



# Grace Notes

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## Grace Lutheran 125-Year Milestone Sept. 10, 2023

On Sunday, September 10, 1898 – exactly 125 years ago this September - our congregation, Grace Lutheran Church of State College, was chartered, one of the earliest downtown churches. Several years later a traditional brick country church was built in the 400 block of College Avenue. As the congregation grew, there was a need for more space and additional parking, which led to the 1963 groundbreaking for construction of our current building near Penn State’s main campus. Many new ministries began at Grace in the 1960s: our preschool, Meals on Wheels, The Bells of Grace, activity spaces to encompass growing children and youth programs, and much more.



As Grace Lutheran’s ministries continued to expand and diversify, our ministries again needed more space. In 2013, after multiple consultations with the leadership and congregation at Grace, additions were completed following designs by KTH architects, including a major overhaul of our kitchen; several classrooms; a new office for our preschool; the Miller Center youth room, gymnasium, and kitchen; storage space; and additional parking. The additional space enabled us to expand the reach of our own ministries (church and preschool) as well as organizations that use our facilities, such as State College Meals on Wheels.

Today the large “ship” that is Grace Lutheran Church reaches ports not only within our community, but also – with the aid of livestreaming and podcasts – around the world. What comes next? Only God knows, but if in faith we abide, with the Spirit at our side and Christ’s love as our guide, we can embrace whatever the future brings. As we look forward to the future, we have what we need (not only God and ample space, but also each other!) to live, love, and serve in the name of Jesus Christ.

On **September 10** we will begin our 8:00 and 9:00 a.m. Sunday worship services with the same hymn that was sung when we opened our doors on Garner Street – *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty* (ELW 533) – and other parts of the liturgy that bind together congregational worship practices used over our history. (Our picnic worship is at **11 a.m.** in our courtyard, a casual contemporary service led by Psalm 151.) A fuller celebration will follow at a special worship service on Wednesday evening, **November 15 at 6:30 p.m.** (after our Thanksgiving dinner), at which time we will share

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## From Our Senior Pastor



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### Back Home from the Holy Lands

Our band of 16 pilgrims returned back home at the end of June after nine transformational days in Israel and Palestine. Things back home were pretty much the same as we left them (except for our overgrown lawns!). We, however, came home different people than when we left. That is the blessing of a pilgrimage as compared to a mere vacation.

Linda and I spent the first few days back home joyfully looking at the many treasures we brought home, like fresh spices, honey from the Golan Heights, olive wood crafts, the colorful tunic I bought for Linda in Jericho, stoles for me to wear at church, and beautiful Byzantine icons. Linda has been busily devouring the Palestinian cookbook our guide Raj gave her, and as a result we have been eating some truly scrumptious meals.

But it's not the "stuff" we bring home that means the most. It is the experiences and the people that leave us most transformed. What a wonderful group of pilgrims we had. We grew close. We became vulnerable to one another, and in our evening devotional time we shared deeply and profoundly.



Grace Lutheran pilgrims at the Jordan River

Several experiences in particular stand out for me:

- Celebrating Holy Communion on the Mount of the Beatitudes;
- Blessing our pilgrims with a watery cross on their foreheads as we waded in the Jordan River where Jesus was baptized (that's where the group photo was taken);
- Being permitted to enter the ancient 6th century desert monastery of Bar Saba;
- Renewing the wedding vows of the couples on the trip, at the chapel in Cana, where Jesus performed the miracle of turning water into wine at a wedding (sadly, history did not repeat this time!);
- As a son of Tabor Lutheran Church, standing for the first time on our namesake, Mount Tabor, where the Transfiguration occurred;
- Savoring one of the best cups of tea I have ever had, served by a Bedouin at the Wadi Qelt; and
- Dancing! Our group danced on a big wooden boat as we sailed

on the Sea of Galilee, and at our farewell dinner across the street from the Shepherds' Field, we were invited by a Palestinian folk dance group to join with them in a few steps. (Needless to say, none of us will be giving up our day jobs.)

Linda likewise had an unforgettable and transformative pilgrimage experience. At the Church of the Nativity her body quivered with the Spirit's presence as she approached the spot where Christ was born and, being surrounded by pilgrims from Africa, felt the breadth of Christ's kingdom and love. She also enjoyed a delicious cup of coffee on the highest mountain in Israel, and floated in the Dead Sea, at the lowest point on earth.

Each night during devotions we contemplated the day's adventures through the prism of the story of Christ's Transfiguration. What was our mountaintop experience? How will we take it "back down the mountain" when we return home? Can we, like the disciples



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in that story, look up and “see only Christ”? It takes a lifetime to unpack the experiences of a pilgrimage. But we were granted priceless spiritual food for our journey.

If there was anything at all I might change, it would be the heat. In Galilee, temperatures were in the high 90s, with humidity. Jerusalem is at a higher elevation, so the temperatures were closer to 90 there. And so we are tentatively making plans that the next pilgrimage trip will take place in January 2025. I’ve been to Israel in January; the temperature averages around 50 degrees, which feels really, really good when compared to January weather in central Pennsylvania. So start planning to join us on the next pilgrimage. People on this trip said things like “this was the trip of a lifetime” and the “best trip I’ve ever taken.” Another pilgrim said that his prayer life has been transformed by this experience. I hope in 2025 you will have your opportunity to experience that sort of transformation too.

### **Narthex Refurbishment**

Over the years we have made many important enhancements to our 1965 building. Most notable among them was the 2011 expansion, but other things like video streaming and sound in the Miller Center have also increased our building’s utility because they accommodate the congregation we are now, not merely the congregation we were in 1965.

Ironically, one of the most heavily used areas of our church is the one that has changed the least in those 58 years. That is our narthex. It is long overdue for a refurbishment so that we can (1) better welcome our guests, (2) more easily and effectively engage our members, and (3) provide our hospitality volunteers with everything they need to ensure that everyone who visits Grace has a positive experience that will draw

them closer to Jesus.

The project is still in its natal stage, but in general what we envision are enhancements like (1) updated lighting that brightens and illuminates the space in a safer and more welcoming manner while reducing our energy usage, (2) adding enclosed storage near the Angel Windows so that food stocks (used in our very important feeding ministries) do not clutter up the space, (3) relocating the welcome center to the left of the entrance (added in 2011) that leads to the steps and main entrance so that our ushers are positioned where people are entering and can offer a better welcome and enhanced security, (4) centralizing all member sign ups (sponsorships, lecturing, etc.) in the space currently occupied by the Welcome Center so that no one has to uncomfortably bend over to sign a sheet or cast about looking for information, (5) relocate wall racks so that devotionals and other literature are centralized, easy to find, and do not take up valuable walking and gathering spaces, (6) add some electronic announcement boards to help people better know what is going on at Grace from week-to-week, and (7) generally open up the space so that it feels more welcoming on Sunday morning and on special occasions like funerals. There are more things too, like a splash of paint here-and-there, but I think you get the picture.

The work won’t happen overnight and will be implemented in stages. But we think it will provide a true enhancement to our “public face” and be a space that reflects the welcoming environment that we have always strived for Grace to be. To that end, once our refurbishment is complete and rededicated, I have proposed and Council has unanimously agreed that we will rename that space the Pastor Lynn

Welcome Center, in honor of Pastor Steve Lynn’s many years of service to Grace and the ethos of hospitality that he fostered here and which has exemplified his ministry.

