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## Joy of Children in Worship

*Contributed by Cindy Fritz and Peter Horn – Faith Formation*

Our first experience with faith is formed through trusting relationships. These relationships begin at home with family, extended family, and friends. As infants grow, parents branch out to stores, school, restaurants, and church. Let's look at the significance of church and how we all have a part in not just filling it with people, but building a community of relationships. Here are 4 reasons we all benefit from having children and families in worship.

1. **Baptismal Responsibility.** *“We have a stake in this, too.” ~ Pastor Scott Schul.* During baptism, parents and the congregation promise to help the child grow in faith. We fulfill this by helping them learn how to worship.
2. **Worship is intergenerational.** Where else do we gather with people of all ages? Shared experiences not only strengthen our familial relationships, but also those of the congregation. This is especially true when the relations may be as many as four generations apart. Jesus called us to be the church *together* because we can all learn valuable lessons from people younger and older than us.
3. **Brain Development and Literacy.** *Dr. Dawn Rundman, “Worship is good for their brains!”* Dawn has studied brain and faith development in our youngest members. The interactions with others, music, conversations, and the smell and taste of communion train our brain to make connections to this positive experience. Connections are what wire our brains to try new things. Young minds are impressionable. Worship doesn't only build a stronger soul; it builds a stronger mind.
4. **Feeling Welcomed.** When visitors see children and others in worship, it is welcoming. It sends a message that all people are valued and belong. Jesus said, *“Let the children come to me! Do not hinder them.”* Children are an important member of the body of Christ, and they should be among God's worshiping people. Kids need to know and feel that they too, belong to God and this faith community. By their presence, children help us remember and take seriously the statement that *“all are welcome.”*

At times we may feel out of our comfort zone or even inadequate about what to do or say to families or kids. Here are some actions that are instinctive and may require some leaning into your comfort level: Smile. This is the best way to make all feel welcome in worship. Delight in their joy to be comfortable in worship.

- **Pray.** Thank God for the presence of families and children. Ask God to soften your heart to become more patient and welcoming.
- **Encourage** parents with kind words. Complement their kids. After all, the world provides countless reasons to stay home. Be the reason a family comes back the following week.
- **Make an effort** to learn their names. We all feel more valued when someone takes the time to learn our name.
- **Invite** them to coffee hour or a fellowship or to sit with you during the service. You may make some wonderful new friends!



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## From Our Senior Pastor



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### Prophets of a Future Not Our Own

On **September 10, 2023**, on Grace's 125th birthday, I reflected as I preached on the different eras of ministry that the people of Grace have experienced. I divided our history into four eras: the founding years, when we were just getting started; the building years when our congregation built two different church structures while navigating two world wars; the growth years, when all churches were full and the people of Grace bravely took on a massive amount of debt to expand our iconic building; and now the pilgrim years.

The pilgrim years began about 15 years ago as we noticed two important trends. First, fewer people in society believed in God or trusted institutions like the Church. Second, the number of Sundays a Grace member attended church was rapidly diminishing. Those trends were accelerated by the COVID crisis.

I call this era the "pilgrim years" because those of us who are active

believers in the Church are here for the right reason – faith in God – and not because of societal expectations or pressure, as was often the case in prior eras. We have a particular calling too, to re-evangelize a society that looks much more like the early years of the Jesus movement than did the middle of the 20th century, when Christianity in the United States was arguably at its height of power and influence.



As I said in my sermon, "those here now are a pilgrim people, courageously taking up their cross, as sheep who hear Jesus's voice, and trust in his promise of transformation and mercy. We are finding new ways to serve our region through initiatives like our feeding ministries and Disciples Together. We are spreading God's love more widely than ever before with all the new technologies God has blessed us to possess. We are using art and music to reveal and proclaim our Savior Jesus Christ. We are digging deeply into scripture and discovering a God who welcomes and loves all people, without exception, and a new evangelism is blooming as, by God's grace, something new and beautiful is being born once again here at Grace."

Christ has called all of us into the Church in general and Grace in particular during these "pilgrim years" because we have just the right gifts for this unique time. Indeed, the pilgrim years are filled with hope, promise, and excitement. But this era of the Church can also be exhausting and frustrating. There are some days when we all wonder if anything we are doing is making a difference.

On a day when I was feeling that way, God blessed me by drawing me to a wonderful and inspiring little meditation. It was written by Ken Untener (1937-2004) and reads as follows:

It helps, now and then, to step back and take a long view.

The kingdom is not only beyond our efforts, it is even beyond our vision.

We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work.

Nothing we do is complete, which is a way of saying that the Kingdom always lies beyond us.

No statement says all that could be said.

No prayer fully expresses our faith.

No confession brings perfection.

No pastoral visit brings wholeness.

No program accomplishes the Church's mission.

No set of goals and objectives includes everything.

This is what we are about.

We plant the seeds that one day will grow.

We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise.

We lay foundations that will need further development.  
We provide yeast that produces far beyond our capabilities.

We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that.

This enables us to do something, and to do it very well.

It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest.

We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master

builder and the worker.

We are workers, not master builders; ministers, not messiahs.

We are prophets of a future not our own.

There is so much grace and wisdom in these words. It is a reminder that we cannot solve all of our problems or, indeed, the problems of the contemporary Christian church. We do what we can and trust in God for the rest, remembering that we are called to be workers for a season and that God, the master builder, will bring this work to completion. I hope this meditation also brings peace to you.

### **October: A Season all its own!**

It always feels as if the church calendar gets particularly busy in October. I don't know why that is; perhaps it is a legacy from the more rural and agrarian church of the 18th and 19th century that was so intimately tied to the rhythms of farm life and the harvest. In any event, please keep a close eye on the church calendar in October because a lot of treasured traditions will take place this month, including the following:

- **10/18:** Healing Service
- **10/22:** CROP Walk
- **10/29:** Reformation Sunday / Blanket Sunday

November will likewise be overflowing with unique and beautiful opportunities for worship, including:

- **11/5:** All Saints Sunday
- **11/15:** Thanksgiving Dinner and a special musical worship event featuring Grace's six recent musical commissions
- **11/22:** Thanksgiving Eve Worship and the Pie Social
- **11/26:** Christ the King Sunday

These are important and meaningful events that will fill and replenish your soul and spirit. They are ways that we love our gracious God and love our neighbor. I hope you will prioritize them in the midst of lives that are so busy. May we never allow the merely "good" to crowd out the "essential."

### **Finally...**

I am teaching a Super Wednesday course called "*The Pilgrim Way: Sharing God's Word in the 21st Century*" which in large part builds upon my learning and experiences in the English cathedrals that began during my sabbatical in the summer of 2022. As I have prepared this course it has made me wistful about my experiences in England. I miss the people and the cathedrals very much. And so this month, I offer you a short and simple prayer that I used to pray each morning in Durham at St. Cuthbert's tomb with the Cathedral staff and my fellow pilgrims:

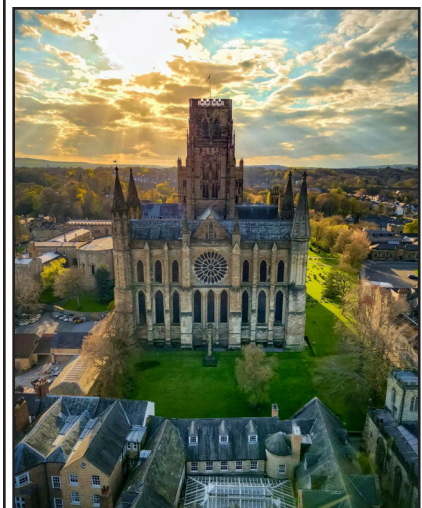
"The night has passed, and the day lies open before us; let us pray with one heart and mind. As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light of your presence, O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you; now and for ever. Amen."

