



Grace Notes

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Congregational Meeting

Grace's Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, September 20

at Grace Lutheran Church in the Miller Center with overflow seating in the Fireside Room and the Stinson Library using Zoom.

Upon request, we will also share Zoom login credentials with those who wish to view and participate in the meeting from home. Because you will be participating in the meeting in real-time, you will be considered eligible to ask questions and comment during the meeting (via the chat function in Zoom) and vote. *Please see page 4, column 2 for detailed information.*

DRIVE IN SERVICE

Worship in the Parking Lot

Each Sunday morning at 8:30 a.m., beginning September 6, we will be offering a "drive-in" worship service in our parking lot. The service will be broadcast on a low level FM signal (approx. 200' range) to the cars. The pastors and a pianist will be on the portico.

This service will be **in addition to** our live radio broadcast each Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. on WRSC, 1390 AM and 93.3 FM as well as our prerecorded video worship services.

Please see page 4, column 1 for detailed information.



September 13, 2020 WORSHIP ON THE MOUNTAIN at Tussey in Boalsburg



Worship
at the Mountain

- **Activities** for children, youth, and adults of all ages beginning at 1 p.m. See page 15 for more information.
- **Outdoor Worship Service** - Following the activities, worship will begin at 3:00 p.m. - We'll all gather in our cars for "drive-in" style worship as the pastors and Psalm 151 provide worship from the ski lodge balcony. Unfortunately, due to pandemic risks, there will not be a congregational picnic.

Preparing our Hearts and Minds for Worship

Sunday	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Holy Gospel
September 6 14 th Sunday after Pentecost	Ezekiel 33:7-11	Psalm 119:33-40	Romans 13:8-14	Matthew 18:15-20
September 13 15 th Sunday after Pentecost	Genesis 50:15-21	Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13	Romans 14:1-12	Matthew 18:21-35
September 20 16 th Sunday after Pentecost	Jonah 3:10-4:11	Psalm 145:1-8	Philippians 1:21-30	Matthew 20:1-16
September 27 17 th Sunday after Pentecost	Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32	Psalm 25:1-9	Philippians 2:1-13	Matthew 21:23-32

Mini-series on Composers of Church Music:

Elizabeth Cruciger, First Female Protestant Hymn Writer

Despite her short life – Elizabeth Cruciger (also known as Creutziger) only reached age 35 – the young Roman Catholic nun, who left the monastic life at age 22 to follow the influences of the Protestant Reformation, became an important reformer in her own right. Born into the Polish nobility c. 1500 with the surname Meseritz, her parents suffered persecution and *eventually* sought refuge at Wittenberg. While there, she ultimately befriended Martin Luther and his wife and married one of Luther’s best pupils, Caspar Cruciger, in 1524.



Elizabeth loved poetry and music. In the year she was married, her first and only surviving hymn, *Herr Christ, der einig Gotts Sohn* - known in English as *The Only Son from Heaven* (or, alternatively, as *O Thou, of God the Father*) - was printed in the German Enchiridion songbook. This hymn is found today in German hymnals, as well as appearing in multiple translations in English, Norwegian, and Swedish hymnals.

On November 22, when our Synod celebrates 50 years of the ELCA’s ordination of women, one of the pieces of music for the virtual worship service will be an original setting of this hymn, sung by a virtual choir of women’s voices and several instruments. The verses that have been chosen include a verse from our hymnal (“Awaken, Lord, our spirit to know and love you more”) and a fresh translation of a verse from the original German which begins, “Help us to know your wisdom and grow in love each day.” We thank God for Martin Luther’s “Dear Els,” who paved the way for female Protestant poets and musicians to share their God-given gifts to proclaim God’s word. Perhaps it should be no surprise, since her last name means “cross and orb,” a symbol of the faith to which she dedicated her life and work.

Wednesday Bible Study: Ask the Pastor

We will look at the reading for the upcoming Sunday from Philippians in the Bible study, “Joyful in All Circumstances?”

9/16 - Philippians 1:21-30

9/23 - Philippians 2:1-13

9/30 - Philippians 3:4b-14

In an effort to be somewhat interactive, by noon on Monday of that week, (e.g. 9/14 for the 16th) send questions about the reading you want to ask Pastor Hetrick. She can include those in the Bible study video, but don’t worry, she will not name you unless you want to be named. Email her at pastorhetrick@glcpa.org.

DID YOU KNOW...

we will be receiving new members on Sunday, September 6?

See page 13 for more details.

Contact the church office at 238-2478 or email either Pastors:

pastorschul@glcpa.org

or pastorhetrick@glcpa.org.

From Our Senior Pastor



The Rev. Scott E. Schul
pastorschul@glcpa.org

The Only Constant is Change

One of our most beloved hymns here at Grace is ELW #729, “The Church of Christ, in Every Age.” Since March, when the pandemic impacted just about every aspect of our operations as a congregation, I’ve had this hymn on my mind. The first verse is particularly powerful:

*The church of Christ, in ev’ry age
beset by change, but Spirit-led,
must claim and test its heritage
and keep on rising from the dead.*

The pandemic has forced us to implement more change in the past five *months* than we would normally want to unleash in five *years*. Change can be difficult in an institution as tradition-bound as the Church because it has the potential of causing so much disruption and distraction that a congregation can easily lose sight of its core mission: loving God and loving God’s people.

But in this season of change, I am so very proud of how the people of Grace Lutheran have responded.

You have never taken your eye off Jesus Christ as changing circumstances have required us to worship through video, radio, in a gym, in public parks, and (starting in September) in our cars. It’s not what any of us anticipated or hoped for, but as we have leaned into our rich heritage here at Grace and followed the Spirit’s promptings, we have rolled with every punch the pandemic has thrown at us and come through stronger and more united than ever before. I marvel at the faithfulness, adaptability, and durability of Grace Lutheran Church. I’ve never been prouder of you.

It’s Almost Time to Burn the Mortgage!

I’m especially grateful that through it all you have continued to financially support your congregation. A year ago we began a campaign that we hoped would result in the payoff of our building debt. When that campaign began, the debt stood at over \$1.4 million and we set what we believed to be a very aggressive goal of retiring that debt by the end of 2021. You have faithfully responded to that call with many generous gifts. In addition, we have received generous bequests from several of our departed Grace saints. I just received word that one of those bequests will be distributed to us in the next few months. Accordingly, I can now joyfully and confidently share with you that we will be in a position, before the end of 2020, to make a final payoff of our mortgage. Grace will be debt-free!

What will it mean for Grace to be debt-free? First, it will mean a big celebration! Pastor Lynn and this

congregation undertook a huge commitment in deciding to build the Miller Center and expand our building and parking in vitally important ways. We could not function without those additions and enhancements. That bravery and foresight deserves a celebration. Just think of the members – past and present – who have contributed to this project. Indeed, the party will rightly be ringing out both in heaven and on earth!