### **A Milestone Anniversary: 125 Years of Grace**

Did you know that Grace Lutheran Church is celebrating its 125th birthday this year? We will be marking this milestone in a number of ways, including three special worship services:

- **Sunday, September 10** is our official birthday, the day we were chartered. That Sunday will include some music that was played at the dedication of our 1965 building (information from 1898 is no longer available) and the Bible lessons will be those that are used for the dedication of a church building. It will be a good time to give thanks to God for the many ministries and transformed lives God has brought about throughout Grace’s history.
- On **Wednesday, November 15** we will have a special evening service that focuses on Grace’s work in keeping one of the two “great commandments,” loving God. That service will be rich with music, including all the organ, bell, and choral pieces Grace recently commissioned.
- On **Wednesday, April 24, 2024** we will gather again for another special worship service, this time centered on the other “great commandment,” loving our neighbor. This service will highlight the many ways we care for our neighbors around the block and around the world, and will encourage us to continue that long legacy of service for which Grace is rightly known.

We look forward to celebrating with you!

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## From Our Associate Pastor

### “Grace for Every Body”— God’s Social Healing

Recently I read an article by a young woman named Roxanne Smith whose life changed dramatically at age 27. Without warning, severe spinal pain exploded into her existence. She wrote that this pain insisted on ruling over her and dictating her life. There was “life before” and “life after,” defined by the pain that meant she suddenly needed to lie down for 22 hours a day. Did I mention she had just gotten married? She went from being able-bodied, athletic, and active to being “sidelined, shut out, and so, so sad.” While our journeys are probably different, there may be times when physically, or emotionally, or spiritually, we find ourselves thinking about “life before” and “life after” some change, be it temporary or “the new normal.”

I value Roxanne’s article because she talked about a kind of healing beyond the three we may be used to hearing about: physical, spiritual and emotional. She wrote about “social healing,” as the fourth kind of healing. This social healing happens when a person with struggles is accepted and supported by their community. It was a healing she found within her faith community as they created a space for her to be present at worship but lie down. They also provided an opportunity to serve as a Stephen Minister by phone.

“Social healing” may come in helping a person with allergies to things like nuts or gluten or chemical sensitivity. This last one is a part of my life. It may be adjusting for those who cannot stand for more than a few minutes because of pain.

It may mean making space for those who live with emotional challenges, or cognitive challenges, like autism, post-concussion syndrome or sensory sensitivities to things like flashing lights or loud noise. Some may struggle to be understood or embraced. The common factor is the fear or reality of being sidelined, shut out or as Roxanne wrote, “just so sad.” When we can overcome their fears or even our own wonderings, these spaces reveal that they are the same ones Jesus shows up to heal in the gospels. Beyond the physical, emotional or spiritual healing in all of Jesus’ ministry is this fourth and common healing that is God’s desire — social healing. Social healing is a repairing of the breaches that struggles cause — no more sidelines, or moments some one is shut out with a phrase like, “well, at least...”



There are ways we offer this social healing at Grace so that people who are experiencing struggles can be accepted, supported and embraced as they are. When people are hospitalized, we try to visit. Our card ministry mails cards; and eucharistic visitors bring communion. Our grief support folks offer resources and presence. Anyone struggling with any of life’s challenges, can



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request a Stephen Minister to accompany them in compassionate support.

Our livestream and radio broadcasts bring worship to those who are away from the building at the corner of Beaver and Garner, but connected in Spirit. We want everyone to know they are an important part of our community all the time. And we are still growing in understanding.

This social healing also happens when our faith community is active in giving people with limitations or struggles the chance to serve in community and to lead in community as they are. I am speaking about the grace we have with ourselves and others when we find we have to move more slowly. I am speaking to our ongoing work to create spaces that offer greater comfort and ease. Just like the other types of healing, social healing is a gift from God. It’s God’s way of bringing out compassion in our community. God can use weakness to arouse compassion in the strong.

The Psalmist tells us that “those who go out weeping, carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy,” carrying a harvest with them. Social healing includes God’s



turning of sadness to joy in being gathered, fed, and sent together. My greatest hope is that no one feels there is not love or grace for them and their body. This is different from speaking acceptance but still seeing ourselves as distinct.

Our Disciples Together group is made up of Grace members and folks beyond who are drawn to our activities. They delight in activities specific to them, but also want to be seen as leaders and as hosts. Our gathering at Orchard Park was for anyone in the Grace community and beyond. It gave such joy to all for people who are not members of Disciples Together to embrace the “together” part of our group name and join us as we led everyone in cardio drumming.

While our various groups at Grace have times for specialized gathering, there is also profound joy when we gather broadly, like the sower who scatters the seed with abandon in hopes there will be astounding growth. I hope you will come out for **“Grace on the Go” at Good Day Café on Thursday, August 3rd, from 5:30-7:00 p.m.** Disciples Together is hosting the space staffed by the Café. Some of our Disciples may be working or greeting. Sand-



wiches, treats and beverages will be available for purchase. This is a perfect chance to hang out, grab a treat or meal, and support the opportunity for the Café to touch lives. It is a great chance to invite a friend, maybe someone who is longing for greater connections.

In some ways, the seasons we have been navigating have allowed God to test our love for each other. I think that as the church, as followers of Jesus, now more than ever, we have a gift to offer in this world: To love people as they are and to

embrace their presence fully. Much of the world we live in does not offer this space or grace for every body.

I thank God for all the ways we are already living into this joy and pray for our continued flexibility as we embody grace with one another. Imagine a world where the world beyond Grace Lutheran Church experiences that God’s social healing is indeed a gift.

Yours in Christ,  
~ Pastor Carolyn

## Preparing our Hearts and Minds for Worship

Sunday	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Holy Gospel
<b>August 6</b> 10th Sunday after Pentecost	Isaiah 55:1-5	Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21	Romans 9:1-5	Matthew 14:13-21
<b>August 13</b> 11th Sunday after Pentecost	1 Kings 19:9-18	Psalm 85:8-13	Romans 10:5-15	Matthew 14:22-33
<b>August 20</b> 12th Sunday after Pentecost	Isaiah 56:1, 6-8	Psalm 67	Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32	Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28
<b>August 27</b> 13th Sunday after Pentecost	Isaiah 51:1-6	Psalm 138	Romans 12:1-8	Matthew 16:13-20



## Finances for 2023

\* EXCLUDES worship sponsorship income and expenses.

Church FINANCES	GLC Actual Income vs. Expense, May 2023*	GLC Budgeted Income vs. Expense, May 2023*	+ or (-)	%
Income	\$59,268.88	\$71,355.00	(\$12,086.12)	-16.94%
Expenses	\$66,942.08	\$79,074.45	(\$12,132.37)	-15.34%
Net Income	(\$7,673.20)	(\$7,719.45)		

June marks the end of the budgeted fiscal year for the church. The offerings for the overall year were below budgeted expectations, but the expenses were managed within the church's means, so the year ended with a slight surplus and overall giving for the 2022-2023 fiscal year exceeded the prior fiscal year. Hence, the congregation still continues to be financially healthy. Thank you everyone for your support. The most convenient and helpful way to ensure steady support is by a secure, scheduled monthly bank transfer (called an "ACH") from you to Grace. To set this up, or to increase or change your monthly account transfer, email Sally Grine, Financial Administrator, at [sgrine@glcpa.org](mailto:sgrine@glcpa.org) or call her at 814-238-2478. You can also donate using any major credit card via Tithe.ly, which is accessible via the GIVE button on our website at [www.glcpa.org](http://www.glcpa.org). Please consider covering the processing fee (approximately 2% of your donation) to ensure Grace benefits fully from your support. An increase of \$20, \$10, \$5, or even \$1 per week from many people can make a significant difference. *Thank you!*

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#### Finally...