Peace be with you.

~ *Pastor Schul*

## **The Pilgrim Way: Sharing God's Word in the 21st Century: What I learned from English Cathedrals Super Wednesday Adult Educa- tion through October 11, 2023, 6:15 - 7:00 p.m. in Fireside.**

Join Pastor Schul as he unpacks lessons he has learned from his study of the English cathedrals. We will explore how beauty and the arts are proclaiming and revealing Christ's love to the seekers and pilgrim people of the 21st century.



Durham Cathedral

### **Did you know...**

Grace's annual Healing Service will be held **Wednesday** night, **October 18**, right after the Super Wednesday dinner?





## From Our Associate Pastor

I was in my late 20's before I saw a female pastor anywhere even though as a 16 year old I felt called to be a pastor. Although I didn't attend seminary until later in life, being ordained in 2011, I have now been serving continuously for the past 12 years. I am approaching five years here at Grace, thanks be to God! Congregations like Grace offer sabbatical or renewal time to their pastors after a number of years of serving, and of course Pastor Schul took his much deserved time last summer. In January, I will be eligible to do the same and, a while ago, I began thinking about what such a time might look like for me. An organization called the Lilly Foundation offers grants for clergy renewal to pastors. These grants are offered to congregations on behalf of the pastor. The thought provoking question Lilly asks potential applicants is "what makes your heart sing?"

Frankly, being able to serve in Christ's church does. But more specifically, I am intrigued by delving deeper into the faith witness of women in the early Christian church, the ones we read about in Scripture, and in other writings, whose labors of love were the engine of house churches pumping love into the world, and transforming one heart at a time with the gospel. People like Lydia and Phoebe, Dorcas, Mary, Mary Magdalene and others who preached with their lives and also actually taught and led and preached and even served as bishop. I stand upon their witness. But we don't see or know all that much,

compared to the vaunted missionary journeys of Paul or the leadership of Peter in Rome.

In fact, after the conversion of Constantine, and the building of structure in the church, women as leaders recede. In art, they move from being seen as standing confidently to bowed and veiled. Yet, it is very likely that the church grew among women even more so than men in this early time. I want to both learn and pause to see my tiny part in ministry in the kingdom amidst so many faithful women and immerse in their story.



I came across the work of Dr. Ally Kateusz whose focus in art history is specifically upon art depicting women in the early church in faith leadership. These women stood amidst a messy and chaotic world offering hope and charity and at altars. Much of the art that depicts these women in this way is in Croatia and Italy, not somewhere one travels on a whim. In order to travel there and connect with the her-story of these women, while also spending time with family, reflecting at a monastery and writing an icon of Mary, I am hoping to receive a Lilly



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Grant. Grants have timelines pretty far ahead in time - enter 2025.

Congregation Council has given their blessing for me to apply

since, if I am selected, the funding comes to the church to be disbursed. I have formed a team of three folks to assist me in preparing my application which I may submit between November, 2023 through March, 2024. I will learn in August, 2024 if I am selected and would take my time apart in June-August of 2025.

This grant would not only cover costs for me, but could cover costs the congregation might incur in my absence, such as guest preachers, with a goal to making this time renewing for you all as well, and not stressful.

My plan would be to celebrate Pentecost and the gifting of the Spirit with you in June, 2025 and then leave for Croatia and Italy with Michael for a couple weeks. We would return to relax and vacation with our daughters, sons-in-law and Isabel for her 3rd birthday. I would then head to Holy Cross Monastery for two weeks, internet free,



to reflect upon travels and joys and to spend time in a gratitude project writing letters or memorializing mentors and loved ones - so many women birthed my journey.

After more relaxation and reading, I plan to write an icon of Mary in the prayer posture, under the direction of Mary Kay Laplante. This piece will take preparation and will extend beyond the summer, but my hope is it will become a lasting partner to my icon of Mary Magdalene so that I can see and connect with God's work in them, while being affirmed in my own calling. I would be returning to Grace shortly before celebrating 14 years of ordained Word and Sacrament ministry in your midst and eager to continue to serve Christ among you.



While I have no guarantee of receiving the grant, I covet your prayers for myself and for those who discern the recipients. I will take time apart in 2025 no matter what, though certainly not in such an adventurous way. My ministry has been bound by my love of Jesus and call to serve him and my love

of family and call to them.

Over the next few months I will be drawing you into my hoped-for journey and what makes my heart sing, telling you more about why I believe it would be renewing for me spiritually in my walk with Jesus, and how much I also long to dwell deeply with my family whose song I carry too. Might I ask you to dream with me along the way? I would love to hear your insights or wonderings as I write because you are a part of this journey, marked by your own stories of all the faithful women you know.

Yours in Christ,

~Pastor Carolyn

## Green Tip for October

This year, consider starting a new tradition: **stop raking and leave the leaves to reclaim habitat for the bees, butterflies, moths, flies and beetles that we rely on for pollination!**

In 2005, NASA estimated about 40 million acres of U.S. land are devoted to turf lawns, making lawns the largest managed “crop” in the country — and the largest potential pollinator habitat.

Native pollinators, including butterflies, bees, and flies, are important to the function of every ecosystem. If you want to support our pollinators, follow these tips:

- **Leave the leaves where they fall.** Leaf litter provides habitat, insulation, and protection for insect pollinators.
- If you can't leave all the leaves, **rake lightly without disturbing the soil.** Avoiding soil disturbance or rough handling of leaves will ensure that any hibernating insects stay buried and any butterflies or larvae sheltering under leaves are not killed.
- **Pile leaves over garden beds, around trees and shrubs, or in the corner of the yard.** Keeping leaves intact will still provide pollinators like butterflies with shelter and overwintering sites. Keep the leaves where they are until the weather warms and any pollinators using the leaves have emerged to start foraging.
- If you choose to remove leaves from your yard, **always compost your yard waste.** Yard waste produces a greenhouse gas, methane, when left to decompose in landfills without enough oxygen. When burned, yard waste can pollute the air or lead to uncontrolled fires in dry areas.

Worried about what your neighbors will think? Explain to them how leaving the leaves is an easy way to do your part in pollinator conservation — maybe they will want to join you!

Source: <https://sites.tufts.edu/pollinators/2019/11/why-you-should-leave-the-leaves-and-give-yourself-a-break-from-yard-work/>



# Reconsider...



## Finances for 2023

Church Finances	GLC Actual Income vs. Expense, August 2023	GLC Budgeted Income vs. Expense, August 2023	+ or (-)	%
Income	\$72,712.89	\$69,840.00	\$2,872.89	4.11%
Expenses	\$64,441.57	\$75,985.80	(\$11,544.23)	-15.19%
Net Income	\$8,271.32	(\$6,145.80)		

August was a generous month at Grace, with giving to the budget that exceeded our monthly target. This is the first time in many, many years that we have had an August this strong. August expenses were also lower than budgeted. Looking historically, the church continues to steadily grow in giving and keeps pace with the inevitable increase in expenses. Thank you for your continued generous 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, Finc. Admin. 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!*

### Service of Healing and Wholeness Wednesday, Oct. 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary

We hold this service near the Feast Day of St. Luke, an apostle and physician who devoted much of his life to healing those who were sick. There are many kinds of healing within life that lead to wholeness. We will be asking God to bless us with physical, emotional, and spiritual healing.



The service provides an opportunity for contemplative readings, gentle music, reflection and a space to receive a prayer and blessing, asking God to grant healing and wholeness. Our Stephen Ministry team will be present to assist with our service and offer caring presence afterward.