But beyond the celebration, the elimination of our debt will finally enable Grace to stabilize the budget. It’s not a surprise that our finances have been tight since construction began. Jesus asked much of this congregation, and you responded with valor. But when that \$200,000 per year mortgage contribution is eliminated, we hope those who contribute to our building fund will transfer that giving to our regular church budget. It will enable us to erase our small but chronic budget deficit, pay for additional cleaning and sanitation costs associated with the pandemic, and continue to prudently, carefully, faithfully, and yet boldly expand our ministries here at Grace.

This is a very special place, one where we are capable of accomplishing things that simply cannot be done elsewhere. Jesus continues to call us here at the corner of Beaver and Garner to be a blessing to the world, and I have no doubt that we will continue to respond favorably to his call. In the midst of so much challenging news in the world, I am so pleased that I can share this very happy news with all

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of you. What an exciting time this is for the people of Grace Lutheran Church!

September Worship

Worship is at the heart of what we do here at Grace, and beginning in September we will move from public parks to our parking lot. We will be adding an 8:30 a.m. “drive-in” worship service each Sunday morning. Here’s how it will work: cars will enter our parking lot and be lined up, similar to a drive-in. The pastors and a pianist will be on the portico (near the Angel Windows). Our voices and the piano will be broadcast on a low level FM signal (approx. 200’ range) to the cars. Because everyone will stay in their cars, entry and exit is easy, you can sing, partake of Holy Communion, and you’re assured of a comfy seat. This service will be in addition to our live radio broadcast each Sunday morning at 10:30 on WRSC, as well as our prerecorded video worship services. We hope this variety of worship opportunities is meaningful for you.

As you will see elsewhere in this issue, on September 13 Grace will make its annual pilgrimage to Tussey Mountain for Worship at the Mountain. It will be a little different this year. We won’t be able to offer a meal, but our Faith Formation team will be offering a range of activities for all ages there. At 3:00 p.m., we’ll all gather in our cars for “drive-in” style worship as the pastors and Psalm 151 provide worship from the ski lodge balcony.

Super Wednesday

Pastor Lynn always said that aside from worship, Super Wednesday is the most important thing we do. He was right. Super Wednesday is a critically important way for our big congregation to feel small and re-

lational. Over a delicious meal, old friendships are nourished and new ones are kindled. We laugh, sing, and feast together. It’s so much fun. Unfortunately, the pandemic has made this really difficult to do without risking the wellbeing of many people, including especially our dedicated Super Wednesday cooks and servers. I think we all know the importance of getting Super Wednesday back up and operational. Please pray that we can do that as soon as possible. In the meantime, I don’t want us to forget that *Wednesday night is a church night*. And so Pastor Hetrick and I are working on some ideas for a brief but meaningful Wednesday night drive-in prayer service. We hope to have more details for you soon.

Grace’s 2020 Annual Congregational Meeting

Because of the pandemic, we have delayed Grace’s annual congregational meeting, but there is some business of the church that cannot be indefinitely put off. Accordingly, we are going to gather here at Grace on September 20 to review and approve our budget and begin the process of voting for new council members. To enable appropriate social distancing, we will conduct the meeting in the Miller Center, but via Zoom we will also have overflow seating available in the Stinson Library and Fireside Room. In addition, we plan to make the Zoom link safely and securely available to folks at home too so that you can see the presentation and, via the chat function, ask questions. So long as you are participating with us in “real time” we will consider you present and hence permitted to vote. We believe this is a reasonable accommodation to our present circumstances and hope it encourages increased participation in the meeting.

Finally...

Friends, words cannot adequately express how much I miss seeing you and worshiping and spending time together as we did before the pandemic. We will get through this, and when we do, I know with certainty that our future is very bright. Even now Christ is drawing new members to us. We are on the cusp of becoming debt-free. Our range of ministries and the way we deliver them continue to expand in ways and at a pace we never thought possible. How blessed we are. I am especially thankful for our staff here at Grace. They’ve worked so hard and demonstrated so much creativity, dedication, and flexibility. Please continue to keep all of us in your prayers, trusting that we pray daily for you as well.

Peace be with you,
Pastor Schul

Check out Grace Lutheran’s YouTube channel for special music

– Grace Lutheran now has a YouTube channel, where—among other things—you can find some music videos that showcase our members’ God-given musical gifts. Soloists and small ensembles share original arrangements of public domain hymns and some classical works; a new selection is featured each week in our pastors’ weekly Wednesday podcasts and on our church Facebook page.

If you subscribe to the channel (found at https://www.youtube.com/feed/my_videos), you will be notified when music is added to the dozen selections that are currently in our YouTube ‘library.’

From the Associate Pastor

Every year when September rolls around it has felt like winding up the beautiful humming machine of activity that even we oldsters call “the school year.” This year many of us have been saying that this year is “different, unprecedented, and unique.” I know there are feelings of both anxiety and disappointment about what that means to each of us and our respective situations. Recently someone who doesn’t know us here at Grace well thought they needed to console me that there must not be much going on. Nothing could be farther from the truth here as the Grace family.

While some things are indeed on a hiatus, so many things are very much alive and happening. The core of who we are called to be - people who love God and love our neighbors - is still our guiding principle in response to who God still is - a God of grace and love and mercy. Unlike other years, this is the year to really read what is being shared about many treasured activities so you can share in them. Here is a flyover of some things:

- **Disciples Together** is still meeting, but in a new and expanded way in fact- please check out what Becky Rogers and Ellen Campbell have in store. We are so excited to continue to deepen our connections! See page 9.

- **Worship at Grace** (at least outside) is still happening - slightly different format, same chance to gather, be fed and sent into the kingdom to love and to serve. See page 4.

- **Wednesday Bible study**, starting September 16th it is still happening. We begin with Philippians and the format will be a

pre-recorded video and print study guide posted by 11 a.m. on our website, www.glcpa.org and our new Faith Formation website for all ages, www.glcfaithformation.org. Maybe you will take the chance to read the lesson ahead of time and submit your questions to “Ask the Pastor.” See page 2 for details.

- **Weekly lectionary Bible study** is ongoing and available as “Pocketful of Grace,” where the pastors discuss the lessons and share prayers. It is available by 7 a.m. every Tuesday on the website under Sermons - click to hear it, or visit Facebook. You can also take it on the go.

- **Adult Forum** will also resume. Details in E-Notes.

- **Bucket Collections** are back! September’s collection is for Lutheran Disaster Response - much needed as always - see how this opportunity to give will be accomplished. See page 11.

- **Community Outreach (Social Ministry)** is gearing up to serve ongoing missions. See pages 10-12 for the most current and new changes to expand our capacity to engage in this together.

- **Women of Grace** Comfort Makers and Naomi Circle are busy with important projects and they ask us to partner with them. See pages 10 and 12.