A constant theme for me in these articles is prayer, because I think it's something we *talk* a lot about doing but actually *do* on a much less frequent and effective basis. I want to equip you to pray more regularly because I think it is the very foundation of our relationship with God. This month I want to include a few quotes from theologian L. Joseph Letendre from his book *When You Pray* that I found really helpful for me. I think they will help you as well.

- Consistently going to the gym and lifting weights will make you stronger – whether you enjoy your workouts or not. Prayer is like that. To pray well and reap its graces, we must pray faithfully. This requires persistence and perseverance.
- Tell yourself, "I can pray anytime," and you end up never

praying. If we are commanded to pray at all times, we must at least pray sometime. There must be points in our day when we interrupt all other activity to pray.

- Prayer, like any exercise, requires consistency if it is to bear fruit.

As is my custom, I want to end by offering you a prayer that you can pray. Prayer doesn't have to be mysterious or hard. We just have to do it, and sometimes having the words before you can make it a little easier. This month I bring you a prayer for caregivers, because (as the husband of a nursing assistant) I am mindful that although summer is a time of rest and recreation for many, others have to keep working and toiling regardless of the season. In particular, if you are caring for someone who is physically, mentally, or emotionally struggling, chances are that summer will not

provide you the fullness of rest that you need.

And so let us pray for all the tired, burdened, yet unrelentingly loving and dedicated caregivers in our midst:

God, our refuge and strength, we thank you for the compassion you infuse in your people, especially those who care for the physical and emotional needs of friends, family, and strangers. Strengthen all caregivers in body and spirit. Refresh them when weary; console them when anxious; comfort them in grief; and hearten them in discouragement. Giver of peace, enlarge our patience and enable us to embrace all who live with difficulties we may one day share; in Jesus's name. Amen. (source: *All Creation Sings*, p. 54)

Peace be with you.

~ Pastor Schul



# Worship WORDS

Each month in “Worship Words,” we explore a different word that relates to an aspect of our worship life, and we unpack its meaning and significance. This month, we will examine the word *sacristy*, generally discuss the function of that special room, and share what happens in Grace’s sacristy.

At its most fundamental level, a sacristy is a place set-aside near the church sanctuary for the sacraments (like Holy Communion) to be prepared and for the worship leaders to dress in their special worship vestments. Sacristies have been part of church buildings for many, many centuries because of their important practical function.

## Sacristy

Grace’s sacristy is a small, narrow room immediately behind the organ, with doors at both ends. On Sunday morning, this is where communion is prepared. Wafers and communion ware are stored there, and there are two closets: one for acolyte robes and one for the pastors’ chasubles (a special vestment worn when presiding at communion). Other things stored in the sacristy are items used in baptisms, oil for the candles, and wicks for the acolyte torches. Grace’s sacristy also contains a small refrigerator for keeping communion elements fresh, a dishwasher for cleaning the communion glasses, and a sink for general cleanup.

You may notice that during the offertory the pastor presiding at communion typically goes to the sacristy to select a chasuble. It is also a time to wash hands (in preparation for handling the communion elements) and to quietly pray in anticipation at being part of the astonishing mystery of simple wheat and wine becoming the body and blood of Jesus Christ.

~ Pastor Schul



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all six of the musical works (3 for choir, 2 for handbells, and 1 for organ) that we commissioned between 2021 and 2023. Look for details this fall.

Thanks be to God for the saints among us as well as those who came before us, serving the people of God here and beyond our walls. Cheers to **September 10** and the next 125 years, whatever they may bring!

## Council Highlights

At its **June 2023** meeting, Grace’s Church Council converted three ministry teams into ministry coordinator positions in recognition that those teams are fostering congregation-wide ministries which benefit from the heightened degree of cooperation and collaboration fostered by presence at the coordinators’ monthly meeting. Those new coordinator positions (and their coordinator, in parentheses) are Anti-Hunger (Kathy Kalbach), Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging Team (Natalie Slane), and Tech (Alyson Hoegg).

At its **July 2023** meeting, Grace’s Church Council:

- Elected Anne Rohrbach (President), Ryan Knowles (Vice President), and Vicki Sue Golemboski (Secretary). Lester Cutter was reappointed as Treasurer and Finance Team Chair.
- Allocated an amount up to \$10,000 from Grace’s \$19,000 2022-23 budget surplus to refurbish the Narthex to better welcome our guests and engage our members; when the refurbishment is finished and the space rededicated, it will be renamed in honor of Pastor Steve Lynn in honor of his many years of ministry at Grace and dedication to hospitality.
- Allocated an amount up to \$4,000 from Grace’s \$19,000 2022-23 budget surplus to refurbish the nursery to be a low-stimulation space for guests and members with sensory challenges.
- Allocated an amount up to \$2,000 from Grace’s \$19,000 2022-23 budget surplus to develop a smartphone/tablet app that will make it easier for Grace members to get up-to-date information on church events, submit prayer requests, worship remotely, and more deeply engage in the life of the congregation.
- Approved the expenditure of up to \$20,000, from the Lu Magnusson memorial fund, for the upgrade of the Harkins Hall audio system, which is nearly 60 years old and unable to accommodate events like Advent Fest.





## Helping Hands

The Helping Hands Team will be traveling to Camp Sequanota for a week of work and fun from **October 1-6**. The plan is to leave in the afternoon on **October 1st** and work at camp on various projects throughout the week. Anyone is welcome to join us at camp, even if it is only for a day or part of the week! There will be work for all skill levels, and no prior experience is necessary. If you are interested in joining us on our trip, please contact Alyson Hoegg at [alysonm.hoegg@gmail.com](mailto:alysonm.hoegg@gmail.com) for more information.

The Helping Hands Team in conjunction with the Anti-Hunger Team will be making occasional trips to The Farm in West Decatur to assist with projects like weeding, building flower beds, and harvesting vegetables. If you are interested in this, please reach out to Alyson Hoegg for more information.



### Council Elections and Officers for 2023-24

Congratulations to Mike Conron, Deb Lux, and Julie Miller for their election to council for three-year terms beginning July 1. The Ministry Coordinators appointed Cindy Nicosia to another one-year term as a coordinator representative.

At its July meeting, Grace's council elected its officers for the 2023-24 year: Anne Rohrbach, President; Ryan Knowles, Vice President; and Vicki Sue Golemboski, Secretary. Council also reappointed Les Cutter as Treasurer and Finance Team Chair.



### New E-Notes Editor

Grace Lutheran Church is thrilled to announce the new editor for our E-Notes weekly digital newsletter! Rebecca Rabb, a Grace member whose family joined our church when they moved here from South Carolina in August, assumed Laurel Sanders' duties as editor at the end of June. (Laurel retired from general administrative duties on July 31 to focus on music and the arts at Grace on a half-time basis starting September 1.) Rebecca previously served as an army nurse and was heavily involved as a volunteer at her church in South Carolina. We are glad to have her family here at Grace and doubly blessed that she has taken on the role of E-Notes Editor. All submissions for E-Notes should be emailed to [glcenotes@gmail.com](mailto:glcenotes@gmail.com). Thank you, Rebecca!



### Sharyn Everhart to Manage Grace Lutheran Website

Sometimes angels appear unexpectedly. When Laurel Sanders decided to transition out of business administration and was considering ways we could manage our website going forward, Grace member Sharyn Everhart - who has a considerable background working with technology, including websites - stepped forward and offered to help as a volunteer. Although staff will be responsible for regular posting of documents such as our weekly worship bulletins, Sharyn will curate our content, updating and freshening the site and making sure it continues to work as it should. We are very grateful, Sharyn!