## Council Notes

### Council Highlights

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

- Received with thanksgiving a generous bequest from the Estate of Ruth Kistler;
- Affirmed the purchase of a used “scissor lift” for our sexton team to assist them in maintenance projects that are not safely reachable with ladders and scaffolds; and
- Heard a presentation, facilitated by council member Deb Lux, of the vast array of social ministry/ outreach programs that Grace supports as we follow Christ’s call to love our neighbor.



### Super Wednesday

Super Wednesday dinners continue each Wednesday in Harkins Hall from **5:15 to 6 p.m.** Menus are published each week in Grace E-notes and the Sunday Church Bulletin. Suggested donation: \$6/ person with a \$15 family max.

### Did you know...

The CROP Walk will kick-off at Grace on **Sunday, October 22 at 1:30 p.m.** and Blanket Sunday will take place this year on **Sunday, October 29?**



## Preparing our Hearts and Minds for Worship

Sunday	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Holy Gospel
<b>October 1</b> 18th Sunday after Pentecost	Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32	Psalm 25:1-9	Philippians 2:1-13	Matthew 21:23-32
<b>October 8</b> 19th Sunday after Pentecost	Isaiah 5:1-7	Psalm 80:7-15	Philippians 3:4b-14	Matthew 21:33-46
<b>October 15</b> 20th Sunday after Pentecost	Isaiah 25:1-9	Psalm 23	Philippians 4:1-9	Matthew 22:1-14
<b>October 22</b> 21st Sunday after Pentecost	Isaiah 45:1-7	Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	Matthew 22:15-22
<b>October 29</b> Reformation Sunday	Jeremiah 31:31-34	Psalm 46	Romans 3:19-28	John 8:31-36

# Worship WORDS

Each month in “Worship Words” we explore a different word that relates to an aspect of our worship life and unpack its meaning and significance. This month, we will examine the *hymn of praise*.

Singing hymns has always been a big part of Christian worship. An ancient saying rightly reminds us that “the one who sings prays twice.” Martin Luther was a huge proponent of hymn singing as a vital element of communal worship and wrote our most famous hymn, “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God.” We typically sing three

hymns on Sunday morning (two at 8 a.m. because of the abbreviated nature of that service). In addition, during certain seasons of the Church Year we sing a special *hymn of praise* in imitation of the angels who sang praises at the birth of Christ.

The hymn of praise is typically the same for an entire season and doesn’t change on a weekly basis like the other hymns. For example, right now we are singing the hymn of praise that begins “This is the feast of victory for our God...” It is found on page 3 of your bulletin. There are only two church seasons when we do not sing a hymn of praise: Advent and Lent. Instead, we sing a prayer for mercy known as the “Kyrie.”

As stated above, use of a *hymn of praise* in worship has precedent in many Biblical stories and is a longstanding component of Christian worship, especially in the West. Many of the lyrics we still use are based on ancient hymns, though the music has been updated to sound more tuneful to contemporary ears. We vary the musical setting of the *hymn of praise* from season-to-season simply to provide some variety and so that worship does not become stale and routine.

The next time you are in Sunday worship, think of those angels at Christ’s birth when we come to the portion of the service where the *hymn of praise* is sung. Sing your praises with as much intentionality and spirit as those angels did, because in Christ we have the greatest gift of all – a gift truly worthy of our praise.

~ Pastor Schul



PSALM 30:4, NRSV



## Sisters of Grace

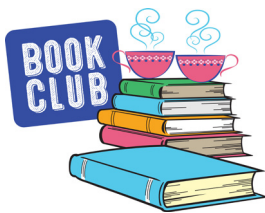
The Sisters of Grace women’s circle will meet **Monday, October 9 at 6:00 p.m.** in Fireside. An overview of the book, *The Sacred Way: Spiritual Practices for Everyday Life* by Tony Jones will be presented.

In the months ahead, the circle will learn about and practice the various spiritual exercises mentioned in this book. The book will be available for purchase.

Currently Sisters of Grace members are assembling kits for Lutheran World Relief. These include personal care kits, fabric kits, school kits and baby care kits. Completed kits will be collected at the October meeting.

Leaders of Sisters of Grace are Bonnie Burris ([bonnieburris@comcast.net](mailto:bonnieburris@comcast.net)) and Lois Lynn ([loissteve@comcast.net](mailto:loissteve@comcast.net)). Contact either of them with questions about this group or if you are interested in any of the meetings.

## The Garden of Readin’



The next meeting of the Garden of Readin’ (Women’s Book Club) is **Tuesday, October 17 at 10:30 a.m.** in the Stinson Library (also available on Zoom). The selected book is *The Dutch House* by Ann Patchett. The discussion will be facilitated by Patricia Murphy. Contact Lois Lynn ([loissteve@comcast.net](mailto:loissteve@comcast.net)) for details.

## CROP Walk October 22

The annual State College CROP walk is being held **Sunday, October 22, 2023**. This year Grace is hosting the walk.

Registration will start at **1:30 p.m.** and the walk, which loops around State College without crossing any major roads (e.g., Atherton/Beaver/College), will

commence at **2:00 p.m.** Grace already has a team established on the CROP Hunger Walk website. The link to the Grace Team is <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2023/team/grace-lutheran-church-2>.

**Please consider registering as a walker, donating to support the walk, or both. Donations can be made:**

- online at the above link,
- via check through offering to Grace with CROP in the memo line,
- directly (make payable to CWS/CROP) to Judy Rockey, Grace CROP team captain or Carla Rossi, State College CROP Treasurer (please DO NOT mail cash).

One of the nice things about CROP walks is that **25% of the local walk proceeds may be designated to a local charity**. The State College CROP walk has done that for the **State College Food Bank**.

Grace has been involved every year since sometime prior to 2007 (as far back as I have records). Grace will be receiving a Legacy Congregation Award from Church World Service this year for its long involvement with, and support of, CROP walks. Past Grace member, Ruth Kistler, was instrumental in starting a CROP walk in State College.

Cumulatively since 2007, Grace has raised more than \$132,000. The total State College walk during that time raised more than \$400,000. Grace on average, and in total, has provided approximately 1/3 of the funds raised by the State College CROP walks. Our involvement in terms of number of walkers and funds raised has varied much from year to year, but on average, since 2007, we have had 24 walkers and raised more than \$8,000 each year. Our highest walker count was 52. **Let’s try to be above average this year!**



## CWS Representative

“Hello, my name is Belinda Addae and I am the CWS representative for you all at Grace Lutheran Church as well as the State College Crop Hunger Walk. On **Sunday, October 22**, I will be joining you all for Sunday services ahead of the CROP walk to present a Legacy Award to your congregation as well as honor the legacy of the Kistlers and Campbells and so many others

for the years of faithfulness and generosity to Church World Service over the years! Looking forward to seeing you all in a few weeks!”





## REFORMATION Sunday

### Cardinal Brass Plays for Reformation Sun- day Worship Oct. 29

Brass ensembles have a long history of enhancing worship in traditional churches on special occasions, typically on Easter and Pentecost (the birthday of the global Church). Many Lutheran churches, including our own congregation, also mark the occasion of Reformation Sunday with brass music, a day when we remember Martin Luther's teachings that Jesus Christ alone is the rock of our faith and God's grace is a gift for everyone. Thus, we are blessed again to welcome Cardinal Brass, an ensemble formed by Adam Hallacher - a son of Grace Lutheran Church - to add a celebratory touch to two of our morning worship services as we mark God's grace through Jesus Christ as the bedrock of our faith.

Cardinal Brass will play prelude and offertory music as well as accompanying several hymns at our **9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.** worship services. Their music will include selections from Andrea Gabrieli (a contemporary of Martin Luther) and his nephew Giovanni Gabrieli as well as hymn settings and descants by Laurel Sanders. Please join us on this special occasion and celebrate God's grace here at Grace. Soli Deo gloria! (Glory to God alone!)