What is at the core has not changed - our mission to gather, be fed, blessed, and sent is very much alive, because of not only who we are, but *whose* we are - we are disciples of Jesus Christ, our living Lord and the messenger of resurrection life no matter what we think we cannot see.



The Rev. Carolyn K. Hetrick
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So, even “different, unprecedented, and unique” do not only speak of limitation; they speak of possibilities God has in store, and the ways Jesus is meeting us here and now to lead us. To close, here are a few snippets I look forward to sharing with you from Philippians: *“Stand firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel.”*

God is *“at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good.”* *“Not that I have already... reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.”*

“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.”

God is and will always be with us - that good news never changes. Thanks be to God!

~ Pastor Hetrick

Why attend church? It's where we're called and formed to make a difference in the world. (Part 8 of 11)

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. (Romans 6:3-4)

Church milestones like baptism, first communion, and confirmation are important, which is why we joyfully celebrate them. Such milestones mark important moments and accomplishments in our lives, but they are markers *on the way* and not end points in themselves. In fact, they provide critically helpful guidance in pointing our way forward for the balance of our lives, similar to the way a road sign helps direct our journey toward our final destination. We all want to lead a meaningful life and make a positive difference in the world, don't you agree? But how? Well, allow me to suggest a simple beginning, by inviting you to attend church regularly, because through our faith milestones, *church is where we're called and formed to make a difference in the world.*

I can illustrate this most clearly through the milestone of baptism. We celebrate baptism because, as

DID YOU KNOW...

... Happy Valley Hiker SC will not have a **Saturday** trek in September due to a schedule conflict? Beginning September 21, **Monday short hikes** will be available. Look in E-Notes or the Happy Valley Hikers SC Facebook group for details!

the ELCA has stated in *The Use of the Means of Grace*, baptism “delivers us from the forces of evil, puts our sinful self to death, gives us new birth, adopts us as children, and makes us members of the body of Christ, the Church.” If that isn't worthy of celebration, then I don't know what is! But baptism also frames the meaning and purpose of our lives. Neither it nor any faith milestone marks our “graduation” from church or completion of faith but, rather, a new and glorious beginning point.

We see this most clearly in the promises parents and sponsors make on behalf of babies as part of the baptismal rite. Those promises include living with the child among God's faithful people, bringing them to church, teaching them the Lord's Prayer, Creed, and Ten Commandments, providing them with access to the Bible, and nurturing them in faith and prayer. Eventually, a baptized child assumes those promises when that child is later confirmed. Here's the really important part: we don't make those promises for our children or for ourselves just because we want to check a box or keep God happy. These are not mere obligations but holy opportunities. Why? Because, as our baptismal rite goes on to say, all of these things help us to learn to trust God so that we can “proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.” Now that's a meaningful, fulfilling life!

Too many people wander through this life in a sad fog. They question their own self-worth. They question whether life has any meaning. And they wonder why they are here and what life has called them to do. Without purpose and meaning, such a life can only be endured, not enjoyed. It's no way for anyone to live, and certainly not the existence we want for our children. Baptism answers all of these questions. It affirms that you are of priceless value in God's eyes, and that accordingly your life is rich with meaning and potential. Baptism points you to the means by which that meaning and potential can be developed and more fully understood, and then provides your ultimate life purpose: you have been claimed, cleansed, loved, and blessed by God; now go be a blessing to your neighbor.

As this pandemic continues, we are all feeling overwhelmed and stretched with burdens and worries. It is so easy for us to lose our direction, purpose, and hope. So find a way to be more active in the church. Even if you can't attend in-person, you can watch a video service, listen to the radio broadcast, or even tune in to the Pocketful of Grace podcast. Why bother? Because you'll be reminded that you have been called and are being formed to make a difference in the world. That's a *great* reason to go to church.

Pastor Schul

*Working for God on earth
does not pay much,
But His Retirement plan
is out of this world.*

-Author unknown



Finances for 2020

	Actual Income vs Expense July 2019- July 2020	Budgeted Income vs Expense July 2019- July 2020	+ or (-)	%
Income	\$59,856.07	\$61,000.00	(\$1,143.93)	-1.88%
Expenses	\$60,140.66	\$69,855.58	(\$9,714.92)	-13.91%
Net Income	(\$284.59)	(\$8,555.58)		

Giving in the first month of this fiscal year was very strong. Expenses were less than budgeted due to many programs being run virtually, but our cleaning expenses for the building--both personnel and supplies--are higher due to the pandemic. Your support ensures we can do effective ministry, and we are very grateful. If you would like to automate your giving, contact Laurel Sanders at lsanders@glcpa.org for information. You can also access the automated bank transfer form or make credit card donations using Tithe.ly via the GIVE button on our website at www.glcpa.org.

Building Campaign

Actual Building Receipts this month (donations)	Monthly Mortgage obligation	Year-to-date Receipts for the building (donations)	Year-to-date Mortgage obligation
\$9,814.00	\$15,742.70	\$9,814.00	\$15,742.70

Giving to the building campaign was very strong this month. In addition to the regular offerings for our building as shown above, \$10,200 was donated toward the building payoff fund. We fully anticipate paying off our mortgage by the end of this calendar year. As you prayerfully consider building donations this fall, know that each gift is helping to enable and sustain vital ministries for people of all ages, diverse backgrounds, and needs. Thank you!

Council Highlights

At its August 2020 meeting, Grace's Church Council:

- Reviewed a revised 2020-2021 fiscal year budget for Grace and approved it for presentation to the congregation at the annual meeting on September 20;
- Discussed the logistics for holding the annual meeting, council election, and drive-in worship services; and
- Received a report from the Constitution Team regarding the status and progress of our work to update Grace's constitution and bylaws in accordance with the latest required provisions from the ELCA.



Are you a member of Thrivent Financial who's eligible to direct CHOICE DOLLARS?

Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have available Choice Dollars® have until March 31, 2021, to direct them. Don't miss this opportunity to recommend that Thrivent Financial provide outreach funding to Grace Lutheran Church. Go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice to learn more. Or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.



Welcome and Welcome Back! This is truly a fall semester like no other before. In this strange and challenging time we want you to know that God is with you, and our prayers are with the whole Penn State community for a safe and successful semester.

While our events and activities will look very different from most years, the spirit is still the same: Lutheran Student Community and Lutheran Campus Ministry are here to help and support you. We will continue to offer a community where all are truly welcome, where care and connection can be found, and where you can share both the struggles and the joys you encounter.

As things change, we'll adapt what we offer to restrictions and guidelines at Penn State and in State College, as well as in response to what we hear from students like you. In this ever-changing situation, check our website and calendar for the most up-to-date info.