One of the most powerful ways of affirming a person is to pray for them. Whether you are thanking God for the gift of that person's presence and friendship or asking God to care for and help them during a challenging time, praying for another is a wonderful way to affirm the worth of that person.

**A prayer for Stephen Ministry:**

*God, our refuge, there are those among us whose hearts are heavy and who are facing their struggles alone. Yet you have called us, saying, "Come to me all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest," and you have promised us "the peace of God, which transcends all understanding." Help our pastors, our Stephen Ministry, and all of us recognize those who are hurting and connect them with the help they need, so that we can make your promises real to them and bring comfort and healing to their hearts. In your name we pray. Amen.*

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**Volunteer Thank You Food Truck Event**

It takes nothing short of a village of volunteers to help worship and fellowship at Grace. Ushers and greeters, readers and sextons, counters and ministry moment presenters, tech team and more are needed. We pastors know that the past three years asked an awful lot of everyone, and we are grateful that we are to be able to live more fully in this time. What better way to celebrate than with a fun event!



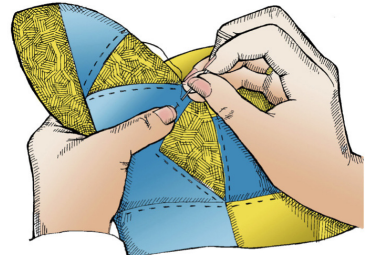
**Save The Date!**

**Tuesday, August 22nd, from 4:30-6:30 p.m.**

**In the Grace parking lot with three food trucks:**

- Rebelz** - Where the Cool Catz Eat: some combination of cheesesteaks, sliders, sausage, pierogis, fries
- So Bar** - Mocktails, kombucha and more
- Classic Cones** - Ice cream!!

Grace "Bucks": Each volunteer will be given \$10 of Grace "Bucks" toward food. Food for others you bring, or more for yourself, will be available for purchase. Join the fun for a great time to gather with us (and no one has to make dinner). RSVP encouraged to [Pastorhetrick@glcpa.org](mailto:Pastorhetrick@glcpa.org).



**COMFORT MAKERS**

**Why We Sew**

Comfort Makers is a group of individuals who like to play with material, sew, and share with others. We create quilts, school bags, and Christmas bags for the holidays.

In November, completed quilts, baby care, personal care and school kits, from the Nittany Conference are transported to Windsor, Maryland. There 30-35 quilts are formed into a bale. When the need arises, the bales are loaded into shipping containers for their final destination. The quilts are then distributed, and they wrap God's love around the families and individuals receiving them. Last year Lutheran World Relief distributed 220,000 quilts in 19 countries.

Please join us if you would like to share in this ministry. Quilts and school kits are available on the table near the elevator or join us the **2nd or 4th Tuesday, at 9 a.m.** in the Stinson library.

**Lutheran Day at the Curve**



Lutheran Day at the Curve will be held **Sunday, August 13**. Game begins at **6:00 p.m.** Fireworks after the game.

## Diversity, Equity, Inclusivity and Belonging (DEIB) Team News

Happy Belated Disability Pride Month! The month of July is recognized as Disability Pride month, a time when we celebrate and honor the struggles, achievements and history of the Disability community. Disability Pride is celebrated in July to coincide with the anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act being signed into law on **July 26th, 1990**, a short 33 years ago. The DEIB Team enjoyed fellowship, food and fun with Disciples Together at their annual picnic on July 5th. The evening was complete with cardio drumming! Many thanks to all who organized the event and attended!

We will continue our monthly focus of Disability Pride into August. The DEIB team would love for you to join us at “Grace on the Go” at Good Day Cafe on **Thursday, August 3rd**. The event will run from **5:30 p.m.- 7 p.m.**, but you can pop in anytime. Disciples Together is hosting the space in partnership with Good Day Cafe. There will be sandwiches, sweets and beverages.

The Diversity, Equity, Inclusivity and Belonging team is working to plan meaningful events for the Grace community and beyond. We would love your input and ideas! Our meetings are held monthly in the fireside room as well as offered via Zoom. Contact Natalie Slane at [nataliejslane@gmail.com](mailto:nataliejslane@gmail.com) or Sarah Rodgers at [skrodgers@hotmail.com](mailto:skrodgers@hotmail.com).

### Upcoming DEIB Meeting Dates:

- **Monday, August 21st at 7 p.m.** (Fireside and via Zoom)
- **Monday, September 18th at 7 p.m.** (Fireside and via Zoom)

## Disciples Together

**Come out for “Grace on the Go” at Good Day Café on Thursday, August 3rd, from 5:30-7:00 p.m.**

Disciples Together is hosting the space staffed by the Café. Some of our Disciples may be working or greeting. Sandwiches, treats and beverages will be available for purchase. This is a perfect chance to hang out, grab a treat or meal, and support the opportunity for the Café to touch lives. It is a great chance to invite a friend, maybe someone who is longing for greater connections. Come join us!



As IHS wraps up their fiscal year, we are glad to report that our new Emergency Vehicle Repair program has helped 68 individu-

als to keep their car on the road, thus avoiding an interruption in getting to work. Additionally, 741 people received furniture and appliances they otherwise would have done without, and 95 low-income, financially vulnerable Representative Payee Clients were helped to assure their essential bills were paid and their basic needs were met within their budget. In preparation for the next fiscal year and the winter ahead, IHS used a small overage in the budget to prepay oil for the Centre County Fuel Bank Program.

Interfaith will be holding the 4th Annual Community Care Auction on **September 5th through the 10th**. We are looking for gift certificates, event tickets, timeshare accommodations, handmade items, etc. If you have items to donate and would like to support this great organization, contact Sue Forster at 814-876-2029.



### Super Wednesday Returns

Super Wednesday returns to normal operations in Harkins Hall on **Wednesday, September 13th** with dinner served from **5:15-6:00 p.m.** Chef Dave and his crew are working on menus and look forward to seeing everyone.

You can get a head start on the fine food by coming to the annual **Worship and Picnic on the Lawn on Sunday, September 10th**. More details will be provided in the September newsletter.



## Anti-Hunger Update

We have had several changes with our Anti-Hunger program at Grace in the last few months. There have been ups and downs. For a while, we (the Centre County YMCA Anti-Hunger program) were not able to get food to use for distribution due to funding restrictions and reduced donations from stores. They needed to cancel a few of the distribution sites. Luckily Grace Lutheran was still able to hold our distributions throughout this time (just with less food to hand out). Through prayers and generosity, in July they were able to gather some more food to distribute.

We continue to travel to Philipsburg twice a month to help pack and plastic wrap the pallets for several of the distributions throughout the area. Our role has changed slightly in Philipsburg, but we are still able to help with the food insecurity in Centre County.

Due to the need in the State College Area, we are continuing to hold two Food Distributions at Grace Lutheran Church the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month. We unload the food truck around **1:45 p.m.** and then pre-bag some of the food in the Narthex. We usually start to distribute the food (outside) between **3:30 and 3:45 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.** We typically provide food for 110 families at every distribution. We can always use volunteers, so if you are able to help part of the time (or the entire time) on Thursdays, please contact Kathy Kalbach at [kathymkalbach@gmail.com](mailto:kathymkalbach@gmail.com).

For several months we have been storing empty boxes and extra food in the far end of the Narthex and moving the Easy-up tents from the Youth Room and tables from Harkin's Hall to the Distribution area in the semi-circle in the front of the Church for each Distribution. In the next several weeks we are hoping to install some cabinetry (where there are currently coat racks) to more efficiently store items needed for each distribution.