### LWR Blanket and Kit Sunday October 29

Our Annual Blanket Sunday will be held on **October 29**. The collection of blankets has been a ministry of the Women of the ELCA for many years and Grace has faithfully participated. Blanket Sunday is more than blankets. There are 4 types of kits you can donate: School, Fabric, Personal and Baby Kits. The success of this project depends on God's abundant grace working through us. If you are interested and would like to complete Fabric, Personal or Baby kits or donate a blanket please contact Lois Lynn ([loissteve@comcast.net](mailto:loissteve@comcast.net)) or Susan Ferro ([ferro712comcast.net](mailto:ferro712comcast.net)) for more information.

You can also contribute to the cost of shipping. The approximate cost to deliver one quilt is \$2.25; one school kit is \$1.40; a personal care kit is \$2.65; one baby care kit is \$1.30 and a fabric kit is \$1.10. Envelopes to support shipping costs and this ministry will be available at the Welcome Center through October. Please drop off completed kits to the Stinson Library by **October 22, 2023**.

Some of our church members took quilt pieces home and created a quilt top. The Comfort Makers then add the filling and a quilt back. The quilts are tacked by the Comfort Makers group and other volunteers. The Youth have assisted the Comfort Makers in tacking 10 of our quilts. The Confirmation Class has taken on the project of supplying and stuffing the school kits. On **Sunday, October 29** we will display completed Quilts, School, Personal Care, Baby Care and Fabric kits in the Sanctuary to be blessed in worship.



On **November 5**, the churches participating in our Nittany Conference will bring their blankets and kits to Grace's parking lot to be placed in a rental truck. On **November 6**, John Palmgren and Don Coine will deliver them to New Freedom, Pennsylvania where the blankets and kits will continue their journey to places in the United States and all over the world. Thank you for your support of this ministry!

### A Big Super Wednesday Thank you!



On behalf of the Super Wednesday team and our Grace community, we would like to thank Marj and Tom Eakin for their 8 plus years of service. Marj and Tom donated their time to purchase food for our Super Wednesday dinners. Our entire effort depended on Marj and Tom. Each week they hustled to Sam's Club, Giant and Weis to do our shopping, and deliver the goods on time for our Wednesday cooking. We will miss them both but hope to see them relaxing and enjoying a meal with us.

**Disciples Together**

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 Our next event is **Wednesday, October 4 at 6:15-7:00 p.m.** in the Miller Center. We will be joining Family Activity Time (after the Super Wednesday meal) to celebrate "God's Beautiful World."



Our Disciples and Grace families may bring a photo of a pet or favorite animal, a favorite stuffed animal or well-behaved pet to share as we make a collage of creatures, share our favorites, hear about St. Francis of Assisi and his love for God's creatures, and bless them.

Below are two pictures from our September Disciples Together gathering, "Fearfully and Wonderfully Made."



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



The DEIB Team is excited by the support of the Grace family the last few months and looking forward to offering more to the church as we grow. Thank you to those who participated in our mindful practice with the Jana Marie Foundation on **September 10.**

Our October Focus will be Indigenous People's Day and Land Acknowledgement. **Indigenous People's Day is October 9.** Indigenous People's Day is meant to challenge the invisibility of America's Native people due to lasting effects of colonialism as well as celebrate the culture and contributions of Native Americans past and present.

The ELCA has firmly rejected The Doctrines of (Christian) Discovery, voting in 2016 to repudiate the Doctrines and what they stand for. This is a step forward in an effort to acknowledge and understand deep wounds caused to Indigenous Nations in the name of Christianity. The ELCA has developed a ministry opportunity in order to provide education and awareness opportunities for the Lutheran Church. To learn more, check out ELCA Truth and Healing Movement.

**GRACE Lutheran Land Acknowledgement:**  
 Grace Lutheran Church is located on the ancestral homelands of the Susquehannock peoples and we give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We also wish to recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.

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 [skroders@hotmail.com](mailto:skroders@hotmail.com).

- Upcoming DEIB Dates:**
- DEIB Hosts Coffee Hour **October 15** - Harkins Hall
  - DEIB October meeting - **Monday, October 23 at 7 p.m.** in the Fireside room or via Zoom



## The Jared Box Project 2023 Kicks off October 15!

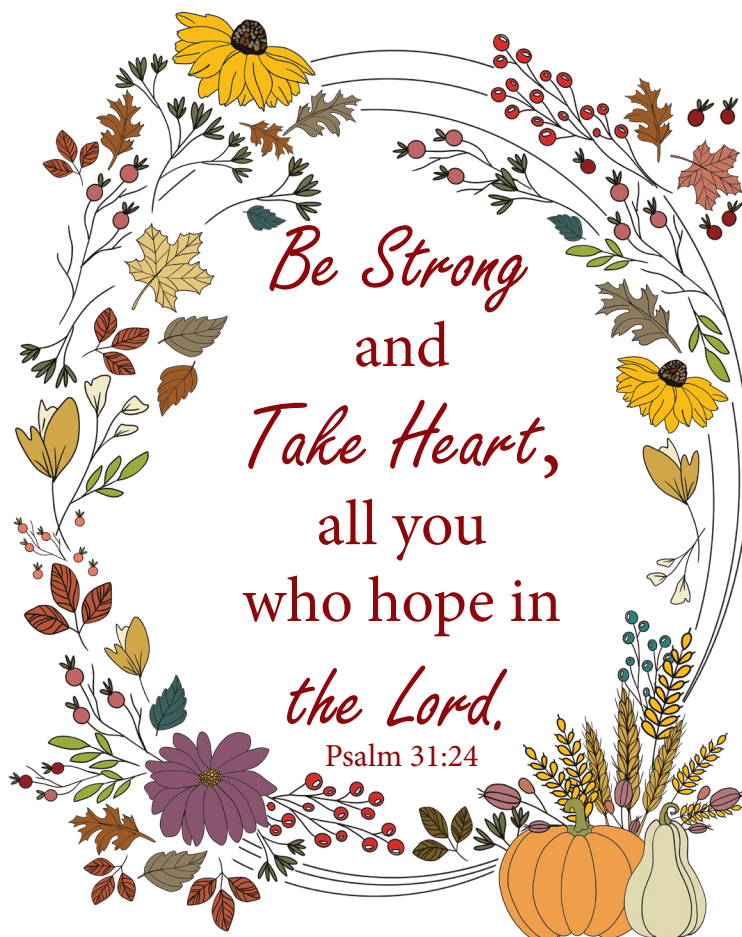
Are you ready to fill your Jared Box? Grace Lutheran will once again collect Jared Boxes for children in local hospitals!

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. The Jared Box Project recently celebrated One Million Smiles! The goal of a Jared Box is to entertain and put a smile on the faces of children in the hospital. The boxes provide a calming diversion for young patients in emergency rooms, patient rooms, surgical centers, and clinics as they receive chemotherapy or other medical treatments. You can help! To make a Jared Box, fill a small plastic container (feel free to take one or more from the Narthex) with small toys, games, and fun activities that can be enjoyed while confined to bed.

### Dates to remember:

- **October 15—Jared Box Kick-Off** - Plastic containers, instructions, and suggested gift lists will be available in the Narthex. We even started your box with a pack of Uno cards - Jared's favorite! Team members will be there to answer your questions. Everything you need to get started!
- **November 12—Jared Box Dedication** - **Bring your filled boxes back to Grace and place them on the altar** prior to any morning service for prayers before they are delivered to hospitals in our region! If you return your completed box prior to **November 12**, place it in the collection area in the Upper Commons across from the elevator.

Thank you to Thrivent Financial for your support! A Thrivent Action Team is providing funds to purchase the boxes and the Uno cards to help us help others.