WEEKLY PLANS

- **Sunday -- Night Prayer from 9-9:30 p.m. Online** -- Set aside time for prayer, to connect with God, and feel centered for the week. This casual service will include scripture readings, prayers, music and time for reflection and community.
- **Tuesday -- Office Hours at 3-4 p.m.** -- On Campus or Virtual (other times by appointment). Whether in-person (socially distanced and masked) or online, campus minister Alicia Anderson will be available for you to drop by and just chat about your day, ask questions big or small, pray with you, or talk about something tough. Check our events calendar or contact Alicia for each week's location. And if you need to arrange a different time, just email or text.
- **Thursday -- Evening Prayer at 6-6:45 p.m.** -- *Pasquerilla Spiritual Center's Worship Hall*. Using Penn State's guidelines for safe in-person gatherings (including social distance, masks and cleaning), we'll have prayer, music, reflection together and we'll find community in God's presence.
- **Grab 'n Go Dinner** (following worship) *Pasquerilla Spiritual Center*. A bag dinner will be available for students to share take along after worship! Check our events calendar for meal info each week.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **God's Work. Our Hands. September 13** -- Join ELCA communities across the nation in serving this day! Arrangements are in process! Watch for more info on our website!
- **Antiracism Discussion -- September 15 at 7-8 p.m.** -- *Online*. Learn and talk together with students and campus ministers from various groups. At this initial meeting, we'll start the conversation and make plans for monthly gatherings throughout the year. Check our events calendar for the link.

Graduate Student Group? Service-Learning Projects? Bible Study/ Discussion? Advocacy Projects? Spanish Language? You can get more information about these and other plans by visiting this interest forum: tinyurl.com/yy8ppdog

Visit our website at

- lutheranpennstate.org
- You'll find us on Facebook and Instagram @lutheranpennstate
- Sign up for our weekly listserve with a reflection, prayer, updates and event info: bit.ly/2ODOSZq

Contact Alicia Anderson, Campus Minister at ara2@psu.edu or 814.360.0601 with questions.

**Have a great start to the year!
We thank God for you every time
we think of you.**

QNA - Questions, Not Answers

**Sunday, September 20 at 7 p.m.
via Zoom.**

In preparation for the November election, we will discuss the relation between faith and politics led by recent PSU grad, John Hall. Did the Founding Fathers intend for this to be a Christian nation? What is the history of the division between church and state? Should there be a division?

Please come, via your computer or phone, with your additional questions; be prepared to leave without answers.

If you are interested in attending, please email Carla Rossi at ckrossi@comcast.net for the link to the meeting.

If you previously participated in QNA, we hope you will join us again. If you haven't, newcomers are always welcome.



Disciples Together

Instead of gathering at Orchard Park in September, we will be gathering in a new way at Grace. On September 2 at 5:30 p.m., our Disciples Together community are invited to come to the porch by the main entrance in cars, and wearing masks. You can pick up a craft kit, drop off prayer concerns and take away a blessing. We are collecting birthday and contact information for all our participants. September's project will be making a card with stampers and supplies, and a secret opportunity to bless someone else.

We will be meeting a second time in the month via Zoom to share our craft projects, highs and lows, a Bible verse, and pray for and bless each other. The link for our Zoom gathering will be sent to everyone who wants to join us. Our hope is to meet twice a month, once at the Grace parking lot and once via Zoom. Our theme this month is "How good it is for people to live in unity."

If you have questions or want to participate, please reach out to Becky Rogers, Ellen Campbell or Pastor Hetrick.



Fund-raisers: How you can help Grace Lutheran Preschool & Kindergarten

In addition to earning money for classroom equipment and curriculum needs, as a mission of Grace Lutheran Church and the preschool and kindergarten, **we provide tuition assistance** to families of children who would not otherwise have the opportunity to attend a Christian preschool. There are a few opportunities to help support our school classes and tuition assistance program without spending any additional money.

- You can purchase Giant, Weis, Redline Speed Shine and Sheetz Gift Cards through the school office. We receive from 3% - 25% on purchases from each of the gift cards we sell.
- We have put the earnings from Box Tops for Education toward new equipment such as the new to us cubbies for several classrooms. Download the App and start collecting virtual Box tops!

We will also keep you informed about other fun and easy opportunities throughout the year to help us continue to provide for our school such as Marianna's Hoagies & Pizzas and Butter Braids.

Green Tip of the Month: Water Conservation

According to Penn State Extension (<https://extension.psu.edu/household-water-conservation>) PA's water usage has increased dramatically in the past 100 years. In 1900, residents used about 5 gallons/person/day. By 1995 that usage had increased to about 62 gallons/person/day. And the population during that time increased from 5 to 12 million residents.

With the near drought conditions we have recently been experiencing in the State College Area, making efforts to reduce water usage is especially important.

- Turn off the tap while you wash your hands (for at least 20 seconds!), shave or brush your teeth.
- Scrape your dirty dishes into the trash (or compost bin, if you live in State College Borough) —then put them in the dishwasher; avoid pre-rinsing with running tap water.
- Take a shower instead of a bath. Showers typically use less water than tub baths, more so if you turn off water while lathering hair or skin. If you do take a bath, be sure to plug the drain right away and adjust the temperature as you fill the tub.
- If you have a dehumidifier or accessible drain from air conditioners, save the water and use to water plants.
- Consider using a rain barrel to catch water from your rooftop for watering gardens and yards.
- Only wash full loads of laundry and dishes.
- Check your plumbing fixtures for leaks. Dripping faucets and leaking toilets can waste lots of water.
- If your home has older appliances and plumbing fixtures, consider replacing with newer low-flush or dual flush toilets, low volume showerheads and faucets, front-loading washing machines and high efficiency dishwashers.

A good source for ways to save water is the EPA site: <https://www.epa.gov/watersense/how-we-use-water>



IHS NEEDS YOUR HELP

The Interfaith Human Services on-line auction, **Community Care On-Line Auction** by IHS will run from September 14 at midnight to September 30 at 10 p.m. WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The Fundraising Committee at IHS has had to get creative to raise funds during this time when our programs are needed more than ever. If you could help by donating to the auction we would be truly grateful. Ideas include:

- Gift cards from local restaurants, bookstores, Penn State stores
- Putting together a basket of items such as baby gifts, doggie items, kitchen towels and utensils, religious items, tailgate items
- Quilts or other homemade items
- Other ideas???

These items can be put together individually or maybe you would want to make it a project for your book club or other groups.

Please do not hesitate to contact Sue Forster at fsue58521@gmail.com to donate or with any questions. **Our goal is to have all items received by September 9th.** Current items can be previewed at <https://www.interfaithhumanservices.org/auctions/>

Thank you!
IHS Fundraising Committee



CLICK TO CONTACT - Community Outreach

How do you get the word out when you don't see people face to face in worship, or the hallway, or over coffee? Many life giving ministries continue here at Grace. In the fall, we usually have many events that capture our attention such as the **CROP walk**, the **Helping Hands work trip**, collecting **Jared Boxes**, gearing up for **Out of the Cold** and much more. More often people now turn to our website, www.glcpa.org. To make it easier to connect with our efforts to serve others, you can Click on the **Community tab** of our website and choose "Community Outreach." We have a brief description of some ongoing projects, as well as a CONTACT US button. By clicking this button, you can ask any questions you may have and those in charge of a specific project can follow up. We hope this will help you connect your gifts and passions with the world's needs as we serve them here at Grace.