We can always use volunteers! Volunteering is not a long term commitment. You can choose to help as little or as much as you would like or as your schedule permits. Just contact Kathy Kalbach [kathymkalbach@gmail.com](mailto:kathymkalbach@gmail.com) and ask to be put on the email list for Anti-Hunger. Then you will get the updates for all the news associated with our Anti-Hunger program at Grace Lutheran Church.

Please let Kathy know if you are able to help part of the time (or the entire time) for the Food Distributions on Thursdays and/or if you want to help with the Food Packing in Philipsburg. Please see the Food Packing and Food Distribution dates and times listed to the right.

A huge THANK YOU goes out to everyone who has been able to help out during the late spring and early summer months. I realize that this is a busy time with travel, so I really appreciate everyone who has been able to also squeeze in some time to help our neighbors in need!!



## Food Packing and Food Distribution Dates

### Food Packing in Philipsburg

10 a.m. Wednesday, August 9  
10 a.m. Wednesday, August 23  
10 a.m. Wednesday, September 13  
10 a.m. Tuesday, September 26

### Food Distribution at Grace Lutheran Church

3:30 p.m. Thursday, August 10  
3:30 p.m. Thursday, August 24  
3:30 p.m. Thursday, September 14  
3:30 p.m. Thursday, September 28



## Welcome New Members!

On Sunday, July 16, Grace was blessed to receive the following as new members of our congregation:



**Marissa Huntington** has a lot of wonderful history with Grace. Her parents William and Michele Steudler and her grandparents Bill and Sharon Scilingo are members of our congregation. Marissa works from home in the field of logistics and tradeshow/event shipping. She and her husband Matt married five years ago and live in Bellefonte, and Pastor Schul baptized their son Lincoln at Grace this past May. Marissa loves Penn State football and spending time at home with her family. Welcome home to Grace, Marissa!

**Sue and Bob Kauffman** started worshipping at Grace during the height of the COVID crisis, via video. Eventually they made their way to Grace from their home in Reedsville and are now active in-person worshipers, having transferred their membership from Holy Communion Lutheran in Yeagertown, PA. Sue is a retired phys. ed. teacher in Mifflin County, and Bob is retired from a career in the information technology industry where he provided a wide range of customer support. One important reason Sue and Bob have found a home at Grace is our congregation's commitment to diversity and inclusion. Welcome to Grace, Sue and Bob!



**Lynn and Dan Royse** transferred their membership from St. Paul's UMC to Grace because, in their words, "they feel filled" at our congregation. They have many longstanding friends who were already Grace members. Dan grew up in Illinois and retired as a professor of plant pathology at Penn State in 2012. Lynn taught elementary school at Radio Park Elementary for 27 years, retiring in 2011. Dan keeps busy around the house with gardening and enjoys walking, reading, and traveling. Lynn is a history lover who volunteers at Centre Furnace Mansion. She loves flower gardening, walking, and socializing. Welcome to the Grace family, Lynn and Dan!

## The Garden of Readin' meets August 15



The next meeting of the Garden of Readin' (women's book club) is **Tuesday, August 15 at 10:30 a.m.**

in the Stinson Library (also available on Zoom). The next book is *The Secret Life of Sunflowers* by Dana Marton writing as Marta Molnar. The discussion will be facilitated by Linda Domin. Contact Lois Lynn ([loissteve@comcast.net](mailto:loissteve@comcast.net)) for details.

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**Welcome!**

*one another as Christ has welcomed you,  
for the glory of God.  
-Romans 15:7*





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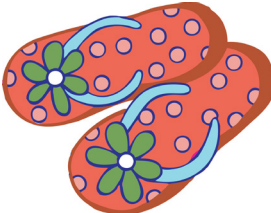

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## Green Tip for August

We rely on farmers for our food, and it is important to recognize the struggles and challenges they face, especially in a changing climate. This is the third of three Green Tips focused on the challenges of farmers and what we can do to support them.



### #3 Extreme weather

Extreme weather events are likely to become more frequent in a changing climate.

Crops need moderate soil moisture, nutrient levels, and water availability. Excess or lack of water and nutrients negatively impact crops. Standing water from too much rain can create a condition called hypoxia, where enough oxygen cannot get into the soil, subsequently killing the crops in a couple days. Droughts create conditions where there is not enough soil moisture for important nutrient cycling to occur (plants need water to uptake nutrients). Severe storms can damage crops and erode soil along with nutrients that were previously applied. Pests and fungi that damage crops can increase in areas with warmer temperatures, wetter conditions, and higher amounts of CO<sub>2</sub> in the air. Extreme weather is difficult for livestock production too. In addition to lower crop yield from drought, storm damage, pests, and increases in heat stress can result in increases in disease and can reduce fertility and milk production.

A quote in State Impact PA from a Pennsylvania farmer and executive director of PASA, Hannah Smith-Brubaker, expresses this frustration felt by farmers.

“On my own farm, boy, we just can’t follow the rhythms and planting and harvesting schedules that we used to be able to for decades,” she said. “We’re finding that the spring weather is so variable, the fall weather is so variable, and the summer weather has so many longer, short term droughts. But then we’ll just get a deluge of rain.”

Dealing with these challenges and adapting to these changes can be expensive for farmers. Some farmers need to put in temporary structures, such as high-tunnels to protect their crops and to try to lessen the temperature extremes.

What can we do to help farmers? Support local farmers through farmer’s markets and Community Supported Agriculture opportunities. Some farmer’s markets are now online ([centremarkets.com](http://centremarkets.com) and [statecollegemarket.com](http://statecollegemarket.com)).



**STATE COLLEGE**  
**FOOD BANK**

The Food Bank of the State College Area, Inc., is always in need of donations. Grace Lutheran 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.

#### Current Food Needs

- Canned Fruit (peaches, pears, pineapple, applesauce)
- Ready-to-Serve Soups (Progresso, Campbell’s CHUNKY, etc.)
- Snack Items (crackers, cookies, chips/pretzels, granola bars, etc.)
- Tomato Product (diced, stewed, paste, sauce, etc.)
- Pasta Sauce
- Breakfast Cereal
- Gluten-Free items (pasta, baking items, snacks, etc.)
- Ground Coffee
- Tea Bags (black, green, herbal)
- Hot Chocolate
- Oil (vegetable, canola, olive oil)
- Maseca (Instant Corn Masa Flour)

#### Non-Food Item

- Laundry Detergent
- Liquid Dish Soap
- Liquid Hand Soap
- Toothpaste & Toothbrushes
- Bar Soap
- Body Wash

Go to <https://scfoodbank.org/donate/current-needs-list> to see the most up-to-date needs list for food donations.

**Please note, the Food Bank cannot accept frozen foods or expired or opened food items.** Please check the expiration dates on items before donating them. Our food donation guidelines provide assistance in determining what can be accepted. <https://scfoodbank.org/donate/food-donations>.

## CALENDAR

### August

#### Thursday, August

- 5:30 - 7 p.m. Grace on the Go - Good Day Cafe Takeover night

#### Sunday, August 20

- Blessing of Backpacks and Devices (computers, chrome books) at worship
- 10:00 a.m. ELCA Youth Gathering 2024 Meeting / Miller Center

#### Sunday, August 27


- 10:00 a.m. ELCA Youth Gathering 2024 Meeting / Miller Center
- 11:30 a.m. Confirmation Meeting for Parents and Youth / Library



### Good Day Cafe (After Hours) Takeover Night

For many of us, Good Day is closed by the time we finish work. Here's an opportunity to bring a friend to see what you've been missing. Join your Grace family at Good Day Cafe for conversation and food from **5:30 - 7 p.m. on Thursday, August 3rd**. This is a cafe takeover coordinated by Grace, so please bring a friend too!