**A Night For Weary Hearts**

Coming **Thursday, December 14** at **4:00 p.m.** in the Sanctuary "A Night for Weary Hearts," formerly Blue Christmas. A worship service for those struggling with finding the joy of the holidays. Look for more information in the weeks to come.

## Anti-Hunger Update

**BIG CHANGES** - From August to September, we have switched our source of food for our distributions. Previously, we worked with Mel Curtis and the Centre PA Anti-hunger program. We are very thankful to them for allowing us to provide food for our neighbors in need. More recently, the funding has become more difficult for this program to be able to provide us with food. Mel did not want to see our neighbors go hungry. He helped us to transfer to the FRESH EXPRESS program coordinated through the Central PA Food Bank and Feeding America. There has been a lot of behind the scenes work needed, but we successfully ran our first Fresh Express food distribution on **Thursday, September 14th**.

I want to thank everyone who helped with the change of providers and worked during the September 14th distribution. There has been a learning curve for everyone. We now do our intakes with iPads as our neighbors are in their cars. This was quite challenging since Grace did not have wifi in the parking lot. We used the "hot spot" from a volunteer's phone. With the help of the trainers from Central PA's food bank, we were able to do intakes for 83 families while paperwork was sent home for the 32 families who had someone else pick up food for them. In the future, the neighbors will have a QR code or Barcode to check in at each distribution. We are also very thankful that Grace has been working with our tech support provider to install wifi in our parking lot for future distributions! What team work!!!

During this time of transition, I received three requests for emergency food in one week. On a Monday, I received a request from someone who was out of food and would not be paid until Thursday. On Tuesday a teacher reached out to me about a family who did not want to ask for food, but needed help feeding their four children. The teacher was volunteering to pick up the food for the family. On Friday, I received a call about a homeless person in State College who was on the list for the Out of the Cold shelter, but there wasn't a spot for them until the following Tuesday. All of these people are our neighbors and I feel blessed that we are able to help them.

Due to the need in the State College Area, we will continue to hold two Food Distributions at Grace Lutheran Church the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month (November will use the 5th Thursday instead of the 4th Thursday).

### Ways to help

It takes up to 20 people to help at each distribution. Around **1:30 p.m.** some people are needed to unload the food truck and pre-bag some of the food in the Narthex. One person needs to take the temperature of the refrigerated/frozen food every hour. We usually start to distribute the food (outside) between **3:30 and 3:45 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.** Other people are needed to hand out the food and/or check in the cars with the iPads. We have been averaging 120 families at each 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).

**NOTE - we are no longer traveling to Philipsburg to pack food.**

## Upcoming Food Distribution Dates at Grace Parking Lot

September 28  
October 12 & 26  
November 9 & 30  
December 14 & 28



## Food Bank Needs

The Food Bank of the State College 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.

- GREATEST NEED! Ready-to-Serve Soups (Progresso, Campbell's CHUNKY, etc.)
- Tomato Product (diced, stewed, paste, sauce, etc.)
- Pasta Sauce
- Canned Fruit (peaches, pears, pineapple, applesauce)
- Snack Items (crackers, cookies, chips/pretzels, granola bars, etc.)
- Breakfast Cereal
- Gluten-Free items (pasta, baking items, snacks, etc.)
- Ground Coffee
- Condiments
- Oil (vegetable, canola, olive oil)

### Non-Food Items

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



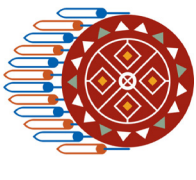
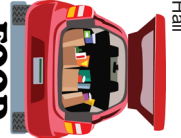


<https://scfoodbank.org/donate/current-needs-list>




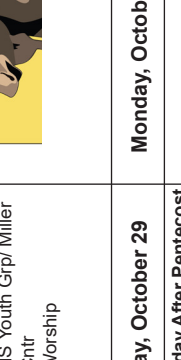


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<p><b>Sunday, October 1</b>  <b>18th Sunday After Pentecost</b>  <b>World Communion Sunday</b></p> <p>8a Worship        9a Worship &amp; ECHO SS        10a Coffee Hour/Harkins        Crossfire Choir / Fireside</p> <p>10-30a Worship        10-45a Cafe SS / Narthex        11-30a Bell Choir Rehearsal / Sanctuary        11:30a LCM Luncheon        6p Worship        7p QNA/Fireside</p>	<p><b>Monday, October 2</b></p> <p>GLP  <b>North Central Sight Services</b>  <b>Vision Screening</b></p> 	<p><b>Tuesday, October 3</b></p> <p>GLP  <b>North Central Sight Services</b>  <b>Vision Screening</b></p> <p>9:30a Staff Mtg / Fireside</p>	<p><b>Wednesday, October 4</b></p> <p>3p Worship at the Village        4p FILLink / Miller Cntr        5p REJOICE /Choir rm. Joyful Noise/ Rim 203        5-15p Super Wednesday Family Activities &amp; Disciples Together/ Miller Cntr        6-15p Adult Ed / Fireside        7p Choir Practice/ Sanctuary</p>	<p><b>Thursday, October 5</b></p> <p>GLP  <b>Health Assessment Forms Due</b>  <b>Alpha Fire Company Visit</b></p> <p>1-30p Ministry Coordinators / on ZOOM        7-30p AA Group/Library Boy Scouts / Harkins Hall</p>	<p><b>Friday, October 6</b></p> <p>GLP  <b>Alpha Fire Company Visit</b></p> <p>5:30p NA Group/Library</p>	<p><b>Saturday, October 7</b></p> 
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# One Body, One Spirit, One Hope

September 1, 2023

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We often think of “Lutheran” as our own congregation. On occasion we might extend the term to our Allegheny Synod, which stretches across central Pennsylvania, or our denomination, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, which gathers us together nationally. But the Lutheran movement is worldwide. One of the most interesting expressions of it is the Lutheran World Federation, which is a global communion of churches in the Lutheran tradition, living and working together for a just, peaceful, and reconciled world. The LWF includes 150 different Lutheran denominations (including our own ELCA) across 99 countries. In this article, ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton addresses the many meaningful things the LWF represents and does. ~ *Pastor Schul*

As I write this the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) is preparing to gather in Kraków, Poland, for its 13th assembly. Delegates, observers, guests and staff from the 149 member churches in 99 countries representing 77 million people will gather for worship, Bible study and deliberation. We will sing and pray in hundreds of languages—a veritable Pentecost!

It’s an amazing gathering of people from all over the globe—different cultures, geographies, cuisines, clothing styles, governments, weather. When we gather in Sep-

tember it will be the beginning of fall for those from the Northern Hemisphere and the beginning of spring for those from the Southern Hemisphere. We come from mountains, deserts, plains, tropical and temperate rainforests, and six continents. Our political systems and realities are different. Many will come from war zones. Creation care is not theoretical for those coming from drought or from island homes sinking into the sea.

Imagine the diversity. We literally come from different worldviews. Homogeneity doesn’t describe the LWF, nor is it a goal. Instead, we understand ourselves to be living in reconciled diversity, not uniformity.

The assembly’s theme, “One Body. One Spirit. One Hope,” might seem to contradict our understanding of unity, not uniformity. It comes from Ephesians 4:4-6: “There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.” But there is a difference between how the world is organized and understands things and the way God has established God’s realm.