If you have other questions you can also Click the CONTACT US button at the bottom of the main website page. As always, you can still call the church office, and find information in this newsletter, our bulletin, our Facebook page and E-notes.

Lutheran World Relief needs your help!

Recently, a massive explosion in Beirut, Lebanon caused significant loss of life, injuries and displacement in an already struggling region. Sadly, Lutheran World Relief's distribution center was impacted and 47,000 quilts, school and care kits awaiting distribution were destroyed. Imagine items lovingly created and sent from State College among those currently touching lives, or lost before being distributed. Now more than ever we can touch lives. Lutheran churches are collecting quilts, school kits, and personal care kits. Last year Grace donated 31 quilts, 210 school kits and 10 personal care kits, along with other needed items. While we have gathered many items, we hope you will help us make this unprecedented time an unprecedented response from the Grace family. These items are blessed annually on **Blanket Sunday**, this year on **October 25**.

Our Comfort Makers and Naomi Circle, part of the Women of Grace are heading up this effort in conjunction with all who wish to help. To help with **SCHOOL KITS** or **QUILTING EFFORTS**, please contact Ellen Campbell at elncamp@gmail.com or Sue Ferro at ferro71@comcast.net. If you have done this or would like to do so now, we have resources for you. For school kits, we can always accept more Ziploc bags with a complete set of supplies for the kits. The link for the items to collect is <http://lwr.org/downloads/school-kit-assembly-instructions>. These items are readily available. **PERSONAL CARE KITS** are being organized by Naomi Circle and invites the congregation to help with this project. Please see page 12 for complete instructions.

In September we will collect these items on Sundays between 8 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Marked bins for donations will be located at the Main entrance to the building. Mother Theresa once said we can "do small things with great love." Together we can send a message of great love throughout the world.

Out of the Cold

2020 will be the first year OOTC runs year-round!

The number of guests is high. Currently approximately forty guests are being served on a regular basis. There are between eighteen and twenty-three people in the group shelter, nine in hotels (high risk due to age and health factors), five in transitional settings, and five un-sheltered homeless people coming for food. **Volunteers are needed in two ways - to host from 8–11 p.m. and to provide dinners.** ootc3.org

The day shelter and resource center is run five days a week. Guests may use the computers, meet with staff, have lunch, take a shower, and do laundry. **Volunteers are needed.** ootc3.org



Two part time staff members have been hired to work overnight thus volunteers are no longer needed in that capacity. This is a big shift, but necessary to ensure continued operation and service to the guests during the pandemic. There has been a large decline in on-site volunteer help.

A full time guest advocate is being hired to do case management and volunteer coordination.

Masks Needed

Centre Volunteers in Medicine is in need of home made masks. Solid and/or masculine are especially needed. If you can help, please contact Cheryl White at cwhite@cvim.net or 814-231-4043



Lord, when did we see you hungry and
feed you, or thirsty and give you drink?

Matt: 25:37

...covid-19 goes on...food insecurity continues

We'll continue to support the **State College Food Bank**
through a monthly monetary donation.

Checks: 'Grace Lutheran Church'
'food bank' in the memo line
205 S. Garner St.
State College, PA 16801

Donate via **Tithe.ly** at glcpa.org.
Click on the 'give' button at the
top of the page.

So many of you have contributed to the Food Bank via Grace.

It's what we do, isn't it? It's our response to Jesus' love.

The Almost 'NO BUCKET' BUCKET COLLECTION!

Lutheran Disaster Response

Suppose you see a brother or sister who has no food or clothing, and you say, "Good-bye and have a good day; stay warm and eat well"—but then you don't give that person any food or clothing. What good does that do? So you see, faith by itself isn't enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless. James 2: 15-17

The natural disasters just keep on coming. Here is a partial list of what L.D.R does: COVID-19

- Hurricane Response • U.S. Tornadoes, Flooding, & Wildfires
- South Sudan Relief • Middle East & Europe Refugee Crisis • AMMPARO: Protecting Migrant Minors

How to give with or without a bucket:

- Tithe.ly: Go to glcpa.org. Click the "Give" button. Click "Give Online."
- Check: made out to 'Grace Lutheran Church' with 'LDR' in the memo line. Give your offering at the Drive-In Service, Tussey Mountain Service OR mail it to 205 South Garner Street, State College, PA 16801
- Cash: Envelopes for cash donations will be available at worship services in September, including our Tussey Mountain worship.

Grace Family – We have worked as one so often. Your giving, however small or large, has always mattered because it demonstrates your response to God's love. It is our combined gift that makes the difference! So please, be a part of this endeavor.

Get Involved with CROP Walk

CROP Hunger Walks are community-based walk events held in cities and towns across the United States raising funds to support the global mission of **Church World Service**, a faith-based organization transforming communities around the globe through just and sustainable responses to hunger, poverty, displacement and disaster. Twenty five percent of the funds raised are returned to the host community to support local hunger fighting efforts.

The Crop Project was organized in 1947 when farmers were asked to donate food and seed crops to our hungry neighbors in post-World War II Europe and Asia, a program that soon became known as the Christian Rural Overseas Program - CROP. In 1969 in Bismarck, North Dakota, and in 1970 in York, Pennsylvania, the first walk events were organized to raise funds to support CROP. Since then, CROP Hunger Walk events have been held in hundreds of communities large and small raising millions of dollars to eradicate hunger.

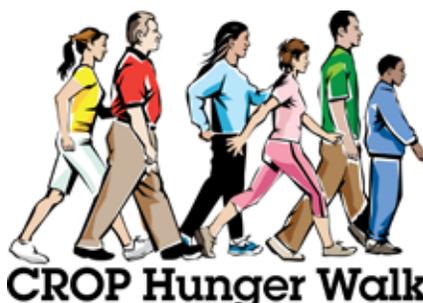
Hunger is one of the greatest injustices facing our world, but it doesn't have to be this way. Ending hunger is possible, and it is possible in our lifetime. You can help make it happen. Register for our CROP Hunger Walk, raise funds, and take us one step closer to ending hunger once and for all. Join the movement!

Registering online is strongly encouraged. Directions for this may be found at <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/statecollegepa/>. If you wish to donate, The Grace CROP team encourages donations to be submitted to the Kistler Team found on the same website as registration. You may also register and donate at the information table that will be located in the narthex. The exact dates and times for signing up in the narthex will be posted once we know what the Fall church schedule will be.

The State College Area CROP Walk is on Sunday, October 11, 2020 this year. Our walk begins and ends at St Andrew's Episcopal Church at 208 W Foster Avenue, State College, PA, 16801. Check in is by 1:30 p.m. and the walk starts at 2 p.m. The total walk is a 5K. These plans will be subject to change based on COVID pandemic guidelines.

