m. in the Library.** Instruction is a two-part class following Super Wednesday dinner. Our goal is to provide the how's, why's, what's and what it tastes like during these sessions.

The celebration of Holy Communion will be on **November 4**, All Saints Sunday, at the 10:30 worship service.

Car Parking - Youth continue to park cars on home games in October, the 13th and 27th. The parking lot will always open by 8:00 a.m., but the end time fluctuates based on how quickly we fill up and game time. At this time, many of the game times are "to be announced." Car parking is the fundraiser for the youth to earn money needed for the ELCA Youth Gathering and high school mission trips.



High School Mission Trip

Rising 9th-12th graders, mark your calendar for our New York City mission trip, July 14-19, 2019. Plans include service to a community food-bank, *meals on wheels*, attend a Broadway show, and explore the local sites. Please

contact Cindy Fritz or Peter Horn if you are interested in attending or need more information at faithformation@glcpa.org.

Middle School and High School: God's Work, Our Hands

On Sunday, September 16 our middle and high school youth met in Harkins Hall to help the Women of Grace with their annual Lutheran World Relief School Kit project.

Your donations of pencils, pens, notebooks, and much more were sorted, bundled and gathered into the sown backpacks. Lutheran World Relief will send our 175 school kit backpacks to



children in need of school supplies around the world.

In addition to the backpacks, youth folded Crop-Walk boxes. One hour of youth time saved hours of individual work.





Dates to Remember!

Tuesday, October 2

9:15 a.m. – PSU Engineering students share toy inventions, Miller Center

Thursday, October 4

Butter Braid sale begins, orders due October 17, delivery Nov. 8.

Thurs. & Fri., October 4 & 5

9:15-11 a.m. – Alpha Fire Co. visits, school parking lot

Monday, October 8

K & JrK Field Trip to Wasson Farm

Wednesday, October 10

11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. – Marianna's Fundraiser pick-up, Rm 107

Thurs. & Fri., October 10 & 11

School Picture Day, Fireside

Mon. & Tues., October 15 & 16

10:30 a.m. – Chapel in the Sanctuary

Thursday, October 18

- 11 a.m. – Kindergarten sings at Old Friends Service,
- No Preschool or Enrichment classes; Parent conferences; *Kindergarten is in session*

Friday, October 19

No Preschool or Enrichment classes; Parent conferences; *Kindergarten is in session*

Monday, October 22

9:15-11:30 a.m. – Count Box Tops in the Nursery,

Wednesday, October 24

12:15-1:30 p.m. – Curriculum Meeting, Fireside room



CHRISTIAN FOCUS BOX FOR OCTOBER GOD GIVES ME FAMILY AND FRIENDS!

"A FRIEND LOVES AT ALL TIMES ...," PROVERBS 17:17

SCIENCE EXPLORATION: BUILDING STRUCTURES – TOWERS
Enrichment Theme: INVENTION LAB

The First Day of School



Maria Sofo greets the bus students

Making apple prints on the first day of school.



Tues. & Wed., October 30 & 31
Fall Fest, Miller Center

Wednesday, October 31
Health Assessment forms due to school office

Butter Braid Pastries Fundraiser

Grace Lutheran Preschool and Kindergarten is very excited to announce the upcoming fundraising event! For those of you that are familiar with Butter Braid pastries – you'll be glad to know that they're back! For those of you that are not familiar with Butter Braid pastries – you'll wonder how you ever lived without them.

Please visit www.freckledmoose.com for more information on these incredible filled pastries. Freckled Moose Fundraising is the company that carries Butter Braid pastries.

The proceeds from this fundraiser will go to support the GLPK General Fund that provides support for tuition assistance and un-budgeted needs. Our school will make \$5.25 per each pastry sold.

Feel free to contact Dawn (dvandenheuvel@glcpa.org or 238-8110) with any questions.

Important Details To Remember!

- Fundraiser Starts: **October 4.**
- Order Forms Due in church or school office: **October 17.**
- Delivery date and time: **November 8,** between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. in room 107.



Marianna's Fundraiser

We are kicking off the school year again this fall by selling Marianna's Hoagies and Pizzas. If you purchased an order through the preschool, you can pick it up Wednesday, October 10th between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. in room 107.

GIANT Grocery Store's A+ School Rewards

Starting September 7th through March 16, 2019, GIANT customers can help our school earn CASH each time they shop using their BONUS-CARD. Over the promotional period, our school will be credited 1% of each customer's shopping order with a cash reward presented at the end of the program year. Last year, our school earned \$509.85. If you signed up last year for our school, you're automatically enrolled this year!

It is very easy to designate our school as your Bonuscard's A+ School. **Our ID # is 20787.**

1. Log onto www.GiantAplus.com to designate online.
- OR
2. Dial 1-888-448-4642

DON'T FORGET.... You can purchase Giant, Weis, Redline Speed Shine, and Sheetz gift cards anytime from the school office.