## Confirmation Class

### Confirmation Meeting for Parents and Youth

There is a meeting for ALL parents and youth participating in Confirmation classes this upcoming school year. We will meet on **Sunday, August 27 at 11:30 a.m.** in the library to discuss the curriculum and expectations. Confirmation at Grace is geared toward students entering 6th through 9th grade. Ninth graders will receive information about completing confirmation class and some logistics regarding the Affirmation of Baptism. Please contact Cindy & Peter ([faithformation@glcpa.org](mailto:faithformation@glcpa.org)) if you cannot attend.

## CALENDAR

### September Preview

#### September 2

- 7:30 a.m. Penn State Football Car Parking

#### September 9

- 7:30 a.m. Penn State Football Car Parking

#### September 10

- 11:00 a.m. Outdoor Worship on the Lawn
- Noon - 1:30 p.m. Lunch & God's Work Our Hands Service Day

#### September 15

- 6:00 p.m. Middle School Fun Night / Miller Center

#### September 17


- Bible Milestone for K, 2nd & 6th Graders
- 9:00 a.m. Kick off Sunday - ECHO Sunday School /Sanctuary
- Crossfire Choir Event - 10:00 a.m. / Fireside
- 10:45 a.m. Cafe Sunday School / Narthex
- 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Sing-in Event
- 4:00 p.m. Confirmation / Miller Center
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Group / Miller Center

#### September 23

- 7:30 a.m. Penn State Football Car Parking

#### September 24

- 9:00 a.m. ECHO Sunday School / Sanctuary
- 10:45 a.m. Cafe Sunday School / Narthex
- 6:30 p.m. All Family Mini Golf / Tussey Mountain



### Super Wednesday

Mark your calendar for the return of Super Wednesday on **Wednesday, September 13th**. The meal begins as early as **5:15 p.m.** and serves until **6 p.m.**





## School Kits for Lutheran World Relief

It's that time, again... Bargains on Back to School Supplies! These offers are a great way to help our neighbors. For many years Grace Lutheran has supplied backpacks filled with school items to Lutheran World Relief. Last year we sent 120 backpacks to locations in need. How can you help? Shop for items on the list below, drop off at Grace (in Narthex or the church office), and then help to pack backpacks on **September 10th**.

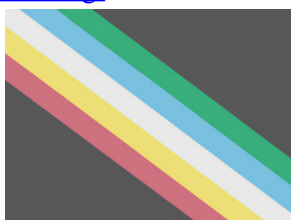
### LWR School Kit Supplies

Please plan to purchase any of the following items and drop them off in the Narthex or the church office:

- (4) 70 sheet spiral bound notebook
- (1) Ruler with both inches and centimeters
- (1) Pencil sharpener
- (1) Blunt or safety scissors
- (5) Unsharpened pencils
- (5) Ballpoint pens blue or black ink NOT gel pens
- (1) Box of crayons 16 or 24 count
- (1) 2.5 inch eraser NOT cap erasers

### Did You Know . . .

A Disability Pride Flag was created in 2019 by Ann Magill? In 2021 Ann redesigned the flag to be more accessible. To learn more, visit <https://www.respectability.org/2022/07/disability-pride-flag/>



## Blessing your Backpacks and Devices!

Whether you are a teacher, campus employee, school-age student, college student, or even preschooler, please bring your backpack/handbag/tote to church on **Sunday, August 20th, at both the 9 and 10:30 services**. We want to celebrate the new school year milestone by giving you a button as a reminder of the love and acceptance you have in this community.



## Worship on the Lawn

Worship on the Lawn is on **Sunday, September 10th at 11:00 a.m.** here at Grace. This date coincides with the **ELCA God's Work, Our Hands** day. Following worship, there will be many opportunities to participate in service projects and, of course, food!

## 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering

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## ELCA 2024 Youth Gathering - New Orleans

Join Cindy and Peter to learn more about the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans on **Sunday, August 20th or Sunday, August 27 from 10 -10:30 a.m.** in the Miller Center Youth Room. Youth currently in grades 8-12 for the 2023-2024 school year will be eligible to attend. The trip is scheduled for **July 14-21, 2024** in New Orleans which includes days built in for sightseeing. Please email Cindy and Peter at [faithformation@glcpa.org](mailto:faithformation@glcpa.org) for more information about the trip and about the car parking fundraiser (see below).

### Car Parking

It's time to park some cars! PSU football will kick off on **Saturday, September 2nd**. Parking cars in our own Grace Lutheran parking lot is our only fundraiser for youth attending the ELCA Youth Gatherings. The gathering is planned for **July 14-21, 2024** in New Orleans with days built in for sightseeing. Students currently in 8th through 12th grades are eligible to attend. Look for an email with a Sign up Genius link to sign up your youth.



## Vacation Bible School

It was another great year of Family Vacation Bible School. Our theme was “Operation Restoration: Mending God’s World.” Families learned about creation care through resting, forgiveness, prayer, feeding, and healing. Each night we learned more about how to care for creation, others, and ourselves. Members of Jana Marie Foundation joined us for the day of rest and taught us about mindfulness. Grace members Chuck Coup, Jim Flanagan, and Steph Flanagan taught us about the creation surrounding the church building. Additionally, we read some current picture books that helped us to broaden our understanding of neighbors. Special thanks for Classic Cones for ending our VBS week with an ice cream party.



## ECHO Sunday School

Mark your calendar on **Sunday, September 17th** for the kick-off of ECHO Sunday School. Like last year, children and parents will attend **9 a.m. worship** in the sanctuary. After the Ministry Moment, children through 5th grade may leave with Cindy and Peter to Harkins Hall. We will story-tell the gospel lesson and then have game, craft, science or music time. After approximately 20 minutes, youth will return to the sanctuary to join their families for sharing the peace, communion, and closing hymns. Middle school youth are welcome to attend; they will be helpers.

**Can families attend with their kids?** Yes, anyone of any age may attend our Echo Sunday School.

**What is too young?** Personally meet with Cindy and Peter if you are concerned about a young person navigating Sunday School in a group setting. Look for more information to be included in an email.

**Questions?** Contact Cindy & Peter at [faithformation@glcpa.org](mailto:faithformation@glcpa.org).





## Cafe Sunday School

Calling all middle school and high school youth: the newly named Cafe Sunday School is for you! Formally High School Sunday School, the group this year will include the middle schoolers in our Sunday morning walk downtown.

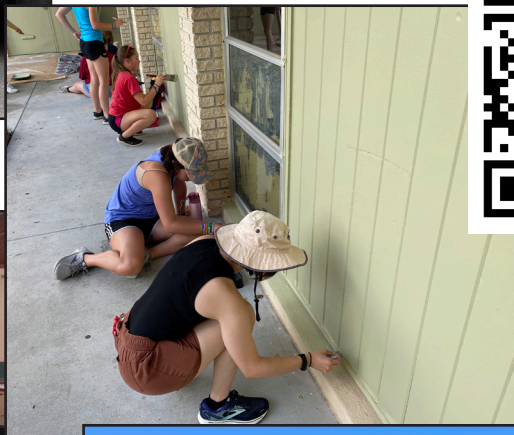
We will meet at **10:45 a.m.** in the Narthex each Sunday starting **September 17** to depart for a cafe downtown. Options are Starbucks on Pugh Street, Bagel Crust on Calder Way, or any other takeout cafe, which we will decide once Sunday School gets rolling. Bring money or order from your phone as we walk.