Please support the CROP Walk to help families in our community and around the world who need food and water. 25% of the money raised goes to our local food bank; 75% goes to Church World Service. This year has seen a significant increase in the need for food bank services. We have and can make a difference. Please invite your family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers as we all care for each other in the simplest way possible-by walking. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact me at judyrocky4@gmail.com or 814-571-0442

Judy Rocky,
Crop Walk Coordinator for Grace
Lutheran Church



Personal Care Kit Instructions

Each kit includes the following:

- ONE light-weight bath-size towel (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27"), dark color recommended
- TWO or three bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping
- ONE adult-size toothbrush in it's original packaging*
- ONE sturdy comb, remove packaging
- ONE metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging

* *Toothbrush multi-packs may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business-size envelope; no plastic bags or wrap.*

How to pack your kits of Care:

Fold the towel in half width-wise. Place the rest of the items in the towel, fold and roll so nothing falls out, and secure with yarn, ribbon, string or rubber bands.

SOME IMPORTANT GUIDELINES

TO REMEMBER FOR KITS:

Be sure to shop for light- or medium-weight towels, which are easier for kit recipients to hand wash and air dry, take up less storage space and are considerably less expensive than the fluffier towels we may prefer to use. • Please give new items only. • Please do not donate items with any religious symbols, messages or your group's name. • Please do not donate any items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage. • Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed. • All items should be new and in good condition. • Do not enclose the kit or any of its contents in plastic bags.



Women of Grace

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

Schedule

Naomi Circle - First Tuesday at 1 p.m.

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

Naomi Circle will NOT MEET as a group on September 1. Instead we will use that day to independently make Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits to help replenish those lost in the devastating explosion in Beirut.

Contact person: Carolyn Fishburn, 238-3907 or (cxfl@psu.edu).

Sisters of Grace - Second Monday at 7 p.m.

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

Due to the pandemic, Sisters of Grace will not be meeting as originally scheduled at the home of Lois Lynn. Members will be notified of an alternative plan for our September 14th meeting.

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

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

September 8 and 22

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

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

September 10

Garden of Readin' (Women's Book Club) - Third Tuesday

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

September 15 - The September meeting of Garden of Readin' (women's book club) will be Tuesday, September 15 at 10:45 a.m. remotely via Zoom. **Please note the time change.** The next book is *At Home: A Short History of Private Life* by Bill Bryson. The facilitator will be Susan Hirth. Contact Laura Pauley (llp1@psu.edu) or Lois Lynn (loissteve@comcast.net) for more information.

Board Meeting as needed. Contact Person: Susan Ferro (ferro71@comcast.net)



Sunday, September 6

During the disruption of the pandemic, has the Spirit been stirring in your heart? In the midst of all of the challenges of our days, have you found a faith home at Grace? Is Jesus drawing you into a deeper relationship as part of the Grace family? If so, consider becoming a member.

We will be receiving new members on **Sunday, September 6**. The process for joining is simple: just contact Pastor Schul or Pastor Hetrick to set up an appointment to share more about your faith journey and to learn about all that Grace has to offer. Contact the church office at 238-2478 or email either pastorschul@glcpa.org or pastorhetrick@glcpa.org.

Please support the Centre County Auxiliary of Allegheny Lutheran Social Ministries.

On September 12 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. ALSM will hold a Fall Shopping Event at Helen Foxx and Co. store, 122. S. Allegheny Street in Bellefonte. 10% of proceeds from the in-person and on-line sales will benefit the Centre County Auxiliary of ALSM. For online sales go to helenfoxxandco.commentsold.com

All proceeds benefit the Oaks, a retirement community, in Pleasant Gap. Any questions, please contact Bonnie Miller 466-7515.





SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Sunday, September 6

7:00 p.m. -- Confirmation -2-Go, Grace Lutheran porch

Sunday, September 13

1:00-3:00 p.m. -- Tussey Mountain Family Activities
Tussey Mountain
3:00 p.m. -- Tussey Mountain Outdoor Worship Service

Sunday, September 20

10:00 -10:30 a.m. -- Zoom Family Sunday School
7:00 – 8:00 p.m. -- High School Youth Group, Grace Lutheran porch

OCTOBER PREVIEW

Sunday, October 4

7:00 p.m. -- Confirmation -2-Go, Grace Lutheran porch

Sunday, October 18

4:00 – 6:00 p.m. -- Fall Fest Carnival
7:00 – 8:00 p.m. -- High School Youth Group Grace Lutheran porch

October 25

Affirmation of Baptism

Welcome Back to Family Sunday School

Family Sunday School is back, but with a new format. We will begin with a Zoom Meeting on **Sunday, September 20**, 10:00 a.m.- 10:30 a.m. Since we are not hosting in-person classes, Sunday school content will be posted weekly on our Faith Formation website (www.glcfaithformation.org) which targets family participation. Once a month we will host a Zoom family check-in. Middle and High School youth will follow the same format, using the aforementioned website.



High School Youth Group begins September 20

Socially-distanced and masked Youth Group returns to the **third Sunday of each month** beginning September 20 from 7-8 p.m.. Our time together will include a check-in and discussion of the ELCA Faith Lens. Plan to gather on Grace's front porch (near the stained-glass angel windows). Activities may include a socially distanced and masked walk to one of the downtown food establishments. Look for an email regarding details or changes prior to each of our monthly gatherings.

Car Parking, suspended...

With Penn State fall football games cancelled, we will not have car parking this year. This activity is our primary fundraiser for youth attending the ELCA Youth Gatherings, which has been postponed from June of 2021 to July 2022. See details in the ELCA Youth Gathering article below. As Penn State moves forward with their plans for games in the spring or full postponement to next fall, we will let you know our plans which will include all of the safety precautions that we laid out in the August Grace Notes.

ELCA 2021 Youth Gathering Minneapolis POSTPONED!

The leadership of the ELCA Youth Gathering has exercised caution; the 2021 Youth Gathering has been postponed. The new date for your calendar is **July 24-28, 2022**. The gathering will still be in **Minneapolis, Minnesota**. This will now be for any youth in grades 7-11 for the 2020-2021 school year! We will begin preparations and informational meetings in late spring of next year. The youth gathering, with registration, housing, transportation, and sightseeing, is about \$1,500 per youth/adult attending. Car parking for Penn State Football has been our primary fundraiser for The Gathering. If possible, we will have the 2021 Football Season to raise funds. Please email Cindy and Peter at faithformation@glcpa.org more information as well as indicating interest in attending.

Confirmation Classes, Confirmation to Go

Would you like fries with that?