Meet Our Staff

Left to right, Row one: Lori Mejia, Maria Bills, Jessica Howard, Lauren Umbel, DeeAnn Wylie, Chelsea Kraus, Diann Walker, Angie Kempf, Director, Cathy Smarkusky

Row two: Anne Goodall, Suzanne Bruening, Abby Shipman, Maria Bills, Erin Stube, Teri Statham

Back row: Marylou Martin, Assistant Director, Dawn Vanden Heuvel, Lonni Friedken, Pastor Scott Schul, Jennifer Stauss, Bob Sutherland, Amanda Stewart

Not pictured: Tracy Cohagan



October Worship Volunteers



LECTORS - Ann Burke (364-5096/ ambrmb1@verizon.net)

<p>8 a.m.</p> <p>October 7 - Open October 14 - Open October 21 - Ryan Pencek October 28 - Nancy Reinert</p>	<p>9 a.m.</p> <p>October 7 - Anne Rohrbach October 14 - Open October 21 - Angie Hardyk October 28 - Charles and Susan Martin</p>	<p>10:30 a.m.</p> <p>October 7 - Linda Schul October 14 - Open October 21 - Youth October 28 - Brian Christian</p>
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GREETERS - Sue Forster (876-2029/sforster@cvim.net)

<p>8 a.m.</p> <p>October 7 - June Krumrine October 14 - Kelly Conron October 21 - Kay Weigand October 28 - Nancy Reinert</p>	<p>9 a.m.</p> <p>October 7 - Joann McCormick, Louise Tarman Gerry Slear October 14 - Mardi McDonough October 21 - Bob and Alice Griffin, Ed Prince October 28 - Open</p>	<p>10:30 a.m.</p> <p>October 7 - Gerry Slear, Helen Brenneman October 14 - Joe and Patrick Belanger, Leslie Elder October 21 - Don and Gina Leon, Leslie Wagner, Sharyn Everhart October 28 - Paul and Sandy Larson, Debra Lux</p>
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WELCOME CENTER HOSTS - Sue Forster (876-2029/sforster@cvim.net)

<p>9 a.m.</p> <p>October 7 - Open October 14 - Open October 21 - Joann McCormick October 28 - Carolyn Fishburn</p>	<p>10:30 a.m.</p> <p>October 7 - Open October 14 - Helen Brenneman October 21 - Barbara Fiscus October 28 - Sue Forster</p>
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ACOLYTES - Stephanie Fozard (238-7935/steph@fozards.com)

<p>9 a.m.</p> <p>October 7 - Abby and Carter Fozard October 14 - Annika Bechtel, Jacob Fritz October 21 - Ethan and Spencer Hardyk October 28 - Ella and Ireland McDyre</p>	<p>10:30 a.m.</p> <p>October 7 - Sophia and Mirabella Bills October 14 - Open October 21 - Lincoln Hockenberry October 28 - Nicholas Kewitt, Emilio Schul</p>
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COMMUNION ASSISTANTS - Sally Keiser-Bankert (234-6038/sallykb@verizon.net)

<p>8 a.m.</p> <p>October 7 - Don Widener October 14 - Nancy Reinert October 21 - Don Widener October 28 - Cindy Nicosia</p>	<p>9 a.m.</p> <p>October 7 - Carl Bankert, Sally Keiser-Bankert October 14 - Nick and Mardi Downs October 21 - John Diercks, Rachel Wolkenhauer October 28 - Carl Bankert, Sally Keiser-Bankert October 00 - Carl Bankert, Sally Keiser-Bankert</p>	<p>10:30 a.m.</p> <p>October 7 - Dennis Glocke, Mike Schmidt October 14 - Brian Bills, Beth Shafranko October 21 - John and Brenda Palmgren October 28 - Paul and Leslie Wagner</p>
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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS
Sally Keiser-Bankert
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COFFEE HOUR HOSTS
Joyce Arbutina
(237-4512/joycearb@comcast.net)

SOUND BOOTH
Karl Hosterman
(355-4818/karl@centrecommonline.com)

<p>8 a.m.</p> <p>October 7 - George Weigand October 14 - Leonard Ellenberger October 21 - George Weigand October 28 - George Weigand</p>	<p>10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Sunday 7 - Grant and Tammy Davis Sunday 14 - The Flanagan Family Sunday 21 - Open Sunday 28 - The Hardyk Family</p>	<p>10:30 a.m.</p> <p>October 7 - Lester Griel, Jr. October 14 - Lester Griel, III October 21 - Richard Brenneman October 28 - Wayne Pauley</p>
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SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

Piano and flute accompaniment

9 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

Organ accompaniment

Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

Organ accompaniment

Children's message

6 p.m. Prayer & Praise Worship with Holy Communion

Christian praise songs with Psalm 151 worship team

Casual worship in the Sanctuary



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Grace Lutheran Church is energized by the Holy Spirit and nurtured through God's Word and Sacrament to gather, feed, and send people in the name of Jesus Christ.