# CAFE Sunday School



## Youth Florida Service Learning Trip

Youth from Grace and the Allegheny Synod journeyed to Sarasota, Florida to learn about the impacts of the hurricanes on the communities of the Gulf coast while also helping with feeding ministries and church grounds clean up. We battled the heat and hydration both while working and learning about the damage of Hurricane Ian. See the QR code to view the video.







## Lutheran Campus Ministry / Lutheran Student Community at Penn State

Where did the summer go? As we look toward the start of the academic year later this month, it is exciting to know we'll be welcoming new students and welcoming back returning students!

Lutheran Campus Ministry offers a variety of community, prayer, learning and service opportunities for Penn State students. You'll find a fuller list on our website by **August 11th**. Below are some long-running gatherings that will continue this fall!

### Student Community Weekly

#### Thursday Evening Worship at 6 p.m. beginning August 24, 2023

- Worship Hall at Pasquerilla Spiritual Center on campus (Corner of Allen Street and Curtin Road).
- Dinner with the student community afterward in the Harshbarger Room.

#### Student Meal after Sunday Morning Worship

- Sunday late morning (after **10:30 a.m.** worship) gather with other students for lunch. Build connections and community with other students. Check the bulletin for location and more info!

#### Sunday Evening Worship

- Contemporary Worship at **6 p.m.**, shared with Lutheran Campus Ministry at Grace Lutheran Church, 205 South Garner Street.

### Grad Students

Interested in gathering with other graduate students from time to time? Email Alicia Anderson at [ara2@psu.edu](mailto:ara2@psu.edu) and she will add you to the list!

### Check out our website and social media for info on community events and service opportunities!!

- Add yourself to our listserv at [lutheranpennstate.org](http://lutheranpennstate.org)
- Follow and Like our social media on Instagram and Facebook [@lutheranpennstate](https://www.instagram.com/lutheranpennstate) and reach out anytime to [lutheran@psu.edu](mailto:lutheran@psu.edu).
- Questions? Contact Deacon Alicia Anderson, Campus Minister at [ara2@psu.edu](mailto:ara2@psu.edu)



*Lutheran Campus Ministry provides a community of faith for students while they are at Penn State. You are welcome to bring doubts and questions, to explore what it means to be a person of faith as you grow and discover who you are and what you are going to do with your life. We gather around worship, discussion/study, service opportunities, and community that are designed with students in mind. Student leaders help to guide our plans and our gatherings – and everyone is welcome. Come as you are. Really.*



### Help Us Welcome Students!!

Want to help PSU students find a welcoming place when they come for worship? The Student Ministry Team is reforming and will work alongside Deacon Alicia Anderson in reaching out to students. Volunteers are needed for the following:

- Planning and Vision Setting
- Greeting and Welcoming Students
- Preparing Meals or Snacks for students
- Hosting Student Meals
- Shared Ministry Projects

Watch for a survey link in e-notes, or you can email campus minister Alicia Anderson at [lutheran@psu.edu](mailto:lutheran@psu.edu) for more info or to volunteer.



### QNA - Questions, Not Answers - will meet on Sunday, August 20 at 7 p.m. in Fireside

Please come to join in our discussion. Previous participants and those who just want to check it out once or occasionally are all welcome.

#### Discussion Question:

“Is the belief in heaven necessary to comfort people who are facing death?”



**August 28**  
GLP Staff Meeting 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

**August 30**  
“Meet the Teachers”

**August 31**  
“Meet the Teachers”

**August 31**  
GLP Parent Orientation, 6-7 p.m.,  
**Fireside Room**

**September 4**  
Happy Labor Day, NO School

**September 5**  
1st Day of School

**September 7**  
GLP’s 57th Anniversary

**Teaching positions available for our 2023-2024 School Year**

Grace Lutheran Preschool is searching for substitute teachers for the 2023-2024 school year. Substitute teachers must have a high school diploma and experience working with preschool-aged children. Send a cover letter and resume to Cathy Smarkusky, GLP Director, at [csmarkusky@glcpa.org](mailto:csmarkusky@glcpa.org).



Teaching is a work of heart.

**Back to School 2023-2024**

The GLP administrators are eagerly working on reopening our school for fall attendance. The sextons have been cleaning rooms and waxing floors. We have received grant money from the PA Dept. of Education to purchase new classroom rugs and chairs as well as lots of paper goods and cleaners for the school and church.



We are looking forward to welcoming new and returning families back to a new and exciting year. We ask you to keep us in your prayers as we prepare for the new school year.

**Meet the Teacher Days and Parent Orientation**

We will be holding our annual “Meet the Teacher” Days for students and families to see their classrooms, and to meet their teachers and their classmates. The schedule will be as follows:

**August 30th**

- 9 a.m.-10 a.m. – 2.5-3.5-year-olds
- 10 a.m.-11 a.m. – 3-year-olds
- 11 a.m.-12 p.m. – 3-day 4-year-olds

**August 31st**

- 9 a.m.-10 a.m. – 5/2-day 4-year-olds
- 10 a.m.-11 a.m. – Jr. Kindergarten



The administration will be holding a Q & A format for parents on **Thursday, August 31st** in the Fireside Room from **6 p.m. to 7 p.m.**

**Openings for the 2023-2024 School Year**

We are currently accepting registrations for this school year.

We offer small structured classes, flexible options, and a caring Christian environment to help children reach their full potential.

- 2-, 3-, and 5-day morning classes for children aged 2y 7m, 3y, 4y, and Jr. Kindergarten
- Morning classes are licensed by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania



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# August Worship Sponsors

Altar Flowers	Bulletin Covers	Radio Sponsors
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August 6 The Rabb Family  
Dedicated in honor of the Glory of God  
August 13 Tom & Marj Eakin  
Dedicated in honor of their  
56th Wedding Anniversary  
August 20 Mark & Karen Mrsa  
Dedicated in honor of their  
46th Wedding Anniversary  
August 27 Marion & Winnie Deppen  
Dedicated in honor of their  
75th Wedding Anniversary

August 6 Mike & Brenda Lebo  
Dedicated in honor of their  
birthdays  
August 13 Don & Deana Coine  
Dedicated in memory of  
Deana's parents  
Herman & Erma Shultz  
August 20 Marty & Alyce Mehrin  
Dedicated in honor of their  
children and grandchildren  
August 27 Louise Tarman Dedicated  
in memory of her parents

August 6 The Oyler Family  
Dedicated in memory of  
Diane Oyler  
August 13 Jim & Ellen Campbell  
Dedicated on memory of  
Eugene & Lydia Herman  
August 20 OPEN  
August 27 OPEN

## Live-Stream Sponsors

August 6 Richard & June Walter  
Dedicated in honor of their  
Granddaughter's Wedding  
August 13 Marty & Alyce Mehring  
Dedicated to the Glory of  
God  
August 20 The Louder Family  
Dedicated in memory of  
their loved ones  
August 27 Mark & Karen Mrsa  
Dedicated in honor of their  
Grandson's Birthday



## Coffee Hour Sponsors - Joe and Cindy Nicosia 814-571-6922 [jnicosia3@comcast.net](mailto:jnicosia3@comcast.net)

August 6 Joe and Cindy Nicosia  
(lower commons)  
August 13 Ann Burke  
August 20 Fellowship Ministry  
August 27 Brenda Palmgren and  
Susan Hirth

Please join our hosts each Sunday in Harkins Hall between 9:45 and 10:30 a.m. for coffee and treats. We rely on volunteers to sponsor and/or host. You may sponsor and host (treats at your discretion) or just sponsor (others will host). The cost to "sponsor only" is \$30 (check to Grace Lutheran Church with "Coffee Hour" and the sponsored date in the memo line).