With Covid -19 changing the way we do most everything, we have altered our Confirmation format. Until it is possible to safely resume in-person classes, confirmation will be more of a stop ‘n go process. Stop by the front porch (near the angel stained-glass windows) for monthly instructions. We recognize that many of us are overwhelmed and challenged with demands and worries of school, work, activities, and daily routines. Each month there will be a lesson on Generosity and a family service project. The hope is this material can be completed independently **with minimal computer usage**. At the next meeting time, we ask youth to return the completed materials: packets and when possible, the service project (August’s school kit for LWR).



Mark your calendar for September and October for pick up and drop off dates from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

- **September 6**, Grace Lutheran porch (return completed August assignment & school kit and pick-up September assignments)
- **October 4**: Grace Lutheran porch (return completed September assignments and pick up October materials)
- **November 1**: Grace Lutheran porch (return completed October assignments and pick up November materials)
- **December 6**: Grace Lutheran porch (return completed November assignments and pick up December materials)

If you were unable to attend the August meeting or you want your youth to attend confirmation, please send an email to Cindy and Peter:

faithformation@glcpa.org

Affirmation of Baptism for current 9th graders will be held on **Sunday, October 25**. DETAILS forthcoming. This service is past due and will happen on this date in some way, shape, or form!

Family Fun at the Mountain: Family Event Kick-Off

The fun at Tussey Mountain is on! Family Fun at the Mountain is a full family event. To minimize contact tracing we ask, as much as possible, to remain in family units. Sunday, September 13 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Tussey Mountain has prepared their outdoor activities for socially distanced fun. At a cost, not to exceed \$40 per family or \$10 per person, you can enjoy the **par-three golf course, mini-golf, batting cages, driving range, and skate park** as well as the **go-karts** (bring your skateboard, skates or bike).

Following the family activities, **WORSHIP WILL BEGIN AT 3:00 P.M.** in the parking lot. Using the FM transmitter, we the service, including Psalm 151, will broadcast live from the ski lodge to your car, “drive-in movie style.” We can’t wait to see you for fun and fellowship on the Mountain!

MILESTONE MINISTRIES

Milestone Ministry: Second & Sixth Graders to receive Bibles

If you have a 2nd or a 6th grader, mark your calendar for Sunday, September 13. We will celebrate a Bible Milestone at both the 8:30 a.m. (drive-in style) worship service in the Grace Lutheran parking lot and at the 3:00 p.m. at our Tussey Mountain worship service. Sixth-grade youth will use this Bible for Confirmation class. If you need a Bible, please come forward on that day to receive an appropriate age Bible. If you are unable to attend that day, contact Cindy Fritz and Peter Horn at faithformation@glcpa.org to make sure we set one aside for you.

Calling New Drivers

Getting your driver’s license is a significant milestone worth recognition! Please come to receive a new keychain and a blessing at the Tussey Mountain worship service: Sunday, September 13, at 3 p.m. The keychain is a daily reminder of the love and protection you receive from God and this community.



Backpack Blessing

Did you miss the back-to-school backpack blessing? Send an email to faithformation@glcpa.org Cindy and Peter will send one to you. This year, the tag says, “You are Loved.” May you, your backpack, and other devices be blessed with a reminder that you are surrounded by the peace and love of God.





Dates to Remember!

Tues. & Wed., September 1 & 2
Preschool Orientation

Thursday, September 3
T/Th & M-F classes 1st Day of School

Friday, September 4
MWF classes 1st Day of School

Monday, September 7
GLPK's 54th anniversary,
Happy Labor Day

Thur. & Fri., September 17 & 18
Virtual Chapel

Thursday, September 17
12:15-2:00 p.m. – Staff Meeting,
Miller Center

- E-mail: glpk@glcpa.org
- Phone: 814-238-8110
- Web: www.glcpa.org



Box Tops for Education has gone digital!

Download the Box Tops App to easily fundraise for GLPK. Follow the app's instructions for signing up to have Box Tops coupons credited to us.



CHRISTIAN FOCUS BOX FOR SEPTEMBER "GOD MADE ME SPECIAL"

"Children are a gift from the Lord." - Psalm 127:3

SCIENCE EXPLORATION - BUILDING STRUCTURES: Open Exploration
Enrichment Theme: "Awesome Artist"

Reopening GLPK for the 2020-2021 School Year

We are very excited to reopen our doors and welcome our students and families back to school. Who would've thought that we would leave for spring break on March 6, 2020 and never return to finish out the 2019-2020 school year? We thank all of the Grace Lutheran Church Staff and GLPK families for their support and trust in our preschool as we move forward in starting a new and somewhat different school year. Although many of our tried and true activities and events will be changed or cancelled, we still plan on welcoming the child(ren) with the opportunity to play and learn in a safe and loving environment. The new school year is right around the corner and we are looking forward to it with happy anticipation!

Grace Lutheran Preschool and Kindergarten Leadership

Cathy Smarkusky, GLPK Director and Dawn Vanden Heuvel, Assistant Director, will be starting their 4th year as the school administrators. Cathy will be working in the office M-F from 8:00 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.



She will be available to discuss all aspects and concerns for families and staff of GLPK. Dawn will work in the office M-F from 8:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. She will be available to support staff, teachers and families with administrative and financial needs for the school.



Grace Lutheran Preschool and Kindergarten – Parking lot safety

The safety of our GLPK children is our first concern. Please follow these rules to help keep all children safe:

1. Watch for children when parking or backing up.
2. Follow the one-way direction of the parking lot.
3. Drive at a low speed.
4. A chain is used in our parking lot on weekdays during

school hours to avoid people using our lot as a cut-through from Foster to Beaver Avenue. Please do not remove the chain while it is in use, as it is for the protection and safety of our students.

September Worship Volunteers



Bulletin Covers

- September 6 - Rich and June Walter dedicated in memory of their parents
- September 13 - Mark Eckley dedicated in honor of his granddaughters Savannah and Brooklyn
- September 20 - Jim and Matt Campbell dedicated in honor of Ellen's birthday
- September 27 - Bob and Lisa Byers dedicated in memory of Patricia Byers

Radio Sponsors

- September 6 - Don and Deana Coine dedicated in honor of their 40th wedding anniversary
- September 13 - Gloria Nieweg and Hilda Sparrow dedicated in memory of Lu Magnusson
- September 20 - Joyce Sipple dedicated in memory of Bill and Scott Sipple
- September 27 - Bob and Lisa Byers dedicated in memory of Patricia Byers

We sincerely thank
all of our generous sponsors!

August Pastoral Acts

New Births and Baptisms

- Andrew James Weigold will be baptized Sunday, August 30. He is the son of Andres Howard Weigold and Lauren Michelle Weigold.