The world seeks to impose uniformity. “Unity” can be weaponized in order to control people and communities. “Unity” sets rigid and impermeable boundaries that keep some in and others out. In God’s economy (from *oikos*—Greek for “house,” not the yogurt), unity in Christ is a gift, it is inclusive. It not only allows diversity but celebrates it. And it is reconciled diversity, which allows difference within a people because we are joined together in Christ by baptism. It has always intrigued me that at Pentecost the Spirit didn’t reverse the confusion of language that God

had brought about to disrupt the hubris of those who sought to build the tower of Babel (Genesis 11:1-9). Instead, the rich diversity of language, beautifully distinctive for each culture, was maintained. This is how we understand “one body.” The spirit of the world, particularly in 21st-century America, is one of radical individualism. The individual self is paramount. We are all to be self-made people. Well, no one came into this world by themselves—other people were involved. We are called to “test the spirits” (1 John 4:1). Are they spirits of division, exclusion and oppression or the Spirit of unity, inclusion and liberation?

The world’s understanding of hope is something concrete and achievable. We are led to believe that we can make our own destiny, that what we hope for is actually what we need. Hope is based on what we can see, what we know. In God’s economy, hope is a gift of the Spirit generated not from within but created when a promise is spoken from the outside. In Hebrews we read that “faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen” (Hebrews 11:1). Hope is eschatological—the goal and end of God’s will for all of us and creation—and proleptic—already realized in Christ, the future that is present now.

It may seem foolish that the LWF will gather in all its diversity next door to the war in Ukraine and in the shadow of Auschwitz-Birkenau, a former Nazi concentration camp. That we will dare to live and witness as one body, one spirit, one hope in a world bent on division, engaged in war and proximate to the site of one of the greatest evils that humankind has perpetrated. But that is precisely where the church needs to show up.

## CALENDAR

### Sunday, October 1

- 9:00 a.m. ECHO Sunday School / Sanctuary
- 10:45 a.m. Cafe Sunday School / Narthex

### Sunday, October 8

- 9:00 a.m. ECHO Sunday School / Sanctuary
- 10:45 a.m. Cafe Sunday School / Narthex

### Saturday, October 14

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

### Sunday, October 15

- 9:00 a.m. ECHO Sunday School / Sanctuary
- 10:45 a.m. Cafe Sunday School / Narthex
- 4:00 p.m. Confirmation / Miller Center
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Group / Miller Center

### Sunday, October 22

- 9:00 a.m. ECHO Sunday School / Sanctuary
- 10:45 a.m. Cafe Sunday School / Narthex
- 1:30 p.m. Crop Walk/ Grace Parking lot

### Friday, October 27

- Youth Lock-in TBD

### Saturday, October 28

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

### Sunday, October 29

- 9:00 a.m. ECHO Sunday School / Sanctuary
- 10:45 a.m. Cafe Sunday School / Narthex

### Contact Us!

Any interest or questions about any Faith Formation activity, please email Cindy and Peter at [faithformation@glcpa.org](mailto:faithformation@glcpa.org).



### Crop Walk

Grace Lutheran has a long standing tradition of walking in the Crop Walk. This year we are the hosting location. Join us on **Sunday October 22 at 1:30 p.m.** and walk with Cindy, Kathy, Peter, and other Grace Lutheran members as we raise money for the Crop Walk. The walk will take about 2 hours so wear appropriate shoes!



### Bible Milestone

This year we took a different approach to our Bible Milestone. While we still blessed those receiving Bibles, all were welcome to take a Bible. Our tradition was to offer Bibles to specific grade levels, but doing this creates gaps and exclusions. No matter the age or the intended recipient, all are welcomed to receive the word of God. If you missed out, please contact Cindy & Peter or a pastor to get a Bible for you.

## CALENDAR

### November Preview

#### Wednesday, November 1

- 6:00 p.m. Holy Communion Instruction / Sanctuary

#### Sunday, November 5

- Holy Communion Milestone
- 9:00 a.m. ECHO Sunday School / Sanctuary
- 10:45 a.m. Cafe Sunday School / Narthex

#### Saturday, November 11

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

#### Sunday, November 12

- 9:00 a.m. ECHO Sunday School / Sanctuary
- 10:45 a.m. Cafe Sunday School / Narthex

#### Friday, November 17

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

#### Saturday, November 18

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

#### Sunday, November 19

- 9:00 a.m. ECHO Sunday School / Sanctuary
- Affirmation of Baptism - Time TBD / Sanctuary
- 10:45 a.m. Cafe Sunday School / Narthex
- 4:00 p.m. Confirmation / Miller Center
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Group / Miller Center

#### Sunday, November 26

- No Sunday School (Thanksgiving)

## December

### Save these Dates!

#### Sunday, December 3

- 12 p.m. Advent Fest: Holy Lands / Harkins Hall

#### December 8-10

- The Weekend - Synod Youth Event - St James Lutheran, Huntingdon



### At ECHO Sunday School . . .

. . . 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 storytell the gospel lesson, have a game, craft, science, and music. After approximately 20 minutes, youth will return to the sanctuary to join their family for sharing the peace, communion, and closing hymns. We continue this format for families to attend worship together, support all family members to hear the Word of God in many and various ways, and to encourage participation in a life of faith.



### 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.

### Confirmation

We will meet in the Miller Center on:

- **October 15 at 4:00-5:00 p.m.**
- **November 19 at 4:00-5:00 p.m.**
- **December 17 at 4:00-5:00 p.m.**



Confirmation at Grace is geared toward students entering 6th through 8th grade. This is our instructional time and will be very classroom-like. For the social and teambuilding time, please see Middle School Fun Night. Both events go hand in hand. These two events along with Cafe Sunday School on Sunday mornings form our Middle School opportunities.



### Holy Communion Instruction

Interested in Holy Communion Instruction? Parents, if you see your child being interested in communion or wondering why they don't get the wafer and juice, then it might be time! Or if you want your child to learn more about communion, this class is for you! The class will meet in the sanctuary at **6:00 - 7:00 p.m.** on

**Wednesday, October 25 and Wednesday, November 1.** Our celebration of communion is scheduled for **November 5** at a service of your choice.



### Middle School Fun Night

Middle School Fun Night will be on a pause in October as Middle Schoolers join in the Lock-in on **October 27-28.**

Future dates for your calendar:

- November 17th
- December 15
- January 12.



### Youth Group

All High School Youth and friends are welcome to join us in the Miller Center from **5:00 -7:00 p.m.** for Youth Group on:

- **October 15**
- **November 19**
- **December 17**

We will share a meal and discuss the topics of the Youth Gathering of Brave, Authentic, Free, Disruptive, and Disciples. These discussions are helpful to everyone, even for youth who are not attending the gathering in New Orleans.

### Lutheran World Relief Quilt Helping Hands



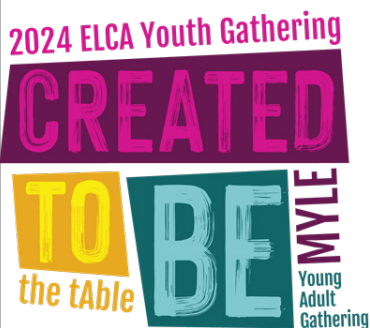
In September, both Middle and High School Youth took the time to work with the Comfort Makers to finish quilts. By helping to tie knots, youth completed seven quilts that will be sent to Lutheran World Relief and given to those in need. God's Work Our Hands.

The Grace Youth Lock-in is back!



On **October 27-28**, Middle School and High School Youth are invited to gather in the Miller Center. The event will run from **6 p.m. October 27th - 8 a.m. October 28th**. Those who are parking cars for football on the morning of **October 28** will then go do that. Dinner and breakfast will be provided, so please bring food to share (snack, dessert, or otherwise). If any parents would like to join in on the fun especially if you would like to stay overnight, please contact Cindy & Peter at [faithformation@glcpa.org](mailto:faithformation@glcpa.org). A schedule of events, packing list, and a sign-up link will be sent out via email.