## Acolytes - Kristin Knowles [kristinmknowles@gmail.com](mailto:kristinmknowles@gmail.com)

9:00 a.m.		10:30 a.m.	
August 6	Lily and Gunnar Rinehimer	August 6	Fiona and Lauren Knowles
August 13	Anna Coup and Sydney Lintal	August 13	Lauren and Caitlin Knowles
August 20	Liz and Andy Horn	August 20	Mya and Jordan Hockenberry
August 27	Sydney Lintal and Renee Buda	August 27	Anna Long and Netta Horn

## Lectors - Ann Burke 814-364-5096 [ambrmb1@verizon.net](mailto:ambrmb1@verizon.net)

8 a.m.		9 a.m.		10:30 a.m.	
August 6	Open	August 6	Anne Rohrbach	August 6	Ethylee Nordberg
August 13	Open	August 13	Open	August 13	Michael Verderame
August 20	Open	August 20	Lisa Weidemer	August 20	Brian Christian
August 27	Open	August 27	Angie Hardyk	August 27	Thomas Verderame

## Pastoral Acts for June & July

The following children were baptized and welcomed into the Grace family: On June 4 Matthew Dove was baptized, on June 18 Charlotte Rose Taverno was baptized, and on July 9 Michael Mauro Grego was baptized. New members Sunday was observed on July 16 with new members Daniel and Lynn Royse, Sue and Bob Kauffman and Marrison Huntington. Welcome!  
Charles "Pete" Cole passed away on July 17, and a funeral service was held at the Village on July 24.



## August Birthdays

1 Kyle Sutherland	5 Jennifer Antle	13 Lyla Reutzel	19 Cara McShea	26 Matthew Williams
1 Robert Favorite	5 Andrew Grim	13 Rebecca Desmarais	19 Meghan Burnett	27 Sharon Jodon
1 Dylan Sechler	5 Calvin Norman	14 Joseph Adrian Peters	Morrison	27 Andrew Weigold
1 Kimberly Warren	6 Anna Coup	14 Barbara Fisher	20 Louise Tarman	28 Mila Tamminga
1 Robin Montarsi	6 Scott Seaton	14 Julia M. Schmell	20 Justin Loy	28 Mark Antle
2 Larry Emigh	7 Ron Banerjee	14 Cherlon Friedken	21 Jeffrey H. Irwin II	28 Michael Powell
2 Stacy Shilling	7 Tessa Kisenwether	14 Sun Ju Lee	21 Natalie Jeanmenne	28 Amy Blake
2 Marty Bollinger	7 Anne Sullivan	14 Sara Carlson	21 Shannan Smith-Janik	28 Anne Gates
2 Steve Koths	8 Carter Fozard	14 Paul Stevens Lynn	21 Diane Farr	29 Rebecca Rogers
2 Ryan Pencek	8 Inese Benks	14 Jennifer Pencek	22 Mary Ellen Sherwood	29 Neal Castles
2 Joseph Peeler	8 Aubrey Reutzel	14 Tim Maggi	22 Ruth Irwin	29 Cynthia Nicosia
2 Andrew Peeler	8 Nicholas Kewitt	14 Andrew Veenis	22 Brianna Lumpkin	29 Brandon Hosterman
2 Monica Eakin	8 Jeffrey Farson	15 Mary Ann Humm	23 Justin Hughes	29 Charles Peiffer
3 Matthew Myers	9 Cynthia Fritz	15 Megan Schuchert	23 Christopher Ta	29 Andrew Cutter
3 Grace Stover	9 Nicholas Gustine	16 Patrick Jeanmenne	23 Richard Brenneman	30 Robert Kreidler
3 Michael Yarnell	10 Bethany Heim	16 Eltrude Bodkin	23 Charlie Vasey	30 Matthew Weyandt
3 Phineas Shurgalla	10 Janet Leslie	16 Cody Shearer	23 Marissa Huntington	30 Lauren Maggi
3 Darcy Houseknecht	10 Gary Schell	16 James Kisenwether	24 Barbara Maelhorn	30 Ella Anne Peterson
3 Charles F. Cole	10 Kathleen Haris	17 Emily Yohe	24 Trey Oyler	30 Julie Anne Peterson
3 Megan Widener	10 Anne Marie Persson	17 Lisa Byers	24 Hannah Simcoe	30 Greg Kewitt
4 Taylor Clayton	10 Beth Van Horn	18 Emma Vanden Heuvel	25 Rick Shurgalla	30 Christopher Roberts
4 Lynda Stephenson	11 Elizabeth Kalbach	18 Stephanie Everhart	25 Jacob Krantweiss	30 Dana Ollendyke
4 Megan Smarkusky	11 Dennis Buffington	18 Hannah Sweeney	25 Shawn Stewart	30 John Zerbe
4 Curtis Krebs	11 Angela Hardyk	18 Sarah Maggi	25 James Mrsa	30 Noel Stager
4 Bee-Yan Roberts	11 Rhea Hallacher	18 Chase David Ebeling	25 Blythe Vasey	31 Erin Tusar
4 Ann Gray	12 Joyce Widener	18 Natalie Slane	25 Charlotte Widener	31 Benjamin Jones
4 Eric Pauley	12 Korin Esposito	19 Bonnie Miller	26 Jennifer Heim	31 Katy Cassell
4 Beth Smith	13 Michaela Mahon	19 Kenneth Tamminga	26 Mike Conron	
4 Fadia Keshk	13 Jonathan Peters	19 Kenneth M. Schmell	26 James Campbell	
5 Donna Diercks	13 William Ammerman		26 Frank Bortz	

## Prayer List for August

All Military & Nat'l Guard  
and all serving in war-  
torn countries

Mary Breon  
Tisana Breon, sister of  
Mary Breon

The family of Jason Brooks,  
nephew of Juliana &  
Lynn Herman

Jim Campbell  
Anne Cathcart  
Vickie Chambers, sister of  
Deana Coine  
Deana Coine  
The family of Pete Cole,  
upon his death  
William Davies  
Annika Dellert  
Kevin Eby and family,  
friends of the Koths  
Steve & Janet Ellis, family  
of the Louders  
Norma Flanagan, mother  
of Jim Flanagan  
Ken Fogleman  
Charolette Gates  
Rob Griffin

Bob Hampton and family,  
upon the death of  
Pauline

Posey Haney  
Rick Hetrick, brother of  
Michael Hetrick

Marcia Kell  
Jim Kratz, father of  
Pastor Hetrick

Connie Kurtz  
Shirley Lucas  
Patti McLean, sister of  
Kelly Borchert  
Amy Neveling  
Ronald Odland  
Craig Peery  
Forest Remick  
Sharon Rivell  
Chris Roberts  
Brienne Slane and family,  
upon the death of  
Brienne's father Tom  
Slane  
Charbel Smirat  
Archie Sutherland  
Val Updegrove  
Eleanor Zindler

**Rejoice  
in hope,  
be patient  
in tribulation,  
be constant  
in prayer.**

Romans 12:12, ESV



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## SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- 8:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary  
9:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary  
10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary and on the  
Radio (103.7 FM, 104.3 FM, 1450 AM, 1260 AM)  
Live-streamed video of this service at [www.glcpa.org](http://www.glcpa.org)
- 6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship in the sanctuary with  
Holy Communion  
Christian praise songs with Psalm 151 worship team
- Enjoy pre-recorded Sunday Video Worship from our  
website: [glcpa.org](http://glcpa.org) anytime



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