Weddings

- Paul Grego & Pamela Velez Ortiz were married August 1
- Annica Schul & Andrew Dellert were married August 29

Prayer List for September

All Military & Nat'l Guard and all serving in war-torn countries
Theresa Alves, friend of Brenda Kim
John Bankert, brother of Carl Bankert
Deb Baysinger's cousin
Sylvia Belanger, mother of Joe Belanger
Debbie Bolthouse
Mary and Phil Bucher
Melanie Buffington
Sandy Cassady
Linda Cataldo, step-mother of Deb Stewart
Denise Centini
Nancy Chapa
Scott Cocolin
Carol Confer
Cathy Cutter
William Davies
Marie Dallery mother of Sharon Shurgalla
Damaris Dougherty, daughter of Bob Hampton

Eti Dvir, mother-in-law of Rachel Wolkenhauer
Patrick Dugan, grandson of Paul & Kathryn Mackes
Barbara & John Elliott, relatives of Laurel Sanders
Steve Ellis
Craig Evanego
Patti Fisher
Jane Gamble, sister-in-law of Holly Stoltzfus
Vicki Garvin
Michael Grego, friend of the Horn family
Mary Ann Hanely and family, friends of Betsy Will
Shawn Hintosh
Dick Houtz
Bob Igoe
Kate Kempf, daughter of Pete and Angie Kempf and granddaughter of Merle and Kathy McCalips

Paul and Sandy Larson
Paul Lloyd, son of Pat Lloyd
Wanetta Lohr
Phil & Shirley Lucas
Tom Lucas
Paul Mackes
Carol Major, friend of Brenda Palmgren
Danielle McHenry
Kim Marsh
Bob Miller, father of Julie Miller
Marjorie Morgan, daughter of Ruth Kistler
Matt Mortimore
Amy Nevling
Dottie Niklos, mother of Bob Igoe
Bob O'Donnell and family, upon the death of Bob's father, Joseph O'Donnell
Allison Peretin, friend of Elaine Ebeling
Zach Pfeil, brother of Megan Widener

Margie Prothro, sister of Ed Jenkins
Sophia Reutzel
Dottie Roberts
Margaret Schrock, mother of Kathy Weimer
Nancy Schuchert, mother of Joe Schuchert
Ken Shultz
Nan Sichler
Moerschbacher, friend of Margy Strong Deysher
William D. Snape Sr., brother of Phyllis Favorite
Emily & Charlotte Spearly Jack Sylves and family and grandparents, Tom and Marj Eakin
Tom & Claudette, friends of Helen and Dick Brenneman
Karen Tupman, cousin of Phyllis Favorite
Brenda & Ken Walsh



September Birthdays



1 Tammy Davis	9 Daniel Van Winkle	19 Emma Burger	25 Dennis Wall
1 Rainer Domalski	9 Melissa Wandrisco	19 Paul Wagner	25 Coleman Gross
1 Leah Cable	9 Rachel Shearer	19 Jordan Pieniazek	26 Dawn Vanden Heuvel
1 James Balthaser	10 James Scourtis	19 Janet Lybarger	26 Kenneth Fogleman
1 Anne Stearns	10 Ted Graef	19 Bailey Stoltzfus	26 Kyle Cunningham
2 Becca Stroschein	10 Tracey Lazorcik	19 Linda Christensen	26 Gloria Nieweg
2 Michelle DeBord	10 David Huebner	20 Michael Leidy	26 Carol Grim
2 Evelyn Horn	10 K.C. Hirth	20 Lila Leidy	27 Leslie Syrett
3 Curt Kunes	10 Linda Domin	20 Hadleigh Desmarais	27 Elizabeth Broberg
3 Tyler Rundle	11 Ryan Miller	21 Joyce Sipple	27 Ellen Freeman
3 Andrew Stager	11 Jon Brockopp	21 Linlee Oyler	28 Dawn Kay
4 Donelle Cook	11 Alexandra Hetrick	21 Stephen Fleagle	28 Karen Wagner Pollack
4 William Cocolin	12 Beth Shafranko	21 Katherine Horn	28 Debra Stewart
4 Robert Hampton	12 Sara Cocolin	21 Edward Jenkins	28 Sue McCool
4 Ethan Horn	13 Sara Conklin	21 David Will	28 Zach Moore
4 Emma Horn	13 Devin Christian	22 William Fishburn	29 Ella McDyre
5 Celia Graef	13 Matthew Lazorcik	22 Jane Weyandt	29 Ireland McDyre
5 Dolores Ritter	13 Carley Donnell	22 Nicholas Friedken	29 Sharon Shurgalla
5 Diane Servello	13 Devin Christian	22 Jessica Lee Shisler	29 Lawrence Walker
5 Cameron Houseknecht	14 Karl Larson	22 Sage Kremser	29 Adam Cocolin
5 Eric Rosengrant	14 Helen Evans	23 Nolan Foster	30 Amy Prior
5 Craig Houtz	14 Kenneth Vermillion	23 Anna Burke	30 Ashlyn Karchner
6 Jack Albert	15 Logan Proctor	23 Adam Schultz	30 Anthony Buda
6 Larry Espenshade	16 Regan Houseknecht	23 Tina Maggi	30 Thomas Drake
7 William Newcomb	16 Dennis McClure	23 Samantha Guss	
7 Phillip Lucas	16 Riley Blake	24 Taya Smith	
7 Samantha Moyer	17 Shawn Kauffman	24 Nancy Fogleman	
7 Mary Breon	17 Kaitlyn Knobloch	24 Colin Hirth	
8 Earl Lutz, Jr.	17 Jena Hosband	24 Thomas Horn	
8 Robert Lambert	18 Deanna Afflitto	24 David Pencek	
8 Patrick Jeanmenne	18 Ellen Campbell	24 Erin Grim	
8 Sharon Schultz	18 Jason Whitney	24 Tanner Ebeling	
8 Patti Gordon	19 Marlin Weaver	25 Heather Haller	



When God crosses our paths

Pastor and martyr Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote, “God will be constantly crossing our paths and canceling our plans by sending us people with claims and petitions.” Last spring, the whole world had plans canceled, first by Covid-19 and then by God “sending us people with claims and petitions.” Some needed prayers for healing or for coping with grief. Medical staff, teachers, pastors and others serving long hours needed support: meals, check-in calls, “thinking of you” cards. Parents working remotely while helping kids with distance-learning needed encouragement. Crucial nonprofit work still required donations.

Pre-pandemic, you may not have realized that staying home or wearing a face mask could be a ministry. Or that sending a card expresses love in Jesus’ name. Or that buying takeout from a local restaurant can be a gift to the owners. When our calendars empty, God “crosses our paths” in new ways — both to be with us and to nudge us toward others (even if virtually, or 6 feet apart!). - *Communication Resources, Inc.*

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:30 a.m. Drive-In Worship in our parking lot. Broadcast on a low level FM signal

10:30 a.m. Worship on the Radio
Broadcast on WRSC 1390 AM and 93.3 FM is active

Enjoy pre-recorded Sunday Video Worship from our website: glcpa.org anytime

Sep. 13, 3:00 p.m., Drive-In Worship at Tussey Mt. Ski Lodge Parking Lot.



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