### ELCA Youth Gathering Registration is Open!



ELCA Youth Gathering Registration is open! We must register the youth in the congregation portal by **November 1** to receive the early bird discount. Therefore, we are asking that registrations be returned to us by **October 15**, the date of the next confirmation class and youth group meeting. See your email for correspondence from Cindy and Peter.

### Car Parking

It's time to park some cars!! PSU football is rolling and our October dates are **October 14 and October 28**. 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.



### Synod Youth Event - The Weekend

Middle and High School students are invited to, "The Weekend." This is a return of our Synod Youth gathering event. In December, we will go to St James Lutheran in Huntingdon for a weekend of worship, fun, games, and service with other youth from around our synod. We will be sleeping at the Comfort Inn. Mark your calendar for **December 8-10**. If you attended camp this summer (at Sequanota) this is a great opportunity to catch up with friends. Look for an email about registration.



### Super Wednesday

Join us for Super Wednesdays on all of the Wednesdays in October. Kids choirs, preschool-kindergarten and 1st-5th grade, are from **5:00-5:45 p.m.** The meal begins as early as **5:15 p.m.** and serves until **6 p.m.** Adult bible study and family activity time follow the meal. Think about joining us even if it is just to not cook one more meal!





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

When you are at college, the deadlines and demands can get heavy. Lutheran Campus Ministry offers a place where you can step away to find community and support, share worship and a meal, learn about God, yourself and the world, and simply be welcome to come as you are!

Lutheran Campus Ministry offers a variety of community, prayer, learning and service opportunities for Penn State students. You'll find ongoing updates through our social media, listserv and website. Below are some weekly and other gatherings you'll want to know about.

### Student Community Weekly

**Thursday Evening Worship at 6 p.m. in the** Worship Hall at Pasquerilla Spiritual Center on campus (Corner of Allen Street and Curtin Road), followed by dinner with the student community in the Harshbarger Room.

### Student Meal After 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

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

### October Special Events

Check our website for more details! [lutheranpennstate.org](http://lutheranpennstate.org)

- **October 1** -Hike Mount Nittany
- **October 6** -PSU Arboretum Pumpkin Festival
- **October 24** -"Should I Quit?" Podcast Team

### Other Opportunities!

We offer service events, formal and informal discussions, social gatherings, and more! Check our website and calendar for additional opportunities and info!

You can also add yourself to our listserv at [lutheran-pennstate.org](http://lutheran-pennstate.org)

Follow and Like our social media on Instagram and Facebook [@lutheranpennstate](https://www.facebook.com/lutheranpennstate)

Reach out anytime to [lutheran@psu.edu](mailto:lutheran@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.*



### Questions, Not Answers

Questions, Not Answers "QNA" will meet on **Sunday October 1 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.

We plan to discuss the questions, "Does the devil exist? What is the source of evil?"

Did you know in the Gospels that Jesus asks more than 300 questions and he is asked nearly 200, but he directly answered only a handful of them? So, come to QNA to continue the biblical tradition of asking good, complicated questions, but be prepared to leave without answers.



### Did you know . . .

. . . that Lutheran Campus Ministry is based at Pasquerilla Spiritual Center on the Penn State Campus? Each Thursday evening during the academic year, students gather there for Evening Prayer and dinner together. It is a time to relax, pray and reflect, talk about the week, and offer support and care for each other. Come join us!



## Dates to Remember!

### October 2 & 3

North Central Sight Services vision screenings

### October 5

Health Assessment forms due for the 23-24 school year

### October 5 & 6

Alpha Fire Co. visit in the parking lot

### October 9

No School due to SCASD's school closure

### October 10

PSU Engineering class "Toys Presentation" to JrK and Mrs. Wylie's class

### October 12-24

Butter Braids Fundraiser

### October 12 & 13

GLP Spirit Days for PSU Homecoming; Wear your favorite sports jersey or uniform.

### October 13

GLP Staff meeting at 12:15 - No Enrichment class (morning classes are in session)

### October 16 & 19

Chapel

### October 26 & 27

Parent Conferences - No Preschool or Enrichment classes



## Christian Focus Box for October

**Christian Theme** – God Gives Me Family and Friends

“A friend loves at all times.” ~ Proverbs 17:17

**Science Theme:** I am a scientist

**Enrichment Theme:** Let's Discover

## GLP's 2023-2024 Staff

On **August 28**, Pastor Schul installed the Grace Lutheran Preschool staff for the 2023-2024 school year. We are delighted to welcome back Mrs. Johnson and Miss Maria after their hiatus from teaching.



**Front row:** Teri Statham (Teacher), DeeAnn Wylie (Teacher), Carrie Johnson (Teacher), Sara Povick (Art Teacher), Erin Stube (Teacher's Aide), Lauren Umbel (Teacher's Aide), Maria Sofo (Teacher's Aide),

**Back row:** Marylou Martin (Teacher's Aide), Heike Burghart Rice (Music Teacher), Dawn Vanden Heuvel (Assistant Director), Amanda Stewart (Teacher), Liz McMillan (Teacher), Tracy Cohagan (Teacher), Cathy Smarkusky (Director)

## Substitute Teaching Positions Available for 2023-2024

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 [esmarkusky@glepa.org](mailto:esmarkusky@glepa.org).



Use this Butter Braids QR code to place your order





## A Look at September

As usual, September's learning began with "A is for apple." We held staff meetings, our Meet the Teacher event, and a parent "Meet and Greet" orientation. We started out with some hot weather days for playing on the playground and held our first Chapel of the year. At the end of the month, the 4-year-old and Jr. Kindergarten classes will take a field trip to Way Fruit Farm. The GLP students are learning the routines of school and making new friends. We are so happy to be back in school!

Chapel is held once per month on a Monday with Pastor Hetrick and on a Thursday with Pastor Schul. September's theme was God made me special. Pastor Schul is helping the children learn September's Bible verse, Children are a gift from the Lord. Psalm 127:3



Here Pastor Hetrick is blessing the children before they go back to class.



Meet the Teacher days were held the week before school started.



Miss Amanda and Miss Erin's class played in our new sandbox that we were able to purchase through the PA Department of Education grant monies.

## Butter Braids and Joyful Traditions Cake Rolls are Back!

We are bringing back this very popular fundraiser. Order forms will be available in the church Narthex beginning on **October 12**. **Orders will be due by October 24**. You can drop off the forms with payment in the Grace Lutheran Preschool mailbox located in the church office. If you would prefer to make your order online, you can click on this link: [GLP Butter Braids and Cake Rolls Fundraiser](#), or use the QR code (on page 20) to get to our online ordering page.

Your order will be available to pick up on **November 8 after 11:30 a.m.** in the Fireside room. GLP will earn \$5.70 per item sold. Proceeds will go toward tuition assistance and unbudgeted needs such as field trips, family events, and classroom supplies.



# October Worship Sponsors

Altar Flowers		Bulletin Covers		Radio Sponsors	
Oct. 1	The Hardyk Family Dedicated in honor of Spencer's birthday	Oct. 1	Greg & Susan DeMetrick Dedicated in honor of their 50th Wedding Anniversary	Oct 1	Greg & Kathy Weimer Dedicated to the Glory of God
Oct. 8	Phyllis & Michael Verderame Dedicated in honor of their 40th Wedding Anniversary	Oct. 8	Mike & Cindy Conron Dedicated in honor of their family	Oct. 8	Joyce Sipple Dedicated in memory of Bill Sipple
Oct. 15	John & Joan Kovalchik Dedicated in memory of Glenn & Martha Muser	Oct. 15	Louise Tarman Dedicated in honor of her family	Oct 15	Diane & Ken Kulp Dedicated in honor of Ken's 95th birthday
Oct. 22	George & Kay Weigand Dedicated in memory of Jay & Mary Shaffer	Oct. 22	Linda Domin Dedicated in honor of Bruce Domin and Sarah Domin Baum's birthdays	Oct. 22	open
Oct. 29	Debbie Kaufman Dedicated in memory of Richard & Sally Kaufman	Oct. 29	Don & Deana Coine Dedicated in memory of Don's Grandparent's Pop & Nana Hipple	Oct. 29	The Nieweg Family Dedicated in memory of Jack Nieweg

## Live-Stream Sponsors

Oct. 1	Daryl & Nancy Johnson Dedicated to the Glory of God
Oct 8	Ellen & Jim Campbell Dedicated to the honor of Matthew's birthday
Oct. 15	Daryl & Nancy Johnson Dedicated to the Glory of God
Oct 22	Connie Kurtz Dedicated to the Glory of God
Oct 29	Connie Kurtz Dedicated to the Glory of God



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

Oct. 1	Steph and Jim Flanagan	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).
Oct. 8	Angie and Drew Hardyk	
Oct. 15	DEIB team	
Oct. 22	Ken and Nancy Fogleman	
Oct. 29	Paul and Kathryn Mackes	

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

9:00 a.m.		10:30 a.m.	
Oct. 1	Anna Coup and Netta Horn	Oct. 1	Andy Horn and Lauren Knowles
Oct. 8	Lily and Gunnar Rinehimer	Oct. 8	Renee Buda and Andy Horn
Oct. 15	Kaylin Slane and Anna Coup	Oct. 15	Fiona and Caitlin Knowles
Oct 22	Sydney Lintal and Netta Horn	Oct. 22	Jordan and Mya Hockenberry
Oct. 29	Lily and Gunnar Rinehimer	Oct. 29	Anna Long and Renee Buda

## Lectors - Rebecca Arnold Desmarais [beckyllynn0621@gmail.com](mailto:beckyllynn0621@gmail.com)

8 a.m.		9 a.m.		10:30 a.m.	
Oct. 1	open	Oct. 1	open	Oct. 1	Ethylee Nordberg
Oct. 8	open	Oct. 8	open	Oct. 8	Brian Christian
Oct. 15	open	Oct. 15	Lisa Weidner	Oct. 15	Barbara Vogler
Oct 22	open	Oct 22	Natalie Slane	Oct 22	Brian Christian
Oct. 29	open	Oct. 29	open	Oct. 29	Michael Verderame

# Pastoral Acts for August & September

A committal service was held on Sept. 30, 2023 for Rus Scheuren.

A funeral was held on Sept. 16th for Merilee Peery who passed away on Aug. 20, 2023.

Land Patrick McShea was born on Aug. 23, 2023 and Henry Joseph Dove was born on Aug. 29, 2023.

## October Birthdays

1 Ken Kulp	7 Ethan Wagner	13 Jamie Friedken	19 Rachel Buterbaugh	25 Amber Laylon
1 Xavier Narber	7 Marie Buterbaugh	13 Gwen Bunnell	19 Lauren Knobloch	25 Janet Kott
1 Kaylin Slane	7 John Rossi	13 Courtney Morrison	19 Richard Weidhaas	26 Thomas Sherwood
2 Lauren Anderson	7 Jason Laine	13 Matthew Campbell	19 Georgia Peeler	26 Christina Davies
2 Gina Lintal	8 Gregory Ferro	14 Cheryl Knobloch	19 Miah Northridge	26 Jonathan Ludwig
2 William Steudler	8 Emily Peterson	14 Marge Sutherland	20 Lisa Ta	26 Stephen Eckstein
2 Austin Pieniazek	8 Joshua Gearhart	14 Wendy Balthaser	20 Marcy Milhomme	26 Kevin Borchert
2 Carolyn Hetrick	8 Gina Leon	14 Susanne Solo	20 June Krumrine	27 Thomas Eakin
3 Lorraine Lutz	10 Jennifer Lee	14 Heather Wild	20 Sydney Richardson	27 Helen Brenneeman
3 Janet Zerbe	10 Alexandra Newcomb	14 David Hege	20 Claire Vollmer	27 Janet Rockey
3 Alexander Chastain	10 Mark Mrsa	14 Nicholle Smirat	20 Joseph Nicosia	27 Frank Chapman
3 Miles Morales	10 Deborah Weidhaas	15 Christie Prince	20 Mary Jo Spicer	27 Nadiya Tucker
3 Ethylee Nordberg	10 Elaine Ebeling	15 Suzanne Lamb	20 Dennis Glocke	28 Ann Guss
3 Grace Stewart	11 Leslie Wagner	15 Dan Esposito	20 Stephen Shisler	29 Tom McCool
4 Spencer Hardyk	11 Aubrey Tusar	15 Alexander Cassell	20 Calleigh Igoe	29 Gary Bodkin
4 Sean Toso	11 Ainsley Tusar	16 Alicia McDyre	20 Amelia Horn	29 Helen Manfull
4 Eleanor Zindler	11 Sophia Bills	16 Paul Larson	21 Lisa Badger	30 Lynn Herman
4 Graham Sanders	11 Katy Ulmer	16 Karen Jeanmenne	21 Chris Broberg	30 Austin Haris
4 Michael Verderame	11 Andrew Baysinger	16 John Palmgren	21 Robert Jeanmenne	30 Robert Sutherland
4 Kevin Honz	11 Quinn Vasey	16 Sarah McClure	21 David A. Guss	30 Manetta Horn
4 Emerson Desmarais	11 Benjamon Resor	16 Julia Erb	23 Sophia Scourtis	
5 Kristy Stroschein	12 Camilla Hoy	16 Andrew Horn	23 Matthew Fullington	
5 Jeffrey Irwin	12 Michael Krumrine	17 Cara Schuchert	23 Marilyn Peterson	
5 Elliott Narber	12 Karen Mrsa	17 Nancy Gable	23 Abigail Long	
5 Krista Smith	12 Jaxon Hazenstab	18 Spence Garvin	24 Alexis Badger	
5 Mirabella Bills	12 Calvin Wagner	18 Roy Evert	24 Nora McDonald	
5 Kip Peeler	12 Mason Ollendyke	18 Thomas Deysher	24 Lauren Shisler	
6 Eric Smarkusky	12 Crystal Egan	18 Linda Bowman	24 Lila Schubert	
6 John Pletcher	12 Christel Stewart	19 Mary Kaitlyn Elder	24 Cora Hartzler	
7 Melanie Kauffman	13 Matt Campbell	19 Jason Warner	25 Bruce Rogers	
7 Jamie Foot	13 Ashley Ford	19 Jeremy Warner	25 Dan Douthitt	
7 Leonard Ellenberger	13 Kevin Dinant	19 Kelly Foster	25 Chris Neubert	



## Prayer List for October



All Military & National Guard and all serving in war-torn countries  
 Mary Breon  
 Tisana Breon, sister of Mary Breon  
 Jim Campbell  
 Vickie Chambers, sister of Deana Coine  
 Deana Coine  
 Andrew Cutter  
 William Davies  
 Annika Dellert  
 Kevin Eby and family, friends of the Koths  
 Steve & Janet Ellis, family of

The Louder's  
 Norma Flanagan, mother of Jim Flanagan  
 Cay Griel  
 Rob Griffin  
 Posey Haney  
 Marcia Kell  
 Jim Kratz, father of Pastor Hetrick  
 Lisa & Ruthie, friends of the Roger's  
 Shirley Lucas  
 Patti McLean, sister of Kelly Borchert  
 Amy Neveling

Ronald Odland  
 Craig Peery and family upon the death of Merilee Peery  
 Forest Remick  
 Sharon Rivell  
 Denise Rohrbach, godmother to Aaron Rohrbach  
 Archie Sutherland  
 Val Updegrove  
 Janet Zerbe  
 Eleanor Zindler

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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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